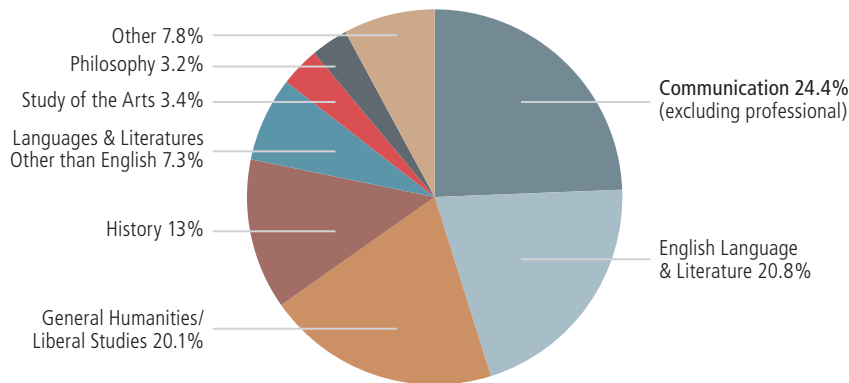


COMMUNICATION IS ONLY HUMANITIES DISCIPLINE TO EXPERIENCE BACHELOR'S DEGREE COMPLETION GROWTH

The American Academy of Arts & Sciences' Humanities Indicators project recently released an analysis of bachelor's degrees in the humanities. The analysis found that while the overall number of bachelor's degrees in the humanities declined by 9.5 percent from 2012 to 2015, the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Communication increased. In fact, Communication was the only humanities discipline to experience an increase in the number of degrees awarded from 2012 to 2015, with an 8 percent increase. In 2015, Communication accounted for the largest share of humanities bachelor's degrees; nearly one-quarter of all humanities bachelor's degrees were awarded in Communication that year.

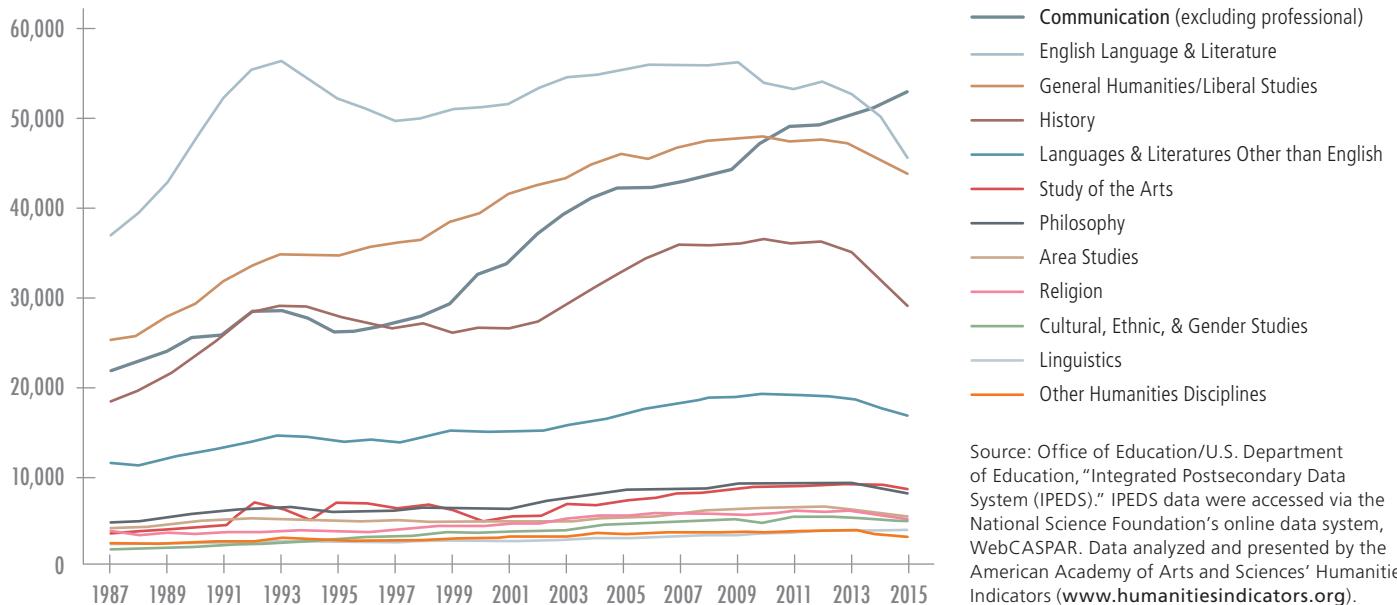
Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Discipline, 2015



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Data System; accessed via the National Science Foundation's online data system, WebCASPAR. Data analyzed and presented by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Humanities Indicators (www.humanitiesindicators.org).

Since 1987, Communication and English Language and Literature (ELL), have been the two disciplines producing the largest number of degrees in the humanities. However, as a share of the total humanities degrees conferred, Communication degrees increased by 44 percent from 1987 to 2015, while ELL degrees decreased by nearly one-third during that period.

Bachelor's Degree Completions by Discipline, 1987–2015



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