College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), established in 1900, is the largest of the 11 colleges that comprise the University of Iowa, with 39 departments spanning the visual, performing, and cinematic arts; humanities; natural and mathematical sciences; social and behavioral sciences; and communication disciplines.

More than 16,500 undergraduates are currently enrolled in the College, and more than 2,300 graduate students are enrolled in programs offered by CLAS departments. In any single year, the College awards about 70 percent of the University's undergraduate degrees, and 45 percent of the University's graduate degrees are awarded to students studying in CLAS departments.

CLAS students can choose from 64 undergraduate majors, 65 minors, and 15 interdisciplinary certificate programs. Students are encouraged to combine areas of study to create unique academic portfolios that help them to develop their talents and a breadth of knowledge.

About 56 percent of the College's undergraduate students come from Iowa, representing all 99 counties. Fifty-six percent of CLAS students are female. About 1,900 international students study in CLAS—approximately 11 percent of the College's total enrollment—and almost 2,700 of these students (about 16 percent) identify as coming from U.S. minority populations. During the last decade, CLAS has awarded more than 28,000 undergraduate degrees; there are currently almost 140,000 living alumni of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, including more than 40,000 in Iowa.

The College has more than 650 tenured and tenure-track faculty members devoted to teaching, research, and service to their disciplines as well as to the University and to the state of Iowa. In fiscal year 2014, CLAS faculty garnered about $43.5 million in external research funding.

CLAS Web Site

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences web site contains a wealth of information for students and faculty members.

The CLAS Office of Academic Programs & Student Development page is devoted to undergraduate students and their advisors. It provides information on academic policies and procedures, including requirements of the CLAS General Education Program (see Academic Policies Handbook). Information about scholarships, service opportunities, and upcoming deadlines also is available on this page and on the For Students pages.

The CLAS Departments and Divisions link provides a list of the college's departments, programs, and schools as well as its undergraduate majors, minors, and certificates.

Faculty members turn to the CLAS web site for information about teaching, curriculum, and resources for advising and instructing students. They also find updates on important CLAS committees as well as a link to the Dean's Office.

Office of Academic Programs & Student Development

Located in Schaeffer Hall, at the center of campus, the Office of Academic Programs & Student Development is an integral part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The office's staff, led by the associate dean for undergraduate programs and curriculum, welcomes students wishing to declare or change majors; file second-grade-only options; or petition to register late, add or drop a course late, or withdraw an entire registration after the established deadlines.

The office's staff members answer students' questions concerning academic requirements and programs of study. They meet with students about General Education Program requirements, graduation requirements, collegiate policies that affect students, and a range of other issues, including academic probation and dismissal and strategies for the successful completion of a degree.

Students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may petition for exceptions to CLAS rules and requirements in the Office of Academic Programs & Student Development. Students may discuss their questions and the petition process first with an associate director in the office.

The office works closely with students on academic probation and counsels them on strategies for success. It conducts semiannual reviews of students on academic probation, handles dismissals from the college, and considers requests for reinstatement.

The Office of Academic Programs & Student Development also oversees appropriate disciplinary action for academic misconduct, such as plagiarism.

General Education Program

All students entering the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who wish to earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), or Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degree must complete the requirements of the CLAS General Education Program in addition to the requirements of their major and other requirements for graduation.
The General Education Program requires students to explore topics outside of their chosen major, helping students to acquire the knowledge and transferable skills necessary for becoming well-educated individuals. During this exploration of General Education topics and courses, many students also discover intriguing majors, minors, and certificates that challenge them to embrace personal transformation and related goals.

The General Education requirements must be completed before graduation; most students complete the majority of these requirements during the first two years at Iowa, especially since General Education courses stress the transferable skills of critical thinking, writing, and speaking that help students to be more successful in their studies.

For General Education requirements, related academic policies, and lists of approved courses, see General Education Program in the Catalog.

**CLAS Units and Academic Programs**

**Undergraduate Majors, Certificates, and Minors**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has 39 departments and offers 64 undergraduate majors, 65 minors, and 15 interdisciplinary certificate programs.

In addition, CLAS students may declare a number of majors offered by other undergraduate colleges at the UI, with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences granting the degree. The Tippie College of Business offers a major in economics (B.A. and B.S.), and with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, sponsors a major in enterprise leadership (B.A.). The Carver College of Medicine offers majors in biochemistry (B.A. and B.S.) and in microbiology (B.S.); and the College of Education offers majors in elementary education (B.A. and B.S.) and in science education (B.S.). For descriptions of the above majors and their requirements, see "Majors Offered with Other Colleges" under "Index: Academic Programs" on this page.

The College of Education offers a Teacher Education Program leading to licensure at the secondary level for students who have completed certain CLAS majors, such as art, English, mathematics, the sciences, and world languages, and who wish to work with students in middle school or high school. Students must apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program; contact the College of Education’s Office of Education Services.

Students who begin their study in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may apply to degree programs in other colleges at the University of Iowa. If they are accepted, they may earn undergraduate degrees in business (B.B.A.) or nursing (B.S.N.); a B.S. with a major in medical laboratory science, nuclear medicine technology, or radiation sciences; or a professional degree in pharmacy (Pharm.D.). Use the Catalog's A-Z Directory to link to these programs.

Students who are interested in earning a professional or graduate degree in addition to a bachelor’s degree may apply to early admission or joint degree programs offered through partnerships between CLAS and other UI colleges. Students admitted to these programs may count a limited amount of credit toward both degrees. CLAS has early admission programs with the College of Dentistry (D.D.S.) and the College of Law (J.D.). Joint bachelor's/graduate degree programs are available in several disciplines; see "Joint Programs" in the Graduate section of the Catalog.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers a wide selection of undergraduate certificates and minors, including two certificates offered with other colleges: the Certificate in International Business (with the Tippie College of Business) and the Certificate in Wind Energy (with the College of Engineering). Find CLAS certificates and minors under "Index: Academic Programs" on this page.

