

- Definitions Earnings at Age 25: Estimated median earnings of program graduates who received federal financial aid, at the age of 25.
- Earnings at Age 45: Estimated median earnings of program graduates who received federal financial aid, at the age of 45.
- ROI (Before Completion Adjustment): The amount that a student can expect to see his or her earnings increase thanks to the college degree, subtracting the direct and indirect costs of college, and assuming on-time graduation.
- ROI (After Completion Adjustment): The amount that a student can expect to see his or her earnings increase thanks to the college degree, subtracting the direct and indirect costs of college, and accounting for the risk that the student will drop out before finishing the degree.
- ROI (Adjusting for Completion and Underlying Spending): The amount that a student can expect to see his or her earnings increase thanks to the college degree, subtracting the full underlying cost of college before subsidies, and accounting for the risk that the student will drop out before finishing the degree.

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## What is the Financial Value of my Degree?

Estimated earnings and lifetime ROI for 30,000 bachelor's degrees

University of Oregon

State	Institution	Major	Earnings at Age 25	Earnings at Age 45	ROI (Before Completion Adjustment)	ROI (After Completion Adjustment)	ROI (Adjusting for Completion and Underlying Spending)
OR	University of Oregon	Accounting and Related Services.	\$56,889	\$110,482	\$1,035,339	\$844,097	\$759,705
OR	University of Oregon	Anthropology.	\$28,670	\$57,216	\$156,950	\$105,163	\$20,771
OR	University of Oregon	Architecture.	\$51,436	\$106,528	\$955,809	\$776,873	\$692,480
OR	University of Oregon	Area Studies.	\$29,010	\$52,275	\$77,939	\$37,136	-\$47,256
OR	University of Oregon	Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology.	\$29,683	\$62,214	\$164,580	\$110,089	\$25,697
OR	University of Oregon	Biological and Physical Sciences.	\$31,786	\$54,503	\$172,832	\$118,551	\$34,159
OR	University of Oregon	Biology, General.	\$29,482	\$61,414	\$196,771	\$137,494	\$53,102
OR	University of Oregon	Business/Commerce, General.	\$46,619	\$88,000	\$598,114	\$474,739	\$390,347
OR	University of Oregon	Chemistry.	\$33,074	\$63,935	\$213,937	\$151,151	\$66,759
OR	University of Oregon	Communication Disorders Sciences and Services.	\$25,243	\$40,166	-\$179,917	-\$180,584	-\$264,976
OR	University of Oregon	Computer and Information Sciences, General.	\$61,260	\$112,437	\$1,043,570	\$852,643	\$768,250
OR	University of Oregon	Design and Applied Arts.	\$39,625	\$65,757	\$322,516	\$243,958	\$159,566
OR	University of Oregon	Drama/Theatre Arts and Stagecraft.	\$27,441	\$54,861	\$63,861	\$25,518	-\$58,874
OR	University of Oregon	East Asian Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics.	\$31,074	\$48,513	\$38,381	\$4507	-\$79,885
OR	University of Oregon	Ecology, Evolution, Systematics, and Population Biology.	\$22,191	\$41,777	-\$178,682	-\$179,540	-\$263,932
OR	University of Oregon	Economics.	\$45,158	\$78,020	\$419,296	\$324,633	\$240,241
OR	University of Oregon	Education, General.	\$26,286	\$34,388	-\$203,943	-\$200,201	-\$284,593
OR	University of Oregon	English Language and Literature, General.	\$26,381	\$46,605	-\$11,476	-\$37,084	-\$121,476
OR	University of Oregon	Ethnic, Cultural Minority, Gender, and Group Studies.	\$26,247	\$45,210	-\$37,820	-\$60,544	-\$144,936
OR	University of Oregon	Film/Video and Photographic Arts.	\$25,115	\$42,448	-\$118,820	-\$129,422	-\$213,814

OR	University of Oregon	Fine and Studio Arts.	\$24,757	\$40,838	-\$102,085	-\$113,651	-\$198,043
OR	University of Oregon	Geography and Cartography.	\$36,019	\$68,656	-\$297,296	\$222,838	\$138,446
OR	University of Oregon	Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences.	\$30,278	\$57,254	\$93,055	\$48,905	-\$35,487
OR	University of Oregon	History.	\$27,227	\$52,600	-\$10,443	-\$37,843	-\$122,235
OR	University of Oregon	Human Services, General.	\$32,052	\$44,497	\$78,699	\$40,069	-\$44,323

Source: [The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity](#)  
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OR	University of Oregon	International/Global Studies.	\$25,797	\$45,616	\$8051	-\$19,562	-\$103,954
OR	University of Oregon	Journalism.	\$31,996	\$56,727	\$174,838	\$119,928	\$35,536
OR	University of Oregon	Landscape Architecture.	\$44,733	\$86,486	\$662,146	\$530,032	\$445,640
OR	University of Oregon	Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities.	\$25,504	\$44,044	-\$82,337	-\$97,661	-\$182,053
OR	University of Oregon	Linguistic, Comparative, and Related Language Studies and Services.	\$22,066	\$33,805	-\$158,954	-\$161,627	-\$246,019
OR	University of Oregon	Mathematics.	\$45,253	\$82,306	\$598,555	\$476,714	\$392,322
OR	University of Oregon	Music.	\$24,422	\$40,498	-\$181,845	-\$182,884	-\$267,276
OR	University of Oregon	Natural Resources Conservation and Research.	\$25,273	\$48,376	-\$669	-\$28,016	-\$112,408
OR	University of Oregon	Philosophy.	\$22,477	\$36,936	-\$218,343	-\$212,900	-\$297,292
OR	University of Oregon	Physics.	\$33,315	\$68,472	\$248,496	\$181,082	\$96,690
OR	University of Oregon	Physiology, Pathology and Related Sciences.	\$26,985	\$48,695	\$19,707	-\$12,287	-\$96,679
OR	University of Oregon	Political Science and Government.	\$34,339	\$67,368	\$267,135	\$196,697	\$112,305
OR	University of Oregon	Psychology, General.	\$30,813	\$52,839	\$145,973	\$95,554	\$11,162
OR	University of Oregon	Public Administration.	\$36,079	\$70,835	\$367,754	\$283,168	\$198,776
OR	University of Oregon	Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication.	\$40,644	\$69,388	\$447,541	\$351,178	\$266,786
OR	University of Oregon	Romance Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics.	\$30,844	\$51,476	\$108,503	\$64,470	-\$19,922
OR	University of Oregon	Social Sciences, General.	\$35,769	\$65,602	\$258,373	\$188,978	\$104,586
OR	University of Oregon	Sociology.	\$32,610	\$53,974	\$183,574	\$127,751	\$43,359