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3. **Physics.** Physics is a good springboard major into a broad range of science, engineering, and education careers. With a BS in physics, students can pursue careers as a high school science teachers, laboratory technicians, computer programmers and meteorologists, to name a few. Here is a nifty chart illustrating careers in physics. Average starting salary: \$51,100. Average mid-career salary: \$98,800.

4. **Computer Science**. I'm always jealous of IT people. Mostly because I wish I had their knowledge about computer systems, but also because they also seem to play video games when they are short on work. Majoring in computer science will allow you to navigate through the algorithmic processes that create, describe and transform information -- and that makes you an asset to any company. Other than going into Information Technology, there are plenty of career options for computer science majors, such as software designers, start-up company partners and freelance computer programmers. Average starting salary: \$56,400. Average mid-career salary: \$97,400.

5. **Statistics.** Do you like crunching numbers and analyzing data? As a statistics major, you observe patterns and useful information for everything from business applications to political strategies. Often statisticians collect and interpret data for marketing purposes.

Average career salary: \$48,600. Average mid-career salary: \$94,500.

6. **Biochemistry.** Graduates with this major can find work as lab technicians, analytical chemists, and researcher assistants. This major also opens the door to advanced or medical degrees.

Average starting salary: \$41,700. Average mid-career salary: \$94, 200.

7. **Mathematics.** The one thing most of the items on this list have in common is a strong emphasis on math. Our lives are organized by mathematical principles, so it only makes sense that this would be the case. Majoring in math leads to a wide range of fields, such as banking and finance, computing services, insurance, industry, or education.

Average career salary: \$47,000. Average mid-career salary: \$93, 600.

8. **Construction Management.** If you have a knack for planning and organizing projects from beginning to end, then this might be the right career path for you. A construction manager's job is to oversee a construction project from its planning to the ribbon cutting ceremony. Some of the top schools for this major include Lawrence Technological University, University of Denver, and Southern Polytechnic University. Average starting salary: \$53,400. Average mid-career salary: \$89,600.

9. **Information Systems.** For students who feel a strong connection with both business practices and the world of computer science, this major may resonate strongly. Every business uses information systems to keep track of their products and payroll. Whether you major in management information systems or computing and information systems, the path ahead will be profitable. Average starting salary: \$51,400. Average mid-career salary: \$87,000.

10. **Geology**. I was thrilled and actually a little surprised to see that majoring in geology leads to one of the most profitable career paths. That knowledge of physical and chemical processes of the earth's atmospheric, oceanic and land systems, lends itself to making both money and sound environmental choices.

Average starting salary: \$45,000. Average mid-career salary: \$84,200.

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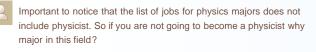
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Important to note, yes, but not for the reason you think. You need to look at a degree in any major field of study (including physics) as an enabler to other things. If your career was just doing the same thing that you did in school... that would be a fairly dull career, I would think. I was a dual major (chemistry & physics)... and am thankful for the fundamental understanding that my physics background has given me. Now working in materials science & engineering, and earning more than the average mid-career value listed for engineers above.

Main message in this list.. math and science are key!

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5-10-2010 @ 4:59PM Rick C. said...

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As SP just mentioned, a degree in physics not only an enabler but the backbone of most engineering degrees. I went applied physics and am now a laser engineer. The stated salary figures are accurate, minus the yearly bonus.

@ Bob, blame the hordes of MBA types for their scorched Earth outsourcing policies. These are the people that are inadvertently destroying this country's future technical prowess in exchange for short term profits.

5-14-2010 @ 12:44AM Askel said...



Physics is the building block for all other sciences. A basic knowledge of physics can lead to career in everything from music technology to working for NASA. Physics is one of the very few degrees that you apply to just about anything you want it to.

