Trends in Majors/Certificates Associated with Undergraduate Degrees

• Over the past 10 years, the number of bachelors degrees has increased by about 350 to about 6,500 annually.

• Over the same time period, the number of awards associated with those degrees (major and certificates) has increased by about 1,400, to about 9,600 annually.

• Most of that growth is associated with an increase in certificates, which have more than doubled from 674 awards in 2004 to 1419 awards in 2013.

• Over the same time period the number of undergraduate certificate programs has also doubled from 30 to 60.

• The overall ratio of majors and certificates to degrees has increased from 1.33 in 2003 to 1.49 in 2012; the percent completing two or more majors/certificates has increased from 28% to 38%.

• L&S has seen the largest gain in the number of majors and certificates per degree in the past ten years; L&S awarded nearly 1,000 more majors and certificates in 2012 than in 2003, compared to around 100 more degrees.
Examples of Structure of Degrees/Awards

One degree, one major.

- BS-Mechanical Eng
- Mechanical Engineering

One degree, two majors.

- BS-Nursing
- Nursing
- Additional Major in Spanish

One degree, two majors, one certificate
(one degree, three awards)

- BS
- Biology
- Environmental Studies
- Certificate in Mathematics

One degree, one major, two certificates
(one degree, three awards)

- BA
- Sociology
- Certificate in American Indian Studies
- Certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies
Trends in Undergraduate Certificate Awards and Programs

Total Number of Undergraduate Certificates Awarded, 2004-2013

Trends in Number of Undergraduate Certificate Programs, 2004-2013

Ratio of Certificates Awarded per Certificate Program, 2004-2013
Over the past 10 years, the number of bachelors degrees has increased by about 350 to about 6500 annually.

Over the same time period, the number of awards associated with those degrees (major and certificates) has increased by about 1400, to about 9600 annually.

The overall ratio of majors and certificates to degrees has increased from 1.33 in 2003 to 1.49 in 2012.

The ratio of certificates to degrees has doubled since 2003.
The percent of degree recipients with a single award has decreased from 72% to 62% in the past 10 years; the percent completing two or more majors/certificates has increased from 28% to 38%.

The percent of students with three majors has doubled in the past ten years (from 3% to 6%); this is an increase from 235 to 489 major/certificate awards.
• L&S has seen the largest gain in the number of majors and certificates per degree in the past ten years.
• L&S awarded nearly 1,000 more majors and certificates in 2012 than in 2003, compared to 100 more degrees.
• L&S and Business have above-average ratio of majors and certificates per degree.

Bachelor's degrees awarded in Nursing, Pharmacy, and the School of Medicine and Public Health are included in the overall ratio.