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## NOTES ON INTERPRETATION

### QUALITY:

Quality is the average student response to the question, "Overall, I would rate the quality of this course as ..." Quality is ranked on a scale of 1–5, with 1 being the highest quality, 5 the lowest. Thus, the courses with the quality ranking closest to 1 have been evaluated as the highest quality courses.

### WORKLOAD:

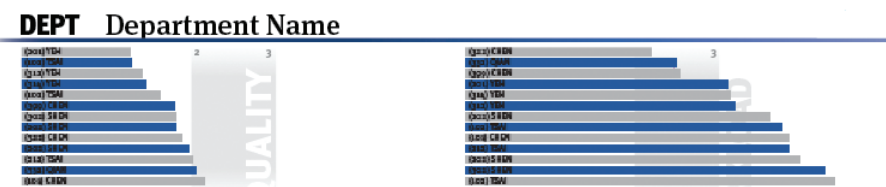
Workload is the average student response to the question, "The workload for this course compared to others at Rice was ..." Workload is ranked on a scale of 1–5, with 1 being the easiest workload, 5 the hardest. Thus, the courses with the work load closest to 1 have been evaluated as the easiest courses.

### RESULTS

The quality rankings are always on the lefthand side, the workload rankings on the right. As a result of the numbering system employed by the Registrar's Office, the best-quality and easiest-workload courses are at the top of their department's charts. The lowest-ranked and most difficult courses fall at the bottom of the charts. The gray bars running below each chart mark the space between 2 and 3, for reference. The average quality and workload for each school and department is also listed.

# TAKE YOUR PICK

## Spring 2009 Course Evaluations Results



### Top 10

## "EASIEST" COURSES

1. CHBE 100, Zygourakis – 1.00
2. CHBE 100, Cox – 1.00
3. POLI 599, Stoll – 1.00
4. PSYC 485, Chen – 1.00
5. BIOE 202, Igoshin – 1.10
6. ESCI 103, Droxler – 1.25
7. MUSI 117, Siu – 1.29
8. UNIV 220, Grace – 1.40
9. CHEM 210, Tour – 1.42
10. MECH 340, Gesenhues – 1.50

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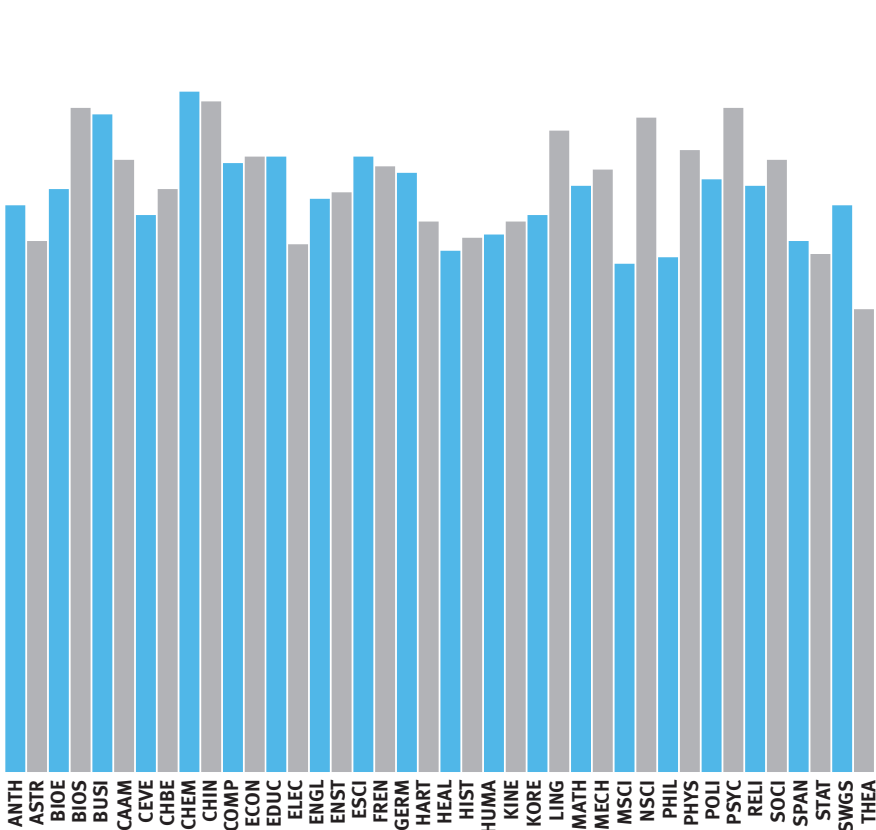
Any course cross-listed under more than one department will appear in both locations, and is included in both averages.

Departments with less than five courses evaluated were not included in any calculations. Department graphs were included on space-availability basis, judged partially by the relative number of courses offered by the departments of each school.