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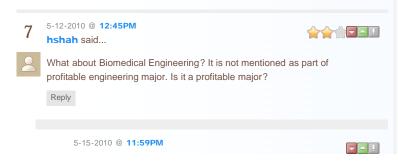
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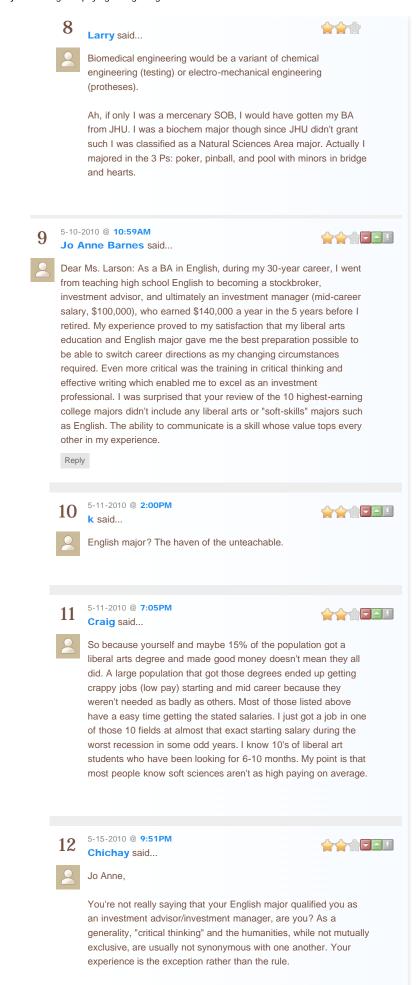
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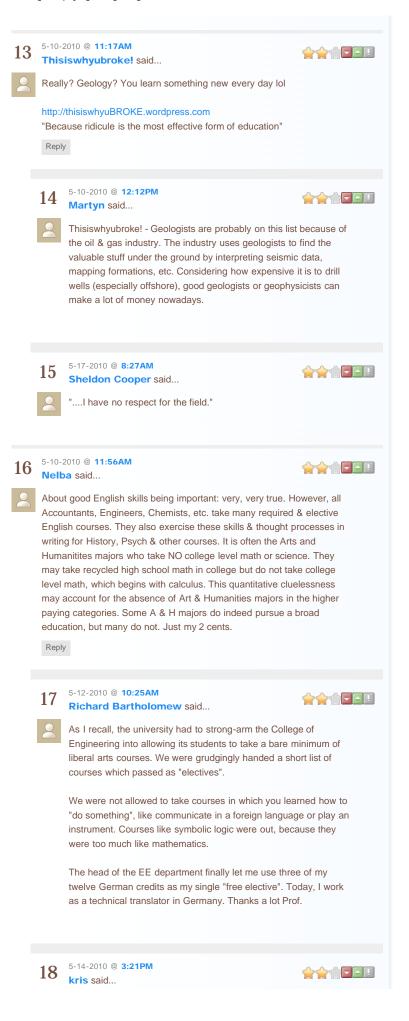
The AIP statistics are propaganda. They don't include the unemployment statistics, is the reason. I have a B.S. in physics and I've been unemployed for 17 months, with no hope in sight of getting any job that you couldn't do with just an HS diploma.



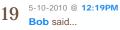
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Not ALL colleges require anything beyond a basic English writing course in college. My two good friends attended a private engineering college, and they were both able to avoid all English literature classes and only took one composition course. It was difficult for them when they began their graduate studies since they were expected to reflect on their research through writing!





I have to laugh when I read this article... Really? Engineering is at the TOP!?!? Let's ask all the unemployed in this field how they are doing. I received my B.S. in Mechanical Engineering over 20 years ago from a school that is ranked in the top 100 Engineering colleges in the country. I specialized in material fatigue (basically doing the calcuations that the FEA programs do for us today). Where did it get me?? I average about three years at a company before I get laid off, I have no retirement to speak of, no bank account to fall back on, no security or stability in my line of work, and right now I'm temporarily employed as a backup checker. Maybe you should take a look at this article as it more closely reflects what I, and others in the engineering field, are actually experiencing.

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Have a great day!

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20 5-10-2010 @ 1:01PM sam said...



I think ranking engineering in the top was the right thing because as an engineer who graduated from a bottom 100 school, I hit six figures and continue to do so for the past 15 years. It all depends on how good of an engineer you are and how much you put to use your problem solving techniques to work for you in the job you are assigned. If you sit there waiting for job to come to you in the field you trained, you may sit there for many more years and continue to get laid off even when you find one, because that's how good you are...be flexible and creative ...an engineer is an engineer regardless of which discipline you pursued...it's all about problem solving and breaking down complex process into simple ones.

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