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Aggregations used to determine major fields of study: 2017

(Field code)

Field of study	Survey of Earned Doctorates field code
Life sciences	000–299 (excluding 152, 217), 577, 685
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	000–099, 685
Biological and biomedical sciences	100–199 (excluding 152)
Health sciences	200–299 (excluding 217), 577
Physical sciences and earth sciences	500–599 (excluding 577), 152
Chemistry	520–539
Geosciences, atmospheric sciences, and ocean sciences	510–519, 540–559, 580–599, 152
Physics and astronomy	500–509, 560–579 (excluding 577)
Mathematics and computer sciences	400–499 (excluding 415)
Computer and information sciences	400–419 (excluding 415)
Mathematics and statistics	420–499
Psychology and social sciences	600–699, (excluding 685), 217, 770
Psychology	600–649
Anthropology	650, 655, 656
Economics	665, 667, 668
Political science and government	678
Sociology	686
Other social sciences	All fields 600–699 (excluding 685) not listed above, 217, 770
Engineering	300–399, 415
Aerospace, aeronautical, and astronautical engineering	300
Bioengineering and biomedical engineering	306
Chemical engineering	312
Civil engineering	315
Electrical, electronics, and communications engineering	324
Industrial and manufacturing engineering	339
Materials science engineering	342
Mechanical engineering	345
Other engineering	All fields 300–399 not listed above, 415
Education	800–899
Education administration	804–807
Education research	800, 808–845
Teacher education	850–858
Teaching fields	860–889
Other education	All fields 800–899 not listed above
Humanities and arts	700–799 (excluding 770), 984
Foreign languages and literature	740–769
History	700–719
Letters	720–739
Other humanities and arts	All fields 700–799 (excluding 770) not listed above, 984
Other ^a	900–999 (excluding 984)
Business management and administration	900–939
Communication	940–959
Non-S&E fields nec	960–989 (excluding 984)
Unknown field	999

nec = not elsewhere classified; S&E = science and engineering.

^a Includes other non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.**Note(s)**

Major fields appear in tables 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 24, 48, 49, 51, 52, and 56–71.

Source(s)

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