Transferring to the College of Letters & Science
WELCOME!
In this slideshow, you will learn more about the College of Letters & Science and the requirements to transfer from another UW Madison school or college to L&S.

*Before continuing, please make sure you are eligible to transfer:*

**Continuing students**: 2.000 cumulative GPA and 2.000 GPA in your most recent semester (including summer term)

**First semester on campus**: First-year students and transfer students who don’t have an established GPA may request to transfer during their first term

**Dropped students**: Must be readmitted by original school/college *before* initiating a transfer to L&S
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)*

*Requires an application to be admitted. Not all who apply are admitted.
## BA vs BS Degree

*(All degree requirements are listed in the [Guide](#))

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<td>UW Gen Ed: Communications</td>
<td>1 Communications Part A course + 1 Communications Part B course</td>
<td>120 (108 credits in Liberal Arts &amp; Science; 60 Intermediate- or Advanced-level)</td>
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<td>UW Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning</td>
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<td>UW Gen Ed: Ethnic Studies</td>
<td>1 Ethnic Studies course <em>(focusing on marginalized racial or ethnic groups in the U.S.)</em></td>
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<td>L&amp;S Breadth: Social Sciences</td>
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| L&S Breadth: Natural Sciences | 3 credits Biological Sciences  
3 credits Physical Sciences  
6 credits Natural, Biological, or Physical | 6 credits Biological Sciences  
6 credits Physical Sciences |
| Mathematics | None | 2 Intermediate or Advanced courses in Math, Computer Science (limit 1), or Stats (limit 1) |
| World Language | Fourth-level course in one language or second-level course in one language and third-level in another | Third-level course in one language |
Majors in L&S

More than 60 majors available!
Most majors require around 30 credits

NOTE: Your major is not your degree!

NO
“I earned a Bachelor of History”

YES
“I earned of Bachelor of Arts and majored in History”

Your major is not tied to a particular degree!

A BA in Biology is an option, as is a BS in Art History
Anthropology is the comparative study of human diversity through time and across the world. Its scope spans the humanities, the social sciences, and the biological, physical, and evolutionary sciences. As a history of the human species, anthropology studies all human biological and behavioral variation from the earliest fossil records to the present; it includes the study of nonhuman primates as well. As a social science, anthropology aims at uncovering the patterns of past and present societies. As one of the humanities, anthropology seeks to understand the ways cultural meaning and political power have shaped human experience.

At the University of Wisconsin–Madison, anthropology consists of three subfields: archaeology—the investigation and analysis of the remains from past cultures, uncovered through excavation; biological anthropology—the study of human evolution and the roots of the biological and genetic diversity found among contemporary peoples; and sociocultural anthropology—the comparative study of society, politics, economy, and culture, whether in historical times or in our contemporary moment. UW–Madison also offers some classes in anthropological linguistics—the analysis of language and its place in social life. Comparative and empirical work—and fieldwork in particular—are the hallmarks of anthropology on this campus.

Thus, anthropology at UW–Madison is characterized by a comparative point of view, a focus on humans and societies in all their variation and similarity, and an effort to reveal and understand the complex but organized diversity that has shaped the human condition, past and present.

Need more information on major requirements, how and when to declare, and how to meet with major advisors?

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

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 you’re a German major, you may not pursue a certificate in German.
- 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
Degree Requirements for Graduation

• 2.000 GPA Overall
• 2.000 GPA Intermediate/Advanced coursework
• 2.000 GPA Major coursework
• 2.000 GPA Intermediate/Advanced coursework in the Major

Good academic standing within L&S is a 2.000 term and 2.000 overall GPA
Advising

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

Cross-College Advising Services
Ingraham Hall, Room 10

www.ccas.wisc.edu
608-265-5460
ccas@ccas.wisc.edu

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**Decided on an L&S major or double-major?**

L&S Academic Advising Services
Ingraham Hall, Room 101

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608-262-5858
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Are You Eligible to Transfer?

- 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 the summer term.

- **First semester on campus?** First-year students and transfer students who do not yet have an established UW-Madison GPA may request to transfer during their first time on campus.

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

  *Note: If you change your mind after transferring from an application-only program such as Engineering or Business, you must re-apply to that program to be re-admitted.*

Questions? Contact [transferstudents@ls.wisc.edu](mailto:transferstudents@ls.wisc.edu)
Ready to Transfer?

Complete the request form to initiate the transfer process.*

*Please allow 5-7 business days for processing.

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

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