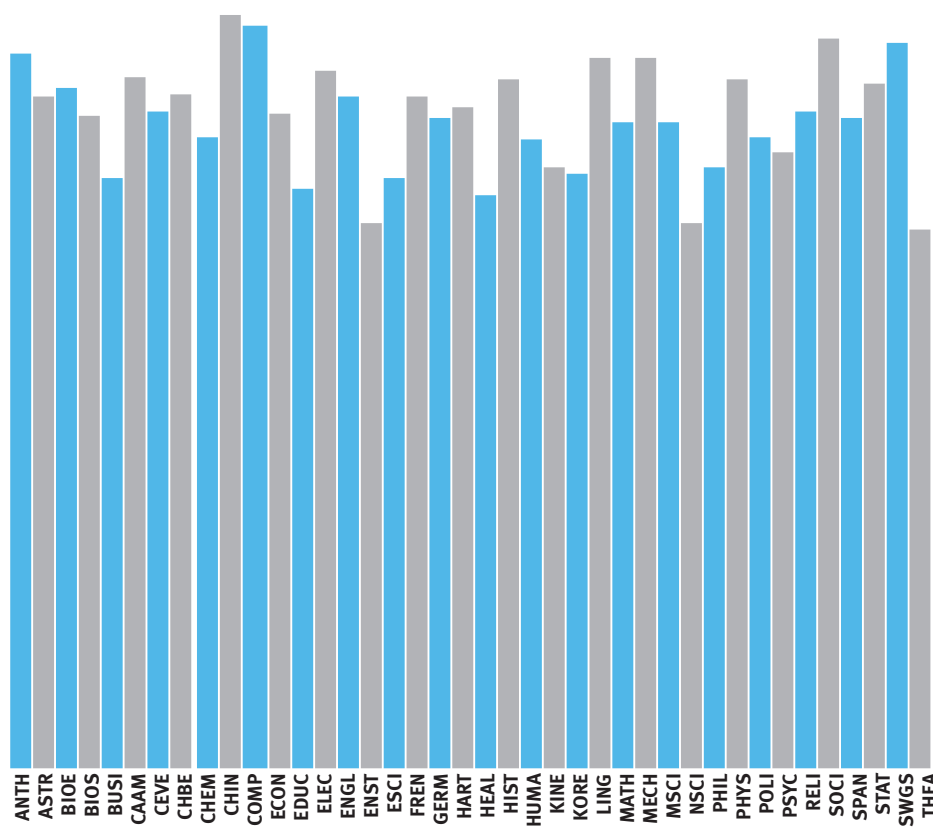
### Top 10

## "HARDEST" COURSES

1. ARCH 302, Finley – 5.00
2. COMP 415, Wong – 5.00
3. CHBE 305, Zygourakis – 4.86
4. MECH 408, Loos – 4.83
5. COMP 314, Wallach – 4.82
6. CHBE 404, Cox – 4.80
7. MATH 427, Bufetov – 4.71
8. ANTH 408, Robinson – 4.67
9. CHIN 202, Shen – 4.67
10. ELEC 433, Hunter – 4.67



**Average Course Quality (by department)**  
REMEMBER: "1" IS THE HIGHEST QUALITY, "5" THE LOWEST.



**Average Course Workload (by department)**  
REMEMBER: "1" IS THE EASIEST WORKLOAD, "5" THE TOUGHEST.



# SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

AVERAGE COURSE QUALITY: 1.61

AVERAGE COURSE WORKLOAD: 2.80

## CLAS Classical Studies

(315) QUENEMOEN  
(230) ANDERSON  
(108) MCGILL  
(301) MORRISON

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(230) ANDERSON  
(301) MORRISON  
(315) QUENEMOEN

Average Quality: 1.58  
Average Workload: 3.13

## CHIN Chinese Studies

(102) TSAI  
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(201) YEH  
(212) TSAI  
(314) YEH  
(312) YEH  
(422) QIAN  
(330) QIAN  
(202) SHEN  
(302) SHEN  
(399) CHEN  
(322) CHEN  
(202) SHEN  
(101) CHEN  
(412) CHEN

(330) QIAN  
(322) CHEN  
(422) QIAN  
(399) CHEN  
(201) YEH  
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(312) YEH  
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(212) TSAI  
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Average Quality: 1.89  
Average Workload: 3.50

## EDUC Education

(420) HECKELMAN  
(310) ASHMORE  
(315) RINN  
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(490) HECKELMAN  
(335) SALVATIERRA  
(345) WHITE

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(310) ASHMORE  
(345) WHITE  
(420) HECKELMAN

Average Quality: 1.62  
Average Workload: 2.69

## ENGL English

(400) MICHIE  
(320) HUSTON  
(201) WEST  
(379) JOSEPH  
(308) DRISKILL  
(175) SCHOLTZ  
(405) GORDON  
(175) SAKTON  
(175) KLEIN  
(357) MORRIS  
(373) OSTHERR  
(301) ROSENBLUM  
(365) WOMACK  
(200) WOOD  
(300) LURIE  
(404) WOOD  
(322) CAMPANA  
(541) PATTEN  
(472) SLAPPEY  
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Average Quality: 1.89  
Average Workload: 3.12

## FILM Film Studies

(284) DOVE  
(383) DOVE  
(373) OSTHERR  
(387) HEARN  
(328) HUBERMAN

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Average Quality: 1.58  
Average Workload: 2.98

## FREN French Studies

(571) GOUX  
(800) ARESU  
(311) NELSON-CAMPBELL  
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(102) CRULL  
(476) HARTER  
(102) CRULL  
(101) SOCACIU  
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(101) KOLEVA  
(201) DATTA  
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Average Quality: 1.69  
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## GERM German Studies

(202) GAUG  
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(136) BLUMENTHAL-BARBY  
(126) WESTPHAL-WIHL  
(102) DEJONCKHEERE  
(306) WEISSENBERGER  
(102) KOLEVA  
(322) WEISSENBERGER  
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Average Quality: 1.60  
Average Workload: 3.02