CLAS students also may earn undergraduate certificates and minors offered by other colleges. The Tippie College of Business offers certificate programs in entrepreneurial management and in risk management and insurance, and a minor in business administration. The College of Public Health offers an undergraduate public health certificate, and University College offers certificate programs in clinical and translational science, human rights, leadership studies, nonprofit management, and sustainability. The College of Education offers minors in educational psychology and in human relations. For lists of all undergraduate certificates and minors offered by the University, see Certificates and Minors in the Academics at Iowa section of the Catalog.

**Graduate Degrees and Certificates**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in most of its disciplines, with degrees conferred by the Graduate College. Students may earn degrees at the master's and doctoral levels; graduate certificates are available in some areas of study. See the Graduate College section of the Catalog for a complete list of graduate degrees offered by the University.

For information about specific CLAS graduate programs, see the links under "Index: Academic Programs" on this page.

**Nondepartmental Courses**

Most College of Liberal Arts and Sciences courses are offered by the college's departments, programs, and schools. They are listed and described in the corresponding General Catalog sections; see the links under "Index: Academic Programs" on this page.

The college also offers the following nondepartmental courses.

**Lower-Level Undergraduate**

**CLAS:1000 First-Year Seminar** 1 s.h.

Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities). Requirements: first- or second-semester standing.
Passions

Liberal Arts and Sciences Majors with Your CLAS:1700 Got CLAS? Blending College of exercises, activities, journal assignments. academic and personal success?; portfolio of reflective be the best fit and how can University resources help your between ambition, drive, and success? What major might questions (i.e., How can you identify what you're good fulfilling life; what students are passionate about; address How interests and talents can be paired up to achieve a CLAS:1600 Life Design: Building Your future; how can you build a life of purpose and meaning? the relationship between art and culture and its significance. Survey of major world cultures; analysis of artistic works; through the arts. How can interests and talents be paired up to achieve a fulfilling life; what students are passionate about; address questions (i.e., How can you identify what you're good at? How can you build a life of purpose and meaning? How can you cultivate mentors? What is the relationship between ambition, drive, and success? What major might be the best fit and how can University resources help your academic and personal success?); portfolio of reflective exercises, activities, journal assignments. CLAS:1700 Got CLAS? Blending College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Majors with Your Passions

Upper-Level Undergraduate and Graduate

CLAS:3111 Reimagining Downtown 3 s.h.
Interdisciplinary perspective; assist upper-level undergraduates apply their education and creativity toward a specific initiative, the Downtown Project, located in the Fremont East and Arts District areas of Las Vegas, Nevada. Requirements: junior or senior standing and admission by application.

CLAS:3200 International Perspectives: Xicotepec 1-3 s.h.
Interdisciplinary service-learning course; Mexican culture and history through community-based service project, assigned readings, and discussion; includes a required spring break trip to Mexico. Same as SOC:3200.

CLAS:4100 Peer Mentoring 1-2 s.h.
Opportunities to participate in classroom and course activities as mentors for other students.

CLAS:4200 Undergraduate Internship arr.
Professional and/or creative experience for writing certificate students; students must arrange an on- or off-campus internship with faculty advisor approval. Requirements: undergraduate standing and a minimum of 24 s.h. of course work with at least 12 s.h. in University of Iowa courses.

Graduate

CLAS:5100 Practicum: College Teaching and Professional Development for Teaching Assistants arr.
Guidance for teaching assistants seeking introduction to teaching at college level; focus on practical pedagogical concerns, including how to structure a course, devise learning outcomes, develop a syllabus and a calendar of assignments, evaluate student work, and create a student-centered classroom with collaborative learning experiences; pre-semester intensive training session, weekly meetings during first month of semester, periodic meetings to address midterm and late-semester issues; concurrent with TA teaching assistantships. Recommendations: interest in teacher training and preparation.

General Education
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Departments, Programs, and Schools
African American Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Art and Art History
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Chemistry
Cinematic Arts
Classics
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Creative Writing (Iowa Writers' Workshop)
Division of Interdisciplinary Programs
  Enterprise Leadership
  Global Health Studies
  Interdepartmental Studies
  International Studies
  Latin American Studies
  Writing
Division of Performing Arts
  Dance
  Music
  Theatre Arts
Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
  American Sign Language
  Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures
  Comparative Literature
  French and Italian
  German
  Second Language Acquisition
  Spanish and Portuguese
  Translation
  Translation for Global Literacy
Earth and Environmental Sciences
  English
  English as a Second Language
  Environmental Policy and Planning
  Environmental Sciences
  Ethics and Public Policy
  Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies
  Geographical and Sustainability Sciences
  Health and Human Physiology
  History
  Journalism and Mass Communication
  Linguistics
  Mathematics
  Optical Science and Technology Center
  Philosophy
  Physics and Astronomy
  Political Science
  Psychological and Brain Sciences
  Religious Studies
  Rhetoric
  Social Work
  Sociology
  Statistics and Actuarial Science
  Majors Offered with Other Colleges
  Biochemistry
  Economics
  Elementary Education
  Enterprise Leadership
  Microbiology
  Science Education
  Certificate Programs
  Aging Studies
  American Indian and Native Studies
  American Sign Language
  Critical Cultural Competence
  Disability Studies
  Event Planning
  Fundraising and Philanthropy Communication
  Global Health Studies
  International Business
  Large Data Analysis
  Latin American Studies
  Medieval Studies
  Museum Studies
  Performing Arts Entrepreneurship
  Social Science Analytics
  Wind Energy
  Writing