Quick Facts: Trend of Undergraduate Credit Hours by Department

The following table details undergraduate enrollment trends measured by departmental credit hours. This metric represents the total volume of instruction delivered by each academic unit. Unlike program headcount, this approach accounts for the significant number of non-majors educated by specific departments (such as Mathematics and English). This format offers a holistic view of institutional activity, recognizing that departments serve significantly more students than just their declared majors, while accurately reflecting the shared faculty and facility resources that support multiple degree programs within a single department.

	Department	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Psychology	16,899	26,626	27,839	29,012	27,302	26,586	26,091	25,049	22,901	21,779
2	Information Technology Management	20,766	31,232	31,434	29,240	25,518	22,760	21,731	21,703	21,451	19,929
3	English	17,051	26,165	31,438	29,144	26,868	21,243	20,396	19,574	19,446	18,895
4	Mathematics	14,427	21,855	21,937	19,005	17,619	17,959	19,905	17,247	16,623	17,572
5	Management and Marketing	16,174	22,967	22,612	25,223	26,645	23,866	20,755	20,267	18,373	17,143
6	Health Sciences	13,860	20,694	22,574	24,034	20,938	18,310	17,470	16,036	16,971	17,057
7	Education, Development, Teaching and Learning	11,914	16,319	16,556	18,037	18,949	16,784	15,150	14,076	14,538	14,968
8	Music	7,513	12,319	14,116	15,372	14,204	12,296	12,388	11,957	12,971	13,118
9	Curriculum, Supervision and Educational Leadership	9,043	14,762	14,382	16,146	17,091	15,476	14,353	14,017	13,020	12,906
10	Engineering Technologies, Safety, and Construction	8,561	13,569	13,892	14,919	13,275	11,277	9,978	10,334	11,036	12,275
11	Family & Consumer Sciences	10,264	12,961	11,380	11,542	11,970	11,424	10,307	10,438	11,364	10,886
12	Sport and Movement Studies	6,966	10,662	10,854	12,296	11,117	9,616	8,817	8,781	10,378	10,080
13	Law & Justice	10,394	14,513	15,753	18,432	17,596	13,938	12,960	11,896	10,001	10,075
14	Finance and Supply Chain Management	11,965	17,723	17,696	16,338	15,787	13,609	12,178	11,542	9,833	9,762
15	Accounting Department	7,808	11,046	11,241	12,407	12,337	10,075	7,736	7,571	9,056	9,714
16	Aviation	3,945	5,517	7,136	7,088	6,849	6,333	6,509	6,805	6,783	9,208
17	Economics & Business Analytics	7,606	11,960	12,615	12,906	12,506	11,014	9,000	9,000	9,190	8,985
18	Art and Design	4,413	7,011	7,132	8,597	9,531	9,884	13,115	10,352	9,910	8,874
19	Biological Sciences	10,491	15,201	14,268	14,143	12,653	10,015	9,470	8,530	8,129	8,585
20	Sociology	10,988	15,980	16,076	15,122	16,282	14,766	12,845	9,921	7,888	7,350
21	World Languages	4,666	8,339	9,906	10,481	9,750	8,183	8,356	7,950	7,584	6,989
22	History	4,977	7,633	8,855	10,168	9,364	9,447	8,365	7,875	7,750	6,983
23	Anthropology	7,017	11,104	11,142	10,985	11,088	10,317	8,846	8,329	6,429	6,778
24	Theatre and Film	5,250	10,992	10,948	9,834	8,217	8,874	5,852	8,922	7,603	6,593
25	Chemistry	7,067	11,427	10,108	9,076	6,421	5,993	6,515	5,766	5,813	6,347
26	Communication	9,778	12,348	11,875	11,900	9,767	7,810	6,984	6,599	6,320	5,925
27	Philosophy & Religious Studies	7,792	12,805	13,777	11,756	9,832	7,209	6,826	6,216	6,210	5,866
28	Geography	7,995	12,085	12,066	8,873	5,964	6,171	6,094	6,126	4,915	4,664
29	Computer Science	4,920	8,392	9,764	8,974	9,101	8,877	8,307	6,825	5,306	4,517
30	Physics	3,765	5,912	5,891	5,239	5,148	4,321	3,876	3,524	4,174	4,334
31	Geological Sciences	4,846	7,750	7,110	5,268	3,027	3,864	3,523	3,516	3,177	3,061
32	Political Science	3,421	5,433	5,982	6,609	5,188	3,753	3,239	3,123	3,523	2,691
33	Science and Mathematics Ed	1,026	1,888	1,960	2,003	2,479	2,064	1,467	1,664	1,442	1,359

Source: CWU-IERP analysis of SCH/FTE Dashboard downloadable file, on 2026-11-05. Notes: Undergraduate credit hours at census snapshot include Post-Baccalaureate students. This data excludes 'CNED' credit hours (College in High School, Cornerstone, and credit-bearing continuing education). This data is sorted based on the latest academic year (Fall-Sum) counts and only includes the credit hours assigned to departments with Chairs.