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Initiate outstanding new academic programs in selected areas.

Executive Summary

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The Honors College has been created and has grown to include approximately 1,290 students with increasingly high SAT scores. (pp. 3-4)

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We are on track to meet most of our 2012 graduate program goals.

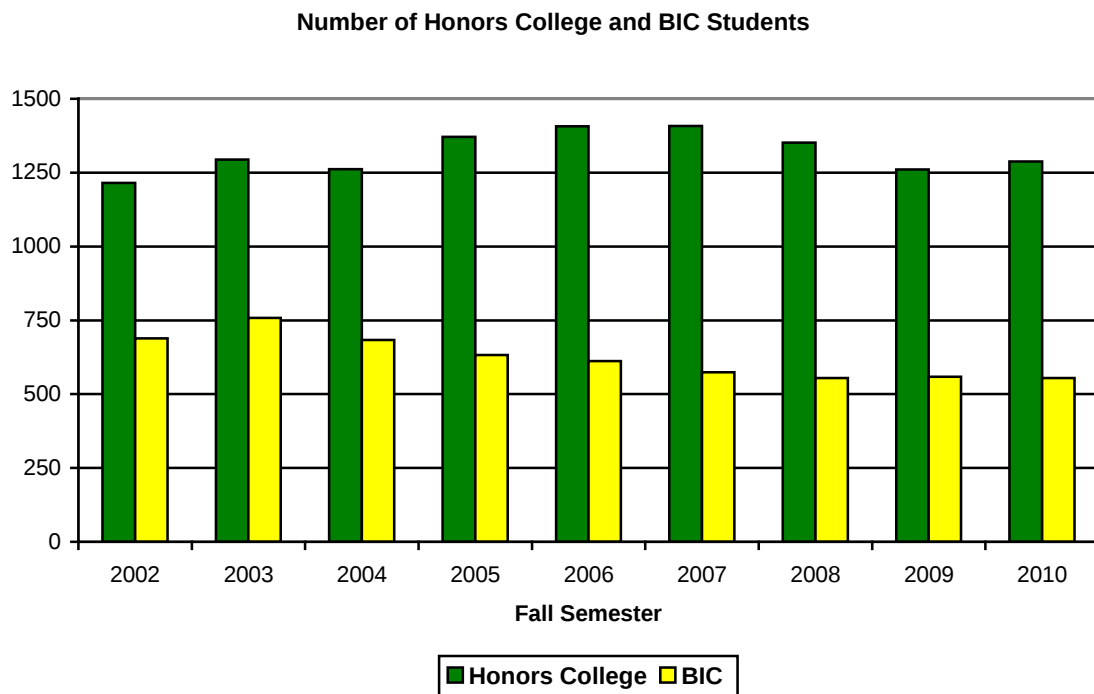
The number of doctoral programs in the social sciences and humanities has grown to 12 since 2002. The total number of doctoral programs has grown to 23. (pp. 5-6)

The total number of Ph.D. students has increased by approximately 41%, and the average GRE score of Ph.D. students has increased by 148 points. (pp. 7-9)

