College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Undergraduate majors: B.A.; B.S.; B.F.A.; B.M.

Graduate degrees: programs leading to D.M.A.; M.A.; M.F.A.; M.S.; M.S.W.; Ph.D. (degrees conferred by the Graduate College)

Website: https://clas.uiowa.edu

Programs

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 21 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 a major in science studies (B.S.). For descriptions of the above majors and their requirements, view those programs in the Catalog.

CLAS also works closely with the College of Education which offers a Teacher Education Program that requires a major in a related area of education (B.A.) 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 and social sciences, and in various world languages. These programs are designed for students interested in teaching middle or high school. Students must apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program; contact the College of Education’s Office of Student 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 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 (D.D.S.) and the College of Law (J.D.), for example. Combined bachelor’s/graduate degree programs are available in several disciplines; see “Combined Programs” in the Graduate College section of the Catalog.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers a wide selection of undergraduate certificates and minors, including a certificate offered with another college: the Certificate in International Business (with the Tippie College of Business).

Find CLAS certificates and minors by using Find Your Program in the Catalog to select those programs.

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; University College offers certificate programs in clinical and translational science, leadership studies, nonprofit leadership and philanthropy, and sustainability; and the College of Law offers an undergraduate certificate in human rights. 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 Find Your Program in the Catalog and select those programs of study.

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.