

# Facts and Figures

## A Half Century of Earned Degrees in Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures

Table 1  
Earned Degrees in Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Conferred by Degree-Granting Institutions, by Level of Degree and Sex of Student: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02

Year	Bachelor's degrees			Master's degrees			Doctor's degrees		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1949–50	4,477	1,746	2,731	919	456	463	168	135	33
1959–60	4,527	1,548	2,979	832	392	440	150	100	50
1967–68	17,499	4,450	13,049	3,911	1,555	2,356	491	336	155
1969–70	19,457	4,921	14,536	4,154	1,476	2,678	590	369	221
1970–71	19,055	4,734	14,321	4,407	1,492	2,915	703	425	278
1971–72	18,137	4,445	13,692	4,277	1,449	2,828	753	466	287
1972–73	18,232	4,347	13,885	3,992	1,407	2,585	889	519	370
1973–74	18,252	4,276	13,976	3,793	1,252	2,541	875	487	388
1974–75	17,115	3,912	13,203	3,672	1,179	2,493	829	442	387
1975–76	15,079	3,495	11,584	3,359	1,095	2,264	830	429	401
1976–77	13,626	3,225	10,401	2,986	886	2,100	728	347	381
1977–78	12,448	2,938	9,510	2,653	768	1,885	626	282	344
1978–79	11,531	2,705	8,826	2,338	685	1,653	625	287	338
1979–80	10,816	2,583	8,233	2,152	628	1,524	522	217	305
1980–81	10,050	2,402	7,648	2,018	657	1,361	556	259	297
1981–82	9,576	2,278	7,298	1,913	571	1,342	495	220	275
1982–83	9,334	2,343	6,991	1,597	528	1,069	451	183	268
1983–84	9,152	2,399	6,753	1,640	512	1,128	424	191	233
1984–85	9,675	2,529	7,146	1,611	503	1,108	387	156	231
1985–86	9,808	2,685	7,123	1,655	482	1,173	426	173	253
1986–87	9,858	2,655	7,203	1,692	491	1,201	403	162	241
1987–88	9,790	2,628	7,162	1,795	564	1,231	380	159	221
1988–89	10,498	2,767	7,731	1,821	552	1,269	389	145	244
1989–90	11,092	2,902	8,190	1,931	584	1,347	475	183	292
1990–91	11,724	3,207	8,517	1,973	595	1,378	477	200	277
1991–92	12,367	3,390	8,977	2,119	652	1,467	537	222	315
1992–93	12,819	3,537	9,282	2,353	744	1,609	535	210	325
1993–94	12,785	3,672	9,113	2,343	712	1,631	578	208	370
1994–95	12,309	3,666	8,643	2,306	688	1,618	626	250	376
1995–96	12,401	3,576	8,825	2,283	699	1,584	579	225	354
1996–97	12,256	3,553	8,703	2,229	668	1,561	622	247	375
1997–98	12,769	3,679	9,090	2,064	612	1,452	628	253	375
1998–99	13,268	3,835	9,433	1,964	578	1,386	591	231	360
1999–2000	13,172	3,666	9,506	1,900	564	1,336	614	237	377
2000–01	13,260	3,656	9,604	1,923	574	1,349	605	214	391
2001–02	13,242	3,645	9,597	1,947	563	1,384	594	233	361

Note: Includes degrees conferred in a single language or a combination of modern foreign languages. Excludes degrees in linguistics, Latin, classics, ancient and medieval Greek, and other foreign languages. Data for 1998–99 were imputed using alternative procedures.

Source: US Dept. of Educ., Natl. Center for Educ. Statistics. "Digest of Education Statistics, 2003." Table 287. Aug. 2003. 2 Feb. 2005  
<<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d03/tables/dt287.asp>>.

