

# TOPMAJORS2008

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## i\_ NTRODUCTION

By Nicole Newman

Long gone are the days of the three professions: law, medicine, and architecture. Students are majoring and concentrating in areas once deemed unacceptable and too local in the scholarly world.

*Why is a resume writing service telling me this?*, you may ask. Resume Nation, LLC feels the need to relate this information to its prospective clientele so that you can be prepared for the grueling competition during your job search.

As an aspiring professional, you can no longer rely on *Ol' Pops* to tell the hiring manager about your credentials and how, along with your charm, you would make the perfect asset to the local factory.

Nor can you rely on recruiters at career fairs. If you think they are going to come knocking on your dorm room door, then you have another thing coming!

Take the time to research your field, noting the elite players, both current and

previous innovations, and your prime location amongst it all. Attend professional seminars at your university, for you never know who will show up. Most importantly- and we at Resume Nation, LLC cannot stress this enough-, BE PROFESSIONAL. Illustrate an image that is honorable, consider grooming, and exude confidence in even the most stressful situations.

In the meantime, take a look at the Princeton Review's 10 Most Popular Majors...

# TOP 10

## b\_ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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“Saving up your allowance instead of blowing it each week. Starting your own lawn-mowing business when you were still in grade school. They always said you had a mind for business, and now you're ready to prove it. Business majors often find success in the field of their choice, working their way up the ladder to become managers, executives, and vice presidents in their companies. This major offers focused training in accounting, finance, marketing, economics, human resources, and decision making. You'll learn to budget, organize, plan, hire, direct, control, and manage an organization. And you'll find even more chances for career growth if you go on to earn your MBA” (related by Princetonreview.com).

## p\_ PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the study of the way humans and animals interact and respond to their environment; in essence, it's the study of behavior and the thoughts behind it. Cool thing about this major: analyzing your friends and family. Not so cool thing: you almost have to go to grad school to do anything at all related to this line of work. Which is perfectly fine, if you understand and commit to that path from the get-go. Just don't expect that four years of college will get you a private practice where people lie on a couch and tell you their troubles for \$95/hour. You'll need an extra five to seven years of schooling and a Ph.D. or Psy.D. before that will happen (related by Princetonreview.com).

## ELEMENTARY

Elementary Education. From tracing a little hand on colored paper to make a Thanksgiving turkey to taking a field trip to the local science center with your fourth-graders to learn about static electricity, you are excited about working in a grade school and shaping young minds before they develop the attitude. In the early grades, you are responsible for giving instruction in all the basic subjects (reading, writing, arithmetic—plus science, social studies, and the basics of health and physical education), as well as overseeing the general development of each of your charges. Some college programs offer (or require) an area of specialization, such as early childhood, language arts, or mathematics. When your academic work is complete, you move into the classroom for the trial-by-fire known as student teaching. When you successfully complete the elementary education program, you'll have to take any certification examinations required by the state in which you want to work. Then, it's into the classroom to mold the minds of our youth (related by Princetonreview.com)

## BIOLOGY

Biology majors focus on the living world—that's everything from single-cell bacteria to whales. You may take classes in which you learn about calculus, microbiology, cell biology, genetics, evolution, physics, and organic chemistry. In addition to being a stepping stone for med school, a biology major can lead to a job in a growing field such as genetics, biotechnology, or medical research. Veterinarians, optometrists, ecologists, biochemists, and environmentalists all may have majored in biology (related by Princetonreview.com).

# TOP 10 n\_URSING

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Everyone knows it takes a special kind of compassionate individual to become a nurse, a profession that often includes playing the roles of comforter, educator, mediator, listener, problem-solver and therapist. Generally, nurses help people meet basic health needs, adapt to physical changes, recover from illness, and die with dignity. They are employed in clinics, hospitals, schools, corporations, the military, and in private practice. We need nurses now more than ever, and job prospects in this field are bright. If you major in nursing, you'll take traditional science and liberal arts courses as a first-year student and probably begin clinical rotations at hospitals and other health care facilities during the second semester of your sophomore year. While in school, you'll receive lots of practical, hands-on training. All would-be nurses are required by law to take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) after graduating from an accredited nursing program before they can be considered "registered."(related by Princetonreview.com).

## e\_DUCATION

"Summers off" is hopefully not the main reason you'd like to become a teacher. Many teachers actually spend their summers at a second, seasonal job (like at a children's camp) to supplement their income, volunteering or doing some form of community service work, or working hard on next year's lessons plans. That said, lots of teachers wouldn't dream of doing anything else. Although much of your coursework will be general education material, most states require you to choose a specific grade level you'd like to teach. Choices usually include some variation of early childhood education (preschool), primary education (kindergarten through eighth grade, see #3 above), and secondary education (ninth through twelfth grade). Some education majors choose to specialize in special education. Your student teaching experience, in which you spend a semester or more in gaining practical experience in a classroom, will be in the field of your choice. Education majors may also go on to become guidance counselors, school administrators, and the like (related by Princetonreview.com).

## ENGLISH

You'll find English majors in countless types of jobs. Many of them are communications-based careers as you'd expect—author, reporter, journalist, editor, radio broadcaster, advertising and public relations executives—but plenty of them aren't that obvious. English majors also become teachers, lawyers (after law school, of course), film directors, politicians, actors, you name it. English majors become well-rounded, well-read individuals who have studied life in words across the globe. Be prepared to read, think, write, discuss, and then read a whole lot more (related by Princetonreview.com).

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## c\_ OMMUNICATIONS

A graduation speech, an infomercial, a protest in the park: any of these are great material for a communications major who needs to write a paper. In this program, students learn how certain messages influence individual and group behavior, as well as how our reactions reflect the underlying values of society. You'll spend a significant amount of time studying different kinds of speaking and writing and the strategies people use to make their points and drive them home. You'll take a look at verbal and nonverbal messages, audience reaction, and the varied effects of different communication environments. Communication theory will play a part too, as you delve into monumental speeches, revolutionary political campaigns, radical social movements, and the trends in news reporting. With your degree, you may choose to pursue a career in business, public relations, advertising, human resources, government, education, media, or social services (related by Princetonreview.com).

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### Computer Science

Your friends are always coming to you for help when they experience computer problems, and you know it's high time you got paid for your efforts. Solution: obtain a degree in computer science. In this program, you'll focus on how computer technology can be applied to any number of fields. Included will be classes on how to develop business applications and perform system analysis and the process of developing software (from designing to programming to testing). Programs may also include instruction in robotics, natural language recognition programs, artificial intelligence, programming languages, and numerical analysis. The knowledge you gain from a Computer Science major is absolutely applicable to the real world, and to real jobs within it (related by Princetonreview.com).

## p\_ OLITICAL SCIENCE

This major breaks down everything from political parties to voting behavior to public policy to revolutions all across the world. It's a pretty broad subject involving heavy doses of reading, writing, and statistical analysis. Many schools will want you to choose a concentration. Post-graduation options include: politics (running as a candidate or running a candidate's campaign), journalist, diplomat, lobbyist, and, of course, law school (related by Princetonreview.com).

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