



The University of Wisconsin System

Informational Memorandum

Degrees Conferred: 2006-07 Update

Highlights

Total Number of Degrees Conferred.....	31,843
Number of Associate Degrees Conferred	1,320
Number of Bachelor's Degrees Conferred.....	23,564
Number of Master's Degrees Conferred	5,433
Number of Doctoral Degrees Conferred	876
Number of Professional Degrees Conferred.....	650
Top Discipline Sub-Area for Bachelor's Degrees	Business Administration
Top Discipline Sub-Area for Master's Degrees.....	Business Administration
Top Discipline Sub-Area for Doctoral Degrees.....	Chemistry
Percentage of Degrees Earned by Women	57.3%
Percentage of Degrees Earned by Students of Color.....	7.6%
Percentage of Degrees Earned by International Students	4.1%

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DEGREES CONFERRED BY INSTITUTION AND LEVEL

In 2006-07, UW System institutions conferred 31,843 degrees (Table 1). Of these degrees, 1,320 were Associate degrees, 23,564 were Bachelor's degrees, 5,433 were Master's degrees, and 876 were Doctoral degrees. Professional degrees awarded to UW-Madison students in law, medicine, veterinary medicine, and pharmacy accounted for the remaining 650 degrees.

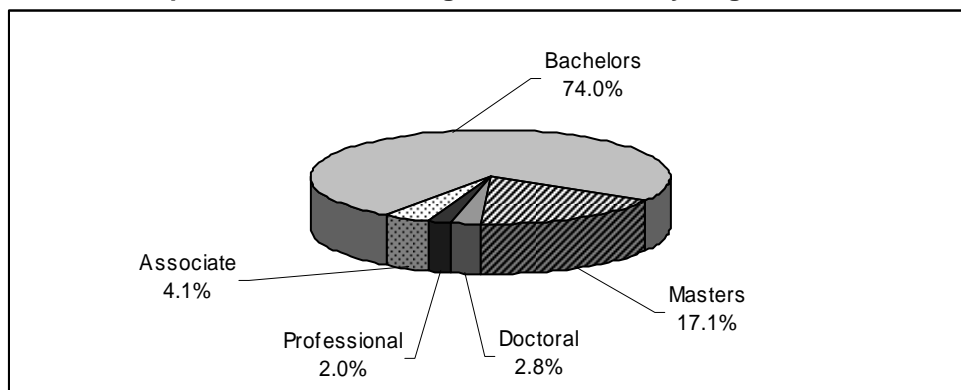
**Table 1
University of Wisconsin System
2006-07 Degrees Conferred by Level and Institution**

	Associate	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	Profess.	Total
UW-Madison		6,194	1,944	775	650	9,563
UW-Milwaukee		3,478	1,178	101		4,757
Subtotal		9,672	3,122	876	650	14,320
UW-Eau Claire	9	1,926	149			2,084
UW-Green Bay		1,006	58			1,064
UW-La Crosse		1,530	557			2,087
UW-Oshkosh		1,716	346			2,062
UW-Parkside		594	28			622
UW-Platteville	3	999	154			1,156
UW-River Falls		1,091	184			1,275
UW-Stevens Point	18	1,587	120			1,725
UW-Stout		1,182	262			1,444
UW-Superior	5	441	79			525
UW-Whitewater	8	1,820	374			2,202
Subtotal	43	13,892	2,311			16,246
UW Colleges	1,277					1,277
Total	1,320	23,564	5,433	876	650	31,843

PROPORTION OF DEGREES CONFERRED BY LEVEL

Nearly three-quarters (74.0%) of all degrees conferred by UW System institutions in 2006-07 were Bachelor's degrees (Figure 1). Master's degrees accounted for 17.1 percent of all degrees conferred while Associate degrees made up 4.1 percent and Doctoral degrees made up 2.8 percent of degrees conferred. Professional degrees awarded to UW-Madison students were 2.0 percent of all UW System degrees conferred.