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Table 2

**Earned Degrees in French, German, and Spanish Conferred by Degree-Granting Institutions, by Level of Degree: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02**

Year	French			German			Spanish		
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1949–50	1,471	299	53	540	121	40	2,122	373	34
1959–60	1,927	316	58	659	126	21	1,610	261	31
1967–68	7,068	1,301	152	2,368	771	117	6,381	1,188	123
1969–70	7,624	1,409	181	2,652	669	118	7,226	1,372	139
1971–72	6,822	1,421	193	2,477	608	167	6,847	1,421	152
1972–73	6,705	1,277	203	2,520	598	176	7,209	1,298	206
1973–74	6,263	1,195	213	2,425	550	149	7,250	1,217	203
1974–75	5,745	1,077	200	2,289	480	147	6,719	1,228	202
1975–76	4,783	914	190	1,983	471	164	5,984	1,080	176
1976–77	4,228	875	177	1,820	394	126	5,359	930	153
1977–78	3,708	692	155	1,647	357	101	4,832	822	113
1978–79	3,558	576	143	1,524	344	106	4,563	720	118
1979–80	3,285	513	128	1,466	309	94	4,331	685	103
1980–81	3,178	460	115	1,286	294	79	3,870	592	131
1982–83	2,871	360	106	1,367	281	68	3,349	506	129
1983–84	2,876	418	86	1,292	241	63	3,254	537	102
1984–85	2,991	385	74	1,411	240	58	3,415	505	115
1985–86	3,015	409	86	1,396	249	73	3,385	521	95
1986–87	3,062	421	85	1,366	234	70	3,450	504	104
1987–88	3,082	437	89	1,350	244	71	3,416	553	93
1988–89	3,297	444	83	1,428	263	59	3,748	552	101
1989–90	3,259	478	115	1,437	253	67	4,176	573	108
1990–91	3,355	480	98	1,543	242	58	4,480	609	125
1991–92	3,371	465	112	1,616	273	85	4,768	647	143
1992–93	3,280	513	98	1,572	317	86	5,233	667	145
1993–94	3,094	479	104	1,580	298	61	5,505	691	160
1994–95	2,764	470	118	1,352	278	83	5,602	709	161
1995–96	2,655	446	113	1,290	305	75	5,995	769	151
1996–97	2,468	414	119	1,214	281	80	6,161	677	175
1997–98	2,530	389	104	1,181	209	94	6,595	781	160
1998–99	2,555	357	116	1,246	238	77	6,964	694	152
1999–2000	2,514	343	129	1,125	184	76	7,031	718	175
2000–01	2,371	376	115	1,143	242	73	7,164	716	185
2001–02	2,396	356	89	1,092	208	64	7,243	792	193

Note: Data for 1998–99 were imputed using alternative procedures.

Source: US Dept. of Educ., Natl. Center for Educ. Statistics. "Digest of Education Statistics, 2003." Table 288. Aug. 2003. 2 Feb. 2005 <<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d03/tables/dt288.asp>>.

