

**Table 290.—Earned degrees in English language and literature/letters conferred by degree-granting institutions, by level of degree and sex of student: 1949–50 to 1999–2000**

Year	Bachelor's degrees			Master's degrees			Doctor's degrees		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1949–50 .....	17,240	8,221	9,019	2,259	1,320	939	230	181	49
1959–60 .....	20,128	7,580	12,548	2,931	1,458	1,473	397	314	83
1969–70 .....	56,410	18,650	37,760	8,517	3,326	5,191	1,213	837	376
1970–71 .....	64,342	22,155	42,187	10,686	4,211	6,475	1,650	1,175	475
1971–72 .....	63,976	22,657	41,319	10,579	4,123	6,456	1,826	1,233	593
1972–73 .....	61,003	22,156	38,847	10,239	4,063	6,176	1,935	1,258	677
1973–74 .....	54,590	20,214	34,376	9,803	3,917	5,886	1,885	1,208	677
1974–75 .....	47,619	17,880	29,739	9,444	3,569	5,875	1,711	1,025	686
1975–76 .....	42,006	16,073	25,933	8,809	3,383	5,426	1,672	967	705
1976–77 .....	37,794	14,295	23,499	8,016	2,985	5,031	1,508	841	667
1977–78 .....	35,328	13,137	22,191	7,655	2,706	4,949	1,400	758	642
1978–79 .....	33,561	12,198	21,363	6,684	2,369	4,315	1,314	708	606
1979–80 .....	32,541	11,380	21,161	6,189	2,233	3,956	1,294	686	608
1980–81 .....	32,254	11,198	21,056	5,929	2,092	3,837	1,164	553	611
1981–82 .....	33,419	11,414	22,005	5,772	1,983	3,789	1,101	511	590
1982–83 .....	31,829	10,859	20,970	5,048	1,710	3,338	991	471	520
1983–84 .....	32,834	11,170	21,664	5,010	1,736	3,274	1,018	459	559
1984–85 .....	33,218	11,334	21,884	5,187	1,786	3,401	1,041	470	571
1985–86 .....	34,552	11,819	22,733	5,518	1,881	3,637	991	428	563
1986–87 .....	36,284	12,353	23,931	5,483	1,891	3,592	961	415	546
1987–88 .....	38,661	12,836	25,825	5,562	1,870	3,692	981	428	553
1988–89 .....	42,470	13,927	28,543	5,950	2,002	3,948	1,022	458	564
1989–90 .....	47,519	15,662	31,857	6,567	2,205	4,362	1,078	480	598
1990–91 .....	51,841	17,146	34,695	7,026	2,296	4,730	1,184	517	667
1991–92 .....	54,951	18,536	36,415	7,450	2,513	4,937	1,273	537	736
1992–93 .....	56,133	19,247	36,886	7,790	2,667	5,123	1,341	550	791
1993–94 .....	53,924	18,425	35,499	7,885	2,712	5,173	1,344	568	776
1994–95 .....	51,901	17,810	34,091	7,845	2,764	5,081	1,561	665	896
1995–96 .....	50,698	17,253	33,445	7,893	2,814	5,079	1,535	590	945
1996–97 .....	49,345	16,531	32,814	7,722	2,733	4,989	1,575	670	905
1997–98 .....	49,708	16,477	33,231	7,795	2,643	5,152	1,639	670	969
1998–99 .....	50,535	16,490	34,045	7,478	2,504	4,974	1,540	612	928
1999–2000 .....	50,920	16,341	34,579	7,230	2,393	4,837	1,628	671	957

NOTE: Includes degrees conferred in English language and literature, general; comparative literature; English composition; English creative writing; American literature; English literature; speech and rhetorical studies; English technical and business writing; and English language and literature/letters, other. Data for 1998–99 imputed using alternative procedures. (See *Guide to Sources* for details.)

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys. (This table was prepared August 2001.)