

Table 41. The 10 largest programs of study at 4-year Title IV institutions, by gender, level of degree, and program of study: United States, academic year 2004-05

Level of degree and program of study ¹	Total	Men	Percent of total	Women	Percent of total
Associate's degrees					
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies	19,459	7,075	36.4	12,384	63.6
Business Administration and Management, General	12,545	4,500	35.9	8,045	64.1
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	9,944	1,204	12.1	8,740	87.9
General Studies	7,822	3,135	40.1	4,687	59.9
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	5,404	3,241	60.0	2,163	40.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	3,255	2,692	82.7	563	17.3
Medical/Clinical Assistant	3,225	178	5.5	3,047	94.5
Business/Commerce, General	3,109	1,064	34.2	2,045	65.8
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	2,584	226	8.7	2,358	91.3
Engineering Technology, General	2,269	2,041	90.0	228	10.0
Bachelor's degrees					
Business Administration and Management, General	119,467	58,840	49.3	60,627	50.7
Psychology, General	80,822	17,971	22.2	62,851	77.8
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	45,540	16,707	36.7	28,833	63.3
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	44,068	4,013	9.1	40,055	90.9
Elementary Education and Teaching	43,915	4,242	9.7	39,673	90.3
English Language and Literature, General	41,125	12,623	30.7	28,502	69.3
Accounting	37,722	15,192	40.3	22,530	59.7
Political Science and Government, General	37,198	19,633	52.8	17,565	47.2
Communication Studies/Speech Communication and Rhetoric	32,055	10,775	33.6	21,280	66.4
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	31,572	14,191	44.9	17,381	55.1
Master's degrees					
Business Administration and Management, General	82,165	49,977	60.8	32,188	39.2
Education, General	25,837	6,018	23.3	19,819	76.7
Elementary Education and Teaching	18,963	2,331	12.3	16,632	87.7
Educational Leadership and Administration, General	17,215	6,521	37.9	10,694	62.1
Social Work	16,841	2,158	12.8	14,683	87.2
Curriculum and Instruction	15,126	2,956	19.5	12,170	80.5
Counselor Education/School Counseling and Guidance Services	12,470	2,207	17.7	10,263	82.3
Special Education and Teaching, General	10,651	1,718	16.1	8,933	83.9
Business/Commerce, General	9,912	6,025	60.8	3,887	39.2
Accounting	9,085	4,041	44.5	5,044	55.5
Doctor's degrees					

Physical Therapy/Therapist	2,987	891	29.8	2,096	70.2
Educational Leadership and Administration, General	2,505	911	36.4	1,594	63.6
Clinical Psychology	2,221	524	23.6	1,697	76.4
Chemistry, General	2,055	1,354	65.9	701	34.1
Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering	1,566	1,347	86.0	219	14.0
Psychology, General	1,447	512	35.4	935	64.6
Education, General	1,437	462	32.2	975	67.8
Physics, General	1,116	963	86.3	153	13.7
English Language and Literature, General	1,038	416	40.1	622	59.9
Curriculum and Instruction	989	243	24.6	746	75.4

First-professional degrees

Law (LL.B., J.D.)	43,423	22,297	51.3	21,126	48.7
Medicine (MD)	15,461	8,151	52.7	7,310	47.3
Pharmacy (PharmD [USA], PharmD or BS/BPharm [Canada])	8,885	2,889	32.5	5,996	67.5
Divinity/Ministry (BD, MDiv.)	5,406	3,476	64.3	1,930	35.7
Dentistry (DDS, DMD)	4,454	2,505	56.2	1,949	43.8
Osteopathic Medicine/Osteopathy (DO)	2,762	1,482	53.7	1,280	46.3
Chiropractic (DC)	2,560	1,665	65.0	895	35.0
Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	2,354	574	24.4	1,780	75.6
Optometry (OD)	1,252	482	38.5	770	61.5
Podiatric Medicine/Podiatry (DPM)	343	195	56.9	148	43.1

¹ Degrees by program of study (6-digit CIP level) are based on the 2000 version of the Classification of Instructional Programs.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Due to natural disaster, 20 institutions were unable to respond to this survey; their data were imputed, and they are represented in this table.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Fall 2005, Completions component.