



The Benefits of a Bachelor's

With the state of the economy and the cost of obtaining an education on the rise, some are questioning whether or not to pursue their BA or BS degrees. Here are some reasons that a bachelor's degree is still a good thing to have.

Higher Pay

According to the Census Bureau, statistically, those with bachelor's degrees make significantly more over their lifetime than their counterparts with only high school diplomas - almost a \$1 million more!

Versatility

Some people avoid getting bachelor's degrees because they don't know what field they want to go into. However, there are **many jobs** in which employers require bachelor's degrees from the applicants, but not in specified fields. Some of these jobs include working for non-for-profit groups, government agencies, etc. So, basically with these jobs, as long as you have a degree (regardless of the major) you will be considered for them.

Also, many employers will accept a bachelor's degree in lieu of on-the-job experience, so even if you don't have years of experience under your belt, a BA or BS can open doors for you.

Advantage in Position Selection

When it comes down to the selection process for a position, if two candidates are both equally liked and qualified in experience, more times than not, the candidate with a bachelor's degree will be selected. Why? Because employers know that this candidate has endured four years of challenging schoolwork, studying, interacting with others, and more, which will carry over into their work ethic. Having a bachelor's degree can sometimes tip the scale in your favor.

Learned Skills

Having a bachelor's degree will teach you skills that you can apply in almost any workplace environment, as well as benefit your personal life. Learning to multi-task, interact with others, work under deadlines, write papers, deal with computers, and many other things are all skills that can help make your job and life easier.



Improved Quality of Life

Aside from work-related benefits, studies show that bachelor degree recipients enjoy a higher quality of life than their high school diploma counterparts. This is because according to the Higher Education Policy, those with BA/BS degrees participate in more leisure/recreational activities and hobbies, tend to make better decisions, have a higher levels of savings, a better quality of life for their family members, and better overall health.