

English Departments in United States Institutions of Higher Education

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MLA Survey of Departmental Staffing, Fall 2014

	Highest Degree the Department Grants					Grand Total
	PhD	MA	BA	AA	No Degree	
Average number of instructors (includes graduate student teaching assistants)	123.2	51.3	18.9	43.9	54.3	44.3
Average number of faculty members	75.2	44.3	18.1	43.9	48.8	36.2
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	35.9	18.9	8.5	10.5	12.0	15.1
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	18.4	9.6	3.5	12.8	14.2	8.6
Part-time faculty members	22.9	18.1	7.6	28.1	31.6	15.6
Average number of graduate student teaching assistants	50.3	10.0	3.9	0.0	14.7	18.4
Average percentage, per department, of all instructors who are:						
Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members	34.1	37.8	51.8	30.7	29.0	42.5
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	14.3	19.7	15.3	20.4	19.7	17.2
Part-time faculty members	16.0	32.3	32.0	48.9	44.1	32.7
Graduate student teaching assistants	35.6	10.2	0.9	0.0	7.1	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Distribution of course sections within each instructor type						
Average percentage of all course sections taught by full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year writing	10.4	16.9	35.3	68.5	63.7	31.1
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	24.3	25.3	29.2	30.2	19.7	27.2
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	43.8	43.8	35.2	1.4	15.0	34.8
Sections of graduate courses	21.5	14.0	0.3	0.0	1.5	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by full-time non-tenure-track faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year writing	41.8	52.1	57.2	73.8	54.5	54.4
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	32.0	23.3	24.5	26.2	28.6	25.5
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	21.9	21.8	18.3	0.0	16.0	18.5
Sections of graduate courses	4.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by part-time faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year writing	60.4	64.8	70.7	80.2	80.5	69.0
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	26.6	21.6	17.7	18.5	19.4	20.1
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	12.4	11.4	11.5	1.3	0.2	10.1
Sections of graduate courses	0.6	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by graduate students teaching assistants that were						
Sections of first-year writing	57.5	93.7	76.3	N/A	100.0	79.4
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	36.3	6.3	13.2	N/A	0.0	17.8
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	5.6	0.0	10.5	N/A	0.0	2.6
Sections of graduate courses	0.7	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0
Distribution of instructor types within each course type						
Average percentage of first-year writing sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	13.4	17.6	44.2	37.0	42.3	32.3
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	23.5	29.9	19.0	24.0	21.1	23.2
Part-time faculty members	24.2	37.5	35.9	38.9	30.4	35.1
Graduate student teaching assistants	38.8	15.0	1.0	0.0	6.2	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of other lower-division course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	34.9	50.9	69.1	49.3	36.5	56.4
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	22.8	27.4	16.8	29.6	35.5	22.6
Part-time faculty members	13.9	21.3	13.4	21.1	27.9	17.1
Graduate student teaching assistants	28.4	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of upper-division undergraduate course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	72.2	76.1	79.1	50.0	63.4	76.6
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	8.5	9.6	7.4	50.0	4.2	8.8
Part-time faculty members	13.2	14.3	12.9	0.0	32.4	13.5
Graduate student teaching assistants	6.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of graduate course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	96.0	84.7	83.3	N/A	87.5	87.9
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	1.8	8.2	0.0	N/A	12.5	6.0
Part-time faculty members	1.1	7.1	16.7	N/A	0.0	5.7
Graduate student teaching assistants	1.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections that were						
Sections of first-year writing	40.0	47.3	50.0	74.4	74.0	51.9
Sections of other lower-division courses	27.0	21.4	24.5	24.7	17.0	23.7
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	24.9	24.6	25.3	0.9	8.7	21.6
Sections of graduate courses	8.1	6.6	0.2	0.0	0.4	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections that were taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	38.6	40.5	57.7	39.7	46.9	48.2
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	20.8	26.2	17.6	24.7	23.3	21.4
Part-time faculty members	16.7	26.9	23.7	35.6	27.1	25.3
Graduate student teaching assistants	23.9	6.5	1.0	0.0	2.7	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of departments	22	54	86	22	8	192

Departments of Languages Other Than English in United States Institutions of Higher Education

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Departments reporting zero sections of first-year writing or language excluded.

