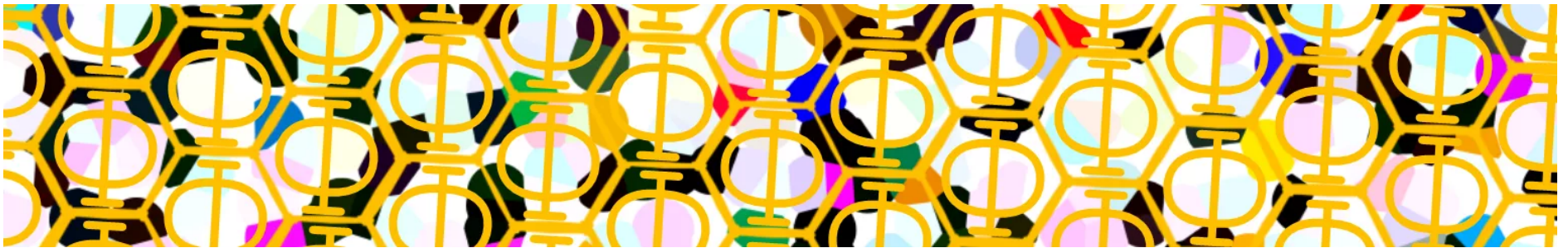




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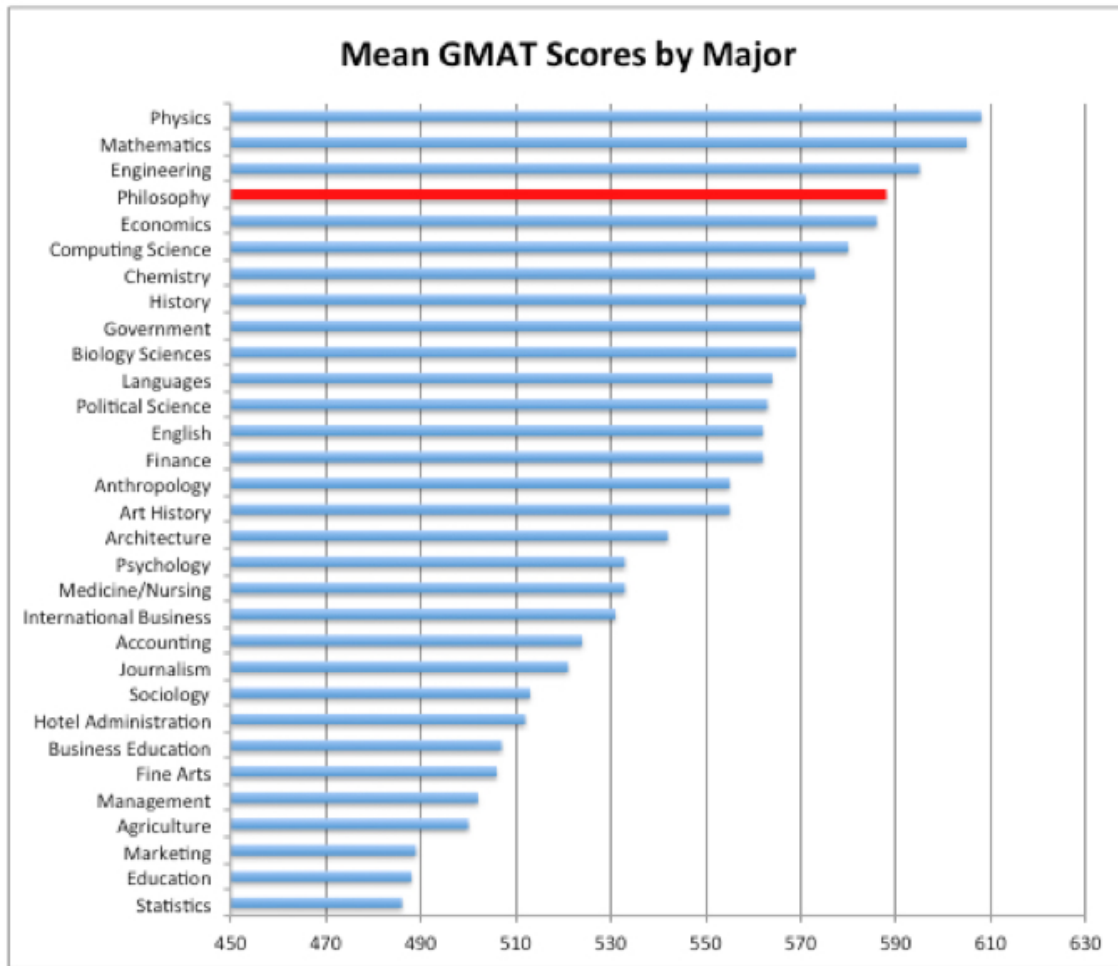


