

## Topic in Brief

### Undergraduate Double/Triple Majors at UC Berkeley

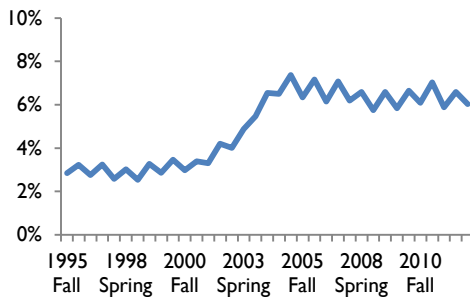
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Between 6% and 7% of UC Berkeley undergraduates are double or triple majors. In Fall 2012, there were 147 cases (4.5% of all capped enrollment) where a student was majoring in at least two capped major programs.

#### OVERVIEW

Each semester since 2004, between 6% and 7% of all UC Berkeley undergraduates have been declared double or triple majors (in Fall 2012, 1,526 double majors and 27 triple majors). As the chart below shows, this is about twice the rate that held for many years, until 2002.

#### Proportion of UC Berkeley Undergrads Who Are Double/Triple Majors

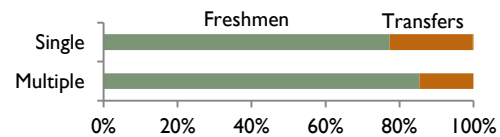
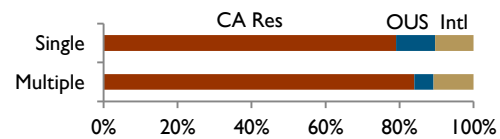
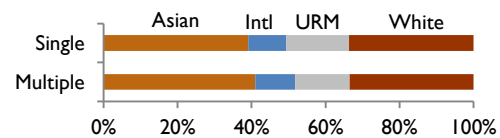
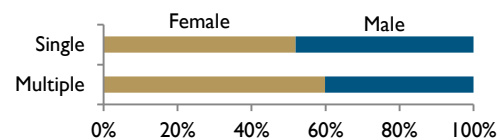


It's unclear what happened between 2002 and 2004, although it is likely that policy changes contributed heavily to the increase. About half of the total increase involved just five majors: Business, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, and Media Studies.

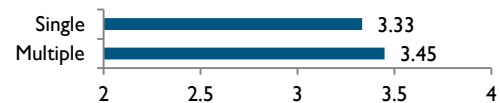
#### STUDENT PROFILE

Comparisons of undergrads with single and multiple majors show significant differences in several demographic and academic categories, with the exception of ethnicity.

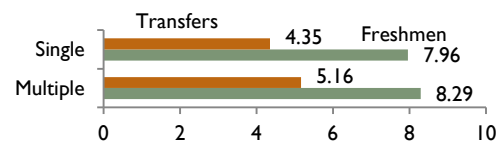
#### Demographic/Academic Comparisons of Fall 2012 Undergraduate Single and Multiple Majors



#### Cumulative GPA at Graduation



#### Enrolled Semesters to Graduation



## MULTIPLE MAJOR COMBINATIONS

In Fall 2012, there were 1,553 undergrads with declared multiple majors. Counting triple majors as three double major permutations each, this gives the equivalent of 1,607 two-major students, with 688 unique major combinations.

### Most Popular Major Combinations

Economics / Statistics	60
Economics / Applied Math	40
Economics / Business	38
Applied Math / Statistics	34
Astronomy / Physics	27

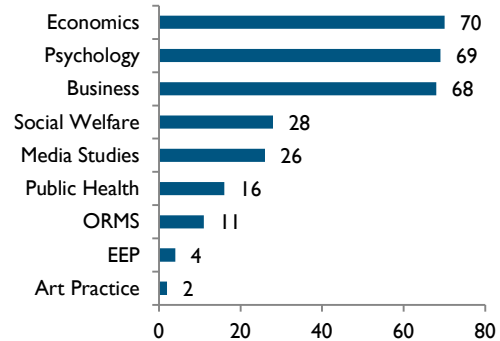
## CAPPED MAJORS

Letters & Science currently caps eight programs through various major declaration criteria: Art Practice, Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy, Media Studies, Operations Research and

Management Science, Psychology, Public Health, and Social Welfare.

If we add Business to this list, there are 147 cases where both programs are capped (about 4.5% of all capped majors). The chart below shows, for each capped major, how many times it's combined with another capped program in Fall 2012.

### Multiple Majors Where Both Are Capped



### Fall 2012 Multiple Major Combinations Among Capped Programs

