College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Undergraduate majors: BA; BS; BFA; BM

Graduate degrees: programs leading to AuD; DMA; MA; MCS; MFA; MS; M5W; PhD (degrees conferred by the Graduate College)

Website: https://clas.uiowa.edu

CLAS Units and Academic Programs

Undergraduate Majors, Minors, and Certificates

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) has 37 departments and offers about 70 undergraduate majors, 70 minors, and 18 undergraduate certificates.

In addition, CLAS collaborates with other University of Iowa colleges to award degrees in the following majors: economics (BA and BS) and enterprise leadership (BA) with Tippie College of Business; biochemistry (BA and BS) and microbiology (BS) with Carver College of Medicine; and science studies (BS) with the College of Education. For descriptions of these majors and their requirements, view those programs in the catalog. CLAS also offers three majors both on campus and online: enterprise leadership, political science, and sport and recreation management.

CLAS also works closely with the College of Education, which offers a Teacher Education Program (BA) designed to lead to licensure at the secondary level. These students also must complete a related CLAS major to earn the education degree, such as a major in art, English, mathematics, the sciences, the social sciences, or various world languages. Students must apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program; contact the College of Education's Office of Student Services.

Students who begin their studies in CLAS may apply to degree programs in other colleges at the University of Iowa. If they are accepted, they may earn undergraduate degrees in business (BBA), education (BA), engineering (BSE), nursing (BSN), or public health (BA or BS); a BS with a major in medical laboratory science, nuclear medicine technology, or radiation sciences; or a professional degree in pharmacy (PharmD). Use the General Catalog's Catalog Contents page 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 for early admission or to combined 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 (DDS) and the College of Law (JD), for example. Combined bachelor's/graduate degree programs are available in several disciplines; see Combined Programs in the Graduate College section of the catalog.

CLAS offers a wide selection of undergraduate certificates and minors. CLAS students also may earn undergraduate certificates and minors offered by other colleges. For lists of all undergraduate certificates and minors offered by the university, see Find Your Program in 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 CLAS graduate programs, consult the specific academic programs.