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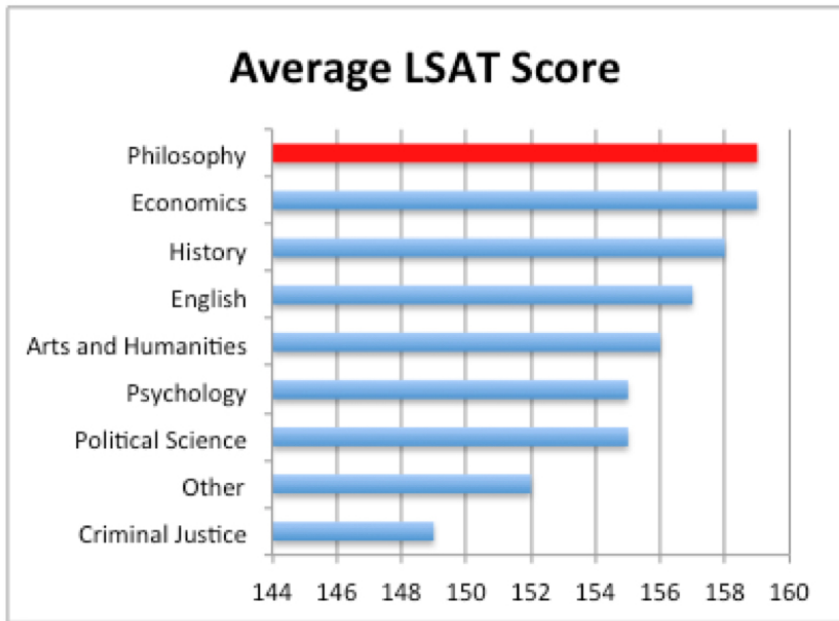
TEST SCORES

Mean GMAT scores by major. The GMAT is the standardized test used to assess applicants to graduate school in management and business (typically for MBAs).