## HART Art History

(340) WOLFFHAL  
(414) PRESCIUTTI  
(284) DOVE  
(431) NEAGLEY  
(315) QUENEMOEN  
(415) QUENEMOEN  
(600) HIGHT  
(882) DOVE  
(378) WOLFFHAL  
(362) HUGHES  
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(32) NEAGLY  
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Average Quality: 1.64  
Average Workload: 3.07

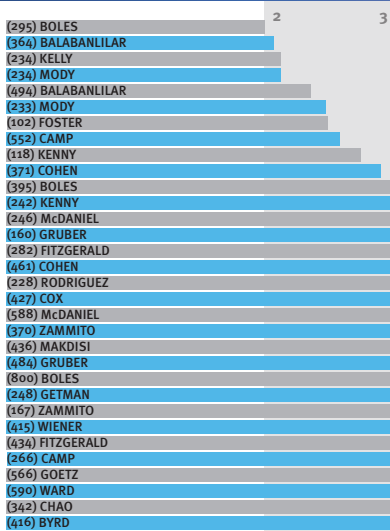
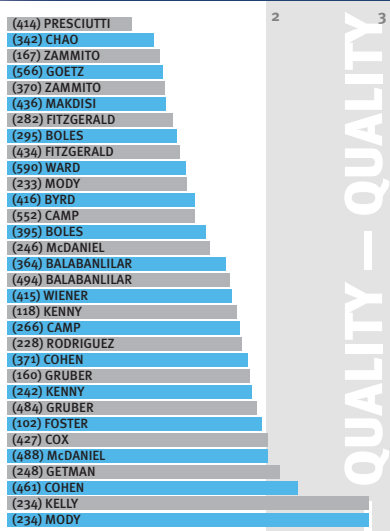
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(201) HUSTON  
(312) GRACE  
(210) PRINCE  
(111) MCGILL  
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(102) HARTER  
(251) COOPER  
(102) ANDERSON  
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(322) WEISSENBERGER  
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(102) KULSTAD  
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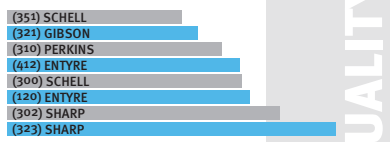
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Average Workload: 2.92

### HIST History



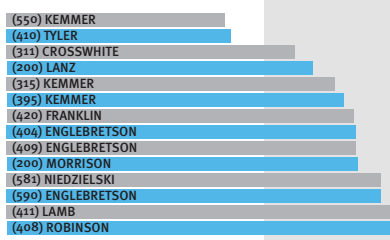
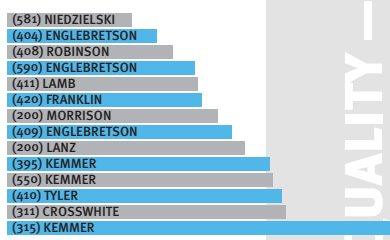
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### KINE Kinesiology



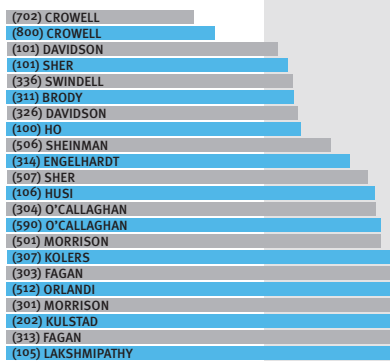
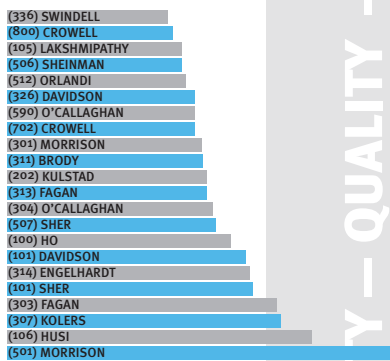
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Average Workload: 2.79

### LING Linguistics



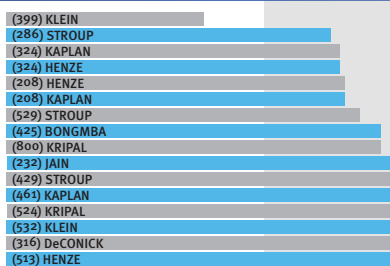
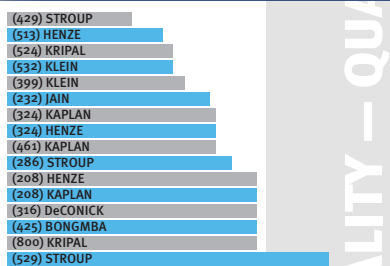
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Average Workload: 2.76

### PHIL Philosophy



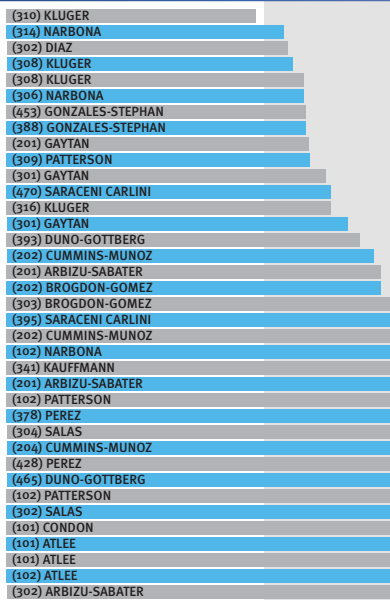
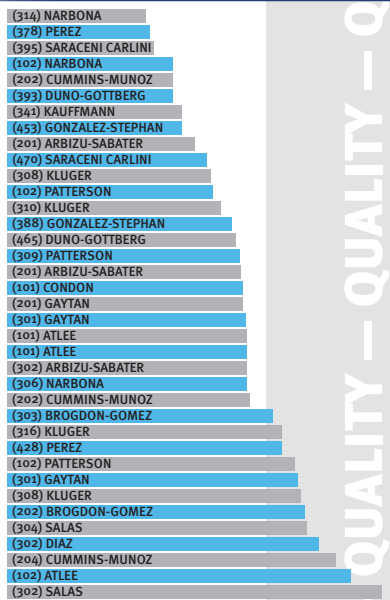
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### RELI Religious Studies



