Estimated Starting Salaries as of April 2012†

(Regional and local salaries can vary.)

New Bachelor's Degree Graduates

Academic Major	Estimated Average Starting Salary
Business Majors	•
Accounting	\$47,800
Business Administration/Management	\$49,200
Economics (Business/Managerial)	\$54,800
Finance	\$49,700
Marketing/Marketing Management	\$49,600
Communications Majors	
Advertising	\$44,700
Communications	\$39,400
Journalism	\$37,500
Computer Science Majors	
Computer Science	\$58,300
Information Sciences and Systems	\$52,000
Education Majors	
Elementary Teacher Education	\$35,800
Physical Education Teaching/Coaching	\$40,100
Pre-Elementary Teacher Education	\$32,400
Secondary Education	\$38,600
Special Education	\$42,400
Engineering Majors	
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronaut Engineering	\$64,200
Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering	\$41,800
Chemical Engineering	\$63,000
Civil Engineering	\$55,300
Computer Engineering	\$67,800
Electrical/Electronics and Communications Engineering	\$57,300
Mechanical Engineering	\$58,600
Health Sciences Majors	
Health and Related Sciences	\$36,400
Nursing	\$48,400
Humanities & Social Science Majors	
Criminal Justice and Corrections	\$30,800
History	\$37,500
Political Science/Government	\$38,400
Psychology	\$33,500
Social Work	\$33,300
Sociology	\$31,700
Sciences Majors	
Architecture and Related Programs	\$38,200
Biological Sciences/Life Sciences	\$38,300
Chemistry	\$42,600
Construction Science/Management	\$54,700
Mathematics (incl. Statistics)	\$47,000
Physics	\$32,900

[†] These statistics are from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Salary Survey, April 2012.