

History

In this section, we will provide an overview of History departments. First we will examine the total number of faculty and students. Then we will examine faculty hiring and recruiting and tenure decisions.

The 929 departments that award a degree in History employ about 15,360 faculty members as shown in Table H1. The smallest departments are those housed at parent institutions classified as primarily bachelors-granting. Departments that offer a doctorate as the highest degree are, on average, about three to four times larger than those granting a bachelors as the highest degree. Even though about three departments in ten are housed in primarily bachelors-granting institutions, about six departments in ten offer a bachelors as the highest degree.

Table H1: Faculty Members by Carnegie Classification and Highest Degree Offered¹²

Carnegie Classification	Average Number of Faculty Members	Number of Departments	Total Number of Faculty Members
Baccalaureate College	8.9	285	2,540
Masters University	15.0	413	6,180
Doctoral University	28.7	231	6,640
Highest Degree Offered	Average Number of Faculty Members	Number of Departments	Total Number of Faculty Members
Bachelors	9.3	554	5,130
Masters	22.1	204	4,500
Doctorate	33.5	171	5,730
Total	16.5	929	15,360

Table H2 provides information about the distribution of faculty members by tenure status, and Table H3 presents a view of employment status and the number of faculty members who are men and women. Overall, about 65% of the faculty members in departments that offer degrees in History are men, more than three-fourths are employed in a full-time position, and 74% are either tenured or in a tenure-track position.

¹² Totals given throughout this report are estimates of the population total.

Table H2: Faculty Members by Tenure Status

Carnegie Classification	Tenured	Tenure-Track	Full-Time, Non-Tenure-Track	Part Time, Non-Tenure-Track
Baccalaureate College	1,410	580	150	400
Masters University	2,900	1,040	650	1,590
Doctoral University	4,120	1,250	440	830
Highest Degree Offered	Tenured	Tenure-Track	Full-Time, Non-Tenure-Track	Part-Time, Non-Tenure-Track
Bachelors	2,680	1,030	370	1,050
Masters	2,110	820	410	1,160
Doctorate	3,640	1,020	460	610
Total	8,430	2,870	1,240	2,820

Table H3: Faculty Members by Employment Status & Gender

Carnegie Classification	Full-Time	Part-Time	Men	Women
Baccalaureate College	1,980	560	1,600	940
Masters University	4,370	1,810	4,020	2,160
Doctoral University	5,690	950	4,300	2,340
Highest Degree Offered	Full-Time	Part-Time	Men	Women
Bachelors	3,770	1,360	3,260	1,870
Masters	3,230	1,270	3,010	1,490
Doctorate	5,040	690	3,650	2,080
Total	12,040	3,320	9,920	5,440

Table H4 depicts the distribution of departments based upon both the Carnegie classification of the parent institution and the highest degree offered. In almost two-thirds of the cases, the highest degree awarded is consistent with the Carnegie classification, and the highest degree awarded in most of the remaining departments is lower than the Carnegie classification of the parent institution. There are only twenty-one departments (or about 2% of the total number of departments) where the highest degree offered exceeds the Carnegie Classification of the parent institution.

Table H4: Estimated Number of Departments by Carnegie Classification and Highest Degree Awarded

Carnegie Classification	Highest Degree Offered			Total
	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorate	
Baccalaureate College	280	5	-	285
Masters University	249	148	16	413
Doctoral University	25	51	155	231
Total	554	204	171	929

Students are the lifeblood of any program; without students, it would difficult to justify a department. Certainly some of the courses in History are offered to non-majors, but the number of majors is an important indicator of the vitality of the department. Table H5 presents the number of bachelors degrees completed in 2006-07 and Table H6 shows the number of juniors and seniors who had declared a major as of the beginning of the Fall 2007 term. It appears that the average number of students pursuing an undergraduate major in departments that award a doctorate is quite large.