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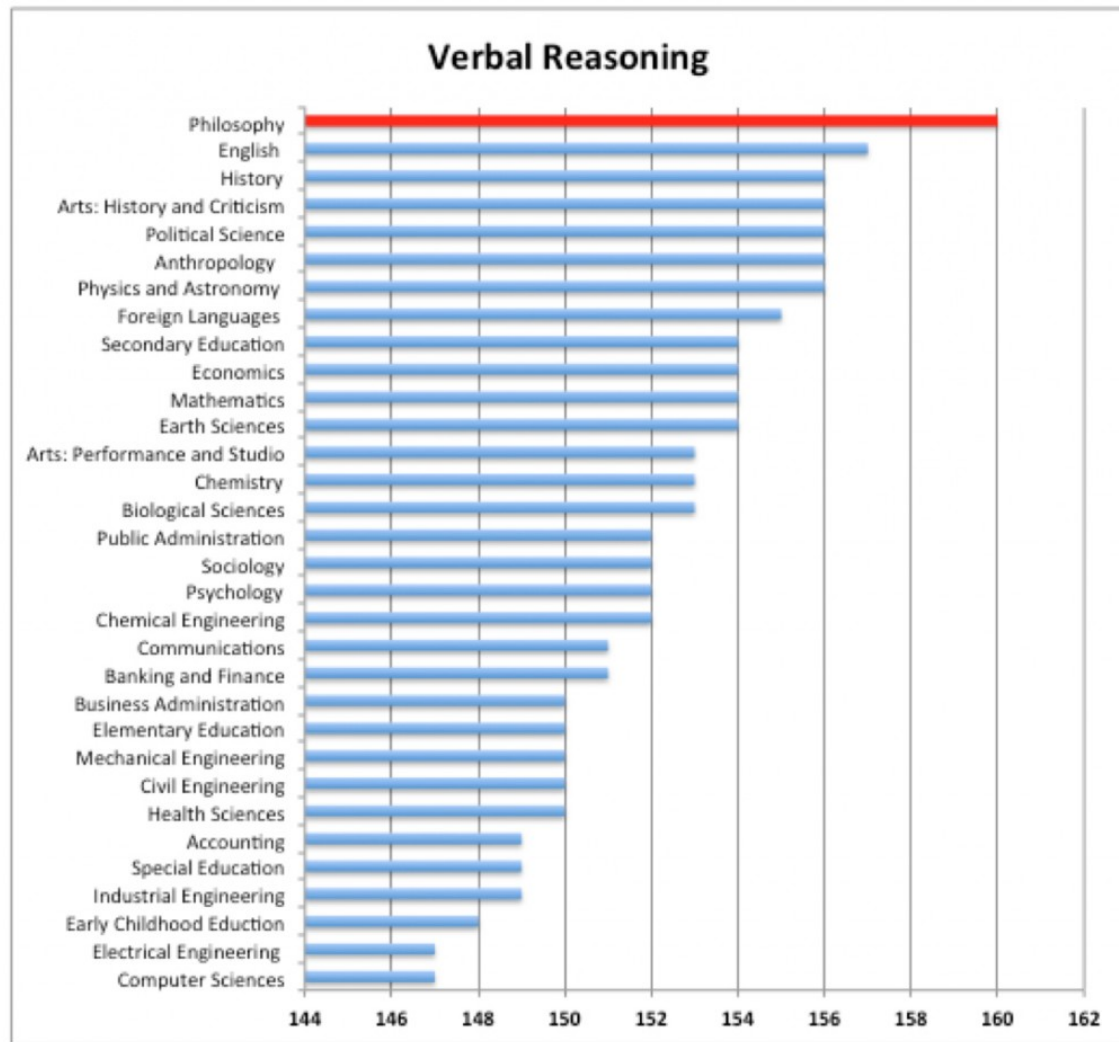
Mean LSAT scores by major. The LSAT is the entrance exam for law school.



