MYTH

The reason humanities majors have low unemployment is because they're desperate for work and will take anything they can get.

Economists have ways of measuring this phenomenon, which they call "underemployment," or having a job in which you're employed less than full-time or in which you're not really using your skills and education.

English majors and foreign language majors have a lower probability of being underemployed in their first job out of college than those who majored in biology, psychology, or business.