University General Education Requirements (same requirements for all degree options)

CALS B.S. College Requirements

• Humanities/Literature/Arts (6 credits)
• Social Science (3 credits)
• CALS First-Year Seminar (1 credit)
• CALS International Studies
• Physical Science (Chemistry)*
• Biological Science (5 credits)*
• Additional Science (3 credits)*
• Science Breadth (3 credits)*
• Capstone*

CALS students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least a 2.0 to graduate

L&S B.S. College Requirements

• Humanities (12 credits, including 6 credits of literature)
• Social Science (12 credits)
• Natural Science (12 credits)*
• Math (two intermediate or advanced courses in math, computer science, or stats)*
• Language (third-level course in one language)

L&S students must complete 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 GPA in intermediate/advanced level coursework

L&S B.A. College Requirements

• Humanities (12 credits, including 6 credits of literature)
• Social Science (12 credits)
• Natural Science (12 credits)*
• Language (fourth-level course in one language or third-level in one language and second-level in another)

L&S students must complete 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 GPA in intermediate/advanced level coursework

Major requirements (same requirements for all degree options)

*requirements designated with an asterisk will be fulfilled by courses required for these majors
What is the difference between majoring in one of these areas in CALS versus L&S? The major requirements for students are the same regardless of which college they are in. The main difference is the college-level requirements that students complete in the two colleges. Please refer to the other side of this sheet for more details.

Which college is better for me if I want to go to medical school, veterinary school, or into a specific career path? Because the majors are exactly the same, so are the potential outcomes for students after graduation. Students in these majors have the same opportunity to get into graduate/professional schools and careers in industry. All students on campus have access to the Centers for Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising for support pursuing those opportunities in addition to career services offices in their respective colleges.

If the major requirements are the same, why should I pick CALS? In CALS, community is key. CALS students have access to specialized advisors in career services, honors, study abroad, and academics who are experts in CALS areas of study that will support them throughout their academic journey. Because CALS is a smaller college, there is greater opportunity to make connections and foster relationships with staff and faculty throughout the college. CALS is also unique in the intentional use of our signature experiences throughout our student’s academic careers. We have focused our curriculum on helping students get a strong start on campus through the first-year seminar course, gain global perspectives through the international studies requirement, and gain hands-on real world experience through the capstone and other courses throughout our programs. CALS students are uniquely-suited to take on the toughest challenges in the fields of health and nutrition, the biological sciences, food and agriculture, sustainability, natural resources and the environment, and business, communication and society.

I still have questions, can I talk to someone for more information? Yes, please contact us at academicaffairs@cals.wisc.edu and we will help answer any additional questions you may have.