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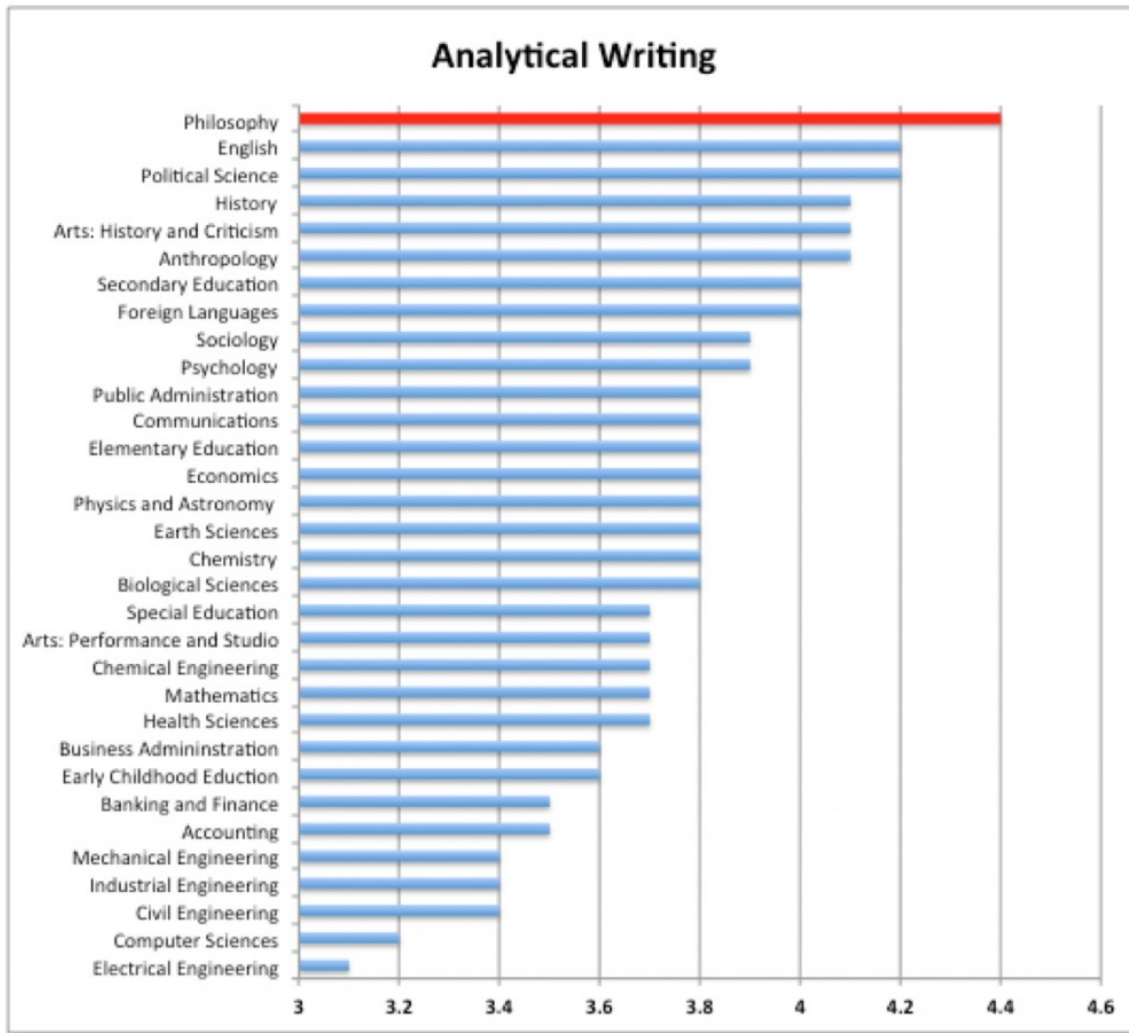
Mean GRE Verbal scores by major. The GRE is the standardized test used to assess applicants to graduate school in most disciplines.



