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UW-Madison Degrees Awarded: 2015-16

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African Languages and Literature	6	8.5	0.5	9.0	144	4.03	3.98	4.01	0.02	✓
Afro-American Studies	11	9.1	1.0	10.1	136	6.03	4.49	4.65	1.37	✓
Agricultural and Applied Economics	29	8.1	0.6	8.7	126	3.85	3.97	4.11	-0.26	✕
Agricultural Business Management	32	8.3	1.1	9.4	125	3.96	3.97	3.97	-0.01	✕
Agronomy	18	8.5	1.2	9.7	128	4.09	4.16	4.18	-0.09	✓
Animal Sciences	47	8.3	0.7	9.0	136	3.92	3.93	3.94	-0.02	
Anthropology	39	8.2	0.9	9.2	139	3.90	4.05	4.12	-0.22	
Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics	11	8.2	0.9	9.1	151	3.89	4.22	4.35	-0.46	✓
Art	64	8.9	1.2	10.1	148	4.26	4.23	4.23	0.02	
Art Education	3	10.0	0.0	10.0	166	4.71	4.39	4.38	0.33	✓
Art History	28	8.1	1.0	9.1	139	3.95	3.89	3.96	-0.01	
Asian Studies	33	9.1	1.5	10.6	149	4.75	4.12	4.04	0.71	✕
Astronomy - Physics	18	8.6	0.7	9.3	155	4.38	4.27	4.33	0.04	✓
Athletic Training	22	9.0	0.9	9.9	145	4.27	4.02	4.04	0.23	✕
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	15	8.0	0.8	8.8	142	3.76	4.04	4.06	-0.30	✓
Biochemistry	211	8.0	0.9	8.9	143	3.82	3.91	3.92	-0.11	
Biological Systems Engineering	43	9.6	1.1	10.7	150	4.70	4.12	4.18	0.53	✕
Biology	563	8.1	1.0	9.1	139	3.92	3.92	3.94	-0.02	
Biomedical Engineering	88	8.5	1.2	9.7	158	4.04	3.89	3.95	0.09	✕
Botany	8	7.8	0.5	8.3	146	3.66	3.82	3.82	-0.16	✕
Business: Accounting	165	8.1	0.8	8.8	141	3.86	3.97	3.98	-0.12	
Business: Actuarial Science	62	7.9	0.5	8.4	138	3.73	3.81	3.81	-0.08	
Business: Finance, Investment and Banking	253	8.1	0.6	8.7	140	3.87	3.86	3.88	-0.01	
Business: Information Systems	12	8.1	0.9	9.0	148	5.25	4.00	4.00	1.25	
Business: International Business	26	8.2	0.7	8.9	157	3.88	3.99	4.00	-0.12	
Business: Management and Human Resources	118	8.2	0.5	8.6	136	3.91	3.91	4.02	-0.10	
Business: Marketing	205	8.2	0.5	8.6	138	3.98	3.85	3.85	0.13	
Business: Operations and Technology Management	37	8.3	0.6	9.0	141	4.01	3.85	3.83	0.18	
Business: Real Estate and Urban Land Economics	74	8.2	0.4	8.6	140	3.91	3.91	3.95	-0.04	
Business: Risk Management and Insurance	92	7.9	0.4	8.2	137	3.71	4.02	4.05	-0.34	
Cartography and Geographic Information Systems	14	8.3	0.5	8.8	140	4.27	4.12	4.12	0.15	✓
Chemical Engineering	96	9.3	1.9	11.2	158	4.59	4.07	4.11	0.48	✕
Chemistry	82	8.5	1.2	9.7	147	4.14	4.04	4.08	0.06	✕
Chinese	21	8.3	1.5	9.8	152	4.64	3.89	3.87	0.77	
Civil Engineering	99	9.4	1.3	10.7	154	4.50	4.17	4.19	0.31	✕
Classical Humanities	9	8.7	0.3	9.0	142	4.10	4.03	4.09	0.01	
Classics	6	8.6	1.8	10.4	168	4.09	4.03	4.09	0.00	
Communication Arts	291	8.1	0.8	8.9	128	3.95	3.98	3.98	-0.04	
