

Table 310. Mean number of semester credits completed by bachelor's degree recipients, by course area and major: 1976, 1984, and 1992-93

| Selected college major | Course areas | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | Total | Business | Computer science | Education | Engineering | Mathematics | Biological sciences | Physical sciences | Social sciences and psychology | Other |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1972 high school seniors who completed bachelor's degrees by 1976 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all majors | 124.0 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 9.7 | 2.3 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 9.0 | 30.3 | 48.8 |
| Business and management | 124.4 | 41.2 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 30.4 | 32.0 |
| Computer science | 133.3 | 6.6 | 33.5 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 22.4 | 1.9 | 7.8 | 20.6 | 34.8 |
| Education | 126.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 40.2 | — | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 23.9 | 46.4 |
| Engineering | 134.8 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 50.0 | 18.2 | 1.3 | 20.5 | 14.0 | 27.1 |
| English | 117.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 24.2 | 75.2 |
| Fine arts | 124.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 6.6 | — | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 13.6 | 98.4 |
| Life sciences | 122.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.7 | — | 8.4 | 35.6 | 26.2 | 17.8 | 31.3 |
| Physical sciences | 122.7 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 16.2 | 9.6 | 49.5 | 13.1 | 29.2 |
| Psychology | 119.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 56.0 | 36.9 |
| Social sciences | 120.6 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 60.3 | 40.1 |
| 1980 high school seniors who completed bachelor's degrees by 1984 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all majors | 123.5 | 12.8 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 8.4 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 27.5 | 47.2 |
| Business and management | 122.8 | 41.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 27.5 | 32.7 |
| Computer science | 129.3 | 11.8 | 27.9 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 21.3 | 1.8 | 8.5 | 19.0 | 33.9 |
| Education | 127.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 45.5 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 20.8 | 47.3 |
| Engineering | 132.3 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 52.5 | 16.2 | 1.1 | 20.2 | 12.3 | 25.9 |
| English | 114.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 6.9 | — | 2.2 | 2.1 | 4.7 | 21.4 | 74.4 |
| Fine arts | 120.5 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 5.1 | — | 1.7 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 14.1 | 93.1 |
| Life sciences | 121.9 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 10.1 | 33.5 | 22.6 | 18.1 | 33.3 |
| Physical sciences | 124.3 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 14.1 | 12.9 | 48.7 | 11.6 | 30.0 |
| Psychology | 120.7 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | — | 6.5 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 55.2 | 41.2 |
| Social sciences | 119.2 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 52.0 | 43.3 |
| 1988-89 high school seniors who completed bachelor's degrees by 1993 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all majors | 126.5 | 12.8 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 29.5 | 51.7 |
| Business and management | 123.9 | 44.4 | 3.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 7.6 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 23.1 | 37.9 |
| Computer science | 127.6 | 15.7 | 34.3 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 15.7 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 17.6 | 33.5 |
| Education | 126.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 32.6 | — | 5.9 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 24.5 | 51.6 |
| Engineering | 136.9 | 1.4 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 57.9 | 16.7 | 1.4 | 19.0 | 12.2 | 20.8 |
| English | 127.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 22.7 | 87.5 |
| Fine arts | 129.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 19.8 | 95.7 |
| Life sciences | 128.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 33.8 | 23.3 | 20.7 | 37.5 |
| Physical sciences | 129.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 49.3 | 16.9 | 33.2 |
| Psychology | 125.3 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 53.6 | 48.6 |
| Social sciences | 125.5 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 5.1 | 55.7 | 47.6 |
| All bachelor's degree recipients of 1992-93 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all majors | 132.2 | 14.6 | 3.7 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 8.3 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 27.3 | 52.0 |
| Business and management | 129.5 | 46.8 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 8.8 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 23.6 | 37.6 |
| Computer science | 137.0 | 17.4 | 37.1 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 16.7 | 2.5 | 7.5 | 17.3 | 33.0 |
| Education | 135.9 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 40.1 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 24.7 | 50.5 |
| Engineering | 142.1 | 2.1 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 61.3 | 17.8 | 1.3 | 18.1 | 11.4 | 22.8 |
| English | 128.8 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 23.2 | 84.5 |
| Fine arts | 133.4 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 19.3 | 94.7 |
| Life sciences | 132.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 8.7 | 34.8 | 22.3 | 21.3 | 38.2 |
| Physical sciences | 137.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 15.5 | 8.2 | 50.6 | 18.2 | 33.9 |
| Psychology | 129.0 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 52.4 | 52.0 |
| Social sciences | 127.9 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 54.8 | 48.6 |

—Not available.

NOTE: All majors total includes fields not shown separately. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Longitudinal Study of 1972; High School and Beyond; and Baccalaureate and Beyond survey. (This table was prepared January 1999.)