**Figure 1
University of Wisconsin System
Proportion of 2006-07 Degrees Conferred by Degree Level**



DEGREES CONFERRED BY DISCIPLINE AREA AND LEVEL

Table 2 shows discipline categorizations according to the U.S. Department of Education's Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) and the 2006-07 degrees associated with these discipline areas. Degrees in Business (CIP 52) accounted for 16.5 percent of all degrees, while degrees in Education (CIP 13) made up 11.6 percent of all degrees conferred. Other program areas in which 1,000 or more degrees were conferred included Social Sciences (2,367), Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (2,319), Biological and Biomedical Sciences (1,990), Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs (1,650), Engineering (1,606), Psychology (1,510), Liberal Arts and Sciences (1,485), and Visual and Performing Arts (1,484).

**Table 2
University of Wisconsin System
2006-07 Degrees Conferred by Discipline Area and Level**

CIP	Discipline Area	Assoc.	Bach.	Mast.	Doct.	Prof.	Total	% Total
52	Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services		4,218	996	25		5,239	16.5%
13	Education		2,268	1,321	95		3,684	11.6%
45	Social Sciences		2,101	191	75		2,367	7.4%
51	Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences		1,398	494	53	374	2,319	7.3%
26	Biological and Biomedical Sciences		1,702	154	134		1,990	6.2%
09	Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs		1,572	67	11		1,650	5.2%
14	Engineering		1,069	409	128		1,606	5.0%
42	Psychology		1,223	257	30		1,510	4.7%
24	Liberal Arts and Sciences	1,320	158	7			1,485	4.7%
50	Visual and Performing Arts		1,298	163	23		1,484	4.7%
44	Public Administration and Social Service Professions		572	295	7		874	2.7%
23	English Language and Literature		752	44	25		821	2.6%
54	History		613	50	19		682	2.1%
16	Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics		542	106	24		672	2.1%
31	Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies		473	94	1		568	1.8%
40	Physical Sciences		353	83	89		525	1.6%
11	Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services		415	54	20		489	1.5%
43	Security and Protective Services		423	39			462	1.5%
01	Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences		364	45	23		432	1.4%
03	Natural Resources and Conservation		310	92	9		411	1.3%
22	Legal Professions and Studies		91	39		276	406	1.3%
27	Mathematics and Statistics		286	73	41		400	1.3%
19	Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences		348	30	3		381	1.2%
30	Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies		340	4	22		366	1.1%
04	Architecture and Related Services		141	77	3		221	0.7%
25	Library Science			198	4		202	0.6%
15	Engineering Technologies		179	10			189	0.6%
38	Philosophy and Religious Studies		166	13	10		189	0.6%
05	Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies		122	28	2		152	0.5%
10	Communications Technologies		54				54	0.2%
41	Science Technologies/Technicians		13				13	0.0%
		1,320	23,564	5,433	876	650	31,843	100.0%

TRENDS IN DEGREES CONFERRED BY DISCIPLINE AREA

Tables 3, 4, and 5 show the number of degrees conferred by UW System institutions by CIP sub-area, a more specific categorization than the CIP area shown in Table 2. The specific degree programs shown represent common programs, those in which 2.5 percent or more of the total degrees for that level and year are conferred. Discipline sub-areas in which at least 2.5 percent of all Bachelor's degrees were conferred in 2006-07, that were also represented in 2001-02 (five years ago) and 1996-97 (ten years ago), include: Business Administration, Biology, Psychology, Communication and Media Studies, Elementary Education, English Language and Literature, Marketing, Finance, Secondary Education and Sociology (see Table 3). Nursing was popular ten years ago, though not five years ago. The sub-area of Fine Arts was common in 2006-07 and five years ago, but not ten years ago. Accounting and Social Work were common discipline sub-areas ten years ago but not in 2001-02 or 2006-07. History and Political Science recently emerged as more common Bachelor's-level disciplines.