Communication Sciences and Disorders	78	8.1	0.5	8.6	135	3.81	3.74	3.74	0.07	
Community and Environmental Sociology	33	8.2	0.8	9.0	131	4.20	4.20	4.23	-0.03	
Community and Nonprofit Leadership	53	8.1	1.0	9.1	133	3.89	4.11	4.11	-0.22	
Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies	4	8.0	1.3	9.3	162	3.72	3.92	4.01	-0.29	✕
Computer Engineering	58	8.9	0.7	9.7	148	4.37	4.16	4.18	0.19	
Computer Sciences	259	8.6	0.8	9.4	140	4.26	4.06	4.07	0.19	✕
Conservation Biology	43	8.6	0.4	9.0	137	4.28	4.05	4.08	0.21	
Dairy Science	17	8.0	1.0	9.0	131	4.37	3.92	3.94	0.43	

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Dance	9	8.6	1.4	10.0	158	4.01	4.08	4.09	-0.08	✓
Economics	547	8.1	0.9	9.0	134	3.98	3.97	4.02	-0.04	
Electrical Engineering	67	8.9	0.9	9.8	147	4.43	4.18	4.23	0.20	✘
Elementary Education	102	8.8	0.7	9.5	145	4.25	3.96	3.99	0.26	✘
Engineering Mechanics	24	9.9	1.0	10.9	154	4.72	4.14	4.17	0.55	✘
Engineering Physics	3	8.7	1.7	10.3	160	4.26	4.00	4.10	0.16	✘
English	179	8.4	0.8	9.2	137	4.20	4.03	4.09	0.11	
Entomology	4	7.3	2.0	9.3	132	3.56	3.87	3.89	-0.33	
Environmental Sciences	33	8.5	0.7	9.2	138	3.99	4.08	4.09	-0.10	
Environmental Studies	108	8.1	0.7	8.8	138	3.93	4.11	4.12	-0.19	
Food Science	41	8.3	0.8	9.1	140	3.94	3.97	3.99	-0.05	✘
Forest Science	12	8.0	1.3	9.3	133	4.06	3.93	3.93	0.12	✘
French	27	8.3	1.0	9.3	157	4.03	3.92	3.96	0.07	
Gender and Women's Studies	52	8.4	1.1	9.5	136	4.09	4.03	4.06	0.02	✘
Genetics	84	8.1	1.0	9.1	139	3.84	3.89	3.89	-0.05	
Geography	34	8.1	0.6	8.7	136	3.96	4.40	4.40	-0.45	✓
Geological Engineering	34	9.5	0.7	10.2	159	4.52	3.92	3.85	0.67	✘
Geology and Geophysics	54	9.3	0.8	10.1	154	4.43	4.14	4.17	0.26	
German	21	8.2	0.8	9.0	156	3.89	4.00	4.02	-0.13	
History	171	8.0	0.7	8.7	134	3.89	4.09	4.15	-0.26	
History and History of Science, Medicine and Technology	5	7.0	0.5	7.5	127	3.22	4.23	4.27	-1.05	
History of Science, Medicine and Technology	6	9.8	1.0	10.8	136	4.69	4.23	4.27	0.41	
Horticulture	13	8.6	0.6	9.1	139	4.16	4.64	4.64	-0.47	✘
Human Development and Family Studies	122	8.1	1.1	9.2	131	4.00	3.96	3.99	0.01	
Industrial Engineering	83	8.8	1.2	10.1	150	4.25	4.20	4.20	0.05	
Interior Architecture	26	8.2	0.8	9.0	136	3.93	4.16	4.16	-0.23	
International Studies	160	8.0	0.8	8.8	137	3.96	3.89	3.89	0.07	
Italian	4	8.0	0.7	8.7	161	3.72	4.09	4.17	-0.45	✓
Japanese	14	9.2	1.4	10.5	169	4.61	4.17	4.22	0.40	
Jewish Studies	4	7.7	0.0	7.7	133	3.72	3.57	3.51	0.21	✘
Journalism	217	8.0	0.6	8.6	132	3.82	3.87	3.89	-0.07	
Kinesiology	105	8.5	1.3	9.8	142	4.04	4.03	4.03	0.00	
Landscape Architecture	11	10.0	0.7	10.7	159	4.76	4.87	4.90	-0.14	✓
Languages and Cultures of Asia	11	9.1	1.0	10.1	144	4.44	4.05	4.21	0.24	✘