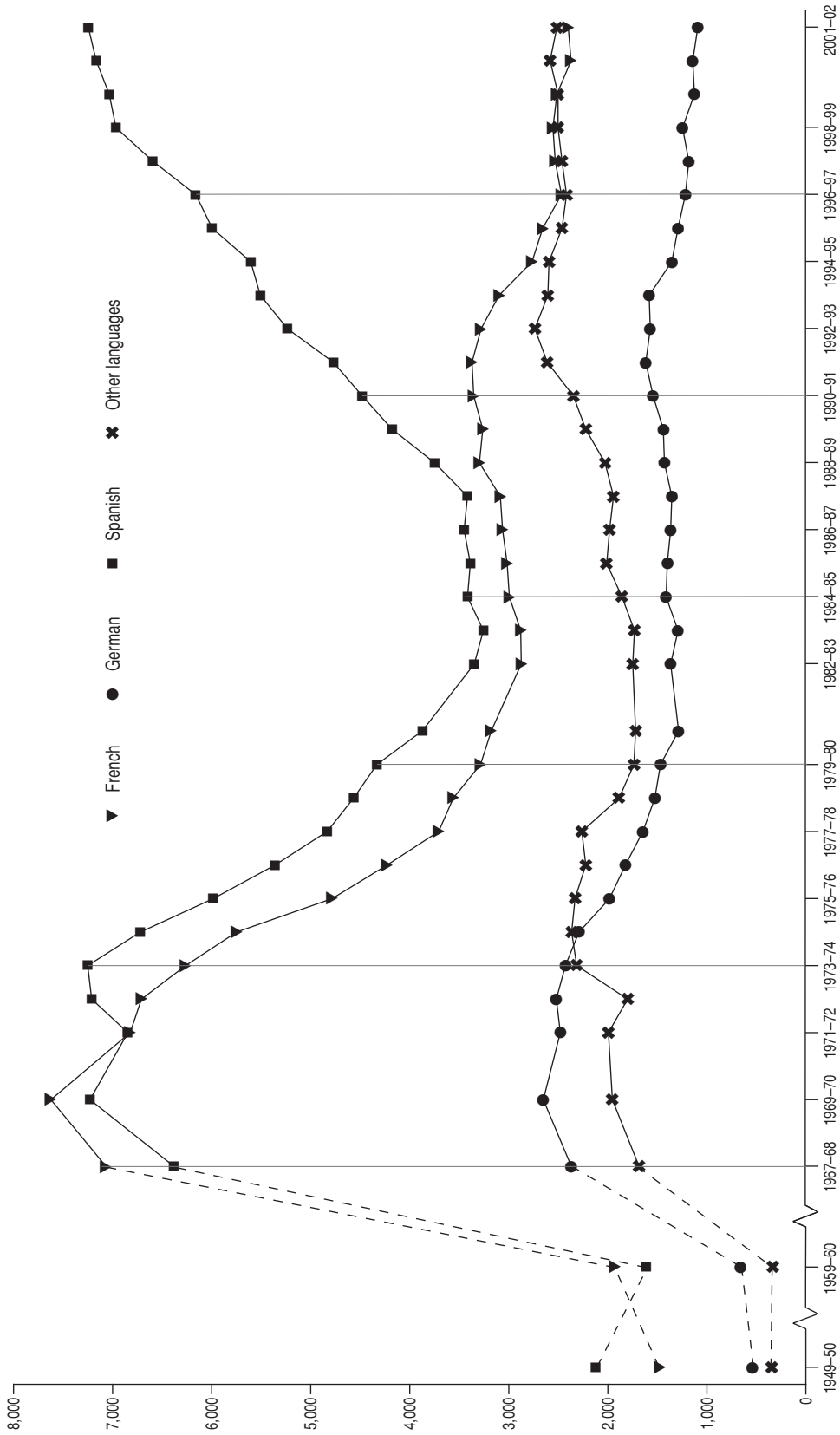
**Table 3**  
**Earned Degrees in Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Other Than French, German, and Spanish, Conferred by Degree-Granting Institutions: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02**

Year	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Year	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1949–50	344	126	41	1985–86	2,012	476	172
1959–60	331	129	40	1986–87	1,980	533	144
1967–68	1,682	651	99	1987–88	1,942	561	127
1969–70	1,955	704	152	1988–89	2,025	562	146
1971–72	1,991	827	241	1989–90	2,220	627	185
1972–73	1,798	819	304	1990–91	2,346	642	196
1973–74	2,314	831	310	1991–92	2,612	734	197
1974–75	2,362	887	280	1992–93	2,734	856	206
1975–76	2,329	894	300	1993–94	2,606	875	253
1976–77	2,219	787	272	1994–95	2,591	849	264
1977–78	2,261	782	257	1995–96	2,461	763	240
1978–79	1,886	698	258	1996–97	2,413	857	248
1979–80	1,734	645	197	1997–98	2,463	685	270
1980–81	1,716	672	231	1998–99	2,503	675	246
1982–83	1,747	450	148	1999–2000	2,502	655	234
1983–84	1,730	444	173	2000–01	2,582	589	232
1984–85	1,858	481	140	2001–02	2,511	591	248

Source: Derived from NCES tables 287 and 288 (see the source notes for tables 1 and 2).

