

Comparative Overview

This document provides a condensed overview highlighting some of the differences in curriculum, academic policies, and other metrics between the School of Education and the School of Business, School of Human Ecology (SoHE), and the College of Letters & Science.

Liberal Studies Requirements

	<i>Education</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Human Ecology</i>	<i>Letters & Science</i>
Total Credits	40	27-42	30	36
Depth	not required	not required	not required	60 Intermediate/ Advanced credits
Humanities	9 credits	one 3 cr. course	6 credits	12 credits
<i>Literature</i>	at least 2 cr.	one 3 cr. course	one 3 cr. course	6 credits (count toward Humanities)
<i>Fine Arts</i>	at least 2 cr.	not required	not required	not required
Social Science	9 credits	one 3 cr. course	9 credits	12 credits
Science	9 credits	6 credits	9 credits	12 credits
<i>Biological</i>	one course	not required	not required	one 3 cr. course (BA) 6 credits (BS)
<i>Physical</i>	one course	not required	not required	one 3 cr. course (BA) or 6 credits (BS)
<i>Lab</i>	one course	not required	not required	not required
Ethnic Studies	one 3 cr. course	one 3 cr. course	one 3 cr. course	one 3 cr. course
US/Euro History	one 3 cr. course	not required	not required	not required
Global Perspectives	one 3 cr. course	not required	not required	not required
<i>Foreign Language</i>	not required	3 units	not required	3 rd (BS) or 4 th (BA) level of one language

In addition to the requirements above, the School of Business requires completion of one Ethics course and one Advanced Math/Statistics course, each chosen from a list of approved courses. SoHE requires 3 credits of Human Ecology breadth, to be completed outside the major area of study. Some programs within Human Ecology require specific courses in the areas above. Letters & Science requires B.S. degree to students complete two courses of Advanced Math.

Degree Programs & Majors

The School of Education's program array consists primarily of degree programs which must be pursued, generally post-admission, within the School. Because unique degree requirements are distributed across many requirements within the program, it is not simple to identify the "major" within these programs. However, the School's additional majors in Education Studies (30 credits) and Theatre & Drama (43 credits) are open to declaration by all students on campus. SoHE offers degree programs only. The School of Business offers students admitted to its BBA degree program the opportunity to pursue any business major (ranging from 12–26 credits); all BBA students complete a common core of business coursework. Students in the College of Letters & Science pursue declared majors, which average around 30 credits.

Academic Standing

	<i>Education</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Human Ecology</i>	<i>Letters & Science</i>
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<i>min. School/College GPA</i>	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
<i>min. program GPA</i>	varies	2.0	2.0	2.0

Honors

Education students who complete their studies with a GPA in the top twenty percent of their class may graduate with distinction from the School. BBA students who complete their studies with a GPA in the top twenty percent of their class may graduate with distinction from the School of Business. Students in Letters & Science may pursue and be awarded honors in the Liberal Arts or in their major. SoHE students may pursue an honors degree program within the School.

Admission

With a few exceptions, students in the School of Education apply for admission to Education programs, typically after reaching certain academic thresholds and completing coursework required for eligibility. Students seeking admission to the School of Business take one of three paths: direct admission, admission as an on-campus Pre-Business student, or transfer admission. On-campus and transfer students seeking admission must complete four designated Pre-Business requirements; these students are typically admitted effective for fall of their sophomore year. SoHE permits direct entry to most of its programs (except Interior Architecture) to first year students and transfer students in their first semester on campus. For other students, most programs admit applicants on a twice-per-year admissions cycle, which may be competitive. SoHE's Interior Architecture program is very competitive and admits eligible applicants once per year. Letters & Science maintains a rolling, ongoing admission process for on-campus students seeking to transfer into the school; these students must have a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to transfer.

Direct Admission

While students pursuing most School of Education degree programs begin as pre-professional students, a few programs in the School may be entered by advising with Education Academic Services at SOAR. The School of Business maintains a direct admission program. All high school students who apply to UW-Madison and list a Business major as their primary academic interest are considered for direct admission. SoHE directly admits students to most of its programs. Letters & Science does not admit directly to a major; L&S students declare a major in a subsequent term.

Differential Tuition

The School of Business charges differential tuition at a present rate of \$500.04/semester for Wisconsin residents, nonresidents, and international students. Minnesota residents are charged differential tuition of \$1000.08/semester.