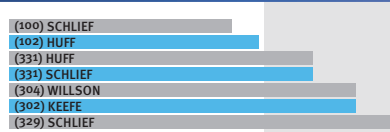
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Average Workload: 3.05

### SPAN Spanish Studies



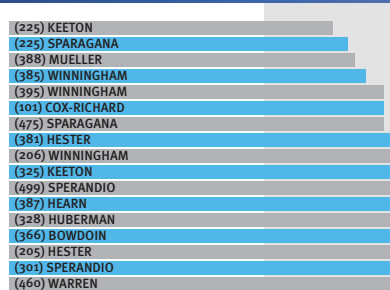
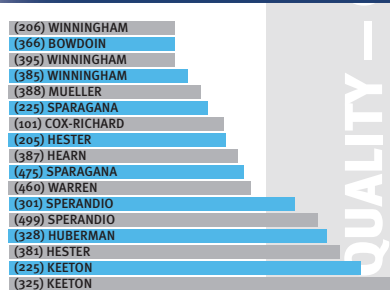
Average Quality: 1.74  
Average Workload: 3.02

### THEA Theatrical Studies



Average Quality: 1.42  
Average Workload: 2.50

### ARTS Visual Arts



Average Quality: 1.63  
Average Workload: 3.27

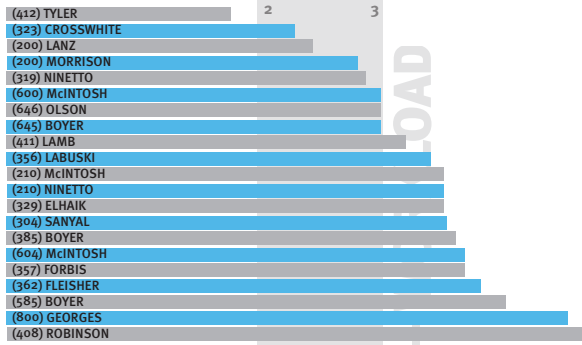
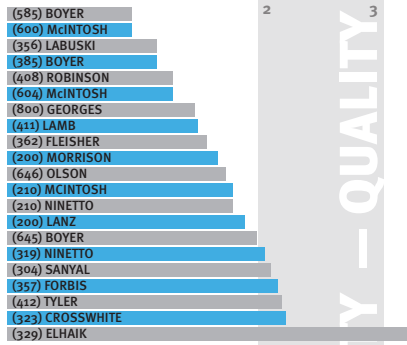


# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

AVERAGE COURSE QUALITY: 1.78

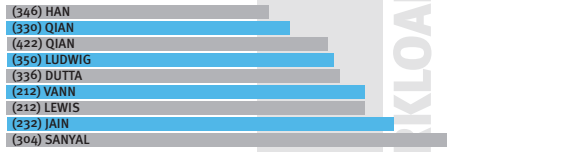
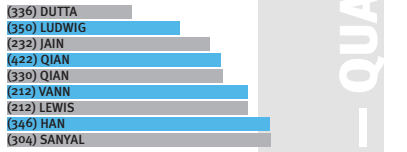
AVERAGE COURSE WORKLOAD: 3.36

## ANTH Anthropology



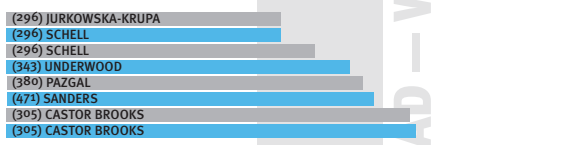
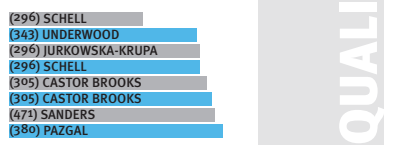
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Average Workload: 3.32

## ASIA Asian Studies



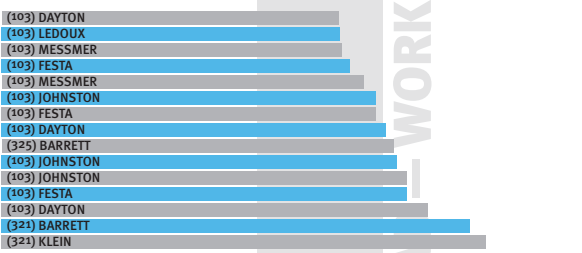
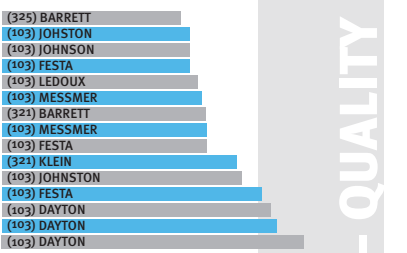
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## BUSI Business