Table H5: Bachelors Degrees Completed in History in the 2006-07 Academic Year

Carnegie Classification	Average Number of Bachelors Degrees Awarded	Number of Departments	Total Number of Bachelors Degrees Awarded
Baccalaureate College	23.3	285	6,630
Masters University	26.4	413	10,920
Doctoral University	91.6	231	21,150
Highest Degree Offered	Average Number of Bachelors Degrees Awarded	Number of Departments	Total Number of Bachelors Degrees Awarded
Bachelors	23.1	554	12,780
Masters	34.8	204	7,090
Doctorate	110.1	171	18,830
Total	41.7	929	38,700

Table H6: Number of Juniors and Seniors with Declared Major in History as of the Beginning of the Fall 2007 Term

Carnegie Classification	Average Number of Juniors & Seniors with Declared Major	Number of Departments	Total Number of Juniors & Seniors with Declared Major
Baccalaureate College	55.5	285	15,820
Masters University	99.2	413	40,950
Doctoral University	219.0	231	50,580
Highest Degree Offered	Average Number of Juniors & Seniors with Declared Major	Number of Departments	Total Number of Juniors & Seniors with Declared Major
Bachelors	59.0	554	32,710
Masters	157.1	204	32,050
Doctorate	249.1	171	42,590
Total	115.6	929	107,350

Some of these juniors and seniors will change majors prior to completing a degree and others will not complete a degree at all. However, considering the data presented in Tables H5 and H6, it appears that the number of students completing bachelor's degrees in departments that offer a degree in History will remain stable or show a slight increase for the next two years. Table H7 shows the number of students completing a minor in History during the 2006-07 Academic Year. The average number of students pursuing a minor in departments which offer a bachelors or masters degree in History is very similar, and the average number of students minoring in History in departments that award a doctorate is more than twice as high.

Table H7: Number of Students Completing a Minor in History during the 2006-07 Academic Year

Carnegie Classification	Average Number of Students Completing a Minor	Number of Departments	Total Number of Students Completing a Minor
Baccalaureate College	12.3	285	3,510
Masters University	21.5	413	8,890
Doctoral University	36.9	231	8,530
Highest Degree Offered	Average Number of Students Completing a Minor	Number of Departments	Total Number of Students Completing a Minor
Bachelors	17.6	554	9,760
Masters	17.1	204	3,490
Doctorate	44.9	171	7,680
Total	22.5	929	20,930

We also asked respondents about the number of graduate students in their department or program. Table H8 provides a summary of their answers. Since the term “graduate student” was not defined in the questionnaire, it is possible that these numbers include undergraduates enrolled in dual-degree programs, post-baccalaureate students who are not necessarily seeking a degree, and students working toward a masters or doctorate. It is surprising that there are graduate students in departments or programs with a bachelors degree as the highest degree awarded. In addition to dual-degree programs and non-degree seeking students who have already earned a bachelors, it is possible that a few of these students are completing programs that have since been eliminated. Furthermore, it is possible that departments which award a bachelors degree as the highest degree offer graduate courses that support graduate programs in other departments.

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Table H8: Number of Graduate Students During the Fall 2007 Term

Carnegie Classification	Average Number of Graduate Students	Number of Departments	Total Number of Graduate Students
Baccalaureate College	0.3	285	90
Masters University	13.4	413	5,530
Doctoral University	62.5	231	14,440
Highest Degree Offered	Average Number of Graduate Students	Number of Departments	Total Number of Graduate Students
Bachelors	0.6	554	310
Masters	29.2	204	5,960
Doctorate	80.6	171	13,790
Total	21.6	929	20,060

Tables H9, H10, and H11 present data about who is teaching upper division undergraduate classes, graduate classes, and graduate-level independent study in History departments. The data are presented by Carnegie classification and the highest degree the department offers. The total number of upper division sections does not necessarily equal the sum of the sections taught by various faculty members. If the total of the sections taught by various faculty members exceeds the total number of sections offered, it is possible that more than one faculty member taught the same section; if the total is less, then it is possible that the other courses were taught by instructors not falling into one of the faculty classifications included on the survey form.

Table H9: Upper Division Course Sections in History Departments, Fall 2007

By Carnegie Classification				
	Baccalaureate College	Masters University	Doctoral University	Total
Total Number of Upper Division Sections	2,270	4,790	5,010	12,070
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	1,830	4,000	4,070	9,900
Taught by Full-time, Non-Tenure Track Faculty	180	360	330	870
Taught by Part-time Faculty	130	380	490	1,000
Taught by Graduate Students	-	-	70	70
Number of Students Enrolled	33,050	93,710	132,960	259,720
Average Students per Section	14.6	19.6	26.5	21.5
By Highest Degree Offered				
	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorate	Total
Total Number of Upper Division Sections	4,430	3,480	4,160	12,070
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	3,550	2,910	3,440	9,900
Taught by Full-time, Non-Tenure Track Faculty	400	220	250	870
Taught by Part-time Faculty	330	290	380	1,000
Taught by Graduate Students	-	-	70	70
Number of Students Enrolled	74,640	74,390	110,690	259,720
Average Students per Section	16.8	21.4	26.6	21.5

More than eighty percent of the upper division courses in History are taught by tenured or tenure-track, full-time faculty members, and about 7% of these courses are staffed by full-time, non-tenure-track faculty members. One in twelve upper division courses is taught by a part-time faculty member, and only departments which offer a doctorate have graduate students teaching upper division courses. The number of students enrolled in upper division courses in History is fairly consistent across departments that award bachelors and masters degrees as the highest degree the department awards.

