**Degrees Awarded to International Students in California**

**2011-2012 Academic Year**

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The Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) allows us to extract reports for degrees awarded by major / CIP code. Using data from the 2011-2012 academic year, I analyzed the number bachelor’s degrees and master’s degrees awarded to students by first declared majors for international students. In IPEDS, International Students are identified by the race/ethnicity category “Nonresident Alien.”

For both the bachelors and masters lists, I included all public and private not-for-profit institutions in California who award at least a bachelor’s degree. In 2011-2012, 6,654 bachelor’s degrees and 10,005 master’s degrees were awarded to international students by these 183 schools.

Graph 1 below has those majors by CIP code where at least 200 bachelor’s degrees were awarded. Of all the bachelor’s degrees awarded, 33% were in Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services.

Twelve institutions awarded at least 200 bachelor’s degrees to international students. Of those schools, only 1 is private, not-for-profits: the University of Southern California. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the bachelor’s degrees awarded by USC were in Business.

Graph 2 has those majors by CIP code where at least 200 master’s degrees were awarded. Of all the masters degrees awarded, 27% were in Engineering and 27% were in Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services.

Fourteen institutions awarded at least 200 masters degrees to international students. Of those, 6 are private, not-for-profits. See this list below:

**Golden Gate University** – 94% of degrees were awarded in Business

**Northwestern Polytechnic University** – 51% of degrees were awarded in Business and 49% were awarded in Engineering

**Santa Clara University** – 30% of degrees were awarded in Business and 40% of degrees were awarded in Engineering

**Stanford University** – 23% of degrees were awarded in Business and 35% of degrees were awarded in Engineering

**University of La Verne** – 93% of degrees were awarded in Business

**University of Southern California** – 10% of degrees were awarded in Business and 40% of degrees awarded in Engineering

While the preferred majors for bachelor’s and master’s degrees are slightly different, business and business related majors, engineering, and social sciences top both lists. It is interesting to note the differences in which institutions are attracting international students at these two levels, though. Please see the excel reports for the full lists of institutions and degrees awarded.