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Mean GRE Analytical Writing scores by major. The GRE is the standardized test used to assess applicants to graduate school in most disciplines.

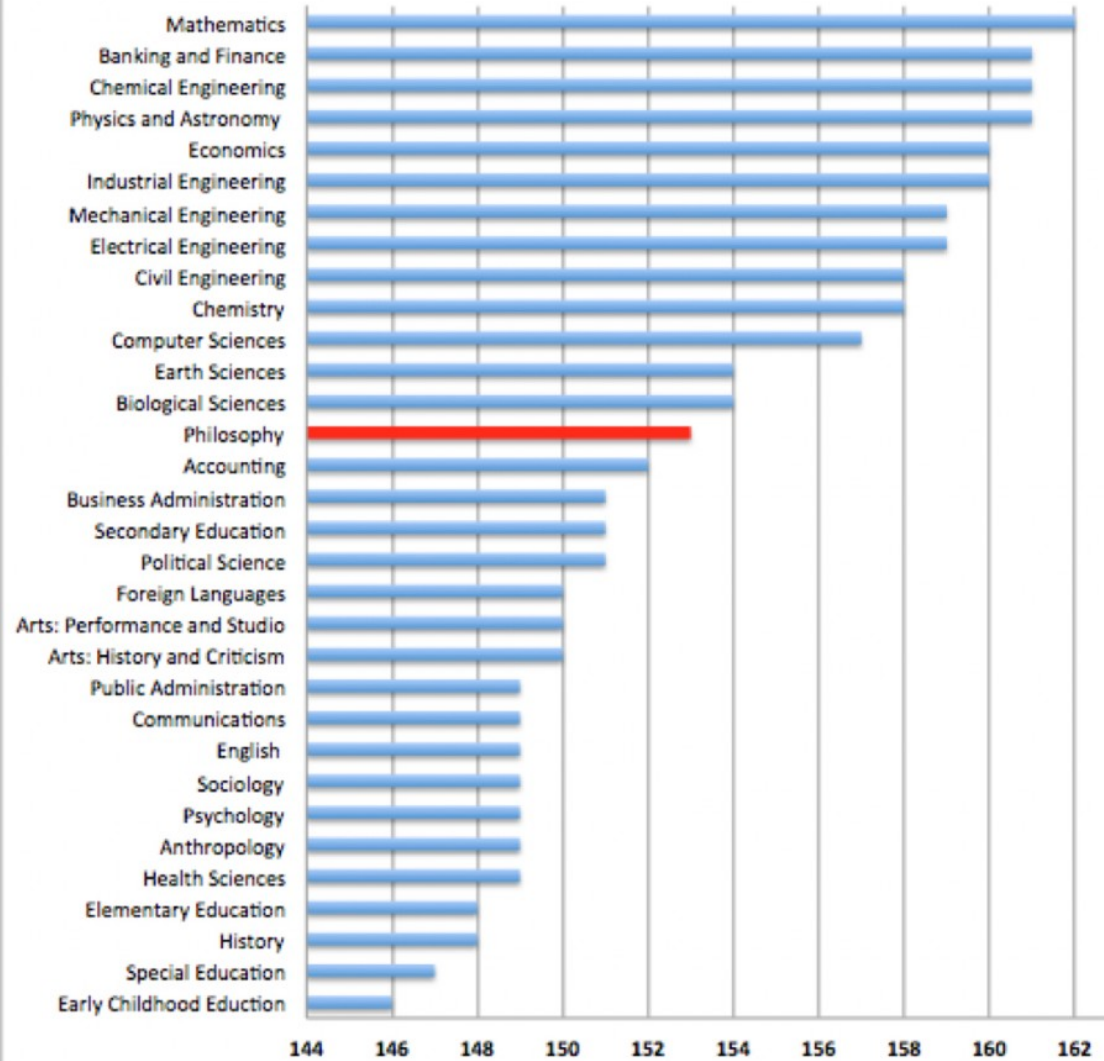


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Mean GRE Quantitative Reasoning scores by major. The GRE is the standardized test used to assess applicants to graduate school in most disciplines.

Quantitative Reasoning

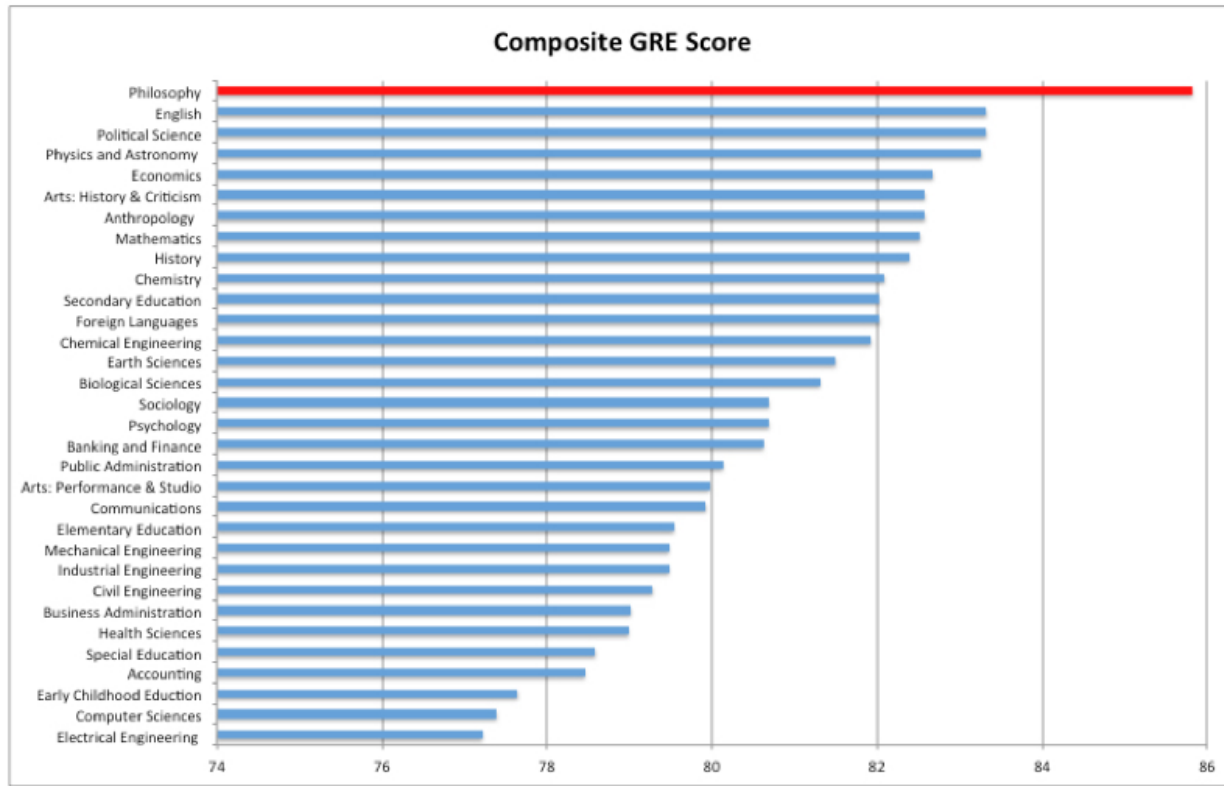


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Mean GRE Composite (combined verbal reasoning + quantitative reasoning + analytical writing scores, by percentile) scores by major. The GRE

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GRE Scores by Intended Major 2011-12. The GRE is the standardized test used to assess applicants to graduate school in most disciplines.

