

BA/BS Degree Requirements

College of Letters & Science

TOOLS for Learning and Communication

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Communication A

Quantitative Reasoning A

Communication B

Quantitative Reasoning B

Ethnic Studies

MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Science
Met with GER Quantitative Reasoning A & B (above) <i>No other courses necessary, unless required for your major</i>	Two 3+ credit courses at I/A level (MATH, COMP SCI, STAT). Limit one each: COMP SCI, STAT

WORLD LANGUAGE

Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Science
<i>Option 1:</i> Complete 4 th level of a single world language	Complete 3 rd level of a single world language
<i>Option 2:</i> Complete 3 rd level of one world language AND Complete 2 nd level of another world language	

BREADTH of Exploration in the Liberal Arts & Sciences

HUMANITIES – 12 credits and *must include 6 credits Literature Humanities*

Literature

SOCIAL SCIENCES – 12 credits

NATURAL SCIENCES – 12 credits

Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Science
One 3+ credit <i>Biological Science</i> course	6 credits <i>Biological Science</i>
One 3+ credit <i>Physical Science</i> course	6 credits <i>Physical Science</i>
Remaining credits in biological, physical, or natural science	

DEPTH of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts & Sciences

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – First semester courses that count towards major

BREADTH of Exploration in the Liberal Arts & Sciences, *continued*

108 Liberal Arts & Sciences credits (C)

DEPTH of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts & Sciences, *continued*

Mastery of Intermediate/Advanced Work – 60 credits

Major – Must declare at least one major before or upon completing 86 credits and must complete all declared majors

QUANTITY & QUALITY of Work

120 total credits

UW-Madison Experience

30 credits in residence after the 86th credit

15 upper-level credits in residence in each major

15 credits on campus in each major/department

Minimum GPAs

2.0 in all courses at UW-Madison

2.0 in all major & major department courses

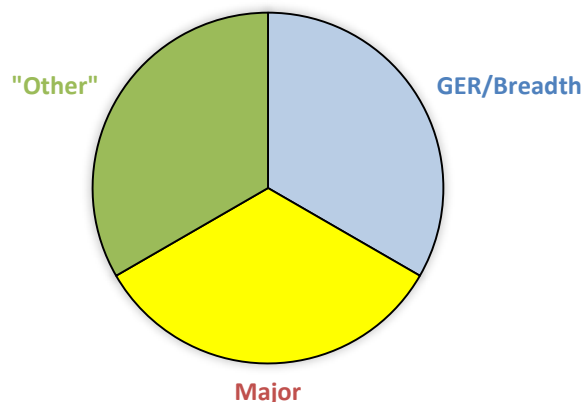
2.0 in all upper-level work at UW-Madison

2.0 in all upper-level major & major courses

BA/BS Degree Breakdown

Credit Information

TYPICAL BA/BS DEGREE



What is a credit?

- 1 credit = 1 hour of in-class instruction each week
- 1 credit = 3 hours of work outside of class each week
- For example, a student taking 15 credits will spend 15 hours in the classroom and approximately 45 hours studying and working on homework, projects, and papers each week

How many credits should I take each semester?

- A full-time load is 12 to 18 credits each semester and has one tuition cost
- We recommend taking 12 to 16 credits in your first semester
- Students coming in with no AP/IB/transfer credit should plan on taking an average of 15 credits each semester in order to graduate in 4 years (120 credits in 8 semesters)