Table H10: Graduate Level Course Sections in History Departments, Fall 2007

By Carnegie Classification				
	Baccalaureate College	Masters University	Doctoral University	Total
Total Number of Graduate Level Sections	850	2,560	2,930	6,340
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	850	2,480	2,670	6,000
Taught by Full-time, Non- Tenure Track Faculty	-	30	170	200
Taught by Part-time Faculty	-	80	110	190
Number of Students Enrolled	8,450	22,180	25,320	55,950
Average Students per Section	9.9	8.7	8.6	8.8
By Highest Degree Offered				
	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorate	Total
Total Number of Graduate Level Sections	960	2,270	3,110	6,340
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	940	2,250	2,810	6,000
Taught by Full-time, Non- Tenure Track Faculty	20	30	150	200
Taught by Part-time Faculty	-	80	110	190
Number of Students Enrolled	10,220	22,360	24,370	55,950
Average Students per Section	10.6	9.9	7.8	8.8

About ninety-five percent of the graduate courses in History departments are taught by tenured or tenure-track, full-time faculty members, and about 3% of these courses are staffed by full-time, non-tenure-track faculty members.

Table H11: Graduate Level Independent Study in History Departments, Fall 2007

By Carnegie Classification				
	Baccalaureate College	Masters University	Doctoral University	Total
Total Number of Students Enrolled in Graduate Level Independent Study	810	1,570	7,310	9,690
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	1,520	1,790	6,920	10,230
Taught by Full-time, Non- Tenure Track Faculty	140	-	120	260
Taught by Part-time Faculty	-	-	250	250
Average Number of Students per Department	2.8	3.8	31.6	10.4
By Highest Degree Offered				
	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorate	Total
Total Number of Students Enrolled in Graduate Level Independent Study	960	1,460	7,270	9,690
Taught by Full-time, Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty	1,680	1,650	6,900	10,230
Taught by Full-time, Non- Tenure Track Faculty	140	10	110	260
Taught by Part-time Faculty	-	20	230	250
Average Number of Students per Department	1.7	7.2	42.5	10.4

Almost all of the students enrolled in graduate level independent study are in departments that offer a masters or doctorate in History. The students enrolled in graduate level independent study in departments which offer a bachelors degree as their highest degree could be completing requirements established when the department offered a graduate degree or could be seeking a graduate degree outside the department. This accounts for about 10% of the almost 9,700 students enrolled in graduate level independent study in History departments.

Some data on recruiting, hiring and tenure has already been presented for all disciplines included in this report. (See pages 4 and 5.) We will now focus on recruiting, hiring, and tenure of faculty members for programs and departments that offer degrees in History.

In summary, departments or programs that award degrees in History employ about 12,040 faculty members in full-time positions and 3,320 faculty members in part-time positions. There are approximately 8,430 tenured faculty members and 2,870 tenure-track faculty members. As summarized in Table H12, History departments and programs recruited about 660 tenured, tenure-track, or permanent faculty members for 2008-09 and had hired about 620 for 2007-08. This represents about 5% of the full-time faculty workforce. The 440 faculty members who were granted tenure comprise about one-seventh of the tenure-track faculty corps. An additional 5% of those in tenure-track positions were either denied tenure or left before the tenure decision was made.

Table H12: Faculty Tenure Decisions and Recruiting

Faculty Status	Number	Relative to ...
Tenured Faculty Members	8,430	55% of total faculty members
Tenure-Track Faculty Members (not yet tenured)	2,870	19% of total faculty members
Tenure-Track Faculty Members Granted Tenure	440 per year	15% of tenure-track, not yet tenured faculty
Faculty Members Denied Tenure or Leaving Prior to Tenure Decision	140 per year	5% of tenure-track, not yet tenured faculty
Tenured, Tenure-Track and Permanent Faculty Members Recruited for 2008-09	660	5% of full-time faculty
Tenured, Tenure-Track and Permanent Faculty Members Hired for 2007-08	620	5% of full-time faculty