Note: Includes degrees conferred in a single language or a combination of modern foreign languages. Excludes degrees in linguistics, Latin, classics, ancient and medieval Greek, and other foreign languages. Data for 1998–99 were imputed using alternative procedures.

Figure 1  
Bachelor's Degrees in French, German, Spanish, and Other Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02



Source: Figures 1-7 were derived from the data in tables 1, 2, and 3.

Figure 2  
 Master's Degrees in French, German, Spanish, and Other Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures: Selected Years, 1949-50 to 2001-02

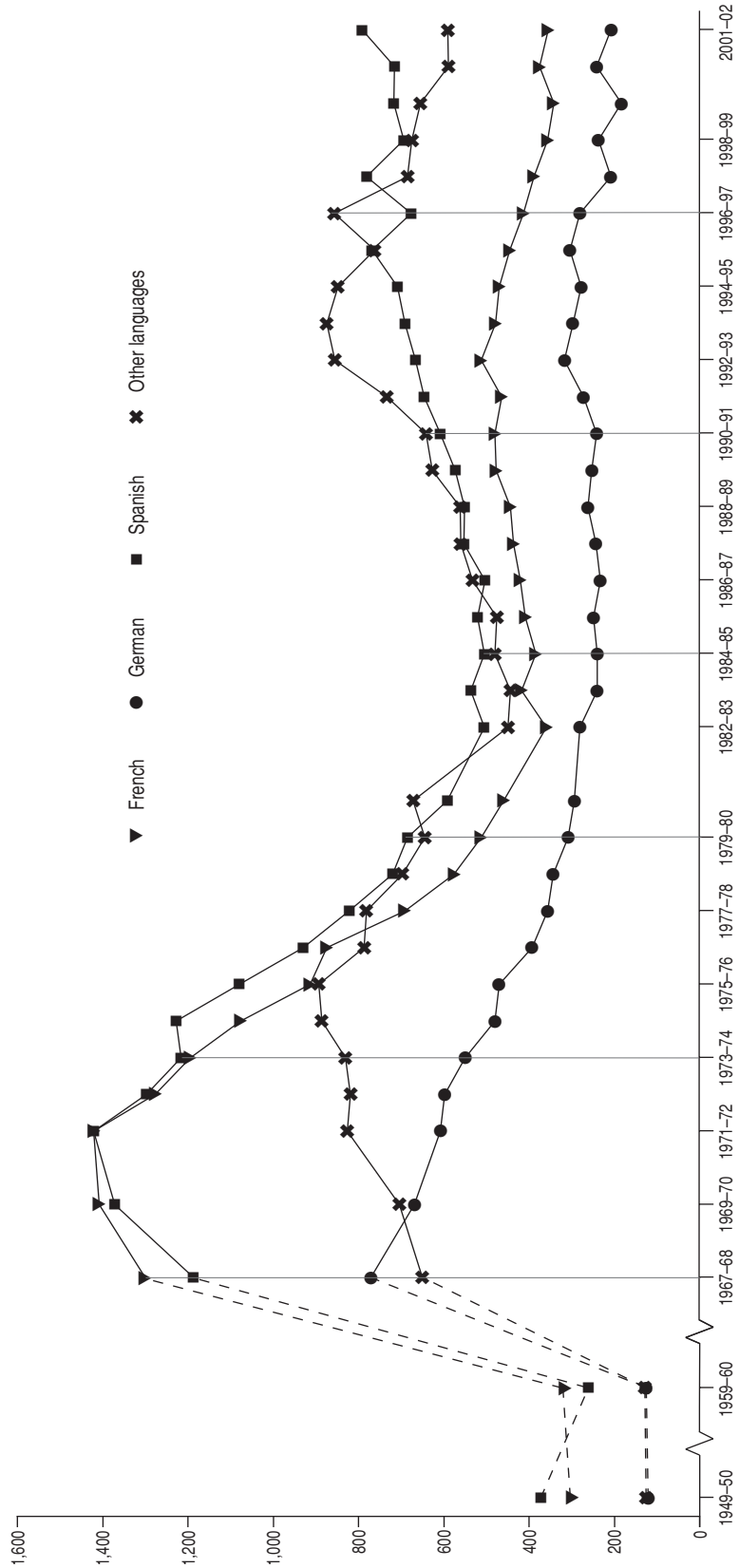


Figure 3  
 Doctoral Degrees in French, German, Spanish, and Other Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02

