College of Letters & Science Transfer Workshop

The heart of a great university!
L&S Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Bachelor of Science (BS)
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA)*
Bachelor of Arts-Journalism (JBA)*
Bachelor of Science-Journalism (JBS)*
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)*
Bachelor of Music (BMUS)*
Bachelor of Science-Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (AMEP)*

*These degrees require an application in order to be formally admitted. Not all who apply are admitted.
# Bachelor of Arts vs Bachelor or Science

*The two most commonly pursued degrees in L&S*

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## College of Letters & Science

### B.A. and B.S. Degree Requirements, at a glance

#### COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

- **B.A.** and **B.S.**

#### General Education Requirements

**Tools for Learning and Communication**

- One Quantitative Reasoning A course (q)
- One Quantitative Reasoning B course (r)
- One Communication A course (a)
- One Communication B course (b)

**Mathematics**

- Bachelor of Arts: Met with GER Quantitative A & B (above)
- Bachelor of Science: Two 3+ credit courses at IIA level (MATH, COMP SCI, STAT)

**Foreign Language**

- Bachelor of Arts: Fourth level of a language, or
- Third level of a language and Second level of another language
- Bachelor of Science: Third level of a language

**Minimum Math Competency demonstrated by placement score or course is required for all students**

#### Acceptable combinations for this requirement (only B.S.):

- Math & Math
- Math & Comp Sci
- Math & Stat
- Comp Sci & Stat

#### Breadth of Exploration in the Liberal Arts & Sciences

**Humanities:** 12 credits (L,H,X,Z)
- 6 credits Literature (L)

**Social Science:** 12 credits (S,W,Y,Z)

**Natural Science:** 12 credits (B,P,N,W,X,Y)

**Bachelor of Arts**
- One 3+ credit Biological science course (B)
- One 3+ credit Physical Science course (P)

**Bachelor of Science**
- 6 credits Physical Science (P)
- 6 credits Biological Science (B)

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- **Pay attention to literature credits!**
- 6 of your 12 humanities credits must be literature (B.A. & B.S.).

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- **One year in high school = one level**
- **One semester in college = one level**

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- **Additional notes:**
  - Unless your major requires more math (only B.A.)
  - The remaining 6 or less credits can be biological, physical or natural science (only B.A.)
  - If you need to continue with language from high school to satisfy this requirement, a placement test needs to be taken to know what semester level to enroll in (B.A. & B.S.)
Degree Requirements for Graduation

CREDITS

120 credits
Transfer credits
Advanced Placement (AP)
International Baccalaureate (IB)
Credits earned at UW-Madison

108 L&S credits*
Credits taken from within an L&S Department or that are cross-listed with an L&S Department

60 Intermediate/Advanced credits*
Upper-level coursework—can include upper level credits from the major

GPAs

2.0 Overall
2.0 Intermediate/Advanced coursework
2.0 Major coursework
2.0 Intermediate/Advanced coursework in the major

Good academic standing within L&S is a 2.0 semester and 2.0 cumulative GPA

*part of the 120 credits
How do you earn 120 degree credits?

General Education (~33%)
- UW GER
- Math
- Foreign Language
- L&S Breadth

Major (~25%)
Can also be used to satisfy general education requirements

Electives (~42%)
- 2nd Major
- Certificate
- 2nd Language
- Pre-major coursework
- Pre-health coursework
- Elective courses
L&S Majors

Over 60 majors available

Complete major requirements in about 30 credits

Your major is not synonymous with your degree

I earned a Bachelor of Mathematics

I earned a Bachelor of Science and majored in Mathematics

Your major is not tied to a particular degree

B.A. in Chemistry or B.S. in English are options!
L&S Majors cont.

Need more information regarding major requirements, how & when to declare or who your department advisors are?

Check out The Guide for major specific information.
L&S Certificates

Certificates allow you to explore other disciplines of interests outside of your major

Most certificates are 12-18 credits (4-6 classes)
  You may pursue some certificates outside of L&S

A certificate may not correspond with your major
  If pursuing a German major, you cannot pursue a German certificate

Not all majors have a corresponding certificate and likewise, not all certificates have a corresponding major.

For example:
  Spanish major--no Spanish certificate
  American Indian Studies certificate--no American Indian Studies major
Getting Advising

Decided on a L&S major?

L&S Academic Advising Services
Ingraham Hall, Room 101

[website]
608-262-5858
advisingaas@ls.wisc.edu

Undecided? Exploring multiple L&S majors? Looking into major options within other UW schools and colleges?

Cross-College Advising Services
Ingraham Hall, Room 10

[website]
608-265-5460

Until you declare your major, an AAS or CCAS advisor will be your primary advisor. Once you declare, you’ll work with your department advisor(s), but we’re always here to help!
Are you eligible to transfer to L&S?

- Continuing students must have a **2.000 cumulative GPA** at UW-Madison **and**
- A **2.000 in their most recent semester at UW-Madison**, including summer term.

**First semester on campus:** New freshmen (first-year students) and transfer students who do not have an established UW-Madison GPA may request to transfer during their first term on campus.

**Dropped Students:** A dropped student **must be readmitted by the original school or college** prior to initiating an L&S transfer.
Ready to transfer to L&S?

Complete the online request form to initiate the transfer process.

*Please allow 5-7 business days for us to process

NOTE: Online request forms are only accepted through the 12th week of the semester. All online requests submitted after that week will be processed at the beginning of the next term. Please plan accordingly.

Please contact your current advisor to notify them of your transfer to L&S. We cannot remove enrollment holds placed by other schools/colleges.