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 2.5b - Enrollment by Program: Graduate Programs					
Graduate Programs	**Fall 2004**	**Fall 2005**	**Fall 2006**	**Fall 2007**	**Fall 2008**
Environmental Systems	6	16	19	21	28
Individual Graduate Program with Emphasis in:					
Applied Mathematics	0	0	5	10	12
Biological Engineering & Small Scale Technologies	0	0	0	7	14
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science*	0	0	5	15	19
Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics	0	0	0	3	8
Physics & Chemistry**	0	3	8	12	20
Quantitative & Systems Biology	1	8	14	23	41
Social & Cognitive Sciences	0	1	13	16	22
World Cultures	0	9	12	14	20
Graduate Total	**7**	**37**	**76**	**121**	**184**

* Formerly Computer & Information Systems

** Formerly Atomic & Molecular Engineering

Data Source: IPA Enrollment Table

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