

Declared Majors, Continuing Students

Data updated October 1, 2008

Majors Declared as of October 1

The tables on these pages represent a "snapshot" of majors and minors declared by all continuing Colby students ("continuing" includes those enrolled full-time, as well as those studying off-campus or on temporary leave; excludes part-time and course auditors) on October 1. These individual students are counted for any fall semester (as of October 1) that they were a declared major or minor. Double majors and double minors are counted in both fields of study (duplicated). Those registered as "undeclared" majors not listed.

Majors that do not appear in this table had no majors for the most recent 5-year period.

Percents represent declared majors as a proportion of all declared majors (not students) in that year (duplicated).

Snapshot of Declared Majors on October 1:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Declared Majors (continuing students; duplicated)	1799	1855	1922	1982	1881
Declared majors: Enrolled students only	1596 (88.7%)	1654 (89.2%)	1707 (88.8%)	1767 (89.2%)	1699 (90.3%)
Declared majors: Off-campus or on temporary leave	203 (11.3%)	201 (10.8%)	215 (11.2%)	215 (10.8%)	182 (9.7%)
Unduplicated Counts of Continuing Students	2027	2059	2066	2071	2023
Individual students with declared majors	1395 (68.8%)	1433 (69.6%)	1477 (71.5%)	1504 (72.6%)	1453 (71.8%)
Enrolled	1246 (61.5%)	1285 (62.4%)	1321 (63.9%)	1340 (64.7%)	1317 (65.1%)
Studying off-campus or on temporary leave	149 (7.4%)	148 (7.2%)	156 (7.6%)	164 (7.9%)	136 (6.7%)
Individual students with undeclared / no majors	632 (31.2%)	626 (30.4%)	589 (28.5%)	565 (27.3%)	570 (28.2%)
Enrolled	575 (28.4%)	586 (28.5%)	544 (26.3%)	525 (25.4%)	530 (26.2%)
Studying off-campus or on temporary leave	57 (2.8%)	40 (1.9%)	45 (2.2%)	40 (1.9%)	40 (2.0%)
Double Majors (% of individual students with declared majors)	404 (29.0%)	422 (29.4%)	445 (30.1%)	476 (31.6%)	428 (29.5%)

Ranked list of Fall 2008 declared majors, by department / program

	Count of Majors	% of All Continuing Students	% of Continuing Students with Declared Majors
Department of Economics	228	11.27%	15.69%
Department of Biology	213	10.53%	14.66%
Department of Government	153	7.56%	10.53%
Department of English	139	6.87%	9.57%
International Studies Program	129	6.38%	8.88%
Department of History	127	6.28%	8.74%
Department of Psychology	115	5.68%	7.91%
Department of Mathematics	95	4.70%	6.54%
Environmental Studies Program	82	4.05%	5.64%
Department of Chemistry	67	3.31%	4.61%
Department of Anthropology	58	2.87%	3.99%
Department of Art	49	2.42%	3.37%
Department of Physics	43	2.13%	2.96%
Department of French and Italian	39	1.93%	2.68%
Department of Sociology	39	1.93%	2.68%
Department of Classics	38	1.88%	2.62%
Department of Philosophy	36	1.78%	2.48%
Department of Spanish	30	1.48%	2.06%
Department of Music	26	1.29%	1.79%
American Studies Program	25	1.24%	1.72%
Department of Geology	21	1.04%	1.45%
Department of Religious Studies	20	0.99%	1.38%
Department of East Asian Studies	15	0.74%	1.03%
Department of German and Russian	15	0.74%	1.03%
Latin American Studies Program	14	0.69%	0.96%
Department of Computer Science	14	0.69%	0.96%
Education and Human Development Major (Ind)	13	0.64%	0.89%
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program	10	0.49%	0.69%
Independent Major	10	0.49%	0.69%
Science, Technology, and Society Program	9	0.44%	0.62%
Department of Theater and Dance	7	0.35%	0.48%
African-American Studies	2	0.10%	0.14%

