The College of Arts and Sciences is the heart of Lehigh University, offering a wide variety of academic majors, minors, and interdisciplinary programs, while also providing essential liberal arts access to all Lehigh students. Arts and Sciences faculty are engaged as active scholars, are highly accessible, and are committed to the teaching mission of our undergraduate programs. A hallmark of our college is the faculty's ability to engage students interactively and experientially in teaching, research, and scholarship.

In addition to our established major programs, specially structured interdisciplinary majors linking multiple disciplines are possible. For example, a student interested in a professional school of urban or environmental studies, economics, environmental studies, global studies, health, medicine & society, history, international relations, joint global studies/modern languages & literatures, joint international relations/economics, joint international relations/modern languages & literatures, journalism, journalism/science writing, political science, psychology, sociology, sociology & anthropology, women, gender & sexuality studies

Mathematics and Natural Science
Astronomy, behavioral neuroscience, biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and environmental science, economics, environmental science, economics, mathematics, molecular biology, physics, statistics

BA degrees in predental science or pre-optometry science are available to students who are admitted to certain combined degree programs (see Pre-Health Professional Programs).

Bachelor of Science Degree

BS degrees are offered in the following areas:
Astrophysics, behavioral neuroscience, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, cognitive science, computer science, earth and environmental science, economics, mathematics, molecular biology, pharmaceutical chemistry, physics, psychology, statistics

GENERAL PLAN OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY
Students in the College are encouraged to declare their major as soon as they are certain of their degree path, and are expected to do so by the end of their fourth semester. For most students, the credits earned for the major and those earned for college distribution requirements are not enough to meet the graduation requirement of 120 credit hours. Students normally take free elective courses in areas of interest to earn these remaining credits. Three types of courses - one in the student’s area of concentration (major requirements), a second set drawn from certain designated disciplines (the distribution requirements), and a third set without constraints (the free electives) - comprise the educational program of the College.

Major Field of Concentration
By majoring in a specific discipline a student establishes a foundation of knowledge and develops expertise and intellectual sophistication in their field.

The minimum number of credits for a major is 30. A student must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 in the major field, and in the entire coursework.

Standard major sequences
When a student declares a major they are assigned a major advisor from that department or program's faculty. The major advisor assists students with course selection, research opportunities, internship selection, and other areas of professional development. In all cases, the final responsibility for meeting both major and non-major requirements rests with the student.

Special interdisciplinary majors
In addition to our established major programs, specially structured interdisciplinary majors linking multiple disciplines are possible. For example, a student interested in a professional school of urban or
Distribution Requirements for the B.A. and the B.S. 
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fields are being reformulated, often producing surprising influences in 
society. Many of the basic modes of thought and work in various 
are rapidly being redefined and only a person of broad intellectual 
chosen specialty. Furthermore, in a swiftly changing world, careers 
A double major is a combined BA and BS program or two 
BS degrees in one or more of our undergraduate colleges. The BA 
is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, and the BS may be in 
CAS or in one of the other undergraduate colleges. A student pursues 
a dual degree by declaring the first program and then requesting the 
second degree program by filling out a Dual Degree Petition Form, 
which must be accompanied by an approved semester-by-semester 
academic plan. The dual-degree student must satisfy major and 
distribution requirements for both degrees and earn a minimum of 30 
additional credits beyond those required for the first degree. All of 
the 30 additional credits must be taken at Lehigh or in Lehigh residency 
programs. The requirement of 30 additional credits typically makes 
the dual degree program a five-year program. There is no limit on 
the number of overlapping courses between two degrees, but there 
must be at least 30 credits of stand alone coursework in each degree 
program. For administrative purposes, students who take two degrees 
or two majors must designate one as their primary major or primary 
degree program.

