College of Letters and Science – L&S
2025-27 Capital Plan Request

Campus Planning Committee Meeting
November 16, 2023

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L&S Overview

**COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE UNITS** 39 Academic Departments & Professional Schools, and 73 Interdisciplinary Centers & Institutes

**U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS**

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**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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#25 La Follette – Public Affairs (2023)

**COMPUTER, DATA & INFORMATION SCIENCES**

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**ARTS & HUMANITIES**  #11 History (2021)  #24 English (2021)

**UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT HOURS TAUGHT (FY22)**

687,117 Total Undergraduate Credits (65% of campus total)
271,969 Freshman/Sophomore Credits (81% of campus total)

**ENROLLMENT EXPANSION CONTINUES TO IMPACT L&S**

**DEGREE HOME (FY22)**

19,108 Undergraduate Students (54% of campus total)
4,336 Graduate Students (43% of campus total)

**DEGREES CONFERRED (FY22)**

4,794 Total
3,532 Undergraduate
920 Masters
342 Research & Clinical Doctorate

**DEGREE OFFERINGS**

65 Undergraduate Majors
44 Undergraduate Certificates
63 Graduate Majors

**RESEARCH (FY22)**

$142.2M Total Research Awards
$111.5M Federally Funded (78.4%)
$158.7M Total Research Expenditures

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L&S Facility Quality Index Building Summary

- Ranges by age of original building construction.
- 0.7 FQI or higher suggests building replacement is recommended.

L&S Facilities with average FQI exceeding 0.70

L&S Facilities with Historic Significance

L&S Facilities identified for future removal in Campus Master Plan

FACILITY ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY UW PHYSICAL PLANT

1851 - 1887
1905 - 1918
1952 - 1972
Psychology and Brogden Hall

- Built in 1962, facility is dated and space is inflexible for research and instruction.
- Structural, accessibility, safety and other code related deficiencies exist.
- Size of facility greatly limits options for Department to grow.
- Structural division of space into rigid instructional, administrative and research wings does not foster collaboration or create sense of belonging for faculty/staff/students.
- 30-40% of research occurs elsewhere due to lack of suitable research labs.
- To right size for current needs and meet future growth potential, Psychology requires 35,000 additional square feet (particularly research labs) or approximately 60% total growth, per A&E study.
Communication Sciences and Disorders and Goodnight Hall

- Built in 1958 as a dormitory, very few significant upgrades since.
- Location of CSD is isolated from Psychology on the near west side.
- One larger classroom can seat only 50 students, but classes would ideally be much larger, so they are capped.
- No sprinklers, among other life safety issues in a building that includes a clinic that serves the general public.
- Due to limitations of space and functionality, all research labs are located at Waisman or MSC, including vivarium space.
In Spite of Our Facilities…

Psychology Department
• 3rd largest major on campus – 1,000 majors
• 36,000 credit hours per year
• 37 faculty and growing, with $65m in research expenditures over the past 5 years
• Consistently ranked in top 10 among public/private universities

Communication Sciences and Disorders
• 5,000 credit hours per year
• 15 faculty with $26m in research expenditures over the past five years
• Currently ranked in the top 3 of Speech and Language Departments in the U.S.
• Fulfill rapidly growing need for speech pathologists and audiologists
Center for Healthy Minds and Healthy Minds Innovations

• Center for Healthy Minds (CHM) was founded in 2008 by Dr. Richie Davidson. CHM is an L&S Center creating groundbreaking research that explores the mind, brain and emotion to learn how to cultivate well-being and relieve suffering. They have $13m in research expenditures over the past 5 years.

• Healthy Minds Innovations (HMI) was founded in 2014 as a non-profit with the goal of translating research into tools to foster and measure well-being.

• CHM leases approximately 22,000 sq feet of office space on West Washington Avenue.

• Relocating to central campus will foster collaboration for faculty and students of CHM, Psychology, CSD and other non-L&S departments.
PCC– 2025-27 Biennium

- This project will construct a new building to house the Departments of Psychology and Communication Science and Disorders (CSD), as well as the Center for Healthy Minds (CHM) and affiliated non-profit Healthy Minds Innovations (HMI).
- GSF – 389,000
- Cost - $449,000,000
- Site – Computer Science Buildings
Influence of the PCC Building

- A healthy, sustainable facility is being developed in the advanced plan. This is consistent with the focus of work conducted in these units.

- Efficiencies of space will be realized by co-locating these academic units. As shown below, a new ecosystem of interaction is being considered, based on shared goals of instruction, research and student collaboration.

- The Psychology Building could be demolished, saving significant maintenance funding and allow for redevelopment of the site.

- Goodnight Hall could be recapitalized for other needs.
Excellence in Teaching and Educational Achievement – achieved by providing modern instructional labs and classrooms and collaborative opportunities for students.

Excellence in Research and Scholarship – achieved by fostering groundbreaking research in human behavior, communication and wellness in a single facility.

Living the Wisconsin Idea – achieved by translation of research into practices that directly impact Wisconsin residents, along with clinics that provide psychological and audiology services.

A Vibrant Campus Community – achieved by creating a nexus for these highly impactful units serving both the instructional and research mission of campus.

High Performing Organization – achieved by efficiencies realized by co-locating Psychology, CSD and CHM and removal of a poorly functioning Brogden facility.

### Major Project Priorities 2025-27

1) **PCC New Building**  
(Psychology, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Center for Healthy Minds)

- 389,000 gsf
- $449m

2) **Science Hall Renovation**  
(Geography and Nelson Institute)

* Mead Witter School of Music Academic Building
Mosse Humanities Building

• $70 million estimated cost to address building deficiencies.

• Maintenance needs include building envelope, structural support, elevator replacement, interior abatement, plumbing, fire suppression, HVAC and electrical.

• Wayfinding in building is very challenging.

• Acoustical issues in School of Music space.
Mead Witter School of Music Academic Building

• Currently in advanced planning phase – goal is to complete concept plan in early 2024.

• Facility will be approximately 160,000 gsf and up to ten stories tall.

• Structural connection to Hamel Music Center.

• Cost to be determined in study; 100% gift funded.
Mead Witter School of Music Academic Building

• The L&S Mead Witter School of Music is a key member of the UW Madison Arts District.

• Hamel Music Center is a success. Need to consolidate Mead Witter School of Music.
  - offices, classrooms and labs, rehearsal rooms & administrative spaces.

• New building will accommodate growth in Mead Witter School of Music.

• Rehearsal spaces will be adaptable and acoustically appropriate.

• New building necessary step for redevelopment of Mosse Humanities Building site.