

**New Students Beginning Ph.D. Study in Political Science**

Year	Total	Women		Black	
Fall, 1983	838	230	27%	51	6%
Fall, 1982	772	208	27%	39	5%
Fall, 1981	1,042	299	29%	76	7%
Fall, 1980	1,068	301	28%	104	9%
Fall, 1979	1,100	305	28%	101	9%
Fall, 1978	1,051	255	24%	102	10%
Fall, 1977	1,182	270	23%	111	10%
Fall, 1976	1,064	274	26%	100	9%
Fall, 1975	1,174	270	23%	129	11%
Fall, 1974	1,443	342	24%	131	9%
Fall, 1973	1,414	*	*	*	*
Fall, 1972	1,576	*	*	*	*
Fall, 1971	1,695	*	*	*	*
Fall, 1970	2,138	*	*	*	*
Fall, 1969	2,487	*	*	*	*

\*Figures not available.

Note: The sources are the annual issues of the *Guide to Graduate Study in Political Science* for 1971-1984, APSA surveys 1969 and 1970, and *Graduate Students and Faculty in Political Science Ph.D. and M.A. Programs*, 1981.

**Non-Academic Jobs Will Not Relieve Tight Academic Market**

**Robert J-P. Hauck**

American Political Science Association

Estimates prepared from the APSA annual survey of departments show that in recent years faculty members have not been leaving their teaching positions in increasing numbers to pursue careers in applied settings.

Since 1977, the APSA annual survey of departments has collected data on the number of faculty leaving academia to pursue non-academic careers. The survey does not differentiate between tenured and non-tenured faculty leaving the academy; it only records aggregate departures. Based upon these data, it is possible to estimate that over six years an annual average of 173 faculty members from political science departments—ranging from Ph.D. granting institutions to departments offering political science at the undergraduate level as one component of a social science department—leave their appointments for careers outside the academy (Table A). If only Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. granting departments are taken into account, the estimated number of departures is an even lower figure of 110 annually for the past six years (Table E).

In fact, the number of political scientists leaving academic life is actually declining (Tables A-D). Over 200 faculty left teaching positions in 1977-78; in 1982-83 half as many left. The decline is evidenced in Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. granting departments. The data suggest that the profession runs the risk of overemphasizing the degree to which departments will ease the tight academic market in future years. □

**TABLE A**  
All Departments

Year	Number of Faculty Leaving for Non-Academic Positions			Survey Response Rate (%)	Annual Estimates No. of Political Scientists Leaving Academia to Assume Non-Academic Positions
	Males	Females	Total		
1977-78	73	27	100	46	217
1978-79	67	18	82	48	171
1979-80	67	26	93	50	186
1980-81	72	27	99	49	202
1981-82	57	16	73	48	152
1982-83	47	3	50	46	109

**TABLE B**  
Political Science Departments Granting a Ph.D. in Political Science

Year	Number of Faculty Leaving for Non-Academic Positions			Survey Response Rate (%)	Annual Estimates No. of Political Scientists Leaving Academia to Assume Non-Academic Positions
	Males	Females	Total		
1977-78	16	6	22	87	25
1978-79	18	9	27	80	34
1979-80	17	2	19	80	24
1980-81	20	9	29	78	37
1981-82	20	4	24	81	30
1982-83	13	2	15	84	18

**TABLE C**  
Political Science Departments Granting an M.A. in Political Science

Year	Number of Faculty Leaving for Non-Academic Positions			Survey Response Rate (%)	Annual Estimates No. of Political Scientists Leaving Academia to Assume Non-Academic Positions
	Males	Females	Total		
1977-78	16	5	21	81	26
1978-79	21	2	23	79	29
1979-80	20	11	31	88	35
1980-81	22	8	30	94	32
1981-82	17	2	19	90	21
1982-83	14	1	15	88	17

**TABLE D**  
**Political Science Departments Granting a B.A. in Political Science**

Year	Number of Faculty Leaving for Non-Academic Positions			Survey Response Rate (%)	Annual Estimates No. of Political Scientists Leaving Academia to Assume Non-Academic Positions
	Males	Females	Total		
1977-78	29	4	33	51	65
1978-79	22	6	28	50	56
1979-80	11	5	16	57	28
1980-81	22	9	31	33	94
1981-82	14	10	24	47	51
1982-83	18	0	18	50	36

**TABLE E**  
**Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. Granting Departments Combined**

Year	Annual Estimates of Political Scientists Leaving Academia to Assume Non-Academic Positions
1977-78	116
1978-79	119
1979-80	87
1980-81	163
1981-82	102
1982-83	71

## Political Science Degrees Awarded: An Update

**Robert J-P. Hauck**

American Political Science Association

The following data complete the report on degrees awarded in political science, public administration and international relations. The data on Ph.D.s awarded were reported in *PS*, Fall 1983 (pp. 769-770).

As previously reported, after five years of continuous decline the number of Ph.D.s awarded increased in 1982. The number of M.A. and B.A. degrees awarded continued to increase. Over 3,000 M.A.s were awarded in political science and international relations in 1982; over 6,000 M.A.s were awarded in public administration. More than 30,000 B.A.s were awarded in political science, international relations and public administration.

The composition of M.A. and B.A. recipients continues to change. Women are still increasing in percentage of M.A. (33 percent) and B.A. (39 percent) recipients. Since 1972 there has been a 10 percent increase in the number of women awarded B.A. degrees. □