The College of Liberal Arts is the college of choice for so many reasons. Here are just a few:

**Our Students**
- 99% of the students in CLA’s Class of 2008 took a full course load fall 2004 and are thus on track to graduate in four years.
- 86% of CLA’s fall 2003 full-time freshmen returned to CLA for their sophomore year.
- 80% of fall 2004 freshmen graduated in the top 25% of their high school class; 35% were in the top 10% of their high school class.
- 13.9% of all CLA students (graduates and undergraduates) are students of color.
- In 2003-04, 775 CLA students studied abroad.

**Our Faculty**
- CLA has 544 tenured/tenure-track faculty, 27 of them new this year.
- CLA faculty make up 35% of the University’s Regents Professors and 34% of the members of the President’s Academy of Distinguished Teachers.
- 13.4% of CLA’s tenured/tenure-track faculty are faculty of color.
- CLA faculty received more than 100 research awards in FY04, rewarding their achievements in many areas including decision theory, adopted youth, mental health, inflation, and linguistic processing.

**Our College**
- CLA is the academic home to 14,140 undergraduate students.
- CLA grants 46% of all undergraduate degrees at the University.
- CLA provides nearly 1/2 of all undergraduate instruction on the Twin Cities campus and 1/4 of all the instruction delivered by the University of Minnesota system.
- CLA offers 584 courses in 30 languages.
- CLA’s 30 departments offer 62 undergraduate degrees in the social sciences, arts, and humanities.

*CLA - laying a foundation for graduate school, professional school, the world of work, and a lifetime of discovery*