2.5. The array of undergraduate majors has increased from 9 in Fall 2005 (Human Biology was a separate major in Fall 2005 but was changed to an emphasis within Biological Sciences by Fall 2006) to 17 in Fall 2008 (18, pending WASC approval of Anthropology). UC Merced's approach to launching majors was to begin with 9 fairly interdisciplinary programs and faculty. Umbrella programs, such as Social and Cognitive Sciences and World Cultures and History would spawn others as core faculty were hired, creating a critical mass of faculty and students. Examples of majors that came out of Social and Cognitive Sciences include Political Science, Psychology, and Economics. A similar strategy was employed for graduate programs, all of which started out as emphases within the Individual Graduate Program.

At the undergraduate level, Biological Sciences started out as, and has remained, the most popular major. Psychology has grown to be the second most popular.

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Table 2.5a - Enrollment by Program: Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate Programs	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Anthropology*	N/A	0	0	0	4
Applied Mathematics	N/A	0	6	23	38
Bioengineering	N/A	36	50	62	104
Biological Sciences**	N/A	232	358	481	632
Chemical Sciences	N/A	0	6	24	54
Cognitive Science	N/A	0	0	31	57
Computer Science & Engineering	N/A	57	79	96	152
Earth Systems Science	N/A	7	9	18	19
Economics	N/A	0	0	20	50
Environmental Engineering	N/A	5	17	31	51
History	N/A	0	0	36	64
Literature and Cultures	N/A	0	0	23	51
Management	N/A	63	94	122	178
Materials Science & Engineering	N/A	0	2	4	16
Mechanical Engineering	N/A	0	26	69	121
Physics	N/A	0	3	15	23
Political Science	N/A	0	0	56	116
Psychology	N/A	0	36	219	328
Social and Cognitive Sciences***	N/A	122	168	33	12
World Cultures & History***	N/A	33	65	26	8
Undeclared	N/A	123	150	240	321
Undeclared Engineering	N/A	42	51	48	49
Undeclared Natural Sciences	N/A	42	38	36	36
Undeclared Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts	N/A	76	52	37	50
Undergraduate Total	N/A	**838**	**1,210**	**1,750**	**2,534**

* Contingent on WASC approval

** Fall 2005 figures include Human Biology majors

*** No longer accepting new students

Note: Undeclared students with a school designation have not yet chosen an area of concentration

Data Source: IPA Enrollment Table

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