The 20 Best- and Worst-Paid College Majors

Deciding on the right college major will not only bring you joy, but also riches if you so desire. Each year, there are many lists published about the risks and benefits of choosing the right college major. Some people desire a certain level of happiness, job security, or work-schedule flexibility. Many people, however, focus on the potential salary to be earned in certain fields. *Time* magazine published this list and determined the difference in income potential for new graduates.

Highest-Earning Majors

Petroleum Engineering, $120,000

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration, $105,000

Mathematics and Computer Sciences, $98,000

Aerospace Engineering, $87,000

Chemical Engineering, $86,000

Electrical Engineering, $85,000

Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, $82,000

Mechanical Engineering, $80,000

Metallurgical Engineering, $80,000

Mining and Mineral Engineering, $80,000

Lowest-Earning Majors

Counseling and Psychology, $29,000

Early Childhood Education, $36,000

Theology and Religious Vocations, $38,000

Human Services and Community Organizations, $38,000

Social Work, $39,000

Drama and Theater Arts, $40,000

Studio Arts, $40,000

Communication-Disorders Sciences and Services, $40,000

Visual and Performing Arts, $40,000

Health and Medical Preparatory Programs, $40,000