

INTEGRATED LIBERAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

"A SMALL LIBERAL ARTS EXPERIENCE WITHIN A GREAT UNIVERSITY"

ILS is not only a certificate, but a community on campus. The program strives to create a place where students can take multiple classes with the same group of peers and develop lasting relationships. It's like a FIG (first-year interest group) throughout the entire undergraduate experience.

"The University of Wisconsin needs programs like ILS to give students the indispensable liberal arts experience and I am happy that it was part of my experience here on campus." Brett Tietz (2015 ILS graduate)

"I love that the history and literature I learn in my ILS courses makes me a better conversationalist." Paul Sutherland (2015 ILS graduate)

"I love ILS because there is so much to learn. Through ILS I was able to trace the history of science from natural philosophy all the way up to Newtonian physics, and the impact of science on the contemporary art & literature. I really enjoyed being able to study the humanities, and the insights these classes have provided me on the interaction between science and culture. The program was a great way for me to study things that I am interested in, but are unrelated to my major, such as astronomy, geology, philosophy, literature, art history, geopolitics." Brad Glasco (2015 ILS graduate)

"The main goal of ILS is to get its students to recognize how different subjects of knowledge connect with one another. Our student-led class in our ILS capstone attempted to accomplish this goal through the topic of tattoos. By reading articles and books on tattoos, witnessing a classmate receive a tattoo, interviewing veteran tattoo artists in the field, debating case studies, and discussing stigmas and stereotypes of tattoos, we wove together knowledge from history, psychology, sociology, criminology, philosophy, and art. My views about tattoos, and people who choose to get them, will be forever better informed. I will always remember my classmates and this capstone!" Ryan Fleming (2015 ILS graduate)

"Virtually every ILS class threatens to fundamentally change the way you see the world." Eric Schmidt, political science major

"Some of the best professors on campus teach ILS classes, and they love the program as much as the students! How many other programs offer Aristophanes, Nietzsche and Jon Stewart in the same class?" Jeff Landow, English major
