

Here are 10 top college majors, according to Princeton Review



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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - Trying to choose a college major that'll pay off down the road? Computer science, communications and political science top the list, according to the most recent study by the [Princeton Review](#).

Research conducted by the college admission services company resulted in a list of the top 10 college majors based on a few different things, including job prospects, alumni salaries and popularity.

And while those three topped the list, other majors on it also offer myriad benefits and opportunities, researchers said.

"Whatever major you choose, don't pick based on the courses that come easiest to you, or what your friends are studying, because you'll be cheating yourself out of some great opportunities and self-discovery," the study said.

Further down the list, the study cites several other majors, including business, which it recommends for those with "stellar people skills" and "born leaders," and English for those who often find themselves immersed in a book. Psychology could lead to a career as a therapist, consultant or lawyer, while the job prospects for nursing majors are plentiful and varied, it says.

Below are the Princeton Review's top 10 best college majors:

1. [Computer science](#) majors study hardware, software, and learn how technology fits into a business scenario. Problem-solving is a major component of computer science, and it will help in any segment of the industry.
2. [Communications](#) majors will learn about verbal and nonverbal messages, audience reaction, and the varied effects of different communication environments, preparing them

for career options in business, advertising, human resources, public relations and government, among other fields.

3. [Political science](#) majors develop critical-thinking and communication skills and delve into history and culture. Careers include anything from law or politician to journalist.
4. [Business majors](#) will learn how to budget, organize, plan and manage various kinds of organizations. They will also study topics such as diversity, ethics and politics.
5. [Economics](#) is the study of choices -- those of individuals, businesses, governments and societies and how they choose to spend their time and allocate resources.
6. [English](#) is tremendous preparation for a future in law, journalism, publishing, graduate studies, and just about anything else.
7. [Psychology](#) prepares students for a career as a therapist or counselor, teacher, lawyer or consultant.
8. [Nursing](#) majors face great job prospects in fields such as neurology, oncology, pediatrics and obstetrics.
9. [Chemical engineering](#) majors are in demand by employers such as paper mills, manufacturers of fertilizer and pharmaceutical companies.
10. [Biology](#) majors study humans, plants, animals, and the environments in which they live. They will be prepared for medical school or careers in fields such as genetics, ecology or the environment.

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