

APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE, BLS

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
	• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
	• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
	• Communication Part A & Part B *
	• Ethnic Studies *
	• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES (BLS)

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Breadth in the Complete:

Degree	• 9 credits of Humanities breadth; and
	• 9 credits of Social Science breadth; and
	• 9 credits of Biological, Physical or Natural Science breadth.

BLS Broad Field Requirement	Complete:
	• 6 credits of Beyond US: Global & Language Study; and
	• 3 credits of Data Science & Digital Communication; and
	• 3 credits of Race, Diversity, & Global Issues in Context.

Integrating College, Career, and Liberal Studies	Complete at least 6 credits of Integrating College, Career, and Liberal Studies coursework.
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Depth of Intermediate/Advanced Coursework	Complete at least 30 credits at Intermediate or Advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major within the BLS degree program.
Elective	Complete elective credits to reach 120 total credits for the degree.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW-Madison Experience	Complete both: • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	• 2.000 GPA in all coursework at UW-Madison • 2.000 GPA in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison
Notes	• Eligible courses may apply to multiple requirements unless specifically noted otherwise. • Pass/Fail courses do not meet requirements, but may count as Electives. • Courses with multiple breadth designations may only be used to meet one breadth requirement. • Courses used to meet Communication A and Quantitative Reasoning A may not also be used to meet Breadth Requirements.

BLS Broad Field Requirement

Code	Title	Credits
Beyond US: Global and Language Study (complete at least two):		6
GEOG 340	World Regions in Global Context	
LINGUIS/ ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE/ INTL ST 211	Global Language Issues	
Data Science and Digital Communication (complete at least one):		3
COM ARTS 325	Media and Human Behavior	
JOURN 175	Media Fluency for the Digital Age	
L I S 351	Introduction to Digital Information	
L I S 407	Data Storytelling with Visualization	
L I S 500	Code and Power	
Race, Diversity, and Global Issues in Context (complete at least one):		3
HDFS 174	Introduction into Cultural Diversity of Families	
JOURN 162	Mass Media in Multicultural America	
L I S 500	Code and Power	
Total Credits		12

Integrating College, Career, and Liberal Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Complete at least 6 credits from:		6
INTER-LS 145	How to Succeed in College	
INTER-LS 210	L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative	
INTER-LS 215	Communicating About Careers	
INTER-LS 260	Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences	
Total Credits		6

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Complete 30 credits from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations (complete both):		6
INTER-LS 301	Methods in the Applied Social Sciences	
INTER-LS 302	Problems in the Applied Social Sciences	
Integrative Depth (complete 18 credits, including at least one course in each of the four areas below):		18
Ethical Communication (complete one):		
PHILOS 243	Ethics in Business	
COM ARTS 325	Media and Human Behavior	
COM ARTS 371	Communication and Conflict Resolution	
L I S 440	Navigating the Data Revolution: Concepts of Data & Information Science	
L I S 661	Information Ethics and Policy	
Diverse Communities (complete one):		
COM ARTS 373	Intercultural Communication & Rhetoric	
JOURN 162	Mass Media in Multicultural America	
L I S 500	Code and Power	
Research Tools (complete one):		
STAT 301	Introduction to Statistical Methods	
L I S 351	Introduction to Digital Information	
LINGUIS 237	Language in Wisconsin	
SOC/ C&E SOC 357	Methods of Sociological Inquiry	
SOC/ C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	
Social Issues (complete one):		
L I S 440	Navigating the Data Revolution: Concepts of Data & Information Science	
L I S 661	Information Ethics and Policy	
GEOG 307	International Migration, Health, and Human Rights	
LEGAL ST/ POLI SCI 217	Law, Politics and Society	
Capstone (complete both):		6

INTER-LS 601	Applied Social Sciences Problem Proposal	
INTER-LS 602	Applied Social Sciences Problem Analysis	
Total Credits		30

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all major courses
- 15 upper-level credits, taken in residence¹
- 15 credit in the major, taken on campus

FOOTNOTES

¹ Upper-level courses in the major are course with the Intermediate or Advanced level designation

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree	To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.
Residency	Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.
Quality of Work	Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.