**Table 3
University of Wisconsin System
Bachelor's Degrees Conferred
by Discipline Sub-Area and Year**

Year	Degrees	CIP Sub-Area and Description	
2006-07	1,548	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	1,183	26.01	Biology, General
	1,156	42.01	Psychology, General
	1,055	09.01	Communication and Media Studies
	1,050	13.12	Elementary Education
	747	23.01	English Language and Literature, General
	745	52.14	Marketing
	735	51.16	Nursing
	654	45.10	Political Science and Government
	613	54.01	History
	613	52.08	Finance and Financial Management Services
	608	13.13	Secondary Education
	604	50.07	Fine and Studio Art
	582	45.11	Sociology
2001-02	1,513	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	1,058	09.01	Communication and Media Studies
	999	42.01	Psychology, General
	866	13.12	Elementary Education
	839	26.01	Biology, General
	740	52.14	Marketing
	668	52.08	Finance and Financial Management Services
	647	23.01	English Language and Literature, General
	639	13.13	Secondary Education
	540	45.11	Sociology
538	50.07	Fine and Studio Art	
1996-97	1,059	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	979	42.01	Psychology, General
	909	13.12	Elementary Education
	780	09.01	Communication and Media Studies
	708	26.01	Biology, General
	686	23.01	English Language and Literature, General
	607	52.03	Accounting and Related Services
	555	51.16	Nursing
	541	52.14	Marketing
	528	52.08	Finance and Financial Management Services
	528	44.07	Social Work
	517	13.13	Secondary Education
	502	45.11	Sociology

Master's degree sub-areas show great stability over the last decade. Of the discipline sub-areas in which at least 2.5 percent of Master's degrees were conferred in 2006-07, all but three sub-areas are present in all three selected years. General Business/Commerce, Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions, and Accounting were common sub-areas in 2006-07, but not in 2001-02 or 1996-97. Education, Educational Psychology, and Special Education and Teaching were common only in 2001-02, among these three academic years. Educational Administration and Communication Disorders were common five and ten years ago, but not in 2006-07. Nursing was common ten years ago in 1996-97, but not in 2006-07 or 2001-02.

Table 4
University of Wisconsin System
Master's Degrees Conferred
by Discipline Sub-Area and Year

Year	Degrees	CIP Sub-Area and Description	
2006-07	499	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	455	13.12	Elementary Education
	240	44.07	Social Work
	214	13.11	Student Counseling and Personnel Services
	198	25.01	Library Science
	158	13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
	155	52.01	Business/Commerce, General
	146	51.23	Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions
	145	52.03	Accounting and Related Services
	143	13.13	Secondary Education
2001-02	508	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	327	13.12	Elementary Education
	295	13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
	268	44.07	Social Work
	211	13.11	Student Counseling and Personnel Services
	179	13.13	Secondary Education
	177	25.01	Library Science
	155	13.04	Educational Administration and Supervision
	147	51.02	Communication Disorders Sciences and Services
	143	13.01	Education
	136	42.18	Educational Psychology
	129	13.10	Special Education and Teaching
1996-97	381	52.02	Business Administration, Management, and Operations
	278	13.11	Student Counseling and Personnel Services
	239	44.07	Social Work
	188	13.12	Elementary Education
	183	51.16	Nursing
	175	13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
	173	13.13	Secondary Education
	168	25.01	Library Science
	148	51.02	Communication Disorders Sciences and Services
	130	13.04	Educational Administration and Supervision

Chemistry, Biochemistry/Biophysics/Molecular Biology, Educational Administration and Supervision, Economics, Curriculum and Instruction, English Language and Literature, and Physics are all CIP sub-areas in which 2.5 percent of Doctoral degrees were awarded in 2006-07, 2001-02, and 1996-97. Electrical Engineering is present in 2006-07 and ten years earlier in 1996-97 as a common Doctoral degree conferred. History was present only in 2001-02, and Mathematics only in 1996-97 among these three academic years. Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Administration along with Mechanical Engineering emerged as common CIP sub-areas in 2006-07 at the Doctoral level.

**Table 5
University of Wisconsin System
Doctoral Degrees Conferred
by Discipline Sub-Area and Year**

Year	Degrees	CIP Sub-Area and Description	
2006-07	55	40.05	Chemistry
	54	26.02	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology
	48	13.04	Educational Administration and Supervision
	34	14.10	Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering
	31	45.06	Economics
	26	13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
	25	23.01	English Language and Literature, General
	24	40.08	Physics
	22	51.20	Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Administration
	22	14.19	Mechanical Engineering
	2001-02	39	26.02
39		13.04	Educational Administration and Supervision
34		40.05	Chemistry
32		13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
30		23.01	English Language and Literature, General
24		45.06	Economics
24		54.01	History
22		40.08	Physics
1996-97	57	40.05	Chemistry
	51	26.02	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology
	34	45.06	Economics
	33	13.03	Curriculum and Instruction
	27	14.10	Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering
	27	23.01	English Language and Literature, General
	27	13.04	Educational Administration and Supervision
	25	27.01	Mathematics
	24	40.08	Physics