Distribution Requirements
Whatever expertise in a single discipline an undergraduate may 
achieve, curiosity lures most of us beyond the confines of a single 
chosen specialty. Furthermore, in a swiftly changing world, careers 
are rapidly being redefined and only a person of broad intellectual 
mindset can consider where their talents may be most useful to 
society. Many of the basic modes of thought and work in various 
fields are being reformulated, often producing surprising influences 
in the public and private spheres. To develop a satisfying professional 
life and be a responsible citizen of our increasingly global world, 
one needs exposure to the concepts and methods of a variety of 
disciplines. 
The CAS distribution requirements draw upon five primary domains 
of learning: arts, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and 
social sciences. The faculty believe exposure to these broad areas 
will help students develop a basic understanding of the various forms of 
knowledge generated in these fields. Specific credit hours are 
required in each of the following four domains: arts and humanities, 
mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences. 

Distribution Requirements for the B.A. and the B.S.
First-Year Seminar
One course during the first year

3-4

English Composition
Two courses during the first year

6

Mathematics
Chosen from designated courses in mathematics or 
philosophy

3

Natural Sciences
Chosen from designated courses in astronomy, astrophysics, 
biological anthropology, biology, chemistry, earth and 
environmental sciences, neuroscience and physics

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At least one science course must also include the 
associated laboratory.

Social Sciences
Chosen from designated courses in africana studies, 
anthropology, cognitive science, economics, environmental 
studies, global studies, health, medicine, & society, 
history, international relations, journalism, political science, 
psychology, sociology, and women, gender & sexuality 

studies.

Arts and Humanities
Chosen from designated courses in asian studies, 
arbitraige, art, design, history, Jewish studies, latin 
american & latino studies, modern languages and literature 
(Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, 
Russian, Spanish & Hispanic Studies), English, ethics, film & 
documentary studies, music, philosophy, religion studies, and 
theatre.

Junior Year Writing Intensive
Only courses designated as "WI" in the class schedule 
select independent studies may be used to fulfill this 
requirement.

Total Credits
1

Total for graduation: 120 credits

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR PROGRAM
During their first academic year, preferably in the fall, every student 
in the College of Arts and Sciences is required to enroll in a First-
Year Seminar. College seminars provide an intimate and supportive 
environment that facilitates the transition to university life. Within 
the seminar students develop skills that serve as a framework for 
their future scholarly work - how to read closely, think critically, write 
clearly, learn cooperatively, speak persuasively, and solve problems 
creatively.

Courses in this program are an excellent way to explore a subject 
that may be new, or to enter more deeply into an area of previous 
interest. Whatever the topic, FYS emphasize reading assignments, 
papers, and oral presentations, while others include tests, laboratory 
work, or fieldwork.

JUNIOR-YEAR WRITING CERTIFICATION
The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences value writing as an 
esential tool for learning. Writing well is indispensable for 
performing responsibly in any profession and in most areas of life. 
Beyond the two English courses required in the first year, students 
are encouraged to take courses that provide continued practice 
in writing. In particular, each student must complete at least one 
"writing-intensive" course, normally during their junior year. Students 
must follow the guidelines for this requirement set up by their major 
department. Some major programs require the writing-intensive 
course be taken in the major field, while others allow it to be chosen 
freely from writing-intensive courses offered by any department or 
program. Courses that satisfy the writing-intensive requirement may 
also be used to fulfill major or distribution requirements. Please note: 
only courses designated as "WI" on the course schedule, or select 
independent studies may be used to fulfill this requirement. Transfer 
credits may not be used to meet the Writing Intensive requirement.

MINOR PROGRAMS IN THE COLLEGE
Certain departments, divisions, and programs in the College afford 
students an opportunity to minor in an additional field of concentration 
other than their major field of study.

Minors require a minimum of 15 credits, but the specific content is 
determined by the department, division, or program offering that 
minor. A minor is optional, and if successfully completed, will be 
shown on the university transcript in the same manner as the major 
field. A 2.0 minimum grade-point average is required for courses 
in the minor. Because of this requirement, no course in the minor 
program may be taken with Pass/Fail grading. No more than one
course may be double-counted toward a major and a minor, and no
more than one course may overlap between two minors.

