

Definitions

Awarding Degrees in ...

Only departments (and programs) that award a degree in the specified discipline are included in this report.

Bachelors Degrees Awarded in a Discipline

Respondents were asked to report the number of “bachelors degrees [which] were completed in your program or department during the 2006-07 academic year.”

Departments

Throughout this document the term *departments* includes departments and programs offering degrees in the area indicated. This terminology is necessary because some disciplines, for example linguistics, may be housed in stand-alone departments or they may be a program that exists within a larger department or they may exist as a program that includes multiple departments.

References to departments in a particular discipline do not indicate that every university granting a degree in that discipline includes a stand-alone department within that discipline; rather, these references may include stand-alone departments or programs that exist within a larger department or interdisciplinary programs that exist across departments.

No attempt was made to distinguish among departments, programs within a single department, or programs that span departments. The instructions for the survey instrument directed the respondent to “please answer for xxx” where xxx was the degree-granting unit of interest. The only restriction placed upon participants was that they offered a degree in the discipline of interest.

Graduate Students in a Discipline

Respondents were asked to report the number of graduate students the department or program had during the fall 2007 term.

Interdisciplinary Programs

Respondents were asked to report the number of students participating in interdisciplinary programs during the 2006-07 academic year.

Major in a Discipline

Respondents were asked to report the number of “juniors and seniors [which] have declared a major in your program or department as of the beginning of the fall 2007 term.”

The 2007-08 Humanities Departmental Survey

Minor in a Discipline

Respondents were asked to report the number of “students [which have] completed a minor in your program or department during the 2006-07 academic year.”

Programs

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Upper Division Courses

Upper division courses are “primarily intended for juniors and seniors.”