DEGREES CONFERRED BY GENDER

Women earned 57.3 percent of all degrees conferred in the UW System in 2006-07 (Table 6). The proportion of degrees conferred to women remained relatively steady from 2002-03 through 2006-07. At the Associate level, 61.1 percent of degrees conferred in 2006-07 were earned by women. At the Bachelor's level, 56.6 percent of degrees conferred were earned by women, while 61.3 percent of Master's degrees conferred were earned by women. The Doctoral level continues to be the only level where women do not comprise the majority of degree recipients. In 2006-07, 56.6 percent of Doctoral degrees were earned by men and 43.4 percent were earned by women. The percent of Doctoral degrees earned by women in 2006-07 is a 2.6 percentage point increase over 2002-03. At the Professional level, 57.4 percent of degrees conferred were earned by women.

**Table 6
University of Wisconsin System
Trends in Degrees Conferred by Gender and Degree Level
2002-03 to 2006-07**

		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Associate	Women	764	61.9%	882	59.3%	730	58.1%	736	57.9%	807	61.1%
	Men	471	38.1%	605	40.7%	527	41.9%	536	42.1%	513	38.9%
	Total	1,235		1,487		1,257		1,272		1,320	
Bachelor's	Women	12,260	57.2%	13,462	57.5%	13,102	57.6%	12,957	57.0%	13,348	56.6%
	Men	9,166	42.8%	9,939	42.5%	9,640	42.4%	9,761	43.0%	10,216	43.4%
	Total	21,426		23,401		22,742		22,718		23,564	
Master's	Women	2,988	58.0%	3,504	59.9%	3,237	59.5%	3,152	60.2%	3,332	61.3%
	Men	2,160	42.0%	2,341	40.1%	2,202	40.5%	2,086	39.8%	2,101	38.7%
	Total	5,148		5,845		5,439		5,238		5,433	
Doctoral	Women	296	40.8%	285	40.5%	327	43.3%	322	43.2%	380	43.4%
	Men	430	59.2%	418	59.5%	429	56.7%	424	56.8%	496	56.6%
	Total	726		703		756		746		876	
Professional	Women	354	57.3%	317	54.2%	350	54.0%	353	57.6%	373	57.4%
	Men	264	42.7%	268	45.8%	298	46.0%	260	42.4%	277	42.6%
	Total	618		585		648		613		650	
Total	Women	16,662	57.2%	18,450	57.6%	17,746	57.5%	17,520	57.3%	18,240	57.3%
	Men	12,491	42.8%	13,571	42.4%	13,096	42.5%	13,067	42.7%	13,603	42.7%
	Total	29,153		32,021		30,842		30,587		31,843	

DEGREES CONFERRED BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Students of color earned 7.6 percent of all degrees conferred in 2006-07 (Table 7). White students (including students whose race/ethnicity is unknown) earned 88.3 percent of all degrees conferred during the same time period. The remaining 4.1 percent of degrees conferred were earned by international students. Compared to 2002-03, the number of degrees conferred to students of color in 2006-07 increased by 497 and the proportion of degrees awarded to minority students increased from 6.6 percent to 7.6 percent. The proportion of degrees at each degree level earned by students of color in 2006-07 ranged from 5.8 percent at the Associate level to 16.8 percent at the Professional level. The proportion of degrees at each level earned by international students ranged from 0.2 percent at the Associate level to 36.2 percent at the Doctoral level.

Table 7
University of Wisconsin System
Trends in Degrees Conferred by Race/Ethnicity and Degree Level
2002-03 to 2006-07