Snapshot of Declared Majors on October 1:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Humanities	501 (27.8%)	505 (27.2%)	500 (26.0%)	465 (23.5%)	394 (20.9%)
Department of Art	72 (4.0%)	71 (3.8%)	64 (3.3%)	60 (3.0%)	49 (2.6%)
Art	46 (2.6%)	43 (2.3%)	34 (1.8%)	27 (1.4%)	18 (1.0%)
Art: History	12 (0.7%)	12 (0.6%)	18 (0.9%)	18 (0.9%)	18 (1.0%)
Art: Studio	12 (0.7%)	12 (0.6%)	9 (0.5%)	10 (0.5%)	9 (0.5%)
Art: Studio and History	2 (0.1%)	4 (0.2%)	3 (0.2%)	5 (0.3%)	4 (0.2%)
Department of Classics	23 (1.3%)	34 (1.8%)	40 (2.1%)	41 (2.1%)	38 (2.0%)
Classical Civilization	12 (0.7%)	18 (1.0%)	19 (1.0%)	21 (1.1%)	18 (1.0%)
Classical Civilization: Anthropology				1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)
Classical Civilization: English	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	5 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)	4 (0.2%)
Classics	10 (0.6%)	15 (0.8%)	14 (0.7%)	15 (0.8%)	15 (0.8%)
Classics: English			2 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	
Department of East Asian Studies	16 (0.9%)	25 (1.3%)	32 (1.7%)	30 (1.5%)	15 (0.8%)
East Asian Studies	16 (0.9%)	25 (1.3%)	32 (1.7%)	30 (1.5%)	15 (0.8%)
Department of English	186 (10.3%)	179 (9.6%)	176 (9.2%)	150 (7.6%)	139 (7.4%)
English	145 (8.1%)	149 (8.0%)	135 (7.0%)	109 (5.5%)	103 (5.5%)
English: Creative Writing	41 (2.3%)	30 (1.6%)	41 (2.1%)	41 (2.1%)	36 (1.9%)
Department of French and Italian	48 (2.7%)	39 (2.1%)	50 (2.6%)	45 (2.3%)	39 (2.1%)
French Literature	1 (0.1%)				
French Studies	47 (2.6%)	39 (2.1%)	50 (2.6%)	45 (2.3%)	39 (2.1%)
Department of German and Russian	18 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)	21 (1.1%)	17 (0.9%)	15 (0.8%)
German	2 (0.1%)	4 (0.2%)	5 (0.3%)		
German Language, Literature, and Culture	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)
German Studies	9 (0.5%)	6 (0.3%)	8 (0.4%)	9 (0.5%)	6 (0.3%)
Russian Language and Culture	5 (0.3%)	5 (0.3%)	6 (0.3%)	6 (0.3%)	8 (0.4%)
Department of Music	29 (1.6%)	41 (2.2%)	31 (1.6%)	27 (1.4%)	26 (1.4%)
Music	29 (1.6%)	41 (2.2%)	31 (1.6%)	27 (1.4%)	26 (1.4%)
Department of Philosophy	42 (2.3%)	39 (2.1%)	30 (1.6%)	31 (1.6%)	36 (1.9%)
Philosophy	42 (2.3%)	39 (2.1%)	30 (1.6%)	31 (1.6%)	36 (1.9%)
