

HOW A DISTANCE LEARNING MASTER DEGREE CAN BOOST YOUR CAREER?



In higher education,
29.7%
of all students are taking at least one distance course.

A graduate with a master's degree earns around
US\$10,000
per year more than a person with only a bachelor's qualification.

Questions you need to ask yourself before you plot your path.



Tuition Fees

Distance Learning



Average online undergraduate tuition rates were between **\$490** and **\$553** per credit hour and were determined by the type of program the student takes.



Average graduate tuition rates for online students ranged between **\$492** and **\$852** per credit and also varied by program.

Traditional Learning



Average undergraduate tuition cost **\$480.74** per credit, while out-of-state students paid **\$1,282.81**.

Both online and traditional education costs include an application fee. A traditional education can include such additional expenses as deposits for housing and student parking fees. Students in both kinds of programs also need money for books and course materials, which can vary widely.

Master Degree Holders Get Higher Salaries:

The table below shows the average starting salaries according to Payscale's 2015-2016 College Salary Report.

Academic Major	Salary with a Bachelor's Degree	Salary with a Master's Degree
Biology	\$40,400	\$50,200
Business Administration	\$45,800	\$55,600
Computer Science	\$63,100	\$81,200
Mathematics	\$52,400	\$63,300
Mechanical Engineering	\$62,500	\$71,600
Nursing	\$56,600	\$82,000
Psychology	\$37,600	\$45,200

Pros of Online Graduation Program

Stay Employed While Studying

One of the biggest advantages of taking online graduate classes is the option to keep working.

Easier Participation

Networking with professors and other students is an important element of graduate school, but it can be hard to get noticed in regular classes.

Reduced Student Debt

By earning your master's degree online, you'll save yourself money in several important ways.

Increased knowledge retention

A strong online program takes full advantage of the interactive power of social and multimedia.

The chance to improve virtual communication skills

Being able to convey a message effectively through a webinar or Skype presentation is becoming essential to entrepreneurs and support staff in numerous industries.

Sources:



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