Basic business literacy can benefit all graduates, no matter what their field or intended career. When entering the professional world, CALS students are increasingly confronted with contexts that require an understanding of basic business and management concepts. The certificate in business management for agricultural and life sciences can provide students with the business skills that employers value.

The certificate offers students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) the opportunity to gain business knowledge and have it recorded on their transcript. The certificate is designed specifically for students intending to pursue careers in agriculture and life sciences, and enrollment is open only to undergraduates currently enrolled in CALS. This professional credential is offered by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, the Department of Life Sciences Communication, and the Renk Agribusiness Institute, with the collaboration of the School of Business.

**HOW TO GET IN**

To declare this certificate, students must be admitted to UW–Madison and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). For information about becoming a CALS first-year or transfer student, see Entering the College [here](http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/#enteringthecollegetext). Contact the advisor listed under the Advising and Careers tab for more information or to declare the certificate.

**REQUIREMENTS**

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No substitutions are allowed for the core courses. Students may count no more than two courses toward both their major requirements and these certificate requirements.

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