Appendix Table 1: List of Majors and Characteristics

all characteristics are formed with survey weights and are mean 0, standard deviation 1 with regression weights

Major	β^m	β^m (w/o grad controls)	A^m	R^m	M^m
Chemical Engineering	2.08	2.20	2.06	0.97	-0.46
Electrical Engineering	1.76	1.65	1.78	1.30	0.84
Economics	1.60	1.67	0.38	-0.41	-0.96
Finance	1.58	1.28	0.89	-0.12	-1.24
Mechanical Engineering	1.57	1.42	1.99	1.38	-0.25
All Other Engineering	1.31	1.17	1.45	0.92	0.20
Civil Engineering	1.29	1.09	2.18	1.73	1.13
Computer Programming	1.26	0.80	1.31	0.65	0.10
Computer and Info Tech	1.17	0.80	1.24	0.49	-0.05
Accounting	1.08	0.76	1.60	1.11	-1.40
Nursing	1.02	0.75	-1.59	3.20	3.03
Mathematics	0.82	0.95	1.07	-0.05	-0.28
Chemistry	0.74	1.57	1.73	1.20	-0.06
Marketing	0.63	0.12	-0.51	-0.59	-0.95
Physics	0.62	1.27	1.82	0.77	-0.13
Misc. Business and Med. Support	0.54	0.26	0.01	-0.13	-0.65
Other Med/Health Services	0.47	0.81	-0.13	1.30	0.27
Political Science	0.45	1.06	-0.64	-0.89	-0.86
International Relations	0.44	0.76	-0.27	-0.68	-0.72
Medical Tech	0.42	0.29	-0.68	2.64	0.37
Precision Production & Industrial Arts	0.39	-0.17	-0.21	0.23	1.92
Biological Sciences	0.34	1.29	0.99	1.07	0.52
Business Management and Administration	0.27	-0.10	-0.05	-0.08	-0.79
Earth and Other Physical Sci	0.12	0.22	0.67	0.76	0.52
Engineering Tech	0.06	-0.37	0.44	1.02	0.53
Public Administration and Law	0.05	0.34	-0.91	-0.49	-0.67
Area, Ethnic, and Civ. Studies	-0.11	0.26	-0.32	-0.64	-0.44
Architecture	-0.13	-0.28	0.12	0.03	-0.98
Multidisciplinary or General Science	-0.17	-0.10	-0.30	0.22	0.30
Journalism	-0.17	-0.45	-0.56	-0.80	-1.01
Communications	-0.19	-0.57	-0.62	-0.52	-0.71
Public Health (Physical and Mental)	-0.30	-0.10	-0.26	0.26	0.17
History	-0.41	0.00	-0.54	-0.77	-0.39
Protective Services	-0.46	-0.80	-1.98	-0.93	1.72
Foreign Language	-0.60	-0.31	-0.26	-0.65	-0.29
Psychology	-0.66	-0.41	-0.18	-0.55	-0.39
Letters: Lit, Writing, Other	-0.71	-0.59	-0.54	-0.63	-0.33
Other Social Science	-0.73	-0.73	-0.51	-0.54	-0.10
Environmental Studies	-0.77	-0.93	-0.22	0.35	0.88
Commercial Art and Design	-0.78	-1.34	-0.96	0.57	-0.69
Fitness and Nutrition	-0.82	-0.91	-0.36	-0.30	0.62
Leisure Studies and Basic Skills	-0.99	-1.48	-0.64	-0.35	-0.58
Agriculture and Agr. Science	-1.08	-1.17	-0.32	0.13	0.49
Social Work and Human Resources	-1.11	-1.13	0.32	-0.95	-0.92
Family and Consumer Science	-1.18	-1.31	-0.61	-0.62	0.08
Art History and Fine Arts	-1.28	-1.51	-0.91	-0.09	-0.37
Secondary Education	-1.38	-1.25	-0.17	-1.13	0.47
Library Science and Education (Other)	-1.47	-1.35	-1.26	-1.35	1.68
Film and Other Arts	-1.50	-1.82	-1.09	0.15	-0.20
Music and Speech/Drama	-1.89	-1.89	-0.67	-0.39	0.07
Philosophy and Religion	-2.21	-1.83	-0.99	-0.84	-0.53

Appendix Table 2: Summary Statistics for Fulltime Sample, weighted with regression weights

	n	Mean	Std. Dev	Min	Max
β^m	897675	0.00	1	-2.21	2.08
β^m (w/o grad controls)	897675	0.00	1	-2.21	2.08
A^m	897675	0.00	1	-1.98	2.18
R^m	897675	0.00	1	-1.35	3.20
M^m	897675	0.00	1	-1.40	3.03
Log(Earnings)	897675	10.98	0.65	6.22	12.90
Highest Grade Completed (omitted is exactly BA):					
Masters	897675	0.25	0.43	0	1
Professional	897675	0.07	0.25	0	1
Doctorate	897675	0.03	0.18	0	1
Survey (omitted is NSCG93):					
NSCG03	897675	0.33	0.47	0	1
ACS09-11	897675	0.30	0.46	0	1
Year (omitted is 1993):					
2003	897675	0.33	0.47	0	1
2009	897675	0.10	0.30	0	1
2010	897675	0.10	0.30	0	1
2011	897675	0.10	0.30	0	1
Male	897675	0.57	0.50	0	1
Black	897675	0.07	0.25	0	1
Hispanic	897675	0.05	0.21	0	1
Potential Experience	897675	17.78	8.16	1	33

Note: See table 1 notes.