

**Table 311.—Mean number of semester credits completed by bachelor's degree recipients, by major and course area: 1976, 1984, and 1992–93**

Selected college majors	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										
<b>Mean, all majors</b> .....	<b>124.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>48.8</b>
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										
<b>Mean, all majors</b> .....	<b>123.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>47.2</b>
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										
<b>Mean, all majors</b> .....	<b>126.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>51.7</b>
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										
<b>Mean, all majors</b> .....	<b>132.2</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>52.0</b>
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.)