

Table 17.

First-Time Freshmen by Major Department at Time of Admission

Fall Quarter

2006			2016		
Major Department	n	%	Major Department	n	%
Biology	807	17.6%	Biology	1,427	24.8%
Chemistry	279	6.1%	Mathematics	355	6.2%
Bioengineering	241	5.3%	Chemistry	310	5.4%
Economics	233	5.1%	Economics	300	5.2%
Mechanical & Aerospace Eng.	233	5.1%	Psychology	254	4.4%
Political Science	217	4.7%	Cognitive Science	204	3.6%
Psychology	177	3.9%	Mechanical & Aerospace Eng.	204	3.6%
Computer Science & Eng. (CSE)	147	3.2%	Political Science	178	3.1%
Communications	125	2.7%	Physics	177	3.1%
International Studies	125	2.7%	International Studies	168	2.9%
Electrical & Computer Eng. (ECE)	117	2.5%	Computer Science & Eng. (CSE)	147	2.6%
Mathematics	116	2.5%	Electrical & Computer Eng. (ECE)	125	2.2%
Structural Engineering	92	2.0%	Structural Engineering	102	1.8%
Literature	84	1.8%	Bioengineering	87	1.5%
Visual Arts	59	1.3%	Communications	83	1.4%
History	49	1.1%	SIO	76	1.3%
Chemical Engineering	42	0.9%	Sociology	68	1.2%
Physics	40	0.9%	Visual Arts	64	1.1%
Cognitive Science	31	0.7%	Environmental Systems	56	1.0%
Theatre	29	0.6%	Literature	55	1.0%
Anthropology	27	0.6%	Public Health	49	0.9%
Sociology	27	0.6%	Chemical Engineering	44	0.8%
Environmental Systems	24	0.5%	Nano Engineering	41	0.7%
Music	17	0.4%	History	28	0.5%
Philosophy	16	0.3%	Linguistics	23	0.4%
Subtotal	3,354	73.1%	Subtotal	4,625	80.5%
Other Majors	70	1.5%	Other Majors	128	2.2%
Undeclared Majors	1,165	25.4%	Undeclared Majors	993	17.3%
TOTAL	4,589	100.0%	TOTAL	5,746	100.0%

Similar to 2006, biology is the most popular declared major among new freshmen. Approximately 25% of all new freshmen report majoring in biology.