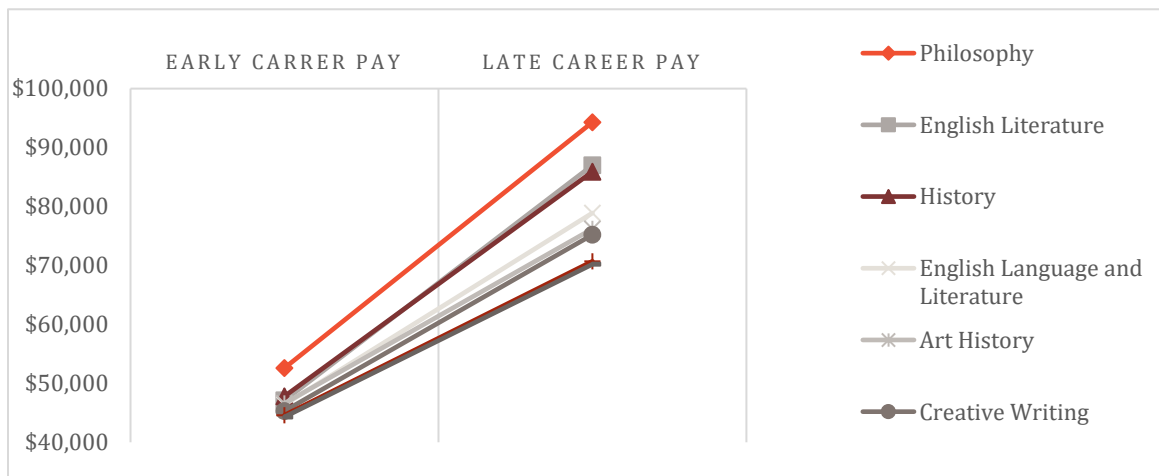


Philosophy Majors After College

Data gathered by PayScale from the 2020–2021 academic year shows that people with bachelor's degrees in philosophy tend to earn more over their lifetime than people with degrees in any other humanities field.¹ Philosophy students have both the highest starting salary of any humanities major (\$52,600) and the highest percent increase between starting and mid-career salary (\$94,300).

Median Income for Humanities Majors by Career Stage

Years of Experience	Early Career Pay	Mid-Career Pay
Philosophy	\$52,600	\$94,300
English Literature	\$47,100	\$87,000
History	\$47,800	\$85,900
English Language and Literature	\$46,400	\$78,900
Art History	\$46,600	\$76,200
Creative Writing	\$45,300	\$75,200
Theater	\$44,600	\$70,700
Music	\$44,300	\$70,200



Additionally, the National Association of Colleges and Employers² found for the graduating class of 2021 that, within six months, more than 77 percent of graduates with bachelor's degrees in philosophy had either found employment or were continuing their education (33.2 percent). Graduates with a BA in philosophy had a mean starting salary of \$44,605. Those graduating with a master's degree in philosophy in 2021 fared even better, with more than 88 percent finding employment or continuing their education (35.7 percent) within six months of graduation. Their mean starting salary was over \$65,665.

¹ PayScale Inc., "College Salary Report," 2021. <https://www.payscale.com/college-salary-report/majors-that-pay-you-back/bachelors>

² National Association of Colleges and Employers, "First Destinations for the College Class of 2021." <https://www.nacweb.org/job-market/graduate-outcomes/first-destination/class-of-2021/interactive-dashboard/>