

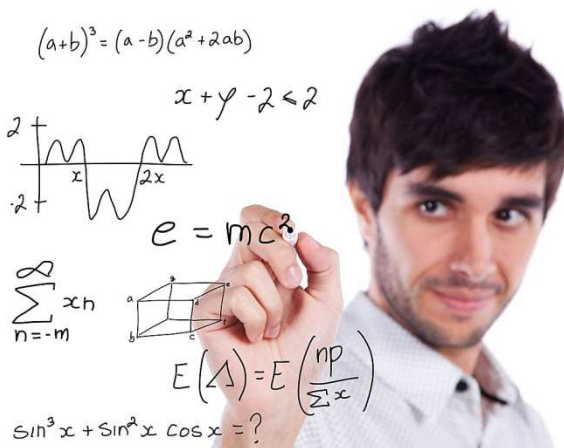
The Physics degree was ranked 6th in the top 15 degrees listed by Kiplinger's magazine for best compensation and job prospects in 2015.

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Starting salary: \$57,200

Mid-career salary: \$105,100

Annual online job postings: 72,732

Best related job: Physicist

Projected 10-year job growth: 11.3%

It won't take much force to accelerate a physics major toward a lucrative career (regardless of his mass). While physicist may be the most obvious related occupation, you typically need to get an advanced degree to go that route. (Physicists do have a promising projected job growth rate and a generous median annual salary of more than \$110,000.) **Other jobs to consider with a bachelor's in physics include aerospace engineer, computer engineer or civil engineer—all of which offer above-average growth projections and pay.**

Various physics classes—such as computational, modern and nuclear physics—obviously will fill your schedule. According to Payscale, other skills employees with bachelor's degrees in physics report using in their work include material science, strategic planning and C++ programming expertise.

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