

What are the main differences between the B.A. and B.S.?

- The B.A. entails 40 - 47 credits and the B.S. entails 46 - 56 credits.
- The additional courses for the B.S. include calculus, one more computer science course, one more 100-level social science, one more elective course, one more research methods course, and a required supervised research experience. A 1-credit recitation is also required.
- The B.S. requires a concentration in one of three areas, and each concentration has a required course within it.

How should I choose between them?

- “Flexibility vs. focus” is a useful way to think about the tradeoffs between the two degrees:
 - The B.A. is easier to combine with Study Abroad, a second major, one or more minors, or other areas of study. The B.S. occupies more of your total program at Lehigh, making combinations more challenging to fit in - although it can be done with careful planning, especially if you have AP credits, take summer courses, or can handle extra credits without sacrificing your grades.
 - The B.S. allows for more in-depth study in Cognitive Science, which may be better preparation for certain graduate school and job goals.
- Since the B.S. requires more math and computer science, the B.A. may better suit those who don't enjoy these areas.
- If you are planning a second major, note that taking a B.S. in one or both of them puts you into the [dual degree](#) category, which requires extra credits to graduate.

How do I declare one of them?

On [this Cognitive Science Program web page](#), at the bottom right, you will find a major declaration form to fill out that will let you choose either degree. It is a DocuSign form that will be automatically routed to the correct offices for signatures and filing.