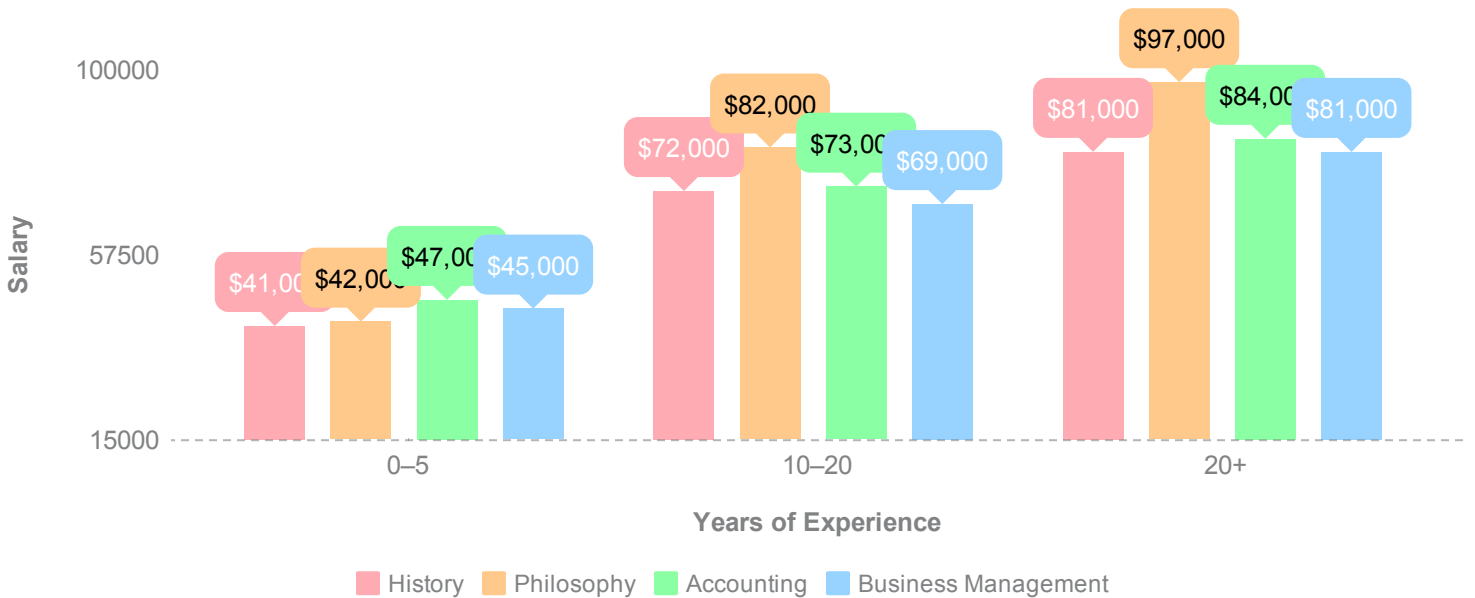


# Humanities Majors Do Increasingly Well Over the Course of Their Careers

Using data from Payscale.com, the Wall Street Journal reports that students who earn a Bachelor's degree in the humanities ultimately do as well as—or better than—majors in other fields, including business management and accounting. For example, the median salary for history majors is \$41,000 out of college and rises to \$81,000 after 20+ years, while philosophy majors go from \$42,000 to \$97,000. This is similar to the earnings of those with degrees in political science (\$43,000 to \$89,000), accounting (\$47,000 to \$84,000), and business management (\$45,000 to \$81,000).

## Humanities Majors Keep Pace With Other Majors Over the Course of Their Careers



Source: George Anders, "Good News for Liberal Arts Majors: Your Peers Probably Won't Outearn You Forever," Wall Street Journal, September 11, 2016.

## High Achieving Humanities Majors Reap Rewards: Lifetime Earnings for Top 10% of Earners for Each Discipline

**\$3.2 million**  
Computer Science

**\$3.46 million**  
Philosophy

**\$3.75 million**  
History

Source: "Career Earnings by College Major," The Hamilton Project, The Brookings Institution.



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