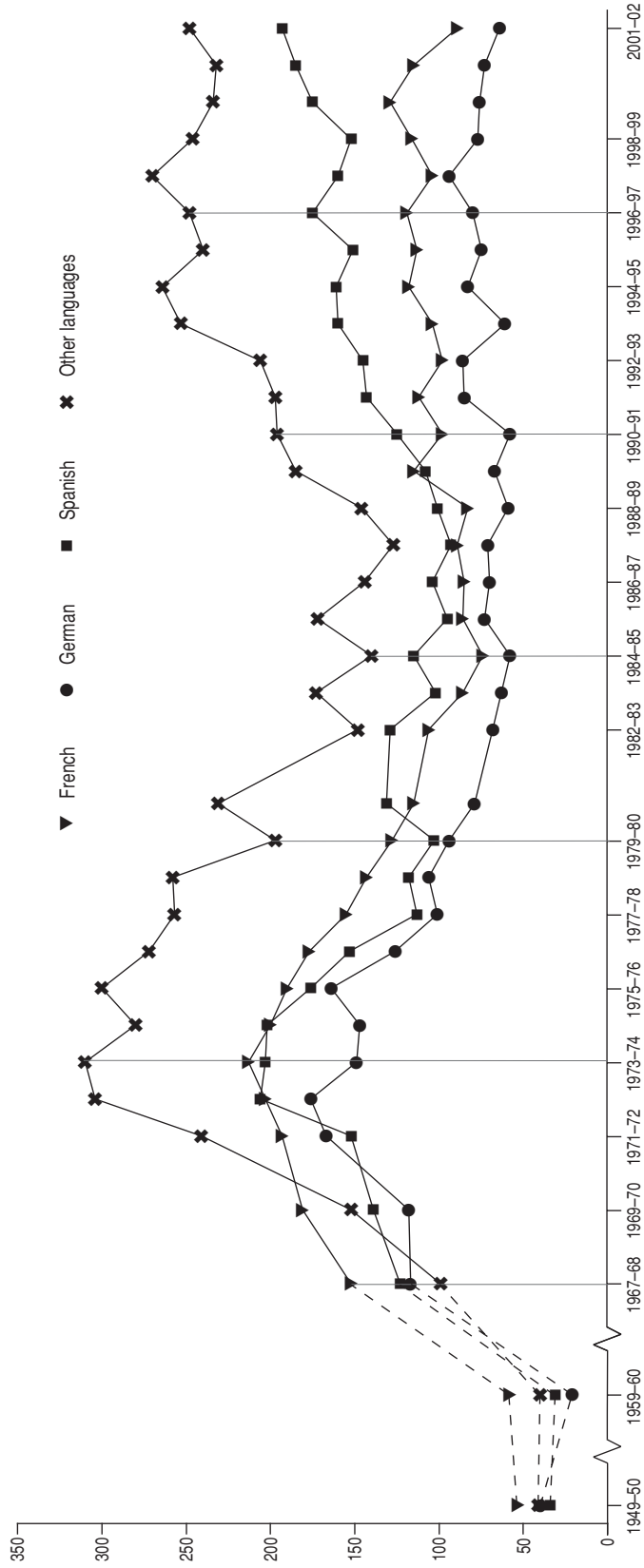


Figure 4  
Earned Degrees in French, by Level of Degree: Selected Years, 1949-50 to 2001-02

