

Enrollment

Enrollment Definitions

Headcount Student Major is the actual count of individual students who have selected a given major. Every student is assigned a “major,” even though it may be only an administrative classification (e.g., “non-degree” or “undeclared”).

At the undergraduate level, the count of student majors includes students’ declared primary and secondary majors. In the case of multiple majors, the enrollment is attributed to both departments. For example, if a student declares a primary major in Journalism and a secondary major in Political Science, both departments in their respective colleges receive credit for the enrollment.

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student Majors show how many headcount students there would be if all students took a “full” credit load (15 credits for undergraduates; 9 for graduate students, effective Spring 1992). We look at the credits generated by students within each major regardless of where the courses are offered and then divide by 15 or 9, as appropriate. For undergraduate FTE student majors, the number of credits are distributed based on the number of declared majors. As in the previous example, half of the student’s total credits would be assigned to Journalism, and half would be assigned to Political Science. Prior to Fall 1995, all credits were attributed to Journalism.

FTE Instructed Students is a measure of instruction offered and consumed, regardless of the majors of the students taught. We look at the credits generated in the courses *offered* by each discipline, calculate full-time equivalency, and then distribute instruction according to “majors” and “non-majors.” FTE instructed “majors” are defined as students with **any** declared major within the department or program offering the course; instructional credits for “majors” are assigned when the student taking the course is also a major in the department offering the course. All other students, including those without a declared major or pre-majors, are defined as “non-majors.” In the case of the student with majors in Journalism and Political Science, FTEs generated in Journalism and Political Science would be classified as instruction to **majors** in the respective

departments. Previously, only Journalism would have been credited with instruction in the major.

Unlike FTE Student Majors, calculation of FTE Instructed Students depends on the level of the course being taken and the level of the student taking the course. For undergraduate courses (those numbered 100-499) we always divide by 15, whether the student is undergraduate or graduate. Similarly, for graduate courses (those numbered 600-899) we always divide by 9. For courses numbered 500-599, however, we look to see what kind of student is taking the course: if undergraduate, we divide by 15; if graduate, we divide by 9.

Data Comparability

Enrollment data presented in the *Factbook* are based on the current organizational structure of academic units and departments. During the course of any given semester, organizational, departmental or programmatic changes may occur. Therefore, school or college totals may not be directly comparable to previous semesters due to the consolidation, reassignment, or suspension of selected academic programs. In many cases, these changes (e.g., program name change, addition or consolidation of undergraduate majors) do not affect the numbers at the school or college level. In addition, enrollment numbers are not directly comparable to previous semesters due to the inclusion of students with multiple majors.

The following organizational or programmatic changes are in effect for academic years 1998-99 and 1999-00:

- Interdisciplinary programs are included with the school or college responsible for the administration of the program. Accordingly, data for Neuroscience and Behavior are reported with the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Interdisciplinary majors in Linguistics are reported with Linguistics in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.
- The interdisciplinary program of Slavic and Eastern European Studies has moved to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

- The department of Forestry and Wildlife Management in the College of Food and Natural Resources has been renamed Natural Resources Conservation.
- The Floriculture major in the department of Plant and Soil Sciences in the College of Food and Natural Resources has been renamed Horticulture.