

Table 307.—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										
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.)