Department of Spanish	51 (2.8%)	42 (2.3%)	46 (2.4%)	54 (2.7%)	30 (1.6%)
Spanish	51 (2.8%)	42 (2.3%)	46 (2.4%)	54 (2.7%)	30 (1.6%)
Department of Theater and Dance	16 (0.9%)	18 (1.0%)	10 (0.5%)	10 (0.5%)	7 (0.4%)
Theater and Dance (2003 and later classes)	16 (0.9%)	18 (1.0%)	10 (0.5%)	10 (0.5%)	7 (0.4%)
Interdisciplinary	245 (13.6%)	269 (14.5%)	295 (15.3%)	282 (14.2%)	294 (15.6%)
African-American Studies Program		1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)
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American Studies Program	44 (2.4%)	33 (1.8%)	20 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)	25 (1.3%)
American Studies	44 (2.4%)	33 (1.8%)	20 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)	25 (1.3%)
Education and Human Development Major (Ind)	7 (0.4%)	14 (0.8%)	15 (0.8%)	9 (0.5%)	13 (0.7%)
Human Development	7 (0.4%)	14 (0.8%)	15 (0.8%)	9 (0.5%)	13 (0.7%)
Environmental Studies Program	44 (2.4%)	49 (2.6%)	72 (3.7%)	70 (3.5%)	82 (4.4%)
Environmental Studies: Policy	25 (1.4%)	32 (1.7%)	44 (2.3%)	44 (2.2%)	48 (2.6%)
Environmental Studies: Science	19 (1.1%)	17 (0.9%)	28 (1.5%)	26 (1.3%)	34 (1.8%)
Independent Major	16 (0.9%)	18 (1.0%)	15 (0.8%)	16 (0.8%)	10 (0.5%)
Independent: Miscellaneous	15 (0.8%)	18 (1.0%)	15 (0.8%)	16 (0.8%)	10 (0.5%)
Science, Technology, and Society	1 (0.1%)		(0.0%)		
International Studies Program	106 (5.9%)	122 (6.6%)	136 (7.1%)	134 (6.8%)	129 (6.9%)
International Studies	106 (5.9%)	122 (6.6%)	136 (7.1%)	134 (6.8%)	129 (6.9%)
Latin American Studies Program	18 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)	22 (1.1%)	24 (1.2%)	14 (0.7%)
Latin American Studies	18 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)	22 (1.1%)	24 (1.2%)	14 (0.7%)
Science, Technology, and Society Program	3	7 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	4 (0.2%)	9 (0.5%)
Science, Technology, and Society	3	7 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	4 (0.2%)	9 (0.5%)
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program	7 (0.4%)	8 (0.4%)	8 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	10 (0.5%)
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	7 (0.4%)	8 (0.4%)	8 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	10 (0.5%)