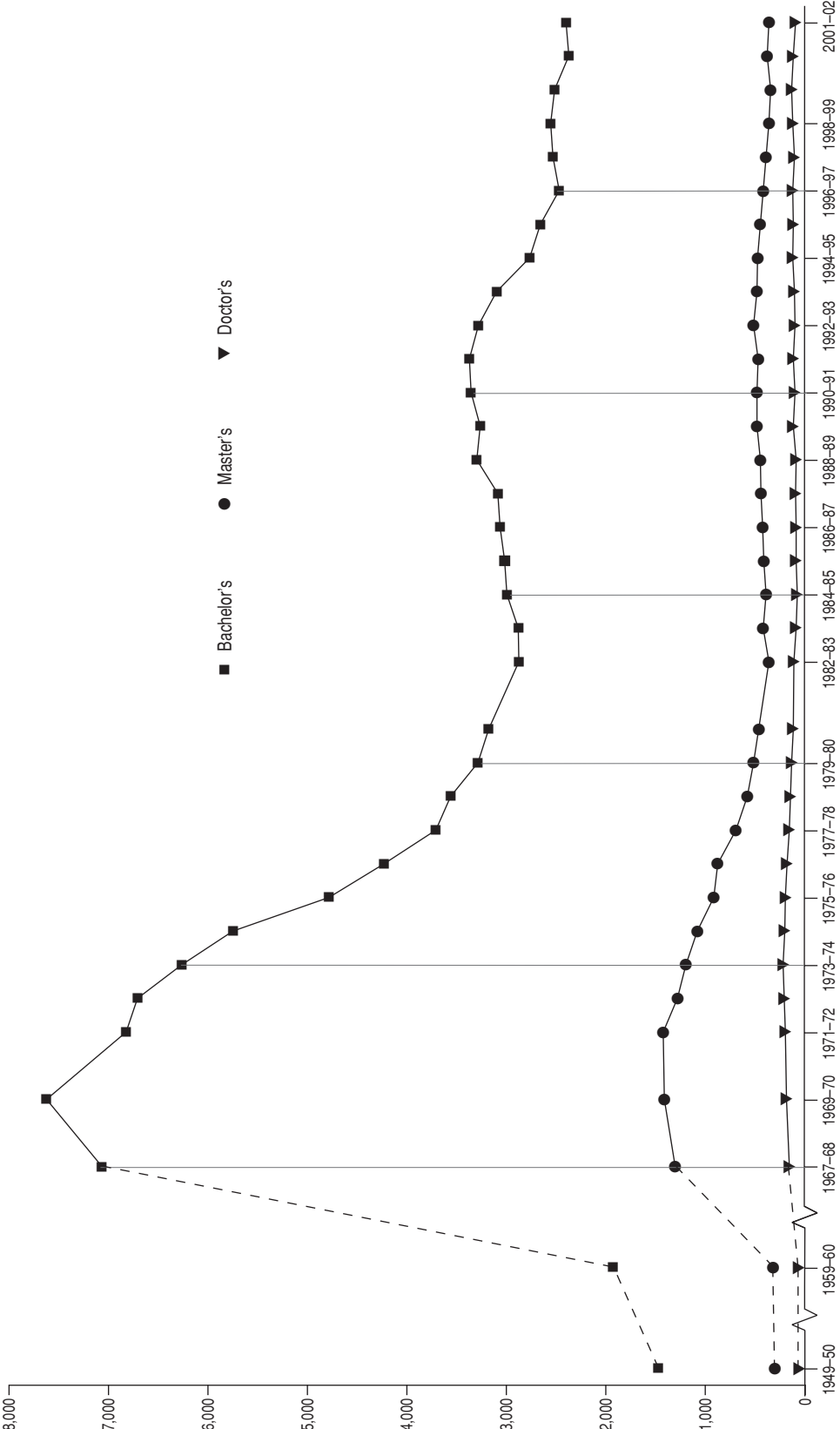


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 Earned Degrees in German, by Level of Degree: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02