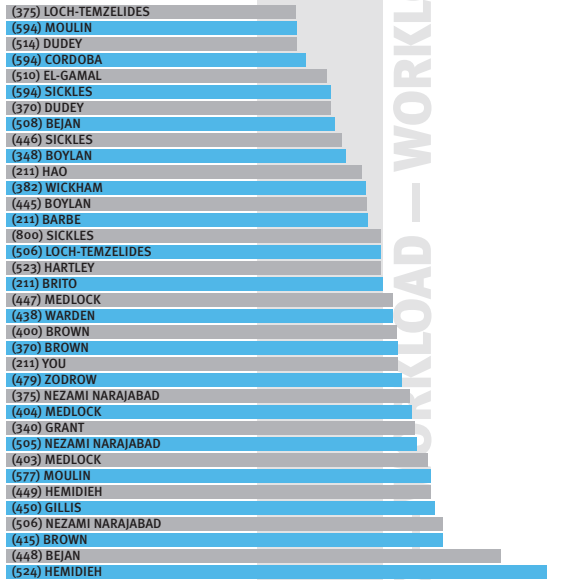
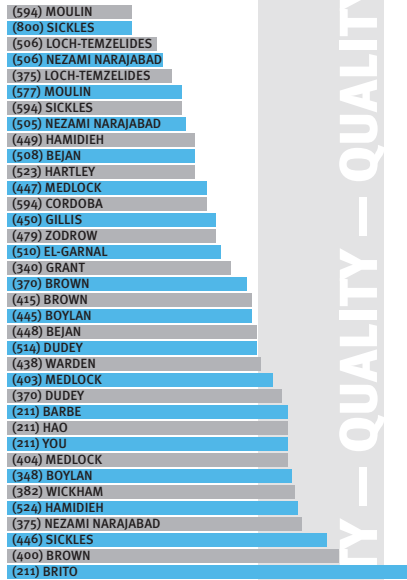
Average Quality: 1.71  
Average Workload: 2.74

## COMM Communication



Average Quality: 2.00  
Average Workload: 3.12

## ECON Economics



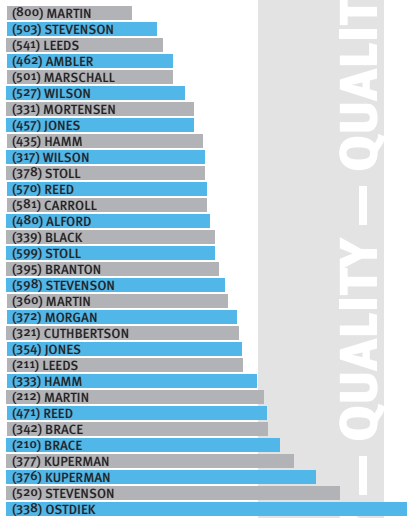
Average Quality: 1.89  
Average Workload: 3.04

## EDUC Education



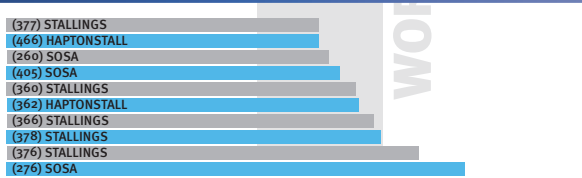
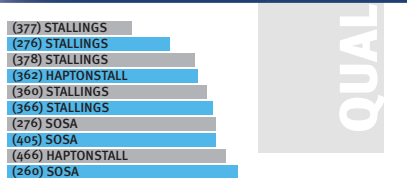
Average Quality: 1.62  
Average Workload: 2.69

## POLI Political Science



Average Quality: 1.80  
Average Workload: 2.93

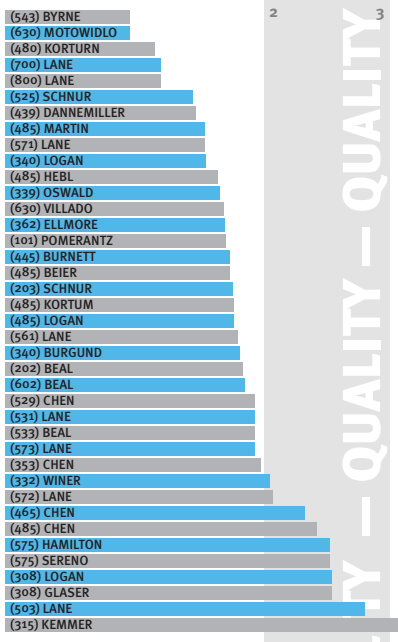
## SMGT Sports Management



Average Quality: 1.57  
Average Workload: 2.88

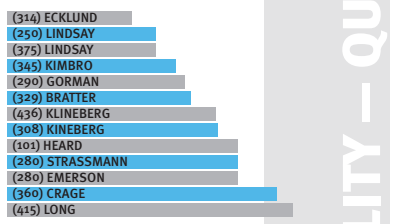


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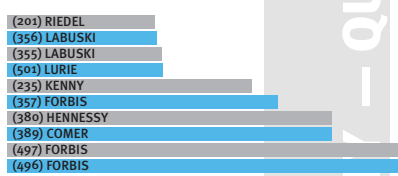
Average Quality: 1.88  
Average Workload: 2.86