Snapshot of Declared Majors on October 1:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Natural Sciences	430 (23.9%)	426 (23.0%)	457 (23.8%)	495 (25.0%)	453 (24.1%)
Department of Biology	196 (10.9%)	183 (9.9%)	211 (11.0%)	231 (11.7%)	213 (11.3%)
Biology	119 (6.6%)	110 (5.9%)	127 (6.6%)	139 (7.0%)	128 (6.8%)
Biology: Cell & Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	30 (1.7%)	31 (1.7%)	33 (1.7%)	36 (1.8%)	28 (1.5%)
Biology: Environmental Science	23 (1.3%)	21 (1.1%)	18 (0.9%)	22 (1.1%)	29 (1.5%)
Biology: Neuroscience	24 (1.3%)	21 (1.1%)	33 (1.7%)	34 (1.7%)	28 (1.5%)
Department of Chemistry	66 (3.7%)	63 (3.4%)	65 (3.4%)	65 (3.3%)	67 (3.6%)
Chemistry	12 (0.7%)	19 (1.0%)	26 (1.4%)	29 (1.5%)	19 (1.0%)
Chemistry: A.C.S.	8 (0.4%)	11 (0.6%)	8 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)
Chemistry: Cell & Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	7 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	11 (0.6%)	9 (0.5%)	11 (0.6%)
Chemistry: Environmental Sciences	4 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)
Chemistry: Biochemistry	35 (1.9%)	25 (1.3%)	19 (1.0%)	19 (1.0%)	29 (1.5%)
Department of Computer Science	23 (1.3%)	22 (1.2%)	19 (1.0%)	21 (1.1%)	14 (0.7%)
Computer Science	23 (1.3%)	22 (1.2%)	19 (1.0%)	21 (1.1%)	14 (0.7%)
Department of Geology	19 (1.1%)	25 (1.3%)	23 (1.2%)	28 (1.4%)	21 (1.1%)
Geology	16 (0.9%)	20 (1.1%)	20 (1.0%)	26 (1.3%)	19 (1.0%)
Geology: Earth Science	2 (0.1%)				
Geology: Environmental Science	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)			
Geoscience		4 (0.2%)	3 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)
Department of Mathematics	75 (4.2%)	77 (4.2%)	84 (4.4%)	99 (5.0%)	95 (5.1%)
Mathematical Sciences	29 (1.6%)	34 (1.8%)	37 (1.9%)	30 (1.5%)	22 (1.2%)
Mathematics	46 (2.6%)	43 (2.3%)	47 (2.4%)	69 (3.5%)	73 (3.9%)
Department of Physics	51 (2.8%)	56 (3.0%)	55 (2.9%)	51 (2.6%)	43 (2.3%)
Physics	51 (2.8%)	56 (3.0%)	55 (2.9%)	51 (2.6%)	43 (2.3%)
Social Sciences	623 (34.6%)	655 (35.3%)	670 (34.9%)	740 (37.3%)	740 (39.3%)
Department of Anthropology	32 (1.8%)	30 (1.6%)	25 (1.3%)	37 (1.9%)	58 (3.1%)
Anthropology	32 (1.8%)	30 (1.6%)	25 (1.3%)	37 (1.9%)	58 (3.1%)
Department of Economics	169 (9.4%)	188 (10.1%)	184 (9.6%)	220 (11.1%)	228 (12.1%)
Economics	109 (6.1%)	110 (5.9%)	104 (5.4%)	131 (6.6%)	147 (7.8%)
Economics: Financial Markets	42 (2.3%)	44 (2.4%)	47 (2.4%)	48 (2.4%)	47 (2.5%)
Economics: International Economics	3 (0.2%)	11 (0.6%)	13 (0.7%)	21 (1.1%)	13 (0.7%)
Economics: Public Policy	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	7 (0.4%)
Economics: Mathematics	14 (0.8%)	22 (1.2%)	18 (0.9%)	18 (0.9%)	14 (0.7%)
Department of Government	161 (8.9%)	158 (8.5%)	156 (8.1%)	162 (8.2%)	153 (8.1%)
Government	161 (8.9%)	158 (8.5%)	156 (8.1%)	162 (8.2%)	153 (8.1%)
Department of History	112 (6.2%)	126 (6.8%)	137 (7.1%)	136 (6.9%)	127 (6.8%)
History	112 (6.2%)	126 (6.8%)	137 (7.1%)	136 (6.9%)	127 (6.8%)
Department of Psychology	85 (4.7%)	84 (4.5%)	85 (4.4%)	102 (5.1%)	115 (6.1%)
Psychology	72 (4.0%)	63 (3.4%)	59 (3.1%)	79 (4.0%)	91 (4.8%)
Psychology: Neuroscience	13 (0.7%)	21 (1.1%)	26 (1.4%)	23 (1.2%)	24 (1.3%)
Department of Religious Studies	18 (1.0%)	14 (0.8%)	20 (1.0%)	20 (1.0%)	20 (1.1%)
Religious Studies	18 (1.0%)	14 (0.8%)	20 (1.0%)	20 (1.0%)	20 (1.1%)
Department of Sociology	46 (2.6%)	55 (3.0%)	63 (3.3%)	63 (3.2%)	39 (2.1%)
Sociology	46 (2.6%)	55 (3.0%)	63 (3.3%)	63 (3.2%)	39 (2.1%)