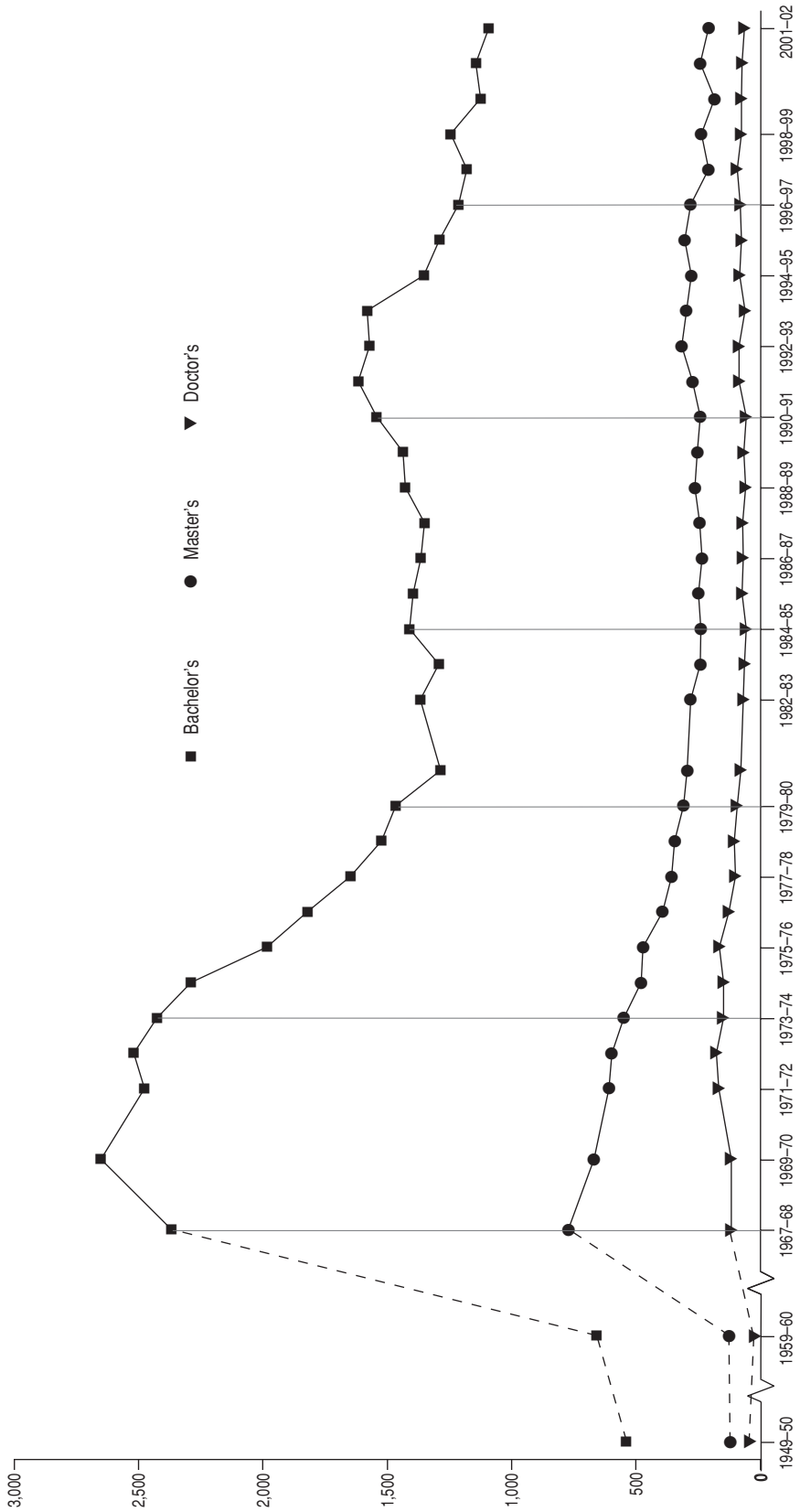


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Earned Degrees in Spanish, by Level of Degree: Selected Years, 1949-50 to 2001-02