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GRE SCORES BY INTENDED GRADUATE MAJOR, 2011-12

Verbal

(Average score out of 170)

Philosophy	160
English	157
Political Science	156
Physics	156
Economics	154
Biology	153
Chemistry	153
Psychology	152
Education	151
Communications	151
Business	150
Computer Science	149

Quantitative

(Average score out of 170)

Physics	161
Economics	159
Computer Science	158
Chemistry	157
Philosophy	153
Biology	153
Business	152
Political Science	151
English	148
Education	148
Psychology	148
Communications	147

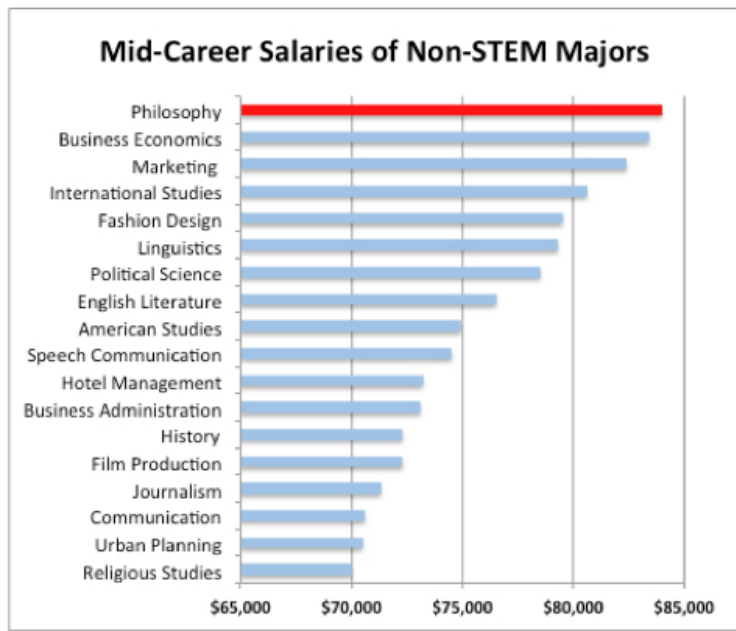
Analytical Writing

(Average score out of 6)

Philosophy	4.4
English	4.3
Political Science	4.2
Physics	4.0
Psychology	4.0
Economics	4.0
Biology	3.9
Chemistry	3.9
Education	3.9
Communications	3.9
Business	3.7
Computer Science	3.4

Source: Educational Testing Service; data available at http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide_table1.pdf

SALARY DATA



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How much will a degree in philosophy add to your lifetime earnings, compared to other humanities? (from [Forbes.com](#))

THE EXTRA EARNINGS THAT GRADUATES IN HUMANITIES MAJORS CAN EXPECT OVER THEIR LIFETIMES

Major	Early Career Salary	Mid Career Salary	Lifetime Earnings Gain
Art	\$36,100	\$57,100	\$315,500
Drama	\$35,600	\$56,300	\$302,400
English	\$38,700	\$65,200	\$444,700
French	\$40,900	\$66,700	\$470,900
History	\$39,700	\$71,000	\$537,800
Philosophy	\$41,700	\$78,300	\$658,900

From "Surprise: Humanities Degrees Provide Great Return on Investment" by Jeffrey Dorfman at Forbes.com, November 20, 2014, based on data from Payscale.com.

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Robert Stufflebeam · April 27, 2015 at 4:29 pm

The mean composite GRE score above is the combined verbal reasoning + quantitative reasoning + analytical writing scores ... not the absolute values, but the percentages. Since analytical writing is worth only 6 points, but the other two areas are each worth 170 points, the total scores cannot be added and divided by 3. Frankly, the results are astonishing.

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Justin W. · April 27, 2015 at 4:35 pm

Thanks, Rob. I fixed that.

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