

## Choosing Between CALS and L&S for Your Biology Major

Students who declare a major in Biology at UW-Madison have the option to enroll in either the **College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS)** or the **College of Letters and Science (L&S)**. While the core Biology curriculum remains consistent across both colleges, the academic environment, advising structure, and degree options can differ. The following comparison can help you decide which college is the best fit for your academic goals and interests.

### Key Differences Between CALS and L&S

Aspect	CALS	L&S
<b>Major Courses</b>	Nearly identical Biology Major curriculum in both colleges	Nearly identical Biology Major curriculum in both colleges
<b>Honors Program</b>	Eligible for <a href="#">CALS Honors Program</a>	Eligible for <a href="#">L&amp;S Honors Program</a>
<b>Advising at SOAR (Orientation)</b>	Assigned a Biology Major advisor	Assigned an L&S Academic Advising Services advisor
<b>Declaring the Biology Major</b>	Can declare at SOAR	Can declare once courses begin
<b>Academic Focus</b>	Emphasis on science and applied life sciences	Broader focus with more language, arts, and literature courses
<b>Degree Options</b>	Bachelor of Science (BS)	Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS)
<b>Community Size</b>	~3,000 undergraduates within CALS	~20,000 undergraduates within L&S

### Additional Resources

- Explore [CALS Resources](#)
- Explore [L&S Resources](#)