**SOCI Sociology**



Average Quality: 1.59  
Average Workload: 3.39

**SWGS Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality**



Average Quality: 2.02  
Average Workload: 3.37



**SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

AVERAGE COURSE QUALITY: 1.88

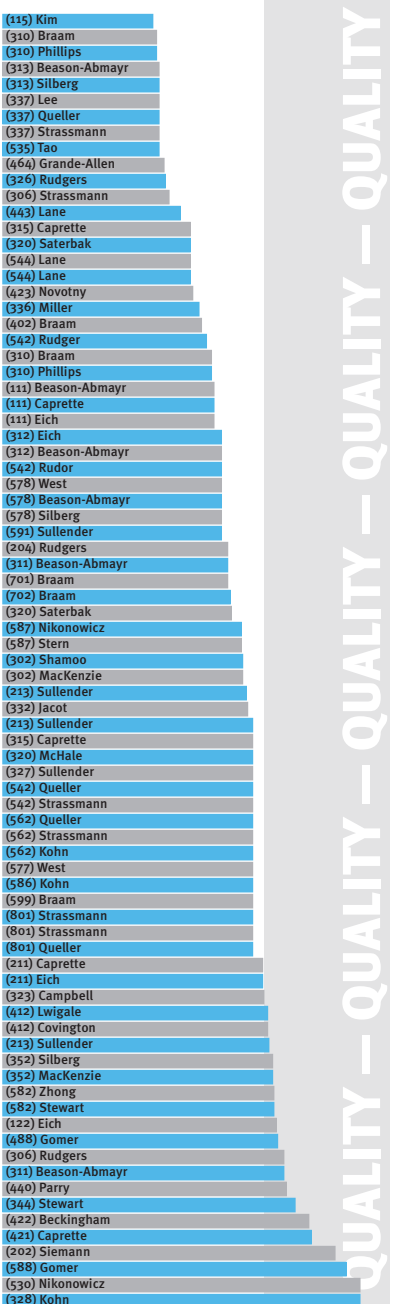
AVERAGE COURSE WORKLOAD: 2.97

**ASTR Astronomy**



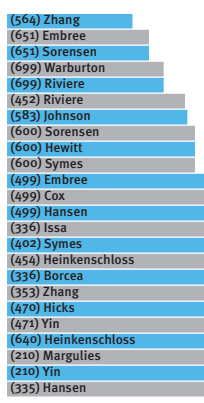
Average Quality: 2.04  
Average Workload: 3.12

**BIOS Biological Sciences**



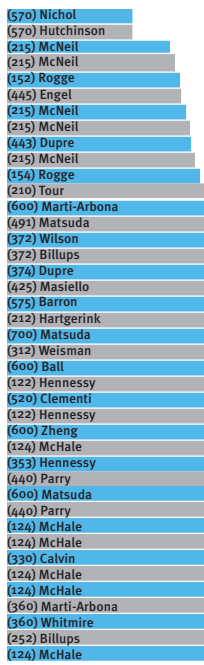
Average Quality: 1.88  
Average Workload: 3.03

### CAAM Computation and Applied Mathematics



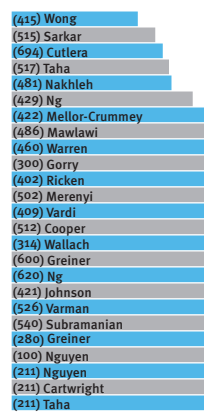
Average Quality: 1.79  
Average Workload: 3.21

### CHEM Chemistry



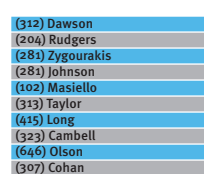
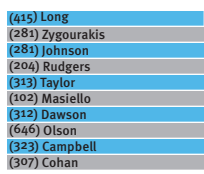
Average Quality: 1.87  
Average Workload: 2.93

### COMP Computer Science



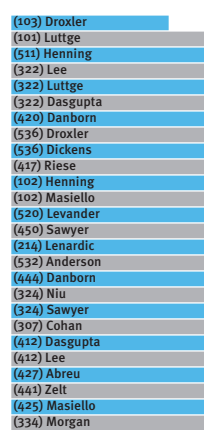
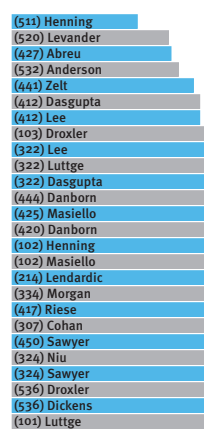
Average Quality: 1.88  
Average Workload: 3.45

### ENST Environmental Sustainability



Average Quality: 1.86  
Average Workload: 2.53

### ESCI Earth Science



Average Quality: 1.84  
Average Workload: 2.74

### HEAL Health Science



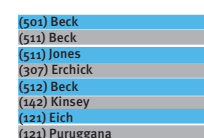
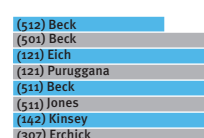
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Average Workload: 2.66

