



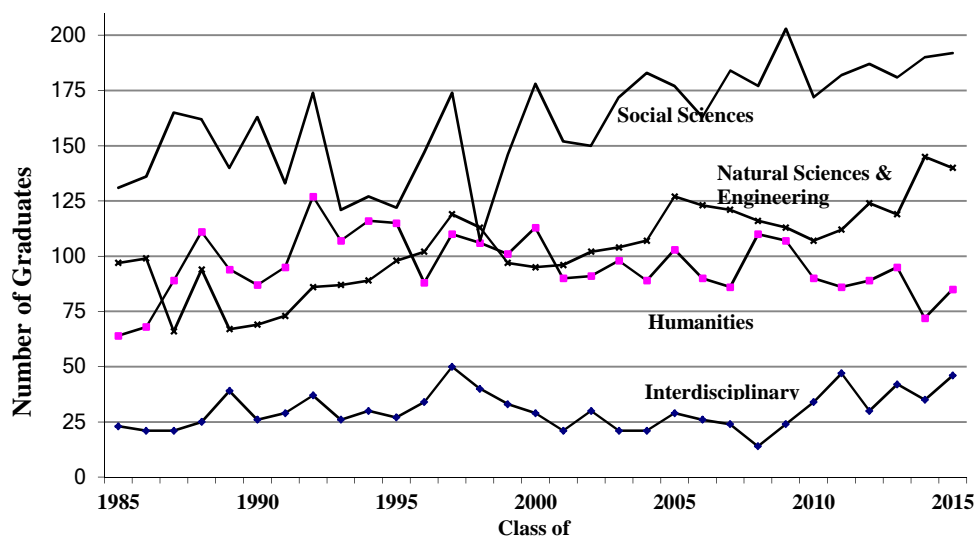
Graduating Class of 2015

This report presents a brief summary of the demographic and academic characteristics of the Class of 2015. On May 31, Swarthmore College awarded 397 degrees to 391 graduates. A total of 17 BS degrees were awarded. Six students earned both the BA and the BS.

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nonresident aliens	15	19	34
Hispanics of any race	40	17	57
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	1	0	1
Asian, non-Hispanic	24	33	57
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	20	6	26
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	14	12	26
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	18	12	30
<u>White, non-Hispanic</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>160</u>
Total	209	182	391

Slightly over half (53%) of the graduates were women in 2015. Forty-four percent of graduates were members of minority groups (non-Hispanic: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black, or Two or more races; Hispanic of any race), slightly higher than 2014 (42%) and 2013 (39%).

Twenty-nine percent graduates had double majors. This is a slightly lower rate than last year (34%), which was the highest rate since we began tracking in 1985. Forty-nine (49%) of the graduates had at least one major in the Social Sciences, 22% had major(s) in the Humanities, and 36% in the Natural Sciences and Engineering. Humanities saw a slight increase in proportion from last year, while Social Science and Natural Sciences & Engineering saw a modest decrease. Another 12% of the majors were interdisciplinary (and crossed divisions) a slightly higher proportion than last year (The totals sum to more than 100% because students may have majors in more than one division.)



* A student with two majors each in a different division will be counted in both divisions, and so the total of the divisions may exceed the number of graduates. (If a student has two majors, both in the same division, they are counted only once.)

There were 232 minors earned by 199 graduates (60 in Honors, and 172 in Course). The proportion of students earning some form of honors major this year was 19%, the lowest proportion since Degrees with Distinction were discontinued in 1997 (22%). Of the 74 students earning honors, 25 earned Honors, 42 earned High Honors, and 7 earned Highest Honors. (See historical data presented on the last page of this summary.)

The proportion of graduating seniors who have studied abroad continues to be between a third and a half. In the Class of 2015, 39% of the students studied abroad, which is a similar proportion as the last two years, and fewer than the high of 44% in the Class of 2010.

Swarthmore College
Majors of Class of 2015 by Gender
(1st and 2nd Majors represented)

	Women	Men	Total	Honors*
Art	9	2	11	0
Art History	6	1	7	0
Asian Studies	2	0	2	0
Astronomy	0	0	0	0
Biology	28	22	50	3
Chemistry	4	4	8	1
Classics-Ancient History	0	2	2	1
Classics-Classical Studies	3	4	7	1
Classics-Greek	0	0	0	0
Classics-Latin	0	0	0	0
Comparative Literature	1	0	1	0
Computer Science	14	30	44	0
Dance	0	0	0	0
Economics	18	35	53	5
Engineering	2	15	17	1
English Literature	13	7	20	7
Film & Media Studies	3	3	6	0
History	13	3	16	5
Linguistics	12	4	16	2
Mathematics	9	16	25	3
Medieval Studies	0	0	0	0
MLL - Chinese	2	0	2	0
MLL - French & Francophone Studies	4	0	4	0
MLL - German Studies	3	0	3	0
MLL - Russian	0	1	1	0
MLL - Spanish	2	4	6	0
Music	1	2	3	0
Philosophy	3	7	10	2
Physics	2	4	6	1
Political Science	17	21	38	10
Psychology	23	10	33	4
Religion	3	4	7	2
Sociology & Anthropology	16	10	26	6
Theater	3	7	10	5
Special Majors				
<u>Pre-Defined Special Majors:</u>				
Sp: Astrophysics	3	2	5	1
Sp: Biochemistry	1	1	2	1
Sp: Chemical Physics	0	0	0	0

