The School of Arts and Communication is housed in the College of Liberal Studies and therefore requires students to meet the CLS core requirements for either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree below.

College of Liberal Studies (CLS/SAC) Bachelor of Arts core requirements

The following conditions apply to one or both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees:

1. Students majoring in English or in a modern language must earn a Bachelor of Arts degree (education majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree).
2. Students majoring in other CLS programs may choose either a B.A. or a B.S. degree.
3. Language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) used to fulfill general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2) may also be used to meet the B.A. and B.S. language requirements.
4. All other courses used to meet the requirements below must be in addition to the minimum 39 credits required in the General Education Program.
5. At least one course in the B.A. or B.S. college degree program (core requirements) must be a CLS designated diversity course.
6. Applicable courses may be found on the CLS B.A./B.S. Degree Option Course List (https://www.uwlax.edu/uploadedFiles/
Academics/Colleges_Schools/CLS/CLS%20SAC%20BA%20BS%20Core%20Course%20List%20Updated%20-%20Fall%202015.pdf or in the Advisement Report (AR) when the degree has been declared.

Courses used to fulfill general education requirements will not apply to core requirements except for language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) that count in the general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2).

Declare ONE of the following tracks in the CLS Academic Services Office in 260 Morris Hall:

A. Language track
   1. Native speakers of English complete:
      Select one of the following:
      CHI 202 Intermediate Chinese II
      FRE 202 Intermediate French II
      GER 202 Intermediate German II
      RUS 202 Intermediate Russian II
      SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II
      MLG 202 World Languages: Intermediate II
      MLG 204 Heritage Language: Intermediate
      MLG 304 Heritage Language: Advanced
   2. Two additional courses outside of the student's major in two of the following: humanities, social sciences or fine arts.

B. Humanities track
   1. One modern language course 102 or higher or an Office of International Education (OIE) approved semester long study abroad experience combined with the INS 250, INS 251, INS 252 sequence; and
   2. Two additional courses outside the department of the student's major from two different departments chosen from: history, English, philosophy; and
   3. One additional course in social sciences or fine arts.

C. Fine arts track
   1. One modern language course 102 or higher or an Office of International Education (OIE) approved semester long study abroad experience combined with the INS 250, INS 251, INS 252 sequence; and
   2. Two additional courses outside the department of the student's major from two different departments chosen from: art, communication studies, music, theatre; and
   3. One additional course in social sciences or humanities.

In addition to other College of Liberal Studies core requirements, all students in CLS must complete a second major, minor, or program option by satisfying one of the following:
   1. Complete a minor (or second major) outside of the student's major program, consisting of at least 18 credits; or
   2. Complete an emphasis, program or concentration of at least 18 credits outside the student's major program. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements; or
   3. Complete 18 credits in two or more departments or programs (at least 12 credits earned at the 300/400 level). These courses must be outside the student's major department and can be from any college. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements.

College of Liberal Studies (CLS/SAC)
Bachelor of Science core requirements

The following conditions apply to one or both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees:

1. Students majoring in English or in a modern language must earn a Bachelor of Arts degree (education majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree).
2. Students majoring in other CLS programs may choose either a B.A. or a B.S. degree.
3. Language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) used to fulfill general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2) may also be used to meet the B.A. and B.S. language requirements.
4. All other courses used to meet the requirements below must be in addition to the minimum 39 credits required in the General Education Program.
5. At least one course in the B.A. or B.S. college degree program (core requirements) must be a CLS designated diversity course.
6. Applicable courses may be found on the CLS B.A./B.S. Degree Option Course List (https://www.uwlax.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Colleges_Schools/CLS/CLS%20SAC%20BA%20BS%20Core%20Course%20List%20Updated%20-%20Fall%202015.pdf) or in the Advisement Report (AR) when the degree has been declared.

Courses used to fulfill general education requirements will not apply to core requirements except for language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) that count in the general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2).

Bachelor of Science students complete four courses outside the department of the student's major as follows:

1. A lab science course (from the general education list); and
2. A social science course; and
3. Another social science or general education natural science, or math course, or an approved CLS alternative (ENV 201, PHL 334, PHL 339); and
4. One additional course in humanities or fine arts or complete a modern language course 102 level or higher.

In addition to all other College of Liberal Studies core requirements, all students in CLS must complete a second major, minor, or program option by satisfying one of the following:

1. Complete a minor (or second major) outside of the student's major program, consisting of at least 18 credits; or
2. Complete an emphasis, program or concentration of at least 18 credits outside the student's major program. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements; or
3. Complete 18 credits in two or more departments or programs (at least 12 credits earned at the 300/400 level). These courses must be outside the student’s major department and can be from any college. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements.

Graduation/degree requirements

A student in the School of Arts and Communication may earn either the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The type of degree earned by a student (B.A. or B.S.) may be determined by the major programs elected by the student. All general university degree requirements must be met: a minimum of 120 credits (40 of which must be 300/400 numbered courses), general education program requirements, college core requirements and major program requirements.

Joint institution programs

Joint communications program with WTC: Students who enroll in the Visual Communications Program at Western Technical College (WTC) may transfer to UW-La Crosse with partial work already completed towards a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Communication Studies-Broadcast & Digital Emphasis. The articulation agreement between UWL and WTC facilitates the transfer of credit between the two programs.

Contact the Admissions office (http://www.uwlax.edu/Admissions/Transfer-student) for more specific information. Students who earned an associate degree from another UW System institution are exempt from UWL’s general education requirements, although students must still meet all other UWL degree, college, and major requirements.