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African Languages and Literature	5	16.6	1.0	9.1	97.6	17	7.6	0.9	3.8	58.6
Afro-American Studies						25	4.5	0.8	2.3	36.4
Agricultural and Applied Economics	25	12.2	4.2	6.4	101.4	50	6.1	2.1	3.1	60.9
Agroecology						5	4.6	1.4	2.8	50.4
Agronomy	6	11.0	5.3	5.7	94.7	16	5.1	2.4	2.8	51.6
Animal Sciences	11	12.0	4.1	6.4	88.9	14	5.1	2.1	4.2	47.5
Anthropology	24	21.7	0.9	11.5	103.9	58	5.2	0.5	2.7	46.4
Art						228	5.8	1.5	3.1	61.3
Art Education						14	5.2	1.4	6.6	35.2
Art History	6	21.0	1.5	11.8	99.5	31	4.4	0.5	2.2	37.4
Astronomy	16	11.9	5.0	6.0	80.8	20	4.6	1.8	2.3	53.9
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	21	13.4	4.9	8.1	103.5	52	5.6	2.2	2.9	55.2
Bacteriology						86	4.6	1.5	2.5	38.3
Biochemistry	83	11.4	5.4	5.9	87.9	17	6.1	2.8	3.1	63.2
Biological Systems Engineering	5	9.4	3.8	4.9	75.6	26	4.4	2.0	2.4	40.6
Biomedical Engineering	27	10.4	4.7	5.5	90.7	124	4.0	1.3	2.0	39.4
Biometry						3	12.7	6.0	6.3	123.0
Biomolecular Chemistry	38	12.2	5.8	6.4	93.7	8	6.7	3.2	3.7	58.4
Biophysics	16	11.1	5.2	6.1	106.1	2	7.0	3.0	3.8	87.0
Biotechnology						104	4.0	0.0	2.0	28.0
Botany	33	11.9	3.3	6.2	75.1	14	7.0	2.4	4.1	49.4
Business	59	12.8	1.7	6.6	87.0					
Business: Accounting						355	2.0	0.1	1.0	28.7
Business: Actuarial Science						35	3.7	0.6	1.8	37.2
Business: Arts Administration						29	4.0	0.3	2.1	53.6
Business: Finance, Investment and Banking						174	4.4	0.3	2.5	57.0
Business: General Management						189	6.0	2.9	3.1	53.7
Business: Information Systems						15	4.1	0.5	2.1	54.6
Business: International Business						2	4.0	0.0	2.0	58.5
Business: Management and Human Resources						77	4.4	0.5	2.4	56.9
Business: Marketing						125	4.1	0.2	2.2	59.2
Business: Operations and Technology Management						35	4.2	0.5	2.3	62.1
Business: Real Estate and Urban Land Economics						71	4.4	0.1	2.4	60.1
Business: Risk Management and Insurance						15	4.0	0.4	2.0	59.4
Business: Supply Chain Management						35	4.0	0.3	2.0	60.5
Cancer Biology	25	11.6	5.4	6.2	92.9	6	5.5	2.3	3.4	59.5
Cartography and Geographic Information Systems						12	5.2	1.0	2.7	45.4
Cellular & Molecular Pathology	15	11.6	5.4	6.0	105.5	8	8.0	3.5	4.4	93.5
Cellular and Molecular Biology	108	11.2	5.2	6.4	88.6	21	7.0	3.1	3.7	71.2
Chemical Engineering	87	11.3	5.2	5.8	97.9	25	5.6	2.3	2.8	57.5
Chemistry	199	10.9	5.1	5.6	91.6	113	5.3	2.0	2.7	55.9
Chinese	9	17.3	1.9	8.7	106.1	33	5.4	0.5	2.8	45.5
Civil and Environmental Engineering	58	10.8	3.8	5.9	87.6	153	4.5	1.5	2.5	41.6
Classics	11	13.3	1.5	7.5	93.6	17	4.2	0.1	2.2	39.2
Communication Arts	36	16.3	1.1	8.2	101.4	46	4.9	0.4	2.5	48.5
Communicative Disorders	22	11.8	4.3	6.0	91.5	140	4.3	1.3	2.2	47.4
Community and Environmental Sociology						7	5.0	1.1	2.5	46.4
Comparative Biomedical Sciences	32	11.3	5.3	5.8	95.7	19	3.8	1.8	2.4	35.1
Comparative Literature	7	20.0	1.4	12.5	107.3	21	4.0	0.2	2.0	34.4
Computer Sciences	94	12.8	5.3	6.6	97.6	207	4.9	1.2	2.5	41.8
Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development						49	5.4	1.4	2.9	47.0
Continuing and Vocational Education	21	13.9	2.8	9.7	74.6	20	6.8	2.1	4.0	36.0
Counseling						94	5.2	1.7	3.2	56.2
Counseling Psychology	31	15.8	3.9	8.5	116.3					
Creative Writing						30	4.1	0.2	2.2	36.8
Curriculum and Instruction	105	13.0	2.4	7.2	81.5	182	4.7	1.3	3.4	31.9
Dairy Science	17	10.3	4.5	5.6	99.2	29	4.7	2.3	2.6	56.2
Development	12	13.8	0.9	7.0	85.9					
Economics	79	11.1	1.6	5.6	73.1	127	5.1	0.2	2.6	47.3
Education and German						2	4.5	1.5	2.8	42.5
Education and Mathematics						3	6.0	2.0	3.2	64.3
Education and Spanish						1	4.0	0.0	2.0	35.0
Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis	102	13.5	4.2	9.2	82.4	203	3.9	1.4	2.8	28.7
Educational Policy Studies	25	14.8	2.4	7.9	91.4	31	5.7	0.9	3.0	46.3
Educational Psychology	55	14.0	3.7	7.3	105.1	129	5.5	1.9	2.9	47.3
Electrical Engineering	134	12.4	4.7	6.3	99.4	382	4.9	1.4	2.6	41.8
Endocrinology - Reproductive Physiology	14	13.3	6.0	7.2	112.0	15	4.3	1.5	2.2	41.1
Engineering						189	5.0	1.8	2.7	26.1
Engineering Mechanics	8	11.9	5.0	6.6	111.6	35	4.1	0.9	2.1	35.0
English	83	16.7	1.5	8.7	85.2	111	3.2	0.2	1.9	29.2

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Entomology	7	15.0	5.9	7.8	115.0	18	5.7	2.3	3.2	50.9
Environment and Resources	24	14.3	2.7	8.3	94.0	66	5.8	1.6	3.6	49.5
Environmental Chemistry and Technology	13	9.8	4.5	5.3	81.5	7	5.1	1.6	2.9	42.9
Environmental Monitoring	2	19.5	2.5	12.5	116.0	26	5.0	1.3	2.6	45.4
Family and Consumer Journalism						8	6.1	1.5	3.3	49.1
Food Science	27	11.1	5.1	5.7	99.3	22	4.7	2.2	2.5	57.1
Forestry	14	12.9	4.9	6.7	115.6	21	5.2	2.0	2.7	54.0
French	20	15.9	0.7	8.8	88.4	18	4.2	0.3	2.3	39.1
French Studies						54	5.2	0.9	2.8	33.0
Genetics	54	11.7	5.4	6.1	96.7	13	7.6	3.5	4.0	78.5
Geography	28	15.0	1.7	7.7	91.2	42	5.2	0.8	2.8	41.2
Geological Engineering	1	9.0	5.0	4.5	80.0	14	4.5	1.5	2.3	42.9
Geology	22	13.4	4.9	7.2	103.2	58	4.9	1.8	2.6	47.4
Geophysics	1	10.0	5.0	5.0	87.0	11	4.5	1.5	2.4	42.6
German	18	15.9	1.0	8.7	90.2	32	4.2	0.4	2.2	40.3
Hebrew and Semitic Studies	4	18.8	0.8	9.6	103.8	11	5.5	0.2	2.8	46.2
History	95	17.7	1.2	9.4	90.1	103	6.0	0.6	3.1	48.9
History of Science, Medicine and Technology	14	21.3	1.1	10.7	104.9	16	5.5	0.7	4.6	48.1
Horticulture	3	16.0	6.7	8.2	114.7	15	5.5	1.8	3.5	49.5
Human Cancer Biology	1	15.0	7.0	7.5	151.0					
Human Ecology	18	15.8	2.3	8.4	98.7	54	6.0	1.2	3.5	49.7
Industrial Engineering	60	12.5	3.8	6.6	97.8	226	3.8	0.9	1.9	37.0
Industrial Relations	3	17.3	2.3	8.8	96.0	1	39.0	15.0	23.0	251.0
International Public Affairs						85	3.7	0.7	2.0	40.2
Italian	8	16.4	0.6	8.8	88.4	14	5.1	0.4	2.9	45.7
Japanese	3	17.3	2.0	10.3	94.3	18	4.1	1.5	2.1	32.1
Journalism and Mass Communication						91	4.5	0.6	2.6	34.9
Kinesiology	7	13.1	2.4	6.6	88.6	12	6.4	1.3	3.9	52.7
Landscape Architecture						25	6.7	1.5	4.9	49.9
Languages and Cultures of Asia	8	15.4	1.6	8.5	92.6	28	6.5	1.1	3.8	61.7
Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies						28	2.6	0.2	1.6	21.5
Legal Institutions						143	2.0	0.3	1.0	24.4
Library and Information Studies	10	15.1	1.2	9.9	77.5	412	5.2	1.2	3.2	45.3
Life Sciences Communication						48	4.5	0.9	2.7	35.3
Limnology and Marine Science	11	9.2	3.9	4.6	69.7	12	5.4	2.3	3.0	43.8
Linguistics	6	21.7	1.3	11.7	110.8	19	4.0	0.2	2.0	35.3
Manufacturing Systems Engineering						64	4.2	1.1	2.5	36.0
Mass Communications	43	12.9	2.2	6.9	80.8					
Materials Engineering	5	10.0	4.6	5.7	83.6	2	4.5	2.5	2.5	46.0
Materials Science	40	11.4	5.3	5.9	99.5	87	5.5	2.2	2.8	52.8
Mathematics	91	11.9	2.3	6.2	84.0	107	5.7	1.1	2.9	52.8
Mechanical Engineering	80	11.6	4.6	6.0	101.6	236	4.4	1.4	2.5	42.8
Medical Genetics						26	4.0	0.7	2.0	41.4
Medical Microbiology and Immunology						15	6.8	2.4	3.6	61.1
Medical Physics	50	11.1	4.9	5.8	84.9	109	4.7	1.7	2.4	46.5
Microbiology	80	12.5	5.7	6.5	100.3					
Molecular & Environmental Toxicology	25	12.1	5.6	6.1	89.6	7	6.4	2.6	4.0	55.7
Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology	39	11.2	5.3	5.9	90.1	4	6.8	3.0	3.4	70.8
Music	72	12.5	0.7	6.8	78.3	44	5.1	1.1	3.5	42.2
Music: Performance	21	10.5	0.6	6.1	72.0	128	4.1	0.3	2.3	38.2
Neuroscience	39	10.4	4.9	5.8	80.7	5	9.0	4.4	4.6	88.0
Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics	29	11.5	5.3	6.0	98.3	84	4.3	1.5	2.3	44.6
Nursing	30	12.7	5.0	7.1	97.8	239	5.4	1.6	3.1	39.5
Nutritional Sciences	28	11.7	5.4	6.0	104.4	12	4.9	2.2	2.6	62.1
Occupational Therapy						32	5.0	1.1	2.5	62.0
Pharmaceutical Sciences	40	10.5	4.8	5.3	93.5	4	4.8	2.0	2.5	53.0
Pharmacy						19	4.2	0.2	2.1	38.2
Philosophy	27	17.5	0.6	9.5	89.9	37	6.8	0.4	3.6	51.1
Physics	104	12.0	5.5	6.5	85.5	78	6.0	2.3	3.0	50.9
Physiology	17	10.7	5.1	5.5	86.2	27	4.3	1.9	2.1	46.3
Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics	34	10.8	4.6	5.5	90.2	24	6.1	2.0	3.4	50.6
Plant Pathology	22	12.0	5.5	6.3	94.2	13	5.1	2.3	2.7	45.5
Political Science	57	13.3	1.5	7.2	76.1	84	2.8	0.2	1.5	28.2
Population Health	19	11.7	3.5	7.9	85.1	62	5.4	1.1	3.1	43.7
Portuguese	4	13.8	2.0	7.1	82.0	3	5.3	0.3	2.7	49.7
Preventive Medicine - Administrative Medicine						1	4.0	0.0	7.0	10.0
Psychology	50	13.0	4.4	6.7	105.9	56	4.3	1.2	2.3	46.4
Public Affairs						151	3.9	0.4	2.3	40.0
Rehabilitation Psychology	20	10.9	4.3	6.8	102.8	90	3.4	1.5	1.9	46.5
Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies						10	4.6	0.3	2.5	47.0
Scandinavian Studies	3	11.3	1.0	5.8	70.7	19	6.2	0.8	3.2	52.8

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Science Education					7	4.6	1.7	5.8	29.6	
Second Language Acquisition	5	12.8	0.8	8.0	76.0					
Slavic Languages and Literatures	4	19.0	3.0	10.8	111.8	16	4.7	0.0	2.4	44.8
Social and Administrative Sciences in Pharmacy	8	10.9	3.8	6.9	82.5	7	6.4	2.3	3.4	61.9
Social Welfare	28	14.8	3.6	7.8	103.5					
Social Work						533	3.3	0.3	1.7	35.2
Sociology	80	17.9	3.6	9.3	107.1	86	6.0	1.3	3.2	53.8
