Political Science in the 2020s


In the coming decade, we expect to see a slight decline in the number of Political Science Bachelor’s degrees completed. Comparatively, in the next 10 years, Economics bachelor’s degrees are expected to increase sharply, Sociology expects little change in degrees, and History expects a decline.

As shown in previous charts, recent years have seen an increase in the number of women completing degrees in political science, while the number of men have continued to decline. In the coming decade, the number of women could eclipse the number of men for the first time.

*All data presented here are from the NCES IPEDS database. Degree completion forecasts were made using the “Automatic Forecast” tool in Tableau.