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	Highest Degree the Department Grants					Grand Total
	PhD	MA	BA	AA	No Degree	
Average number of instructors (includes graduate student teaching assistants)	39.6	36.1	12.8	39.1	24.3	23.7
Average number of faculty members	21.9	31.3	12.5	39.1	23.3	19.1
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	11.1	12.1	5.6	3.8	2.7	7.6
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	7.2	7.5	2.7	8.7	6.4	4.9
Part-time faculty members	5.2	12.6	5.8	29.6	19.8	8.7
Average number of graduate student teaching assistants	17.7	6.4	0.9	0.0	3.8	8.7
Average percentage, per department, of all instructors who are						
Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members	28.5	37.1	50.1	25.7	23.1	41.0
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	17.2	17.6	17.0	8.3	19.0	16.9
Part-time faculty members	14.4	34.5	30.5	66.0	56.9	30.7
Graduate student teaching assistants	39.8	10.8	2.4	0.0	1.1	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Distribution of course sections within each instructor type						
Average percentage of all course sections taught by full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year language	5.1	20.0	30.3	66.7	59.2	25.8
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	14.9	18.3	26.0	33.3	9.7	21.9
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	48.7	49.5	43.4	0.0	31.1	43.5
Sections of graduate courses	31.3	12.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by full-time non-tenure-track faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year language	34.3	51.3	50.3	69.4	72.8	47.4
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	30.1	26.4	29.4	30.0	20.5	28.8
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	28.8	22.0	20.1	0.6	6.7	21.9
Sections of graduate courses	6.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by part-time faculty members that were						
Sections of first-year language	45.6	58.5	65.0	90.8	84.9	61.9
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	26.6	30.7	24.0	8.9	12.0	24.4
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	26.7	10.2	11.0	0.3	3.1	13.3
Sections of graduate courses	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections taught by graduate students teaching assistants that were						
Sections of first-year language	60.1	81.6	69.6	N/A	N/A	67.3
Sections of other lower-division courses for undergraduates	29.1	14.9	26.3	N/A	N/A	24.7
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	10.6	3.5	4.1	N/A	N/A	7.8
Sections of graduate courses	0.2	0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A	100.0
Distribution of instructor types within each course type						
Average percentage of first-year language sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	5.6	19.2	42.7	36.4	28.7	30.2
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	27.5	28.7	25.1	11.8	17.8	25.3
Part-time faculty members	19.5	35.7	30.4	51.8	53.5	31.2
Graduate student teaching assistants	47.3	16.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	13.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of other lower-division course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	26.2	29.4	57.3	55.7	30.6	45.3
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	30.5	28.6	23.0	20.7	37.5	25.9
Part-time faculty members	14.7	34.3	18.7	23.6	31.9	21.0
Graduate student teaching assistants	28.6	7.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of upper-division undergraduate course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	56.8	70.1	77.5	0.0	69.8	71.0
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	25.2	19.4	14.5	33.3	11.1	17.7
Part-time faculty members	11.0	9.7	7.5	66.7	19.0	9.2
Graduate student teaching assistants	7.0	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of graduate course sections taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	86.4	89.8	62.5	N/A	N/A	86.2
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	10.9	4.0	12.5	N/A	N/A	8.7
Part-time faculty members	2.0	6.3	25.0	N/A	N/A	4.7
Graduate student teaching assistants	0.6	0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections that were						
Sections of first-year writing	38.5	46.3	43.6	80.0	73.1	46.1
Sections of other lower-division courses	23.6	24.3	26.9	19.7	18.0	25.0
Sections of upper-division courses for undergraduates	26.9	25.2	29.2	0.3	8.9	25.8
Sections of graduate courses	11.0	4.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average percentage of all course sections that were taught by						
Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members	29.9	37.9	55.2	40.3	32.7	45.3
Full-time non-tenure-track faculty members	26.1	24.7	20.6	13.2	20.0	22.1
Part-time faculty members	14.3	29.7	23.0	46.6	47.3	24.6
Graduate student teaching assistants	29.7	7.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of departments	51	39	132	9	15	246