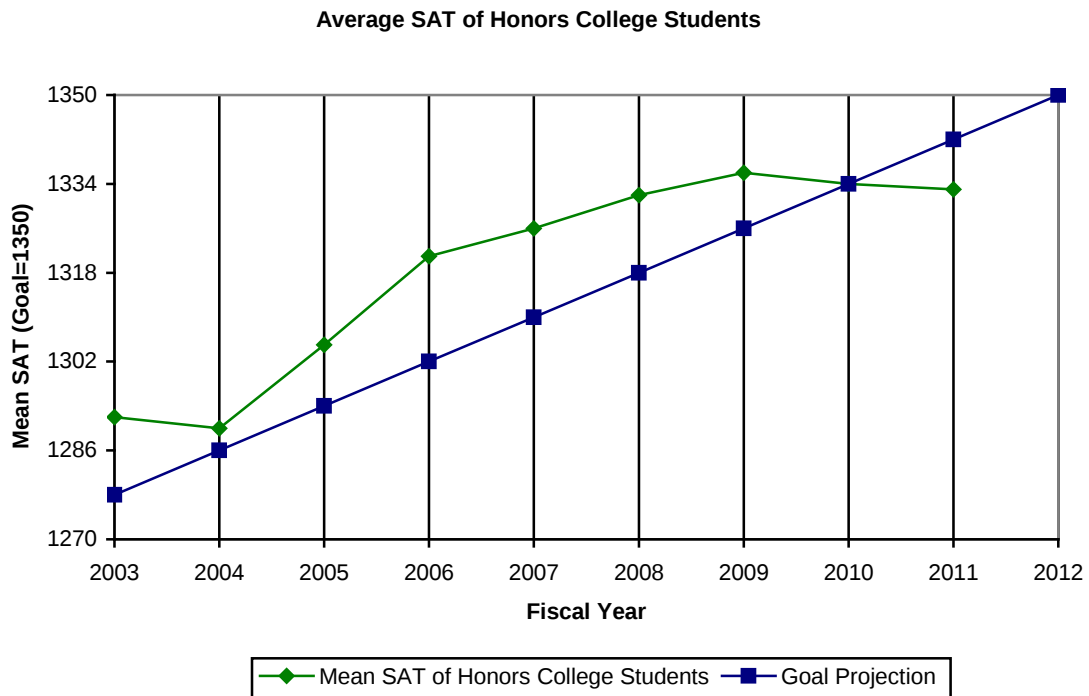
Further Detail

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- The Honors College (which includes the Honors program, BIC program, and academic majors in the Honors College) has a total enrollment of 1,288 students in Fall 2010 with an average SAT of 1333.
- Enrollment in the BIC program has been declining over the past four years, from 758 in Fall 2003 to 554 in Fall 2010.



Source: IRT

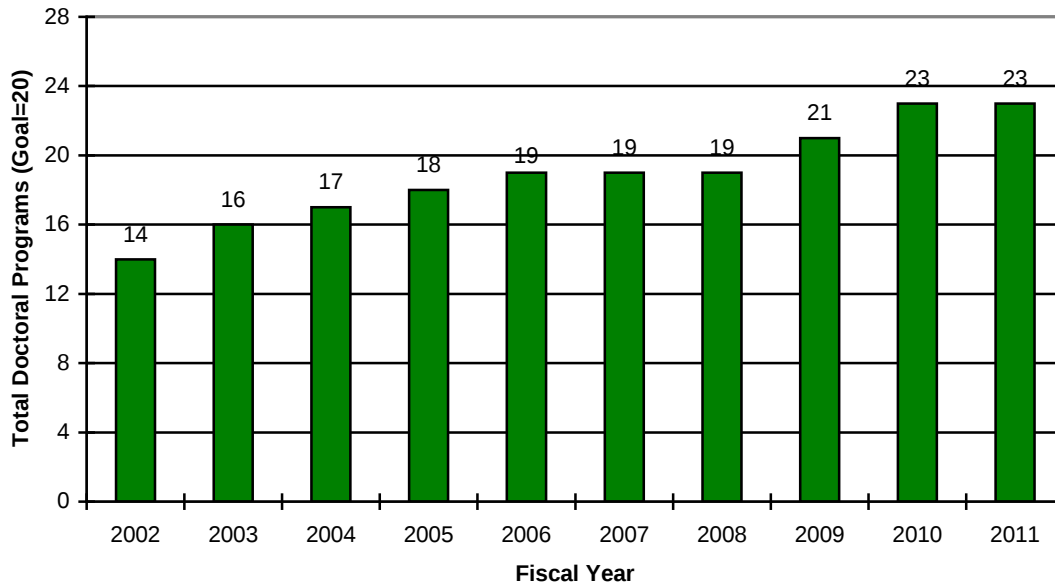


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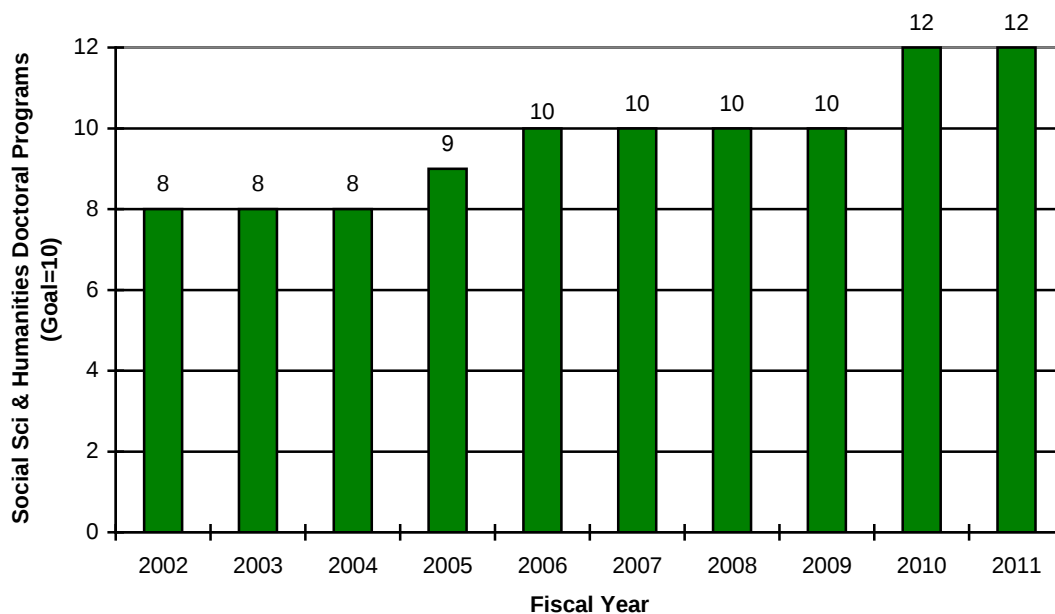
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Total Number of Doctoral Programs



