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Use this chart to start learning about some of the different careers and jobs for college graduates. This will help with high school planning for a successful future.

Career Areas	Jobs	Required Degrees	Average Salary (estimates)	Required High School Classes	Other Important Options for High School (choose a few!)
Business	Insurance underwriter ✧ Budget analyst ✧ Tax examiner ✧ Loan officer ✧ Food service or hotel manager ✧ Human resource specialist ✧ Event planner		\$51,000	4 years of challenging math, science, English, and social studies classes	<u>Elective Classes:</u> Business ✧ Communications ✧ Computers ✧ Public Speaking ✧ Statistics <u>Activities:</u> Become a leader in school clubs, volunteer programs, or your job ✧ Shadow professionals who have jobs you are interested in
	Manager in one of the following fields: Advertising ✧ Marketing ✧ Public relations ✧ Purchasing ✧ Sales	 + 	\$100,000		
Computers	Website designer ✧ Computer support specialist		\$43,000	4 years of challenging math, science, English, and social studies classes	<u>Elective Classes:</u> Computers ✧ Engineering <u>Activities:</u> Join a math, computer, or robotics club ✧ Participate in programs or internships in any area that give you experience with computers and/or web design
	Computer systems analyst ✧ Computer software engineer ✧ Computer programmer		\$80,000		
Health	Dental hygienist ✧ Surgical technologist ✧ Emergency medical technician or Paramedic ✧ Licensed nurse		\$38,000	4 years of challenging math, science, English, and social studies classes (Be sure to take 1 year each of biology, chemistry, and physics)	<u>Elective Classes:</u> Nutrition Science ✧ Health Science ✧ Zoology <u>Activities:</u> Join a science club ✧ Work or volunteer at a hospital, clinic, or pharmacy ✧ Shadow professionals who have jobs you are interested in ✧ Work in a science lab at a college ✧ Participate in science fairs
	Clinical technologist ✧ Nutritionist ✧ Athletic trainer ✧ Registered nurse		\$50,000		
	Occupational therapist ✧ Physician assistant	 + 	\$73,000		
	Veterinarian ✧ Pharmacist ✧ Doctor ✧ Dentist	 + 	More than \$100,000		
Law & Government	Paralegal ✧ Legal assistant ✧ Court reporter		\$48,000	4 years of challenging math, science, English, and social studies classes	<u>Elective Classes:</u> Communications ✧ Government ✧ Politics ✧ Civics ✧ Economics <u>Activities:</u> Join the debate team, student government, or mock trial ✧ Apply for an internship at the state house or a government agency ✧ Volunteer for a political campaign or another cause you believe in
	Director of a government department ✧ City manager ✧ Elected official ✧ Manager of a social advocacy organization	 + 	\$75,000		
	Lawyer ✧ Legislator	 + 	More than \$100,000		
Social Services	Teaching assistant ✧ Social service assistant		\$23,000	4 years of challenging math, science, English, and social studies classes	<u>Elective Classes:</u> Psychology ✧ Sociology ✧ Literature ✧ Child Development <u>Activities:</u> Do activities where you help others. For example: Be a peer counselor ✧ Volunteer or work with children at an after school program, summer camp, sports league, library, or church program ✧ Volunteer for a cause you believe in
	Teacher ✧ Librarian		\$48,000		
	Social worker ✧ Therapist ✧ Counselor	 + 	\$45,000		

Symbols

-  Associate's Degree (2-year college)
-  Bachelor's Degree (4-year college)
-  Master's Degree (1-3 years graduate school)
-  Professional Degree (3-10 years graduate school)
- + Means you need two degrees

This chart gives only some examples—there are many more options! To learn about others, see the Bureau of Labor Statistics *Occupational Outlook Handbook*.
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