Latin	1	10.0	0.0	10.0	205	4.71	4.60	4.60	0.11	✓
Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies	15	8.0	0.5	8.5	137	3.87	4.05	4.21	-0.33	✓
Legal Studies	101	8.2	0.9	9.1	131	4.02	4.11	4.11	-0.09	✓
Life Sciences Communication	80	8.4	1.3	9.7	129	4.18	3.95	3.95	0.23	
Linguistics	17	8.8	0.8	9.6	158	4.41	4.03	4.09	0.33	
Materials Science and Engineering	38	9.2	1.0	10.2	155	4.72	4.09	4.15	0.57	✘
Mathematics	187	8.3	0.9	9.2	144	3.95	3.97	4.02	-0.07	
Mechanical Engineering	203	9.1	0.8	9.9	148	4.34	4.16	4.22	0.12	✘
Microbiology	98	8.4	0.9	9.3	139	3.94	3.90	3.90	0.04	
Molecular Biology	23	8.2	1.0	9.2	154	3.91	3.67	3.63	0.28	✘
Music	21	9.1	0.8	9.9	153	4.44	4.13	4.14	0.29	
Music: Education	10	8.9	0.3	9.2	150	4.21	4.14	4.13	0.08	✘

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Music: Performance	13	8.2	0.7	8.9	156	4.20	4.09	4.11	0.09	
Nuclear Engineering	33	8.9	1.2	10.2	157	4.40	4.14	4.14	0.26	✘
Nursing	150	9.0	0.6	9.6	147	4.37	4.07	4.05	0.32	
Nutritional Sciences	89	8.2	1.0	9.2	135	3.85	4.10	4.26	-0.41	✓
Personal Finance	51	8.3	1.1	9.4	130	4.10	3.87	3.88	0.21	
Pharmaceutical Sciences	42	5.2	0.2	5.4	158	4.41	3.89	3.89	0.52	✘
Pharmacology and Toxicology	22	7.9	1.2	9.1	148	3.67	3.94	3.94	-0.27	
Philosophy	45	8.3	0.8	9.1	137	4.00	4.06	4.11	-0.11	✘
Physics	42	8.7	0.8	9.5	156	4.28	3.82	3.82	0.47	✘
Plant Pathology	9	7.9	0.4	8.3	139	3.67	3.82	3.82	-0.15	
Political Science	332	8.0	0.8	8.7	134	3.92	3.93	3.94	-0.03	
Portuguese	2	9.0	0.5	9.5	151	4.35	4.08	4.08	0.26	
Poultry Science	2	7.0	2.5	9.5	144	3.49	3.92	3.94	-0.45	
Psychology	346	8.2	0.8	9.0	138	4.04	3.96	3.98	0.06	
Rehabilitation Psychology	86	8.4	1.1	9.6	135	4.04	3.93	4.06	-0.02	
Religious Studies	12	8.2	1.5	9.6	139	4.00	4.05	4.06	-0.06	✓
Retailing and Consumer Behavior	63	8.1	1.3	9.4	129	3.94	4.17	4.18	-0.24	✓
Russian	15	9.8	1.7	11.4	177	4.85	4.06	4.16	0.69	✘
Scandinavian Studies	13	8.4	1.0	9.4	145	4.03	4.24	4.37	-0.34	✓
Social Welfare	58	8.3	1.2	9.5	127	4.13	4.07	4.07	0.05	✘
Social Work	31	8.1	0.4	8.6	130	3.81	4.07	4.07	-0.26	
Sociology	110	8.3	0.8	9.1	131	4.28	4.22	4.25	0.03	
Soil Science	4	9.0	0.0	9.0	131	4.53	4.07	4.07	0.46	✘
Spanish	257	8.2	0.9	9.1	149	3.93	3.94	3.97	-0.04	
Special Education	38	8.2	0.8	9.0	139.2	3.91	4.02	4.08	-0.17	
Statistics	60	8.6	0.8	9.3	145.2	4.11	3.91	3.95	0.16	
Textiles and Fashion Design	18	8.5	1.0	9.5	142	4.05	4.05	4.05	0.00	
Theatre and Drama	22	8.3	1.2	9.5	142	4.12	4.07	4.10	0.02	✘
Wildlife Ecology	30	8.1	0.7	8.7	137	3.78	4.19	4.19	-0.41	✓
Zoology	99	8.4	0.8	9.2	138	4.08	3.94	3.94	0.13	✘
<b>Total</b>	<b>6896</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>4.07</b>	<b>4.03</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>0.01</b>	