### MSCI Material Science



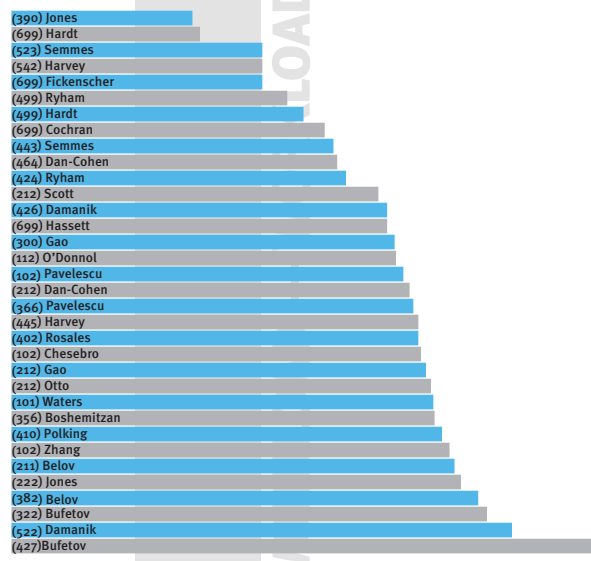
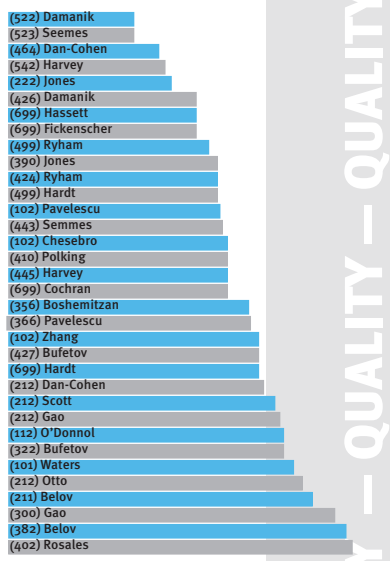
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Average Workload: 3.00

### NSCI Natural Sciences



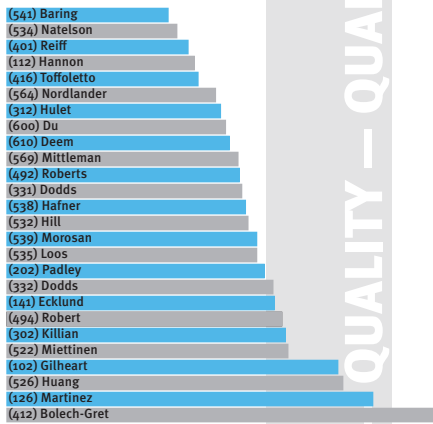
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## MATH Mathematics



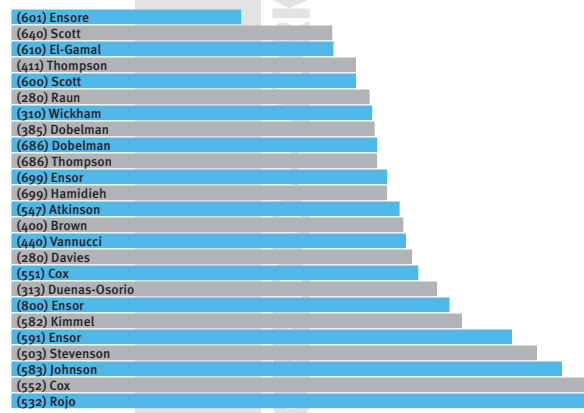
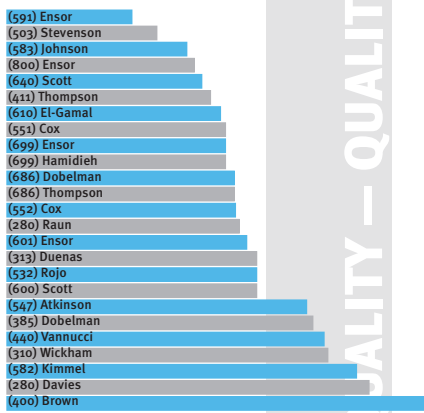
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Average Workload: 3.00

## PHYS Physics



Average Quality: 2.04  
Average Workload: 3.20

## STAT Statistics



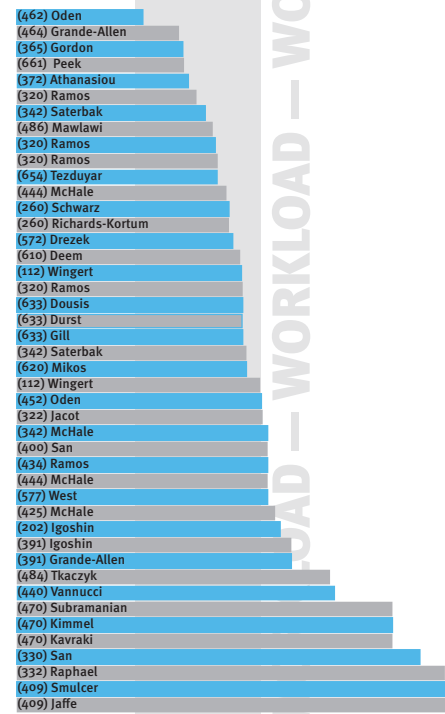
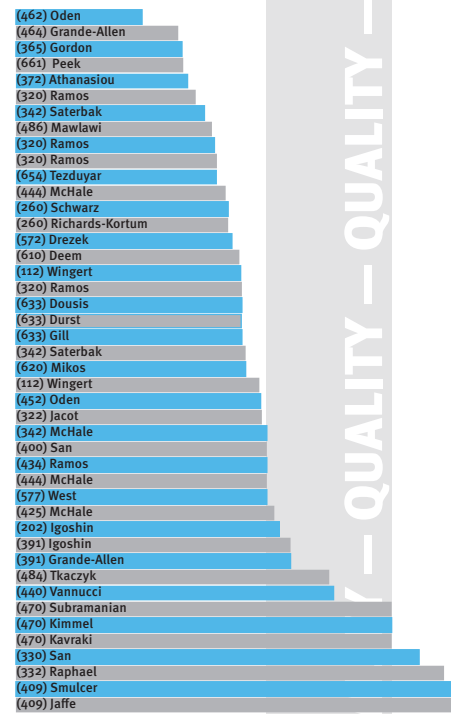
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# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

