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University Entrance Exams. Year 2009

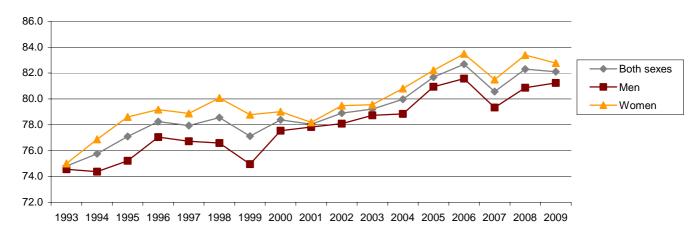
230,316 students register in 2009, that is, 5.6% more than last year

The percentage of women who pass is 1.5 points higher than the percentage of men passing

A total of 230,316 students registered for the University Entrance Exams (PAU) in 2009, indicating a 5.6% increase as compared with the previous year. 56.5% of them were women.

160,952 students registered for the June examination session, and 90.7% passed the tests (as compared with the 89.5% from last year). In the September examination session, 66.4% of the 43,226 registered students passed. In turn, in the entrance exams for persons over 25 years of age, 26,138 students registered, 18.8% more than in 2008.

Evolution of the rate of students passing over students registered, by sex



Students registered in the University Entrance exams, and students passed, by sex. Year 2009

	Students registered			Percentage which passed		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	230,316	100,269	130,047	82.10	81.24	82.77
June	160,952	67,047	93,905	90.67	90.26	90.96
September	43,226	19,721	23,505	66.34	67.73	65.34
Over 25 years of age	26,138	13,501	12,637	55.28	56.16	54.35

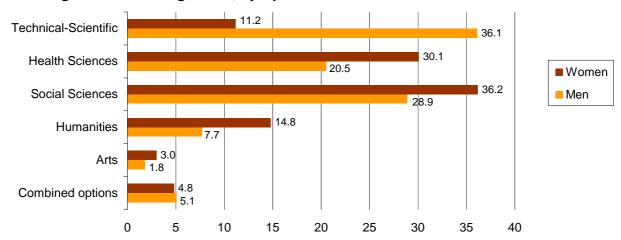
A higher percentage of women pass

82.8% of the women aspiring to enter University passed. In the case of the men, the percentage which passed stood at 81.2%.

Social Sciences is the option preferred by the students

Excluding the entrance exams for students over 25 years old, 33.1% of the student body chose the *Social Sciences* option, followed by the *Health Sciences* (with 26.0%) and *Technical-Scientific* (21.8%) options. The two options with the least weight were *Combined options* (students who chose more than one option), with 4.9%, and *Arts*, with 2.5%.

Percentage of students registered, by Option and sex



The Social Sciences option is the most chosen by women, and the Technical-Scientific option is the most chosen by men

In terms of preferences by sex, 36.2% of women chose the *Social Sciences* option, whereas only 3.0% opted for *Arts*.

In the case of men, 36.1% chose the *Technical-Scientific* option, whilst only 1.8% opted for *Art*s.

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