Soil Science	10	11.2	5.0	6.1	95.2	19	5.6	2.0	3.3	54.4
Southeast Asian Studies						23	4.7	1.1	2.9	44.7
Spanish	23	17.4	1.2	9.2	96.6	48	4.5	0.1	2.4	34.6
Special Education	17	12.2	3.9	6.8	89.6	29	4.6	1.9	3.1	43.8
Special Graduate Committee	15	11.0	3.1	6.4	78.7	6	6.5	2.0	4.9	53.8
Statistics	71	11.4	4.0	5.9	98.9	81	6.1	1.7	3.1	61.4
Theatre and Drama	14	14.0	2.1	7.1	90.5	66	5.4	0.2	3.3	56.8
Therapeutic Science						4	6.8	1.3	3.5	51.5
Urban and Regional Planning	3	17.7	1.3	16.2	102.7	116	4.5	0.7	2.4	47.3
Water Resources Management						57	5.0	1.8	2.6	52.6
Wildlife Ecology	8	12.8	4.1	6.6	104.1	13	6.2	2.8	3.3	60.8
Women's Studies/Gender Studies						3	4.0	0.0	2.0	29.3
Zoology	30	12.7	3.1	6.7	78.1	12	5.0	1.5	2.5	40.0
UW-Madison Weighted Average	3,618	12.8	3.8	6.9	92.0	9,295	4.6	1.1	2.6	43.6
2004-05	664	13.3	3.6	7.1	92.7	1,968	4.7	1.1	2.6	44.2
2005-06	648	13.1	3.8	6.9	93.1	1,865	4.6	1.1	2.5	43.8
2006-07	773	12.6	3.6	6.8	89.9	1,864	4.6	1.1	2.6	43.3
2007-08	755	12.5	3.9	6.8	91.0	1,864	4.7	1.1	2.6	43.2
2008-09	778	12.9	4.0	6.9	93.4	1,734	4.6	1.1	2.5	43.6

By Disciplinary Division:

Biological Science	2004-05	170	12.3	5.0	6.3	95.6	275	5.2	1.7	2.7	48.1
	2005-06	175	11.8	5.0	6.0	92.7	249	5.2	1.7	2.6	46.8
	2006-07	211	11.4	5.0	5.9	92.3	256	5.1	1.6	2.9	45.6
	2007-08	222	11.3	4.9	6.3	90.3	232	5.0	1.5	2.6	44.0
	2008-09	219	11.5	5.2	6.0	91.9	275	5.0	1.5	2.5	45.8
Humanities	2004-05	87	15.8	1.1	8.3	89.2	241	4.8	0.6	2.5	43.6
	2005-06	65	15.5	1.0	8.4	88.3	231	4.7	0.6	2.4	44.2
	2006-07	82	15.8	1.1	8.5	89.0	233	5.1	0.8	3.0	44.9
	2007-08	78	15.1	1.3	7.9	86.6	268	4.7	0.8	2.5	43.5
	2008-09	85	15.3	1.2	7.9	89.6	244	5.2	0.6	2.6	46.8
Physical Science	2004-05	189	11.7	4.6	5.9	94.8	608	4.7	1.5	2.3	43.7
	2005-06	219	11.8	4.7	5.9	95.4	480	4.7	1.5	2.3	43.4
	2006-07	254	11.6	4.5	6.1	92.1	501	4.9	1.5	2.4	44.3
	2007-08	274	11.6	4.7	6.1	92.8	488	5.1	1.6	2.6	44.4
	2008-09	250	11.7	4.7	6.0	95.2	421	4.7	1.5	2.3	41.5
Social Studies	2004-05	216	14.4	2.8	8.0	90.3	840	4.4	0.9	2.4	43.3
	2005-06	187	14.8	2.8	8.0	92.6	905	4.3	0.8	2.3	43.1
	2006-07	219	13.8	2.3	7.4	86.3	873	4.1	0.8	2.2	41.6
	2007-08	179	14.3	2.5	7.7	90.8	876	4.3	0.8	2.3	42.2
	2008-09	222	14.8	3.0	8.0	94.2	793	4.3	0.9	2.1	43.0

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Agricultural Engineering	Biological Systems Engineering
Business: Information Systems Analysis and Design	Business: Information Systems
Business: Operations and Information Management	Business: Operations and Technology Management
Educational Administration	Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
History of Science	History of Science, Medicine and Technology
Metallurgical Engineering	Materials Engineering
Music: Education	Music
Music: Ethnomusicology	Music
Music: History	Music
Music: Theory	Music
Music: Woodwinds	Music
Pathology	Cellular & Molecular Pathology
Rural Sociology	Community and Environmental Sociology
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Bacteriology	Microbiology