## Swarthmore College

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## Graduating Class of 2012

This report presents a brief summary of the demographic and academic characteristics of the Class of 2012. On May 27, Swarthmore College awarded 375 degrees to 369 graduates. A total of 22 BS degrees were awarded. Six students earned both the BA and the BS.

|  | Women | Men | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nonresident aliens | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| Hispanics of any race | 29 | 12 | 41 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Asian, non-Hispanic | 26 | 25 | 51 |
| Black or African American, non-Hispanic | 20 | 6 | 26 |
| Race and/or ethnicity unknown | 22 | 19 | 41 |
| Two or more races, non-Hispanic | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 73 | $\underline{96}$ | 169 |
| Total | 191 | 178 | 369 |

Slightly over half (52\%) of the graduates were women, similar to recent years. Thirty-six percent of graduates were members of minority groups (includes: non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black, or Two or more races; Hispanic of any race), slightly higher than last year (35\%).

Nearly a quarter (24\%) of graduates had double majors. Half (50\%) of the students had at least one major in the Social Sciences, $24 \%$ had major(s) in the Humanities, and $34 \%$ in the Natural Sciences and Engineering. Another $8 \%$ of the majors were interdisciplinary. This is down from $13 \%$ last year, the highest proportion since we began tracking in 1985. (Totals sum to more than $100 \%$ because students may have majors in more than one division.)


> * A student with two majors each in a different division will be counted in both divisions, and so the total of the divisions may exceed the number of graduates. (If a student has two majors, both in the same division, they are counted only once.)

Two hundred and twenty-seven graduates earned 256 minors, 96 in Honors, and 160 in Course. The proportion of students earning some form of honors this year was $29 \%$, much closer to the average of the previous 5 years (31\%) than last year's proportion (37\%). Of the 107 students earning honors, 35 earned Honors, 60 earned High Honors, and 12 earned Highest Honors. (See historical data presented on the last page of this summary.)

The proportion of graduating seniors who have studied abroad continues to be between a third and a half. In the Class of 2012, 39\% of the students studied abroad, up from $36 \%$ last year but still fewer than the $44 \%$ in the Class of 2010 who studied abroad.

## SWARTHMORE COLLEGE Majors of Class of 2012, by Gender

(1st and 2nd Majors represented)

|  | Women | Men | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Art | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| Art History | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Asian Studies | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Astronomy | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Biology | 37 | 19 | 56 |
| Chemistry | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Classics-Ancient History | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Greek | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Latin | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Comparative Literature | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Computer Science | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| Dance | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Economics | 19 | 42 | 61 |
| Engineering | 6 | 16 | 22 |
| English Literature | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| History | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| Linguistics | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Mathematics | 8 | 9 | 17 |
| Medieval Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Modern Languages - Chinese | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Modern Languages - French | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Modern Languages - German | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Modern Languages - Russian | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Modern Languages - Spanish | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Music | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Philosophy | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| Physics | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| Political Science | 21 | 27 | 48 |
| Psychology | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| Religion | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Sociology \& Anthropology | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| Theatre Studies | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| (Special Majors) |  |  |  |
| Sp: Asian Studies \& Educ | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Behavioral Economics | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Critical Theory | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Film and Literature | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Media \& Peacebuilding | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: PoliSci \& Soc/Anth | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Creative Wrg \& Anthro | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sp: Astrophysics | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sp: Biochemistry | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Sp: Educ / Soc / Anthr | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Sp: Educ / Spanish Lit | 1 | 0 | 1 |

# SWARTHMORE COLLEGE Majors of Class of 2012, by Gender 

(1st and 2nd Majors represented)

|  | Women | Men | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| (Continued) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sp: Education \& English | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Sp: Education \& History | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Sp: Education \& Linguistics | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sp: Education/Psychology | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Sp: Film + Media Studies | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Sp: Gender \& Sexuality Std | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Islamic Studies | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sp: Japanese | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sp: Latin American Studies | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sp: Linguistics/Languages | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Sp: Neuroscience | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sp: Peace + Conflict Stud | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sp: Psychobiology | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sp: Sustainable Development | 1 | 0 | 1 |

(Total not presented since students with double majors are duplicated.)

