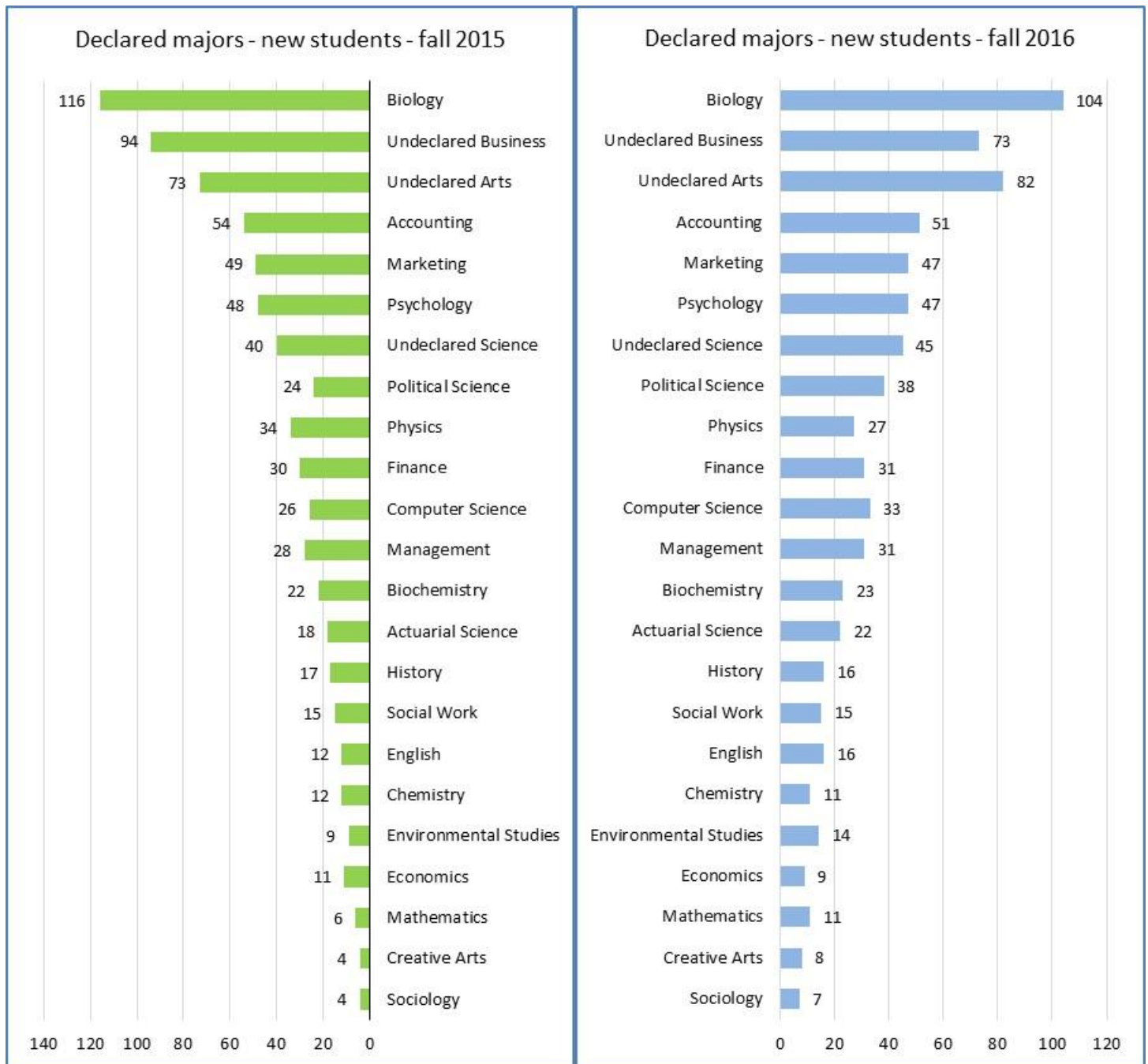


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Siena Fast Facts

For the last few of weeks our *Fast Facts* have been looking at the incoming class of 2020. We will continue that topic this week, with a focus on the majors selected by our new students.

The chart below shows the distribution of declared majors for new students matriculating in the fall of 2015 (left side) and the fall of 2016 (right side). Once again, fall 2016 data are still preliminary. The charts include all majors with an average of at least 5 new students per year. Related majors are grouped together (e.g. education majors are included with their primary major, BA and BS degrees are combined).



The largest increases from 2015 to 2016 are for Political Science, Undeclared Arts, and Computer Science. (It's tempting to speculate that the current election year might contribute to the spike in Political Science majors, but we haven't really

seen a similar trend in previous election years. Of course, the current election year is a bit, um, unusual, for lack of a better word.)

These are of course matriculation majors, which for many students will change across the course of their academic careers at Siena. In addition, many students will select a second major at some point in time, as well as a minor or two. (New students do not normally select a second major or a minor at the time of matriculation.)

Next week we'll continue looking at the class of 2020.

If you have any ideas for future *Fast Facts*, please let us know.

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