		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Associate	African American	9	0.7%	15	1.0%	11	0.9%	9	0.7%	11	0.8%
	Hispanic/Latino	9	0.7%	31	2.1%	15	1.2%	24	1.9%	20	1.5%
	American Indian	6	0.5%	6	0.4%	7	0.6%	14	1.1%	9	0.7%
	Asian American	25	2.0%	43	2.9%	34	2.7%	29	2.3%	36	2.7%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	49	4.0%	95	6.4%	67	5.3%	76	6.0%	76	5.8%
	International	12	1.0%	11	0.7%	9	0.7%	13	1.0%	3	0.2%
	White/Unknown	1,174	95.1%	1,381	92.9%	1,181	94.0%	1,183	93.0%	1,241	94.0%
	Total	1,235		1,487		1,257		1,272		1,320	
Bachelor's	African American	404	1.9%	476	2.0%	430	1.9%	496	2.2%	442	1.9%
	Hispanic/Latino	332	1.5%	418	1.8%	415	1.8%	384	1.7%	443	1.9%
	American Indian	120	0.6%	134	0.6%	100	0.4%	131	0.6%	143	0.6%
	Asian American	507	2.4%	576	2.5%	598	2.6%	630	2.8%	731	3.1%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	1,363	6.4%	1,604	6.9%	1,543	6.8%	1,641	7.2%	1,759	7.5%
	International	445	2.1%	468	2.0%	455	2.0%	390	1.7%	402	1.7%
	White/Unknown	19,618	91.6%	21,329	91.1%	20,744	91.2%	20,687	91.1%	21,403	90.8%
	Total	21,426		23,401		22,742		22,718		23,564	
Master's	African American	142	2.8%	175	3.0%	152	2.8%	130	2.5%	134	2.5%
	Hispanic/Latino	90	1.7%	125	2.1%	110	2.0%	103	2.0%	105	1.9%
	American Indian	22	0.4%	40	0.7%	37	0.7%	22	0.4%	28	0.5%
	Asian American	112	2.2%	127	2.2%	129	2.4%	121	2.3%	134	2.5%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	366	7.1%	467	8.0%	428	7.9%	376	7.2%	401	7.4%
	International	690	13.4%	731	12.5%	655	12.0%	629	12.0%	578	10.6%
	White/Unknown	4,092	79.5%	4,647	79.5%	4,356	80.1%	4,233	80.8%	4,454	82.0%
	Total	5,148		5,845		5,439		5,238		5,433	
Doctoral	African American	24	3.3%	12	1.7%	12	1.6%	17	2.3%	22	2.5%
	Hispanic/Latino	11	1.5%	19	2.7%	19	2.5%	16	2.1%	24	2.7%
	American Indian	5	0.7%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	5	0.6%
	Asian American	21	2.9%	21	3.0%	24	3.2%	23	3.1%	24	2.7%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	61	8.4%	54	7.7%	55	7.3%	57	7.6%	75	8.6%
	International	236	32.5%	212	30.2%	251	33.2%	247	33.1%	317	36.2%
	White/Unknown	429	59.1%	437	62.2%	450	59.5%	442	59.2%	484	55.3%
	Total	726		703		756		746		876	
Professional	African American	19	3.1%	15	2.6%	27	4.2%	27	4.4%	22	3.4%
	Hispanic/Latino	16	2.6%	22	3.8%	35	5.4%	27	4.4%	28	4.3%
	American Indian	6	1.0%	11	1.9%	8	1.2%	5	0.8%	10	1.5%
	Asian American	43	7.0%	40	6.8%	33	5.1%	32	5.2%	49	7.5%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	84	13.6%	88	15.0%	103	15.9%	91	14.8%	109	16.8%
	International	15	2.4%	15	2.6%	13	2.0%	18	2.9%	13	2.0%
	White/Unknown	519	84.0%	482	82.4%	532	82.1%	504	82.2%	528	81.2%
	Total	618		585		648		613		650	
Total	African American	598	2.1%	693	2.2%	632	2.0%	679	2.2%	631	2.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	458	1.6%	615	1.9%	594	1.9%	554	1.8%	620	1.9%
	American Indian	159	0.5%	193	0.6%	152	0.5%	173	0.6%	195	0.6%
	Asian American	708	2.4%	807	2.5%	818	2.7%	835	2.7%	974	3.1%
	Sub-total: Students of Color	1,923	6.6%	2,308	7.2%	2,196	7.1%	2,241	7.3%	2,420	7.6%
	International	1,398	4.8%	1,437	4.5%	1,383	4.5%	1,297	4.2%	1,313	4.1%
	White/Unknown	25,832	88.6%	28,276	88.3%	27,263	88.4%	27,049	88.4%	28,110	88.3%
	Total	29,153		32,021		30,842		30,587		31,843	

*International students are students who are not U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or refugees.