The following are established minors in the College of Arts and
Sciences:

• Actuarial Science
• Africana Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Anthropology
• Apparel Design
• Applied Mathematics
• Architecture
• Asian Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Astronomy
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Chinese
• Cognitive Science (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Computer Science
• Creative Writing
• Data Science
• Documentary Storymaking (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Earth and Environmental Science
• Economics
• English
• Environmental Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Film Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• French and Francophone Studies
• German
• Global Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Graphic Design
• Health, Medicine, and Society (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• History
• History of Architecture
• History of the Visual Arts
• International Film
• International Relations
• Japanese
• Jewish Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Journalism: Science and Environmental Writing
• Latin American and Latino Studies (Interdisciplinary Programs)
• Mass Communication
• Molecular Biology
• Museum Studies
• Music
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Political Science
• Probability and Statistics
• Product Design
• Psychology
• Public Administration
• Pure Mathematics
• Religion Studies
• Russian
• Sociology
• Sociology and Anthropology
• Spanish and Hispanic Studies
• Studio Art
• Theatre
• Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Interdisciplinary
  Programs)
• Writing

*For minors outside of the College of Arts & Sciences, please see
below.

OPPORTUNITIES

ECKARDT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Eckardt Scholars Program is a highly selective and unique honors
program in the College of Arts and Sciences. The program prioritizes
intellectual curiosity, independent work, and close mentoring
relationships between students and faculty. Each incoming class
includes approximately twenty Eckardt Scholars. These students receive unique academic privileges that provide them with great
opportunities at Lehigh and beyond. Students in the program are
exempt from the Arts & Sciences distribution requirements and
work with their major advisor and the Eckardt Scholars Program
Director to create a flexible course of study that best suits their
academic interests and ambitions. Although exempt from distribution
requirements, students will complete the requisite number of credits
for their degrees and all correlative requirements for their majors. The
program includes participation in two Eckardt Scholar Seminars and
completion of an independent project (e.g., a thesis, artistic creation,
or other capstone experience) during the senior year.

Participation in the Eckardt Scholars Program is restricted to only
the most well-qualified students. Some students are invited to
enroll when first admitted to Lehigh, while others are identified by
faculty and encouraged to apply during their first few semesters.
Admission to the program is decided on the basis of academic
records, written statements of educational goals, and at least two
faculty recommendations.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY

Students planning to pursue graduate study toward a doctorate should
be aware that most graduate schools require doctoral candidates to
demonstrate a reading knowledge of one or two foreign languages.
Proficiency in foreign languages is advantageous for careers in law,
government, journalism, commerce, industry and other fields.

INTERNSHIPS

Many departments and programs offer credit for specific internship
experiences. Students should consult with their home department
for information on arranging internships. The University faculty has
established three important criteria that must be met by all internships:
80 hours of work are required for each credit awarded, no credit
can be awarded for an internship ex post facto, and the student
must register for the internship course during the same term that the
internship work is performed. Students must pre-arrange all internship
experiences with the appropriate department. Internship credits
cannot be awarded for work experiences lacking a distinct, identifiable
educational component. A memorandum of understanding circulated
among the employer, student, and departmental internship course
director helps to promote a common understanding of the educational
and work objectives of the internship. Students are advised that not all
work experiences advertised as “internships” warrant academic credit,
even though they may be otherwise worthwhile.

PRE-LAW PROGRAM

In keeping with the policy of the Association of American Law
Schools, the university does not have a prescribed pre-law curriculum;
however, Lehigh has a strong pre-law tradition. Successful candidates
for law school demonstrate skills in critical analysis, logical reasoning,
and communication and have pursued rigorous coursework of
significant breadth and depth. Lehigh students have attained entrance
to law schools from diverse curricula in all three of the undergraduate
colleges. Specifically law-related courses are offered in the College of
Arts and Sciences (e.g. Constitutional Law and Politics, Civil Rights
and Civil Liberties, Law and Order) and the College of Business (e.g.,
Introduction to Law and Legal Environment of Business).