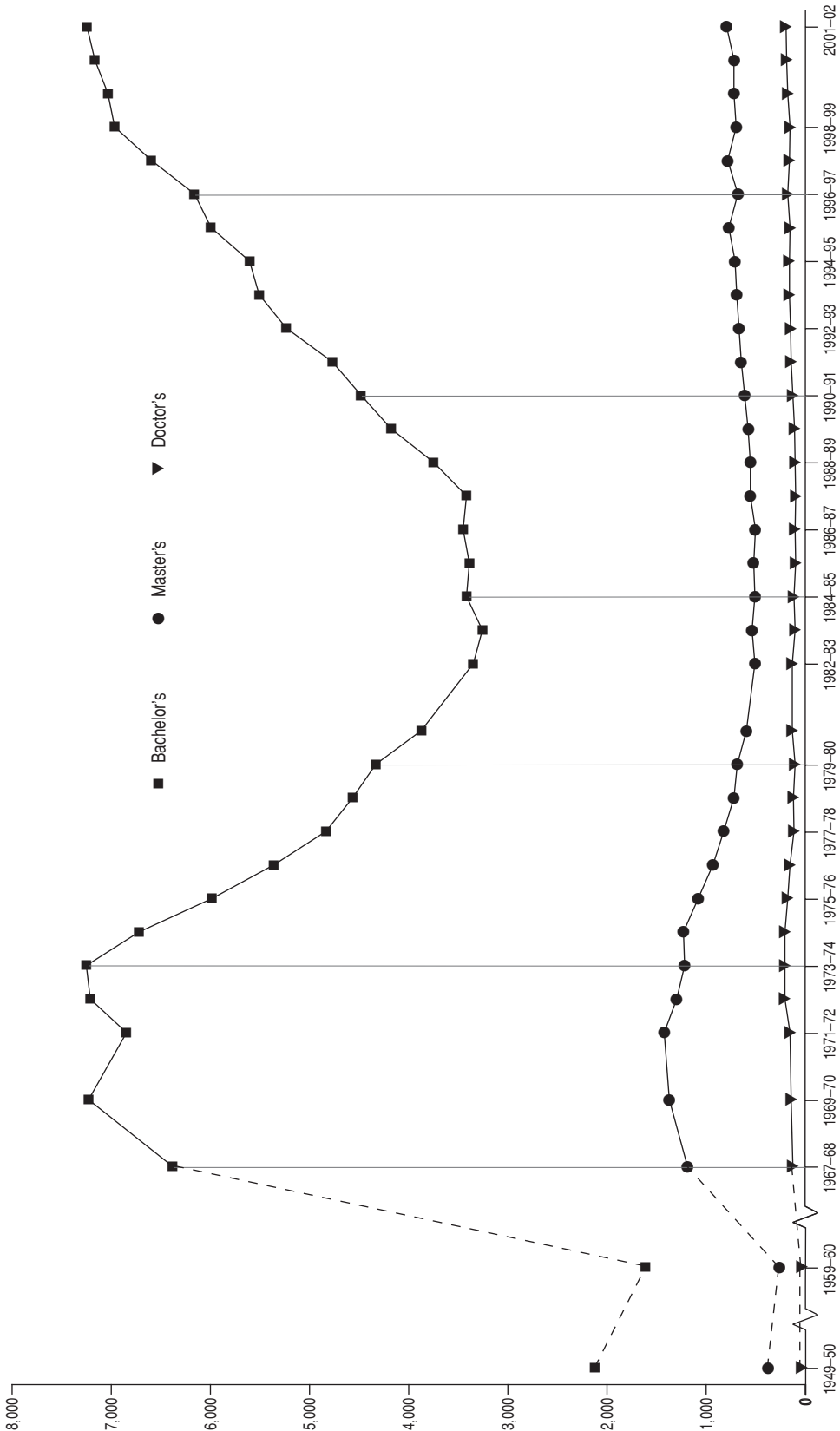


Figure 7  
 Earned Degrees in Languages Other Than French, German, and Spanish, by Level of Degree: Selected Years, 1949–50 to 2001–02