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Minors of Class of 2012

|  | Course | Honors | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arabic Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Art History | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Art* |  | 2 | 2 |
| Asian Studies | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Astronomy | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Astrophysics | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Biology | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Black Studies | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Chemistry | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Classics-Ancient History | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Classics-Greek | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Classics-Latin | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Cognitive Science | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Comparative Literature* |  | 0 | 0 |
| Computer Science | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Dance | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Economics* |  | 7 | 7 |
| Education | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Engineering | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| English Literature | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Environmental Studies | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Film \& Media Studies | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Francophone Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gender \& Sexuality Studies | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| German Studies | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| History | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Interpretation Theory | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Islamic Studies | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Latin American Studies | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Linguistics | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mathematics | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Medieval Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Modern Languages - Chinese | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Modern Languages - French | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Modern Languages - German | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Modern Languages - Japanese | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Modern Languages - Russian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Modern Languages - Spanish | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Music | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Peace \& Conflict Studies | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Philosophy | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Physics | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Political Science* |  | 7 | 7 |
| Psychology | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| Public Policy | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Religion | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Russian Literat in Translation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sociology \& Anthropology* |  | 6 | 6 |
| Statistics | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Theatre Studies | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| Total Minors Earned | 160 | 96 | 256 |
| Number of Graduates earning minors |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 227 |

*No course minor offered.
SOURCE: OIR CLASSyyyy file.
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Graduation Statistics

|  | 1992 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Degrees Granted | 403 | 380 | 337 | 345 | 368 | 364 | 395 | 352 | 353 | 374 | 394 | 358 | 372 | 375 |
| BA |  | 359 | 314 | 323 | 346 | 349 | 367 | 330 | 339 | 356 | 364 | 341 | 358 | 353 |
| BS |  | 21 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 15 | 28 | 22 | 14 | 18 | 30 | 17 | 14 | 22 |
| (Students receiving both BA \& BS | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{8}$ | $\underline{5}$ | 15 | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{5}$ | 10 | $\underline{10}$ | 4 | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ ) |
| Total Persons Receiving Degrees | 398 | 377 | 332 | 336 | 360 | 359 | 380 | 346 | 348 | 364 | 384 | 354 | 366 | 369 |
| Total Honors | $\underline{63}$ | $\underline{99}$ | 109 | $\underline{118}$ | $\underline{119}$ | 127 | $\underline{125}$ | $\underline{114}$ | $\underline{115}$ | $\underline{106}$ | $\underline{112}$ | 101 | 136 | 107 |
| Honors | 31 | 37 | 42 | 42 | 47 | 54 | 49 | 40 | 45 | 29 | 36 | 42 | 44 | 35 |
| High Honors | 29 | 52 | 54 | 67 | 60 | 67 | 64 | 64 | 59 | 66 | 62 | 47 | 74 | 60 |
| Highest Honors | 3 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 18 | 12 |
| Honors as a \% of Degrees Granted | 15.6\% | 26.1\% | 32.3\% | 34.2\% | 32.3\% | 34.9\% | 31.6\% | 32.4\% | 32.6\% | 28.3\% | 28.4\% | 28.2\% | 36.6\% | 28.5\% |
| Honors as a \% of Students Graduating | 15.8\% | 26.3\% | 32.8\% | 35.1\% | 33.1\% | 35.4\% | 32.9\% | 32.9\% | 33.0\% | 29.1\% | 29.2\% | 28.5\% | 37.2\% | 29.0\% |
| Distinction in Course | 92 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a \% of Degrees Granted | 22.8\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a \% of Students in Course | 27.5\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Honors and Distinction | 155 | 99 | 109 | 118 | 119 | 127 | 125 | 114 | 115 | 106 | 112 | 101 | 136 | 107 |
| As a \% of Degrees Granted | 38.5\% | 26.1\% | 32.3\% | 34.2\% | 32.3\% | 34.9\% | 31.6\% | 32.4\% | 32.6\% | 28.3\% | 28.4\% | 28.2\% | 36.6\% | 28.5\% |
| As a \% of Students Graduating | 38.9\% | 26.3\% | 32.8\% | 35.1\% | 33.1\% | 35.4\% | 32.9\% | 32.9\% | 33.0\% | 29.1\% | 29.2\% | 28.5\% | 37.2\% | 29.0\% |

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