

Even though the UIS Economics Department can't guarantee that their students will receive a high salary, it is good to know that economics majors tend to do relatively well. The NACE Summer 2007 Salary Survey indicates that the average starting salary of economics majors with bachelor's degrees exceeds the average starting salaries of graduates with majors in accounting, business administration and management, marketing, management information systems, other social sciences.

| <b>Discipline (Bachelor's degree level)</b>               | <b>Average Offer*</b> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Accounting  | \$46,292              |
| Business Administration / Management                      | \$43,256              |
| Chemical Engineering                                      | \$59,218              |
| Civil Engineering   | \$48,998              |
| Computer Engineering                                      | \$55,920              |
| Computer Science  | \$53,051              |
| <b>Economics (Business/Managerial)</b>                    | <b>\$47,782</b>       |
| Electrical / Electronics Engineering                      | \$55,333              |
| English Language & Literature / Letters                   | \$31,924              |
| <b>Finance</b>  | <b>\$46,442</b>       |
| History   | \$35,092              |
| Information Sciences & Systems                            | \$49,966              |
| Management Information Systems / Business Data Processing | \$47,507              |
| Marketing / Marketing Management / Marketing Research     | \$39,269              |
| Political Science / Government                            | \$35,261              |
| Sociology   | \$32,161              |

**Source:** Kelley, R. (2007) "Most Lucrative College Majors," available from [http://money.cnn.com/2007/07/11/pf/college/starting\\_salaries/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2007/07/11/pf/college/starting_salaries/index.htm). Based on the National Association of Colleges and Employees (NACE) survey.