CALS offers 23 majors in a broad area of topics encompassed within the life sciences and agriculture. Students who know they are interested in CALS areas of study but are uncertain about a specific major may choose “undecided” in CALS to take advantage of all that CALS has to offer students while they explore life science and agricultural science options.

Admissions for incoming first-year and transfer students are handled centrally through the UW-Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (https://admissions.wisc.edu/). However, through this process students will be directly admitted into CALS if they choose a CALS major, including the CALS undecided option. CALS majors do not have enrollment caps, and most do not have special admissions criteria.

All students, including incoming first-year and transfer students, with questions about study in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences are encouraged to contact the CALS Office of Academic Affairs at 608-262-3003 or academicaffairs@cals.wisc.edu. Prospective students can also connect with the college and learn more in a variety of other ways, including attending informational sessions, taking a tour, and connecting with student ambassadors.

For students transferring from another university or college, transfer credits are evaluated by the UW-Madison Registrar’s Office (https://registrar.wisc.edu/transfer-your-credit-to-uw-madison/) after acceptance. Transfer students must complete all CALS degree requirements, including earning at least 30 credits at UW-Madison.

Students may also transfer to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from other schools and colleges at UW-Madison. For more information, contact the academic advisor in your intended major or the CALS Office of Academic Affairs (academicaffairs@cals.wisc.edu), or visit the CALS transfer information page (https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/visit-and-apply/transfer-students/).