

FSSE's Academic Discipline Categories

Displayed below are the eight categories of academic discipline¹ used by FSSE.

Arts and Humanities

- 1 = Art, fine and applied
- 2 = English (language and literature)
- 3 = History
- 4 = Journalism
- 5 = Language and literature (except English)
- 6 = Music
- 7 = Philosophy
- 8 = Speech
- 9 = Theater or drama
- 10 = Theology or religion
- 11 = Other arts & humanities

Biological Sciences

- 12 = Biology (general)
- 13 = Biochemistry or biophysics
- 14 = Botany
- 15 = Environmental science
- 16 = Marine (life) science
- 17 = Microbiology or bacteriology
- 18 = Zoology
- 19 = Other biological science

Business

- 20 = Accounting
- 21 = Business administration (general)
- 22 = Finance
- 23 = International business
- 24 = Marketing
- 25 = Management
- 26 = Other business

Education

- 27 = Business education
- 28 = Elementary/middle school education
- 29 = Music or art education
- 30 = Physical education or recreation
- 31 = Secondary education
- 32 = Special education
- 33 = Other education

Engineering

- 34 = Aero-/astronautical engineering
- 35 = Civil engineering
- 36 = Chemical engineering
- 37 = Electrical or electronic engineering
- 38 = Industrial engineering
- 39 = Materials engineering
- 40 = Mechanical engineering
- 41 = General/other engineering

Physical Sciences

- 42 = Astronomy
- 43 = Atmospheric science (including meteorology)
- 44 = Chemistry
- 45 = Earth science (including geology)
- 46 = Mathematics
- 47 = Physics
- 48 = Statistics
- 49 = Other physical science

Other Professions

- 50 = Architecture
- 51 = Urban Planning
- 52 = Health technology (medical, dental, laboratory)
- 53 = Law
- 54 = Library/archival science
- 55 = Medicine
- 56 = Dentistry
- 57 = Veterinarian
- 58 = Nursing
- 59 = Pharmacy
- 60 = Allied health/other medical
- 61 = Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)
- 62 = Other professional

Social Sciences

- 63 = Anthropology
- 64 = Economics
- 65 = Ethnic studies
- 66 = Geography
- 67 = Political science (includes govt, int. relations)
- 68 = Psychology
- 69 = Social work
- 70 = Sociology
- 71 = Gender studies
- 72 = Other social science

Other disciplines (not categorized)

- 73 = Agriculture
- 74 = Communications
- 75 = Computer science
- 76 = Family Studies
- 77 = Natural resources and conservation
- 78 = Kinesiology
- 79 = Criminal justice
- 80 = Military science
- 81 = Parks, recreation, leisure studies, sports management
- 82 = Public administration
- 83 = Technical/vocational
- 84 = Other field
- 85 = Undecided

¹ In FSSE data, faculty members' self-reported academic discipline is entered as the variable named "apptdisc" and assigned to the 85 major codes that appear above as the variable "apdiscod." FSSE then groups 72 of these majors into the eight categories above as the variable "apdiscol."