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Plan Group Code	Doctoral Major	PhD Completions 2000-2004 Entrance Cohorts			
		Combined Entrance Cohort Size	% PhD Degrees Completed within 10 Years		
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018	African Languages and Literature	15	33	58	-24
021	Agricultural and Applied Economics	46	59	66	-8
054	Agronomy	8	75	80	-5
065	Animal Sciences	16	69	64	5
067	Anthropology	64	28	60	-32
090	Art History	13	54	52	2
094	Astronomy	22	86	67	20
675	Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	36	58	44	14
103	Biochemistry	204	67	66	1
038	Biological Systems Engineering	14	50	67	-17
115	Biomedical Engineering	54	50	75	-25
117	Biophysics	23	70	81	-11
121	Botany	43	70	70	0
133	Business	80	66	80	-13
236	Cancer Biology	47	79	87	-8
147	Cellular and Molecular Biology	150	73	78	-5
149	Cellular and Molecular Pathology	26	58	79	-21
148	Chemical Engineering	103	84	81	4
153	Chemistry	297	71	67	4
171	Chinese	13	69	33	36
175	Civil and Environmental Engineering	102	68	62	6
189	Classics	15	60	46	14
201	Communication Arts	57	58	69	-11
216	Communication Sciences and Disorders	27	81	75	7
221	Comparative Biomedical Sciences	50	66	33	33
225	Comparative Literature	27	22	59	-37
229	Computer Sciences	211	45	54	-8
237	Counseling Psychology	39	74	69	5
242	Curriculum and Instruction	180	68	66	2
247	Dairy Science	23	78	66	12
250	Development	26	54	58	-4
261	Economics	184	51	58	-7
273	Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis	200	42	53	-11
279	Educational Policy Studies	55	45	70	-24
283	Educational Psychology	76	74	57	17
382	Electrical Engineering	228	59	68	-9
391	Endocrinology - Reproductive Physiology	26	62	45	17
400	Engineering Mechanics	17	53	79	-26
405	English	141	62	64	-2
409	Entomology	19	47	73	-26
593	Environment and Resources	39	59	62	-3
411	Environmental Chemistry and Technology	15	80	67	13
436	Food Science	38	58	68	-10
441	Forestry	26	73	75	-2
445	French	28	54	58	-5
617	Freshwater and Marine Science	13	85	62	23
459	Genetics	73	82	60	22
463	Geography	49	45	59	-15
486	Geological Engineering	8	63	0	63
468	Geoscience	45	56	62	-7

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477	German	37	49	62	-13
497	Hebrew and Semitic Studies	19	26	51	-25
499	History	143	65	55	10
517	History of Science, Medicine and Technology	26	50	59	-9
531	Horticulture	11	64	78	-14
549	Human Ecology	31	42	72	-30
564	Industrial Engineering	104	62	61	0
580	Italian	18	56	66	-10
583	Japanese	4	50	100	-50
768	Kinesiology	15	60	72	-12
596	Languages and Cultures of Asia	34	26	67	-40
612	Library and Information Studies	16	31	51	-19
621	Linguistics	18	11	57	-46
630	Mass Communications	69	68	69	-1
670	Materials Engineering	14	71	75	-4
632	Materials Science	70	66	75	-9
634	Mathematics	148	57	60	-3
643	Mechanical Engineering	114	72	67	5
655	Medical Physics	60	78	74	4
677	Microbiology	109	78	80	-2
682	Molecular & Environmental Toxicology	39	62	73	-11
749	Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology	81	74	75	-1
687	Music	33	42	65	-23
688	Music: Performance	118	66	57	9
710	Neuroscience	51	84	74	10
713	Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics	37	62	67	-5
712	Nursing	48	71	78	-7
717	Nutritional Sciences	37	81	73	8
744	Pharmaceutical Sciences	41	68	93	-24
765	Philosophy	49	47	59	-12
783	Physics	155	73	68	5
792	Physiology	28	71	77	-5
794	Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics	44	75	78	-3
796	Plant Pathology	30	67	73	-7
805	Political Science	94	53	56	-3
807	Population Health	28	61	78	-17
810	Portuguese	5	100	57	43
832	Psychology	74	72	78	-6
868	Rehabilitation Psychology	24	92	100	-8
900	Scandinavian Studies	10	30	57	-27
908	Second Language Acquisition	10	50	61	-11
913	Slavic Languages and Literatures	28	25	45	-20
912	Social and Administrative Sciences in Pharmacy	13	69	100	-31
916	Social Welfare	40	58	64	-7
922	Sociology	145	53	61	-8
931	Soil Science	17	71	79	-9
936	Spanish	53	36	66	-30
101	Special Education	22	77	60	17
949	Statistics	96	72	66	6
971	Theatre and Drama	21	86	71	14

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979	Urban and Regional Planning	11	18	69	-51	
991	Wildlife Ecology	11	64	47	17	
995	Zoology	52	58	72	-15	

Doctoral Completions are based on entrance cohorts, determined by the first term that a student is in a PhD Plan in a given program, even if they earn a Master's degree after that term or are enrolled in a master's program in previous terms. A student who switches between programs will appear in multiple cohorts. A cohort consists of students whose first term in a doctoral program was in a Summer, Fall, or Spring term of a given year. For instance, the 2011 cohort is made up of students who started in Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011. Programs that have been discontinued or that were implemented after 2004 are not listed.

Peer programs chosen using U.S. Department of Education CIP codes.