THE POWER OF PHILOSOPHY
Mean GRE Scores By Intended Graduate Field, 2011–2012
Charts by Ty Fagan and Matty Silverstein

Verbal
Scores range from 120–170

Quantitative
Scores range from 130–170

Analytical Writing
Scores range from 0–6

Mean LSAT and GMAT Scores by Intended Undergraduate Major
Source: Michael Nielsen, “LSAT Scores of Economics Majors,” Journal of Economic Education 41, no. 3 (Summer 2010): 331–33
Graduate Management Admission Council, “Profile of GMAT Candidates” (http://www.gmat.com/market-intelligence-and-research/research-library/gmat-test-taker-data.aspx)

Law School Admission Test
Required by U.S. Law Schools
2007–2008 Yelts’ Scores range from 120–180

Graduate Management Admission Test
Required by U.S. Business Schools
2010–2011 Tests; Scores range from 200–800

DO PHILOSOPHIE MAJORS MAKE ANY MONEY?
Annual Salaries and Salary Growth by Undergraduate Major

Annual Salary
Median salary of mid-career graduates without higher degrees
Data collected in 2008

Economics $98,600
Engineering $93,600
Mathematics $92,400
Philosophy $81,200
Chemistry $79,900
Political Science $78,200
Business $72,100
History $71,000
Biology $64,800
English Literature $64,700
Art History $61,900
Psychology $60,400
Sociology $58,200

Salary Growth
Increase from starting to mid-career median salary of graduates without higher degrees
Data collected in 2008

Philosophy 103.5%
Mathematics 103.5%
Economics 96.8%
Political Science 91.7%
Chemistry 87.6%
Art History 81.3%
History 81.1%
English Literature 70.3%
Engineering 69.1%
Psychology 68.2%
Business 67.7%
Biology 67%
Sociology 59.5%