

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

In the College of Letters & Science (<https://ls.wisc.edu/>), you earn your bachelor's degree through a customized mix of classes where you explore your interests and discover new ones. You get the advantages that we have created over 175 years of being a great university. In Letters & Science, we take pride in blending the best practices from this long tradition with the newest ideas for instruction and research to offer an extraordinary undergraduate experience.

The Letters & Science difference is how you weave together studies in multiple areas, expanding this knowledge through ever-widening connections to related fields. You have at least one major for focused, in-depth study, and lots of flexibility in the ways you complete your degree.

You choose from an astonishing range of classes designed by Letters & Science faculty to give you a forward-looking education blending histories, communications, sciences, arts, languages, cultural studies, technologies, numbers, and international studies: ways we interact with our world, with information, and with each other.

WAYS WE INTERACT WITH OUR WORLD

Essential building blocks of science knowledge, including physics, chemistry, and mathematics, are especially strong here. Letters & Science offers not just biology, zoology, and botany, but also specialized areas of neurobiology, molecular and cell biology, and conservation biology.

You can study skies far away through astronomy and close above us through atmospheric sciences. Geology and environmental sciences reveal the physical world, while geography, cartography, and landscape studies show how land is used by humans and other living things.

WAYS WE INTERACT WITH INFORMATION

In Letters & Science, we offer in-depth studies in computer, statistics, and other information sciences. And data is everywhere, in every field and discipline, from psychology and linguistics to geographic information systems and digital media analytics. You learn how to collect, analyze, and use information to give you stronger tools to accomplish your academic and career goals.

WAYS WE INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER

Understanding different perspectives is one of the most significant transformations of your college years. Letters & Science's academic programs include the study of uniquely American experiences of Asian American, African American, American Indian, and Chicana/x/e people. You can explore the cultures and histories around the globe with classes and majors dedicated to regions in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas.

Learn how we sustain our communities and social systems, through political science, legal studies, philosophy, economics, sociology, religion, gender, and social welfare. You can study (and create) music, art and visual culture, television and film, folklore, and literature.

Communications are a huge part of the Letters & Science academic mission. Here you can learn to speak and read in 50 languages, including those most commonly spoken around the world, American Sign Language, and six indigenous American Indian languages. About 40 Letters &

Science majors and certificates (<https://languages.wisc.edu/majors-and-certificates/>) have a required or recommended language component.

And communication is central to so many other areas of study in Letters & Science: journalism, rhetoric, English, communication disorders—and really, everything already named above.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

As a Letters & Science bachelor's student, you get to choose from all these wonderful, intriguing, eye-opening, mind-awakening fields—and so many more. This Guide presents the full list of degrees, majors, and certificates (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#degreesmajorscertificatestext>), and all our courses (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/>). (See courses scheduled for a specific term in the public Course Search (<https://public.enroll.wisc.edu/search/>).)

As you earn your degree, what will be your special blend of knowledge, skills, and experiences, weaving together your understanding of the world, of information, and ourselves?