In addition to formal academic instruction, Lehigh provides other
opportunities for learning about the law and legal careers. The annual
Tresolini Lecture series brings nationally recognized speakers to
campus for extended interactions with faculty and students. Tresolini
lecturers have included present and past U.S. and state Supreme
Court justices and renowned legal scholars and practitioners. Lehigh
also provides opportunities for gaining academic credit in several off-
campus programs that provide practical experience in law and public affairs.

Advising is available to prospective pre-law students on a continuous basis from first-year orientation through the law school application process in the senior year. The pre-professional advisor in the Center for Career and Professional Development coordinates these pre-law counseling services.

PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
Schools of medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, and veterinary medicine stress the importance of a strong liberal arts education as well as prescribed studies in the sciences. Although most pre-health students will choose a major in a pure or applied science, as long as candidates have the essential courses in biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics, they may major in any of the three undergraduate colleges.

A health professions advisory committee, which includes the pre-professional advisor and faculty members from the sciences and social sciences, provides career and academic counseling and works closely with students from first-year orientation through the entire process of applying to professional schools. Students with an interest in the health professions are urged to consult with the pre-professional advisor in the Center for Career and Professional Development as early as possible in their academic career.

Combined-Degree Program in Dentistry
In cooperation with the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh offers an accelerated program that enables selected students to earn both the baccalaureate degree (B.A.) with a major in preclinical science and the doctor of dental medicine degree (D.M.D.) after seven years of study at the two institutions. In the first three academic years at Lehigh, credit hours are earned toward the 120 credits required for the baccalaureate degree. The next four years are spent in the regular program of dental education at the Penn School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia. By successfully completing their first year at the dental school, students acquire the necessary additional credit hours for the Lehigh baccalaureate degree.

During their first three years at Lehigh, students are expected to make satisfactory progress in prescribed academic areas as well as in the area of personal growth, developing those attributes ultimately needed to become a dentist. Penn Dental School receives student grades and monitors student progress through feedback from Lehigh. Students are expected to attain specified grade point averages and DAT scores. Students' undergraduate credentials are processed through the Admissions Committee of Penn Dental School before a final definitive acceptance is offered. The dental college reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance on the grounds of academic or personal maturation concerns.

Application for admission to this program is made through Lehigh's Office of Admissions. Application deadline is January 1.

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Combined-Degree Program in Optometry
In cooperation with the State University of New York College of Optometry in New York City, Lehigh offers an accelerated program in which students may earn both the baccalaureate degree (B.A.) with a major in behavioral neuroscience and the doctor of optometry degree (O.D.) after seven years of study at the two institutions. In the first three academic years at Lehigh, credit hours are earned toward the 120 credits required for the baccalaureate degree. The next four years are spent in the regular program of optometry education at SUNY College of Optometry. By successfully completing their first year at the optometry college, students acquire the necessary additional credit hours for the Lehigh baccalaureate degree.

SUNY College of Optometry receives student grades and monitors student progress through feedback from Lehigh. Students are expected to attain specified grade point averages and OAT scores. Students' undergraduate credentials are processed through the Admissions Committee of SUNY Optometry before a final definitive acceptance is offered. The optometry college reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance on the grounds of academic or personal maturation concerns.

Students may apply to this program either during their initial application or during their enrollment at Lehigh. Application for incoming students is made through Lehigh’s Office of Admissions. Application deadline is January 1.