Total Minors Declared as of October 1

	Snapshot of Declared Minors on October 1:				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Declared Minors (of continuing students; duplicated)	639	645	678	709	729
Double Minors (% of individual students with declared minors)	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	(0.0%)	(0.0%)
Unduplicated counts of continuing students with minors (% of all continuing students declaring at least one minor)	639 (31.5%)	645 (31.3%)	677 (32.8%)	709 (34.2%)	729 (36.0%)
Humanities	206 (32.2%)	191 (29.6%)	214 (31.6%)	234 (33.0%)	220 (30.2%)
Art	43 (6.7%)	48 (7.4%)	51 (7.5%)	52 (7.3%)	40 (5.5%)
Chinese	9 (1.4%)	12 (1.9%)	15 (2.2%)	23 (3.2%)	18 (2.5%)
Classical Civilization	9 (1.4%)	7 (1.1%)	9 (1.3%)	9 (1.3%)	7 (1.0%)
Classics	2 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)	6 (0.9%)	7 (1.0%)	9 (1.2%)
Creative Writing	29 (4.5%)	32 (5.0%)	31 (4.6%)	35 (4.9%)	35 (4.8%)
East Asian Studies	7 (1.1%)	5 (0.8%)	5 (0.7%)	5 (0.7%)	10 (1.4%)
German	1 (0.2%)			3 (0.4%)	6 (0.8%)
Italian Studies	22 (3.4%)	19 (2.9%)	25 (3.7%)	25 (3.5%)	29 (4.0%)
Japanese	9 (1.4%)	9 (1.4%)	9 (1.3%)	14 (2.0%)	17 (2.3%)
Music	17 (2.7%)	14 (2.2%)	22 (3.2%)	19 (2.7%)	18 (2.5%)
Performing Arts			1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	
Philosophy	34 (5.3%)	24 (3.7%)	22 (3.2%)	24 (3.4%)	20 (2.7%)
Russian Language and Literature	5 (0.8%)	7 (1.1%)	8 (1.2%)	7 (1.0%)	3 (0.4%)
Theater and Dance	19 (3.0%)	13 (2.0%)	10 (1.5%)	10 (1.4%)	8 (1.1%)
Interdisciplinary	144 (22.5%)	124 (19.2%)	131 (19.3%)	157 (22.1%)	159 (21.8%)
African Studies	4 (0.6%)	5 (0.8%)	4 (0.6%)	5 (0.7%)	5 (0.7%)
African-American Studies	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)			1 (0.1%)
Education	50 (7.8%)	41 (6.4%)	46 (6.8%)	40 (5.6%)	53 (7.3%)
Education: Professional Certification	18 (2.8%)	19 (2.9%)	19 (2.8%)	19 (2.7%)	20 (2.7%)
Environmental Studies	32 (5.0%)	34 (5.3%)	35 (5.2%)	46 (6.5%)	40 (5.5%)
Human Development	10 (1.6%)	10 (1.6%)	14 (2.1%)	21 (3.0%)	19 (2.6%)
Jewish Studies	7 (1.1%)	2 (0.3%)	2 (0.3%)	4 (0.6%)	5 (0.7%)
Science, Technology, and Society	9 (1.4%)	5 (0.8%)	2 (0.3%)	9 (1.3%)	6 (0.8%)
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	13 (2.0%)	7 (1.1%)	9 (1.3%)	13 (1.8%)	10 (1.4%)
Natural Sciences	88 (13.8%)	105 (16.3%)	100 (14.7%)	94 (13.3%)	99 (13.6%)
Chemistry	15 (2.3%)	24 (3.7%)	21 (3.1%)	15 (2.1%)	21 (2.9%)
Computer Science	3 (0.5%)	6 (0.9%)	8 (1.2%)	6 (0.8%)	7 (1.0%)
Geology	5 (0.8%)	1 (0.2%)	4 (0.6%)	4 (0.6%)	7 (1.0%)
Mathematics	58 (9.1%)	59 (9.1%)	48 (7.1%)	54 (7.6%)	55 (7.5%)
Physics	7 (1.1%)	15 (2.3%)	19 (2.8%)	15 (2.1%)	9 (1.2%)
Social Sciences	201 (31.5%)	225 (34.9%)	233 (34.4%)	224 (31.6%)	251 (34.4%)
Administrative Science	85 (13.3%)	113 (17.5%)	135 (19.9%)	135 (19.0%)	154 (21.1%)
Anthropology	32 (5.0%)	35 (5.4%)	30 (4.4%)	32 (4.5%)	35 (4.8%)
Economics	38 (5.9%)	30 (4.7%)	34 (5.0%)	36 (5.1%)	39 (5.3%)
Environmental Education	2 (0.3%)	2 (0.3%)	6 (0.9%)	5 (0.7%)	9 (1.2%)
Indigenous Peoples of the Americas	2 (0.3%)	3 (0.5%)	(0.0%)	2 (0.3%)	4 (0.5%)
Psychology	25 (3.9%)	27 (4.2%)	13 (1.9%)	3 (0.4%)	
Religious Studies	17 (2.7%)	15 (2.3%)	15 (2.2%)	11 (1.6%)	10 (1.4%)