Source: Graduate School

Total Number of Doctoral Programs in the Social Sciences and Humanities



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Ph.D. Programs include:

- Biology
- Biomedical Studies
- Chemistry
- Church-State Studies *
- Curriculum & Teaching*
- Ecological, Earth, & Environmental Sciences
- Educational Psychology*
- English*
- Exercise, Nutrition, and Preventive Health
- Geology
- History *
- Information Systems
- Mathematics
- Philosophy *
- Physics
- Political Science *
- Psychology
- Religion *
- Religion, Politics, & Society *
- Sociology*
- Statistics

Other Doctoral degrees:

- Doctor of Education *
- Doctor of Psychology *

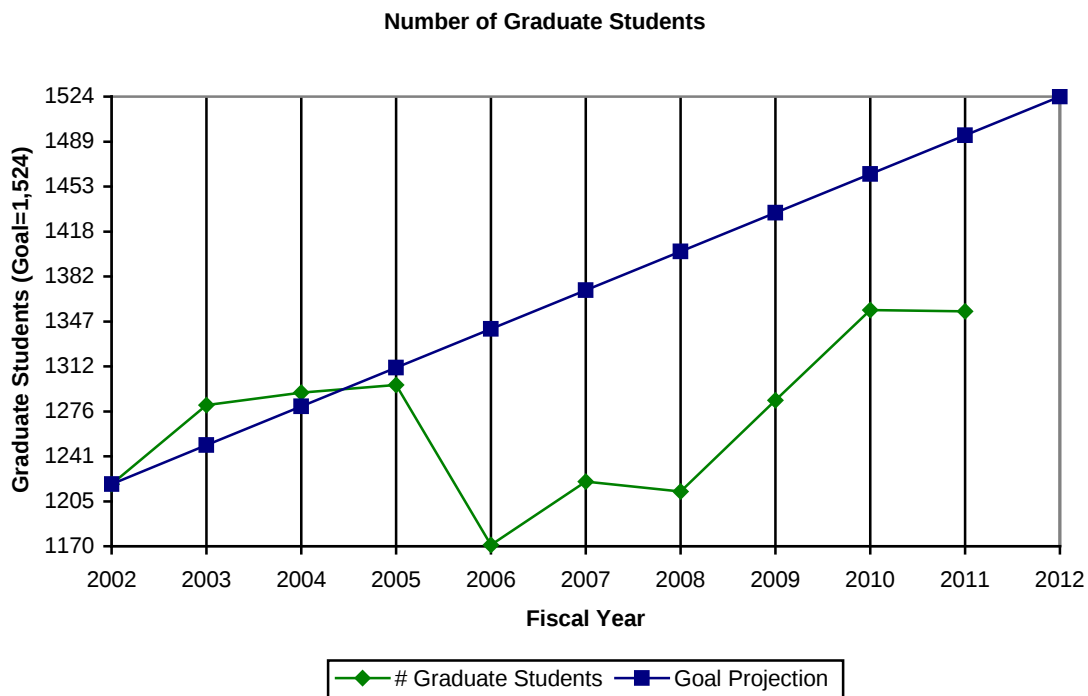
* Humanities or Social Sciences

Not included in this count are Baylor doctoral degrees in:

- Ministry (DM)
- Law (JD)
- Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Science (DScPT, DScPA, DScOT)

