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## 25 Best College Majors for a Lucrative Career



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.....To determine which majors typically come with the best hiring prospects and pay, we studied the data for **102 popular college majors**. We looked for courses of study that tend to lead to fat paychecks—both right out of school and further along your career path. We also sought out majors that are in high demand based on recent online job postings as well as long-term growth expectations for related occupations. Plus, we factored in the percentage of workers with given degrees who feel their jobs have a positive impact on the world because having a sense of purpose can be just as important as having a good payday.

## 16. Classics (#16 of their “Top 25” rankings )



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**STARTING SALARY:** \$47,100

**MID-CAREER SALARY:** \$85,400

**ANNUAL ONLINE JOB POSTINGS:** 2.1 million

Liberal arts studies, in general, get a bad rap when it comes to career utility. Classics is one major that proves that old trope wrong. Sure, the study of ancient Greek and Roman culture might not seem exactly applicable in the modern job market, but **the level of critical thinking and research skills required to do it is highly marketable in a wide range of industries.** For example, former classics majors from Georgetown University have gone on to careers in publishing, government, museums, finance and education, to name just a few fields, according to the school's career education center. Many also continue their schooling and pursue graduate degrees in a variety of subjects, including ancient history and classical archaeology, as well as law and medicine, for which they tend to have high admissions rates.

**Bonus: More than half of workers (51%) who hold a bachelor's in classics report high levels of meaning in their careers.**