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BIOS 115 & BIOS 116  Genetics and Genetics Laboratory  4
BIOS 044 & BIOS 045  Introduction to Integrative and Comparative Biology and Introduction to Integrative and Comparative Biology Laboratory  4
BIOS 130  Biostatistics  4
BIOS 276  Central Nervous System and Behavior  3

Select one of the following:

- BIOS 277  Experimental Neuroscience Laboratory  2
- BIOS 278  Neurophysiology Laboratory  2
- BIOS 279  Experimental Molecular Neuroscience Laboratory  2
- BIOS 371  Elements of Biochemistry I  0,3
- BIOS 372  Elements of Biochemistry II  3
- BIOS 382  Endocrinology of Behavior  3

**Physics**

Select one of the following:

- PHY 010 & PHY 012  General Physics I and Introductory Physics Laboratory I  5
- PHY 011 & PHY 012  Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics Laboratory I  5

Select one of the following:

- PHY 013 & PHY 022  General Physics II and Introductory Physics Laboratory II  4-5
- PHY 021 & PHY 022  Introductory Physics II and Introductory Physics Laboratory II  4-5

**Math**

Select one of the following:

- MATH 021 & MATH 022  Calculus I and Calculus II  7-8
- MATH 051 & MATH 052  Survey of Calculus I and Survey of Calculus II  7-8

**Required Non-Science Courses**

First-Year Seminar  3-4
English Comp & Lit (I and II)  6
PSYC 001  Introduction to Psychology  4
Social Science (one course)  4
Humanities (two courses)  8
Writing Intensive  3-4
Approved Elective  4

Total Credits  32-34

**MINORS & CERTIFICATES OUTSIDE OF CAS**

Students also have the opportunity to pursue and/or apply to minor programs in the other undergraduate colleges and should review their requirements in their catalog listing. These include:

- Business, College of Business
- Community Health, College of Health (pending final approval)
- Education, College of Education (see below)
- Engineering, College of Engineering
- Entrepreneurship, College of Business
- Ethics, Intercollegiate
- Global Health, College of Health
- Health Policy and Politics, College of Health (pending final approval)
- Indigenous Peoples, College of Health
- Marketing, College of Business
- Maternal and Child Health, College of Health
- Population Health, College of Health
- Real Estate, College of Business
- Supply Chain Management, College of Business

**EDUCATION MINOR**

The education minor helps undergraduates explore career options in school teaching or other professional careers with learners ranging in age from young children through adulthood and including learners who have disabilities or are English Learners. The minor offers a systematic background of professional education experiences, coordinating practicum activities with theory courses designed to provide a foundation for future educational studies. Its focus is exploratory. The experiences of the minor are intended to enrich an individual’s understanding of education as a central intellectual activity of our culture and to provide self-understanding of one's own potential as an educator.

An undergraduate may take these courses with the approval of the adviser and minimum GPA of 2.75. Fifteen credit hours are required for the education minor. Completion of the minor does not assure admission to one of the Teacher Education Programs to become a certified elementary or secondary teacher.

For more information about our Education Minor, visit ed.lehigh.edu/academics/programs/teacher-education or contact Dr. Brooke Sawyer by email: lbs211@lehigh.edu

**ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION 4+1 ACCELERATED MASTER’S PROGRAM**

The College of Education offers a five-year degree program that is designed to allow students to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in five years instead of the traditional six.

The combined degree program leads to (1) a B.A./B.S. degree in an academic discipline from the College of Arts and Sciences, the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, or the College of Business, and (2) an M.Ed. degree in elementary education or an M.Ed. degree in secondary education. In addition, students also earn eligibility for an Instructional I teaching certificate from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). These PDE certification areas are:

- Biology 7-12
- Chemistry 7-12
- Earth and Space Science K-12
- English 7-12
- General Science 7-12
- Grades PreK-4
- Mathematics 7-12
- Physics 7-12
- Social Studies 7-12

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors with a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 may apply to the 5-year teacher education program. Those accepted typically begin education courses in the second semester of their sophomore year (junior year for those admitted later).

Criteria for admission to the program include:

- A demonstrable commitment to learning and intellectual growth
- An expressed interest in teaching as a career
- Previous experience in working with young people; this can be gained in the summers of freshman and sophomore years.

In the fall semester of their senior year, students must complete an application for admission to the graduate College of Education (Elementary Education or Secondary Education) in order to continue...
in the program and complete the master's degree/Instructional Level I teacher certification eligibility portion of the program.