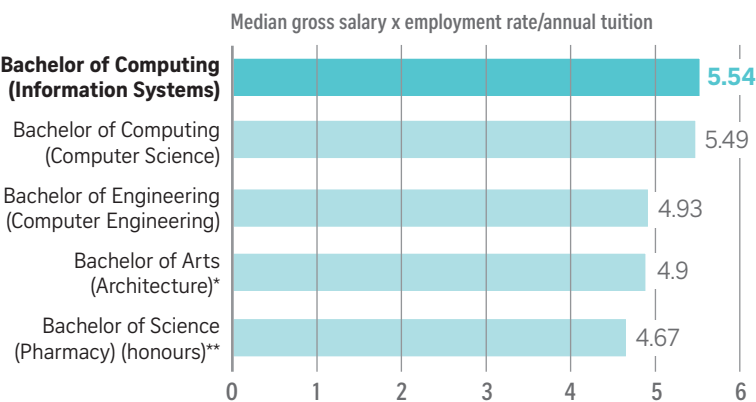


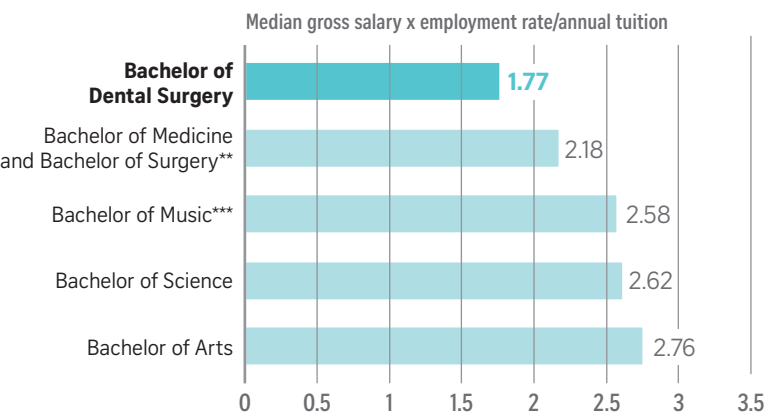
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Specialised degrees in majors like computer science have the highest immediate returns, while general science and arts degrees do not fare as well, according to ValuePenguin's study.

MAJORS WITH THE HIGHEST RETURNS ON INVESTMENT



MAJORS WITH THE LOWEST RETURNS ON INVESTMENT



HIGHEST EARNERS

	Degree	Median gross monthly salary (\$)	Annual tuition fees (\$)
1	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	5,000	27,400
2	Bachelor of Laws (honours)	4,900	12,600
3	Bachelor of Dental Surgery	4,050	27,400
4	Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science), Bachelor of Computing (Information Systems) and Bachelor of Arts (Architecture)	4,000	8,150 for computing, 8,800 for architecture
5	Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering)	3,900	8,150

*Data from a follow-up survey on 2013 architecture graduates after their practical training.

**Data from a follow-up survey on 2015 graduates after their one-year practical law course/pupillage/housemanship/first-year residency/practical training.

***For whom the vast majority of employment was part-time, part-time employment rate is used instead of full-time employment rate.

NOTES:

- Figures are based on NUS data from the graduate employment survey conducted in November 2016, and the latest NUS annual tuition fees in the academic year 2017/2018.
- Gross monthly salary pertains only to full-time permanently employed graduates. It comprises the basic salary, overtime payments, commissions, fixed allowances and other regular cash payments, before deductions of the employee's CPF contributions and personal income tax. Employer's CPF contributions, bonuses, stock options, lump sum payments, and payments-in-kind are excluded.