



College of Letters and Science

Undergraduate Learning Outcomes

Learning Goals. The College of Letters and Science promotes a liberal arts education via research, inquiry, and conscious integration of learning across the liberal arts and sciences; in L&S, “the Wisconsin Experience” is grounded in liberal education. At a minimum, we expect that L&S students will recognize and value the various “ways of knowing” the world through the arts and humanities, and the biological, physical and social sciences, as described in Catalog and other materials (see http://pubs.wisc.edu/ug/lis_ugstudy.htm#breadth). Beyond this minimum, we believe that, through in-class education and experiences beyond the walls of the traditional classroom students should:

- Develop a level of proficiency in the different “ways of knowing” the world through the arts and humanities, and the biological, physical and social sciences, which will be reflected in an ability to communicate across the disciplinary boundaries, so as to interpret and investigate the complex world in which they live;
- Integrate knowledge across disciplines in order to bring novel perspectives to challenging social and technological problems;
- Communicate effectively, so they may share their knowledge, wisdom, and values with others across social and professional settings;
- Understand their own learning processes and possess the capacity to intentionally a) seek and evaluate information, b) recognize and reduce bias in their thinking, and c) build new knowledge for application in their personal and professional lives.
- Construct a worldview in which they accept the responsibility for civic engagement and appreciate the need to live lives of purpose and meaning.

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