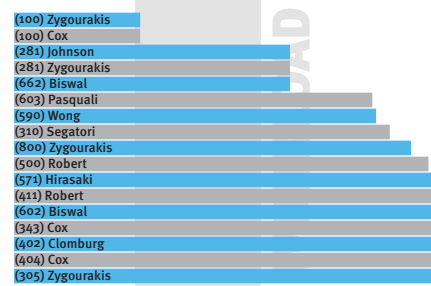
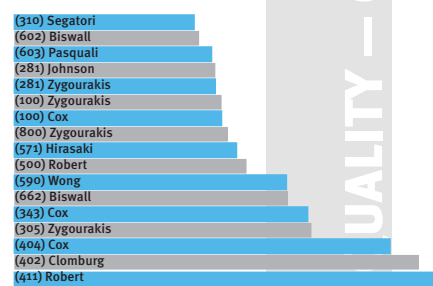
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## BIOE Bioengineering



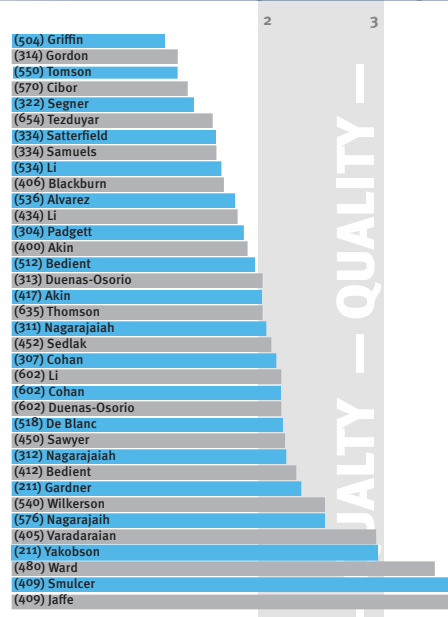
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## CHBE Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering



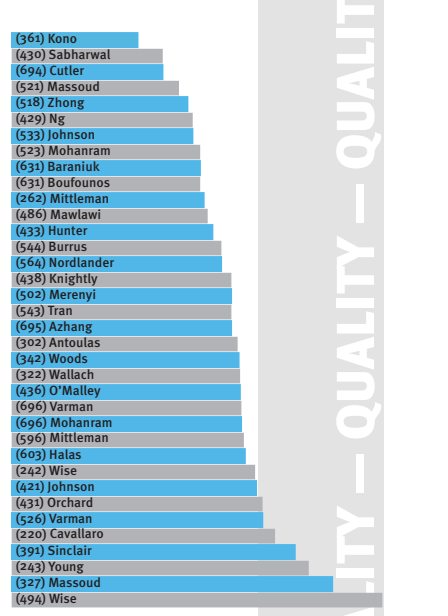
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## CEVE Civil Engineering



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## ELEC Electrical Engineering



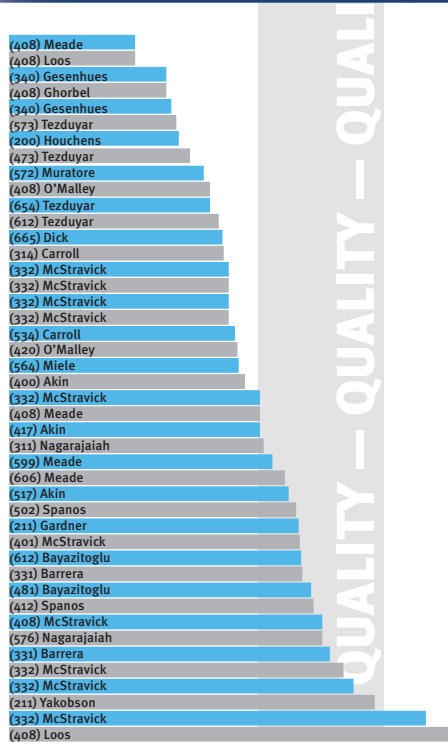
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## ENGI Engineering



Average Quality: 1.78  
Average Workload: 2.56

## MECH Mechanical Engineering



Average Quality: 2.01  
Average Workload: 3.07

### Top 10 "EASIEST" MAJORS

1. THEA — 2.50
2. ENST — 2.53
3. NSCI — 2.53
4. ENGI — 2.56
5. HEAL — 2.66
6. EDUC — 2.69
7. ESCI — 2.74
8. BUSI — 2.74
9. LING — 2.76
10. PHIL — 2.79

### Top 10 "BEST QUALITY"

1. THEA — 1.42
2. SMGT — 1.57
3. CLAS — 1.58
4. FILM — 1.58
5. MSCI — 1.58
6. SOCI — 1.59
7. EDUC — 1.62
8. ARTS — 1.63
9. RELI — 1.63
10. HEAL — 1.65

### Top 10 "HARDEST" MAJORS

1. COMP — 3.45
2. SOCI — 3.39
3. SWGS — 3.37
4. ANTH — 3.32
5. ARTS — 3.27
6. ASIA — 3.27
7. ELEC — 3.24
8. CAAM — 3.21
9. HIST — 3.20
10. PHYS — 3.20