What are students majoring in?

Liberal arts and health professions are among the disciplines popular at community colleges.

Field of study at community colleges

- Liberal arts and sciences: 33%
- Health professions and related programs: 21%
- Business, management, marketing and support services: 12%
- Homeland security and related protective services: 5%
- Other: 29%


In 2012, most associate degrees awarded at community colleges were in liberal arts and sciences, which comprised one third of all degrees (data was summarized into five major categories). Liberal arts and sciences degrees are most often used for transfer to four-year colleges. About 21 percent of the awards were in health professions. Of those, 40 percent were in nursing/registered nurses, 29 percent in health sciences, 21 percent in medical assisting and 11 percent in other. Business management, marketing and support services made up 12 percent of the total degrees. In the field of homeland security and related protective services — which represented 5 percent of awarded associate degrees — nearly 90 percent of the students majored in criminal justice and corrections.

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