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2021 SALARY SCORES: UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS AND UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

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PURPOSE:

This fact sheet provides a comparative analysis on salary earnings for graduates of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Data are gathered from the *GradReports* website,¹ which offers salary scores ranging from 0 to 100 for UNLV and UNR degree programs.

ABOUT THE DATA:

GradReports allows users to compare employment and salary rankings for over 2,281 schools and 885 college degree types across the nation.² This fact sheet explores the employment rate, median salary, and salary score values for UNLV³ and UNR programs.⁴ Each college in the *GradReports* database receives its own webpage that displays the employment rate, median debt, median salary, and salary score values for individuals with bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The comparative analysis groups each area of study by level of education and field of study. Salary scores range from 0 to 100 and are calculated by comparing program-specific median alumni earnings to median alumni earnings for the same field of study across all colleges that provide data. A salary score closer to 0 means that the program has much lower median alumni earnings in comparison to other schools offering a degree in the same field of study. Likewise, a salary score closer to 100 means that the program has much higher median alumni earnings in comparison to other schools offering a degree in the same field of study.

In this fact sheet, data for UNLV and UNR are organized by level of postgraduate degree (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral) and field of study.

KEY FINDINGS:

1. UNLV reports 45 bachelor's degree programs, 19 master's degree programs, and 6 doctoral degree programs.
2. UNR reports 51 bachelor's degree programs, 18 master's degree programs, and 3 doctoral degree programs.
3. For both UNLV (100) and UNR (98), Social Work is the bachelor's degree with the highest salary score.
4. For UNLV (15), International Business is the bachelor's degree with the lowest salary score; for UNR (0), Chemical Engineering is the bachelor's degree with the lowest salary score.
5. Among bachelor's degrees, the highest median salaries are in Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing at both UNLV (\$75,810) and UNR (\$69,950).
6. At UNLV (99), the Hospitality Administration/Management master's degree has the highest salary score. At UNR (98), the General Psychology master's degree has the highest salary score.
7. UNLV's Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions doctoral degree received a perfect salary score of 100.

¹ GradReports, "2021 Best Colleges by Salary Score," 2021, (<https://www.gradreports.com/>)

² Ibid.

³ GradReports, "University of Nevada at Las Vegas Rankings by Salary Score," 2021, (<https://www.gradreports.com/rankings/university-of-nevada-at-las-vegas>)

⁴ GradReports, "University of Nevada - Reno Rankings by Salary Score," 2021, (<https://www.gradreports.com/rankings/university-of-nevada-reno>)

Table 1 shows employment rate and salary metrics for bachelor’s degrees by field of study at UNLV and UNR. Cells without a numerical value (-) indicate that the university does not report data for that field of study. UNLV has 7 bachelor’s programs with an employment rate of 100% out of 45 total programs listed, and UNR has 8 bachelor’s programs with an employment rate of 100% out of 51 total programs listed. The highest-paying bachelor’s programs are UNLV’s Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, and Clinical Nursing degree (\$75,810 median salary) and UNR’s Mining and Mineral Engineering degree (\$75,520 median salary). UNLV’s Social Work degree has the highest salary score (100), and UNR’s Chemical Engineering program has the lowest salary score (0).

