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# Mean GRE Scores By Intended Graduate Field, 2011–2012

160

Source: Educational Testing Service, "GRE Guide to the Use of Scores" (http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre\_guide\_table4.pdf)

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#### Verbal

Scores range from 130-170

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Philosophy				
English Literature				157
Art History				156
History				156
Physics				156
Political Science				156
Economics		15	i4	
Mathematics		15	4	
Biology		153		
Chemistry		153		
Sociology		152		
Engineering	150			
Computers 14	9			

#### Quantitative

Scores range from 130–170

Mathematics				1
Physics				19
Economics			1:	59
Engineering			1:	59
Computers			158	
Chemistry			157	
Biology		153	<b>b</b>	
Philosophy		153	5	
Political Science	2.1	51		
Art History	149			
English Literature	148			
History	148			
Sociology	148			

**Analytical Writing** 

Scores range from 0-6

Philosophy				4.4
English Literature			4	.3
Art History			4.2	
History			4.2	
Political Science			4.2	
Economics		4.0		
Physics		4.0		
Sociology		4.0		
Biology		3.9		
Chemistry		3.9		
Mathematics		3.9		
Engineering	3.6			
Computers 3.4				

# Mean LSAT and GMAT Scores by Intended Undergraduate Major

Sources: Michael Nieswiadomy, "LSAT Scores of Economics Majors", Journal of Economic Education 41, no. 3 (Summer 2010): 331–3 Graduate Management Admission Council, "Profile of GMAT Candidates" (http://www.gmac.com/market-intelligence-and-research/research-library/gmat-test-taker-data.aspx)

## Law School Admission Test

Required by U.S. Law Schools 2007–2008 Tests; Scores range from 120–180

Philosophy					157.4
Economics					157.4
Engineering				156.2	2
History				155.9	
English Literature			15	5.2	
Biology			154.8	3	
Art History			154.2		
Political Science		153.1			
Psychology		152.5			
Sociology	151.2				

#### **Graduate Management Admission Test**

Required by U.S. Business Schools 2010–2011 Tests; Scores range from 200–800

Physics						610
Mathematics						609
Philosophy					599	K.
Engineering					594	
Economics				584		
History				575		
English Literature			564			
Political Science			555			
Psychology		533				
Sociology	511					

# DO PHILOSOPHY MAJORS MAKE ANY MONEY?

# Annual Salaries and Salary Growth by Undergraduate Major

Source: "Salary Increase by Major," Wall Street Journal (http://www.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees\_that\_Pay\_you\_Back-sort.html)

## **Annual Salary**

Median salary of mid-career graduates without higher degrees Data collected in 2008

Economics				\$98,	600
Engineering				\$93,600	
Mathematics				\$92,400	
Philosophy		\$81	,200		
Chemistry		\$79,	900		
Political Science		\$78,2	00		
Business	\$72,100				
History	\$71,000				
Biology	\$64,800				
English Literature	\$64,700				
Art History	\$61,900				
Psychology	\$60,400				
Sociology	\$58,200				

# Salary Growth

Increase from starting to mid-career median salary of graduates without higher degrees Data collected in 2008

Philosophy						10	3.5%
Mathematics						10	3.5%
Economics					96.	8%	
Political Science				91.	7%		
Chemistry			87	.6%			
Art History			81.3%				
History			81.1%				
English Literature		70.3%					
Engineering		69.1%					
Psychology		68.2%					
Business		67.7%					
Biology		67%					
Sociology	59.5%						