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Sp: Chinese Studies	0	0	0	0
Sp: Japanese	0	0	0	0
Sp: Linguistics/Languages	0	0	0	0
Sp: Neuroscience	8	4	12	3
Sp: Psychobiology	0	0	0	0

Sp: Education & Other

Sp: Black Studies & Educ Studies	1	0	1	0
Sp: Dance & Educ Studies	0	1	1	0
Sp: English Lit & Educ Studies	2	0	2	2
Sp: Film/Media & Educ Studies	1	0	1	0
Sp: History & Educ Studies	1	0	1	0
Sp: Latin Am. Studies & Educ Studies	3	0	3	0
Sp: Peace/Conflict & Educ Studies	1	0	1	0
Sp: Poli Sci & Educ Studies	4	2	6	0
Sp: Psychology & Educ Studies	4	1	5	2
Sp: Soc Anth & EducStudies	3	2	5	2
Sp: Tech & Educ Studies	1	0	1	0

Special Majors by Design (subject to approval)

Sp: Arabic Studies	0	0	0	0
Sp: Black Studies	0	0	0	0
Sp: Cognitive Science	1	0	1	0
Sp: Gender & Sexuality Std	0	1	1	0
Sp: Islamic Studies	0	0	0	0
Sp: Latin American Studies	3	0	3	0
Sp: Peace & Conflict Stud	0	0	0	0

Other Special Majors

Sp: Archaeology & Envir St	1	0	1	0
Sp: Asian & Asian-American Arts Activism	0	1	1	0
Sp: Black Studies & Political Science	1	0	1	0
Sp: Critical Theory	0	1	1	1
Sp: Dance & Anthropology	1	0	1	0
Sp: Dance & Black Studies	1	0	1	0
Sp: Electronic System Design	0	1	1	0
Sp: Environmental Governan	0	1	1	1
Sp: Environmental Studies & Biology	0	1	1	0
Sp: Folklore & Mythology	1	0	1	0
Sp: Health & Societies	1	0	1	0
Sp: Industrial Design	0	1	1	0
Sp: Interpretation Theory	0	1	1	0
Sp: Japanese	2	0	2	0
Sp: Middle Eastern Studies	1	1	2	1
Sp: Russian Literature, History, & Comp Pol	0	1	1	0
Sp: Urban Studies	0	1	1	1

*As students can only have one Honors Major, the count in the Honors column sums to the total number of Honors students (74).

**Swarthmore College
Minors of Class of 2015**

	Course	Honors	Total
Art History	3	3	6
Art*	0	0	0
Asian Studies	4	0	4
Astronomy	2	0	2
Biology	5	3	8
Black Studies	8	0	8
Chemistry	2	1	3
Classics-Ancient History	0	0	0
Classics-Classical Studies	1	1	2
Classics-Greek	0	0	0
Classics-Latin	0	0	0
Cognitive Science	4	0	4
Comparative Literature*	0	0	0
Computer Science	7	2	9
Dance	0	1	1
Economics*	0	1	1
Education	8	1	9
Engineering	4	0	4
English Literature	14	3	17
Environmental Studies	3	1	4
Film & Media Studies	6	0	6
Gender & Sexuality Studies	4	1	5
History	4	9	13
Interpretation Theory	2	3	5
Islamic Studies	4	3	7
Latin American Studies	1	1	2
Linguistics	5	1	6
Mathematics	8	3	11
Medieval Studies	0	0	0
MLL - Chinese	4	0	4
MLL - French & Francophone Studies	3	1	4
MLL - German Studies	1	0	1
MLL - Japanese	3	0	3
MLL - Russian	0	0	0
MLL - Spanish	9	1	10
Music	4	0	4
Peace & Conflict Studies	6	0	6
Philosophy	7	3	10
Physics	2	1	3
Political Science*	0	4	4
Psychology	14	3	17
Public Policy	6	2	8
Religion	3	2	5
Sociology & Anthropology*	0	4	4
Statistics	8	1	9
<u>Theater</u>	3	0	3
Total Minors Earned	172	60	232
<i>Number of Graduates earning minors</i>			199

*No course minor offered.

SOURCE: OIR CLASSyyy file.

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Swarthmore College Graduation Statistics

	1997	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Degrees Granted	<u>411</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>397</u>
BA	379	367	330	339	356	364	341	358	353	360	358	380
BS	32	28	22	14	18	30	17	14	22	21	24	17
<i>(Students receiving both BA & BS</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>)
Total Persons Receiving Degrees	404	380	346	348	364	384	354	366	369	374	367	391
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Total Honors	<u>88</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>74</u>
Honors	36	49	40	45	29	36	42	44	35	37	32	25
High Honors	44	64	64	59	66	62	47	74	60	42	42	42
Highest Honors	8	12	10	11	11	14	12	18	12	10	8	7
Honors as a % of Degrees Granted	21.4%	31.6%	32.4%	32.6%	28.3%	28.4%	28.2%	36.6%	28.5%	23.4%	21.5%	18.6%
Honors as a % of Students Graduating	21.8%	32.9%	32.9%	33.0%	29.1%	29.2%	28.5%	37.2%	29.0%	23.8%	22.3%	18.9%
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Distinction in Course												
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Total Honors and Distinction	<u>88</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>74</u>
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