Table 1: Employment and Salary Rankings by Bachelor’s Degree, UNLV and UNR

Field of Study	UNLV Employment Rate	UNR Employment Rate	UNLV Median Salary	UNR Median Salary	UNLV Salary Score	UNR Salary Score
Accounting and Related Services	97%	96%	\$50,900	\$55,360	61	80
Agriculture/Veterinary Preparatory Programs	--	96%	--	\$30,410	--	71
Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention & Treatment Professions	98%	--	\$60,450	--	70	--
Anthropology	94%	100%	\$25,190	\$27,750	38	59
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology	--	92%	--	\$34,420	--	53
Biology, General	94%	97%	\$26,590	\$29,320	33	52
Business Administration, Management and Operations	97%	95%	\$38,690	\$44,970	32	59
Business/Commerce, General	--	95%	--	\$44,170	--	50
Business/Managerial Economics	--	98%	--	\$40,180	--	21
Chemical Engineering	--	100%	--	\$45,220	--	0
Chemistry	--	87%	--	\$41,940	--	69
Civil Engineering	96%	95%	\$67,850	\$59,040	89	34
Communication and Media Studies	93%	92%	\$37,100	\$41,010	71	88
Communication Disorders Sciences and Services	--	89%	--	\$27,950	--	63
Computer Engineering	100%	97%	\$49,640	\$66,700	4	36
Computer Science	90%	97%	\$59,730	\$47,780	34	27
Criminal Justice/Criminology	96%	96%	\$36,100	\$35,730	53	56
Dance	100%	--	\$27,290	--	74	--
Design and Applied Arts	85%	--	\$37,210	--	60	--
Drama/Theatre Arts and Stagecraft	96%	90%	\$31,130	\$28,060	96	86
Economics	98%	--	\$47,730	--	46	--
Education, Other	--	96%	--	\$41,010	--	82
Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering	97%	98%	\$68,380	\$65,090	40	26
English Language and Literature, General	88%	89%	\$25,580	\$27,180	25	34
Entrepreneurial and Small Business Operations	100%	--	\$42,680	--	54	--
Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering	--	96%	--	\$62,260	--	90
Film/Video and Photographic Arts	91%	--	\$19,680	--	9	--
Finance and Financial Management Services	96%	96%	\$44,400	\$48,040	27	40
Fine and Studio Arts	92%	91%	\$27,870	\$26,520	62	52

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Table 1 (continued): Employment and Salary Rankings by Bachelor’s Degree, UNLV and UNR

Field of Study	UNLV Employment Rate	UNR Employment Rate	UNLV Median Salary	UNR Median Salary	UNLV Salary Score	UNR Salary Score
Forestry	--	93%	--	\$33,280	--	19
Geography and Cartography	--	100%	--	\$33,390	--	36
Geological and Earth Sciences/ Geosciences	95%	94%	\$41,940	\$41,940	77	77
Geological/Geophysical Engineering	--	95%	--	\$48,430	--	6
Health and Medical Administrative Services	97%	95%	\$34,770	\$33,800	25	44
Health and Physical Education/ Fitness	93%	--	\$28,130	--	33	--
History	88%	97%	\$32,660	\$32,170	61	58
Hospitality Administration/ Management	97%	--	\$43,150	--	82	--
Human Services, General	93%	96%	\$36,020	\$32,310	77	71
International Business	94%	89%	\$36,850	\$33,990	15	9
International Relations & National Security Studies	--	89%	--	\$26,350	--	10
Journalism	--	96%	--	\$36,490	--	76
Liberal Arts & Sciences, General Studies & Humanities	--	91%	--	\$35,210	--	63
Marketing	98%	96%	\$40,510	\$39,950	39	36
Mathematics	--	96%	--	\$48,040	--	57
Mechanical Engineering	94%	98%	\$58,940	\$59,070	13	14
Mining and Mineral Engineering	--	100%	--	\$75,520	--	77
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other	92%	--	\$32,570	--	33	--
Music	94%	95%	\$44,950	\$26,740	99	44
Natural Resources Conservation and Research	100%	100%	\$28,600	\$31,130	26	39
Neurobiology and Neurosciences	--	96%	--	\$28,440	--	43
Nutrition Sciences	93%	100%	\$32,930	\$32,779	62	61
Philosophy	93%	--	\$25,970	--	31	--
Physics	--	100%	--	\$46,090	--	59
Political Science and Government	94%	94%	\$36,160	\$33,990	55	42
Psychology, General	91%	94%	\$30,920	\$31,400	58	62
Public Administration	96%	--	\$45,130	--	57	--
Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research & Clinical Nursing	99%	99%	\$75,810	\$69,950	83	66
Romance Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	75%	92%	\$33,990	\$31,820	56	44
Social Sciences, General	72%	--	\$38,290	--	69	--
Social Work	100%	97%	\$44,020	\$41,570	100	98
Sociology	92%	100%	\$33,380	\$33,280	56	55
Special Education and Teaching	100%	--	\$40,370	--	67	--
Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels & Methods	97%	96%	\$43,180	\$41,340	93	87
Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Subject Areas	100%	--	\$37,210	--	53	--
Wildlife and Wildlands Science and Management	--	97%	--	\$25,530	--	30

* Adapted from “University of Nevada at Las Vegas Rankings by Salary Score” and “University of Nevada - Reno Rankings by Salary Score” by GradReports.