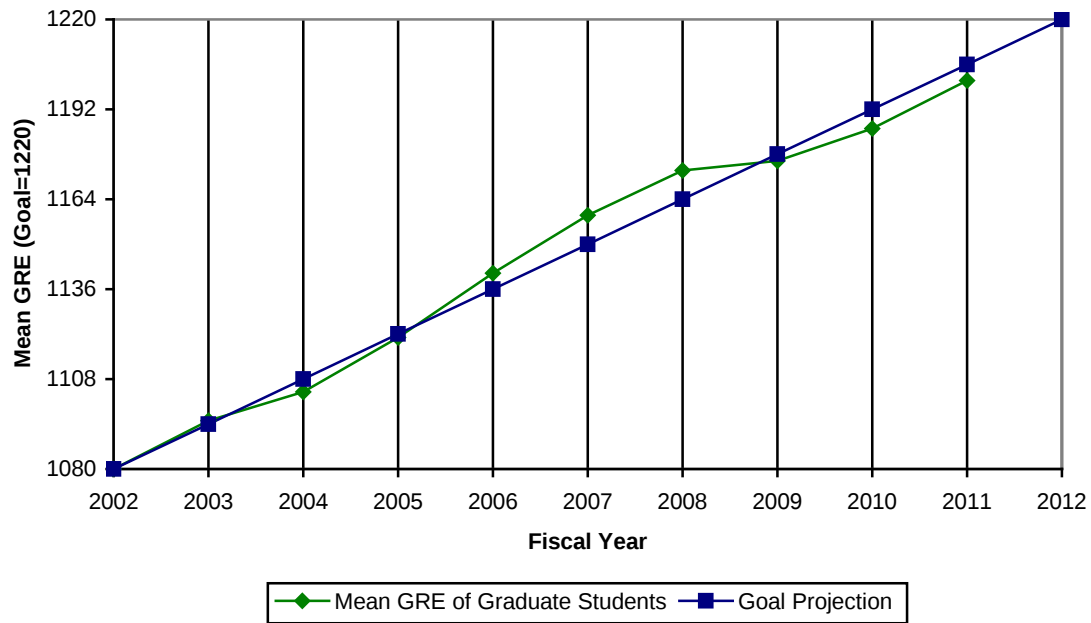
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- As of Fall 2010, we have increased graduate student enrollment by 11.1%. There was sharp decline in the number of graduate students in Fall 2005. Decreases in enrollments in the Hankamer School of Business and School of Education graduate programs accounted for 56% of the total decrease in graduate student enrollment. In addition, the School of Social Work became an independent unit in Fall 2005. Although the graduate student enrollment has not risen as desired, the mean GRE score of these students has increased by 120 points since Fall 2002.
- As of Fall 2010, we have increased doctoral student enrollment by 41.3%. Doctoral student enrollment has increased steadily since Fall 2002. Along with an increase in doctoral student enrollment, the mean GRE score for these students has increased by 148 points.



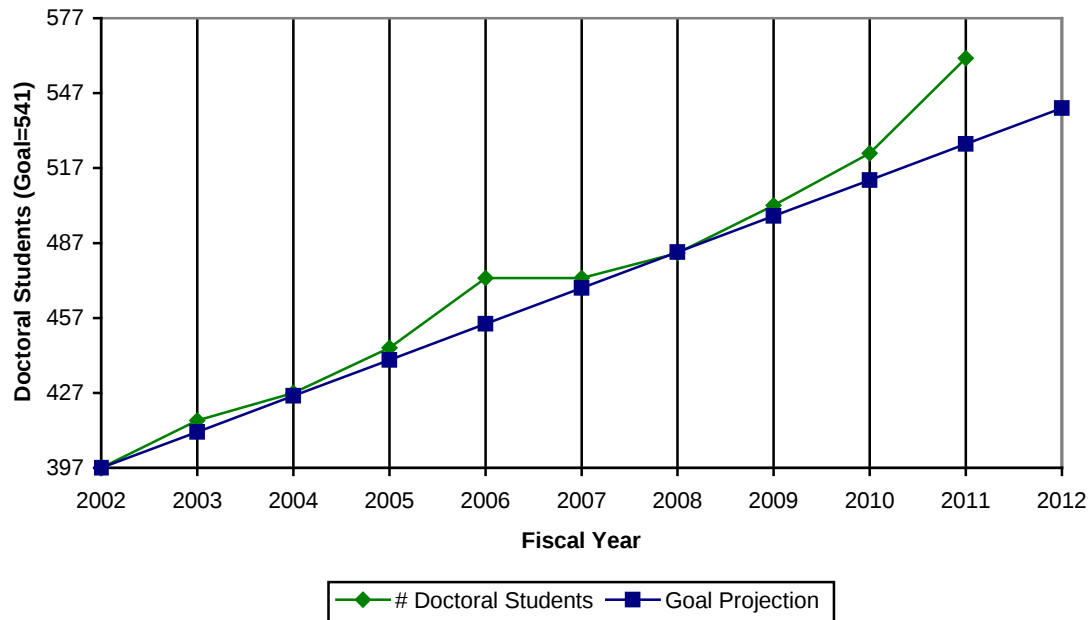
Source: IRT

Average GRE of Graduate Students



Source: IRT

Number of Doctoral Students



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