Table 2 shows employment rate and salary metrics for master’s degrees by field of study at UNLV and UNR. Cells without a numerical value (–) indicate that the university does not report data for that field of study. UNLV has 9 master’s programs with an employment rate of 100% out of 19 total programs listed, and UNR has 14 master’s programs with an employment rate of 100% out of 18 total programs listed. The nursing degrees at both UNR (\$109,920 median salary) and UNLV (\$106,420 median salary), as well as UNLV’s Business Administration degree (\$93,820 median salary) are the highest-paying fields of study. UNLV’s Hospitality Administration/Management degree has the highest salary score (99), and UNR’s Biotechnology degree has the lowest salary score (9).

Table 2: Employment and Salary Rankings by Master’s Degree, UNLV and UNR

Field of Study	UNLV Employment Rate	UNR Employment Rate	UNLV Median Salary	UNR Median Salary	UNLV Salary Score	UNR Salary Score
Accounting and Related Services	96%	--	\$60,620	--	46	--
Anthropology	--	100%	--	\$47,260	--	86
Architecture	97%	--	\$51,270	--	28	--
Biotechnology	--	94%	--	\$47,260	--	9
Business Administration, Management and Operations	95%	97%	\$93,820	\$79,880	85	66
Civil Engineering	100%	100%	\$78,340	\$66,650	82	20
Communication and Media Studies	100%	--	\$58,220	--	79	--
Communication Disorders Sciences and Services	--	100%	--	\$61,520	--	80
Computer/Information Technology Administration and Management	100%	100%	\$68,220	\$80,340	17	44
Curriculum and Instruction	96%	--	\$52,260	--	66	--
Economics	100%	--	\$62,010	--	44	--
Educational Administration and Supervision	98%	100%	\$64,990	\$44,080	74	18
English Language and Literature, General	--	100%	--	\$33,280	--	25
Health and Medical Administrative Services	100%	--	\$71,020	--	52	--
Hospitality Administration/Management	100%	--	\$80,200	--	99	--
Legal Professions and Services, Other	--	100%	--	\$60,160	--	52
Music	--	100%	--	\$31,840	--	49
Psychology, General	--	100%	--	\$64,490	--	98
Public Administration	100%	100%	\$55,960	\$52,940	56	45
Public Health	100%	100%	\$58,670	\$52,940	62	46
Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research & Clinical Nursing	98%	100%	\$106,420	\$109,920	60	65
Rhetoric and Composition/Writing Studies	100%	--	\$37,570	--	52	--
Social Work	96%	98%	\$48,880	\$51,690	71	85
Special Education and Teaching	99%	100%	\$48,780	\$51,170	43	55
Student Counseling and Personnel Services	96%	100%	\$36,220	\$44,020	11	46
Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels & Methods	98%	97%	\$52,110	\$47,520	76	53

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Table 3 shows employment rate and salary metrics for doctoral degrees by field of study at UNLV and UNR. Cells without a numerical value (--) indicate that the university does not report data for that field of study. All of UNR’s doctoral programs have an employment rate of 100%; UNLV’s Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing doctoral degree also has an employment rate of 100%. UNLV’s Dentistry degree (\$125,020 median salary) and Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing degree (\$122,040 median salary) are the highest-paying fields of study. UNLV’s Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions degree has the highest salary score (100), and UNR’s Psychology degree has the lowest salary score (9).

Table 3: Employment and Salary Rankings by Doctoral Degree, UNLV and UNR

Field of Study	UNLV Employment Rate	UNR Employment Rate	UNLV Median Salary	UNR Median Salary	UNLV Salary Score	UNR Salary Score
Curriculum and Instruction	86%	--	\$71,020	--	51	--
Dentistry	95%	--	\$125,020	--	81	--
Education, General	--	100%	--	\$63,010	--	16
Law	96%	--	\$73,580	--	56	--
Medicine	--	100%	--	\$57,610	--	49
Music	96%	--	\$42,680	--	66	--
Psychology, General	--	100%	--	\$54,040	--	9
Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research & Clinical Nursing	100%	--	\$122,040	--	60	--
Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions	98%	--	\$86,130	--	100	--

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