

# HEALTH HUMANITIES, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Abington

## Degree Requirements

**For the Bachelor of Science degree in Health Humanities, a minimum of 123 credits is required:**

| Requirement                | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------|
| General Education          | 45      |
| Electives                  | 32-36   |
| Requirements for the Major | 46      |

**0-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-4 credits of GQ courses.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

| Code                                                      | Title                                              | Credits |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Prescribed Courses</b>                                 |                                                    |         |
| BIOET 110N                                                | Health, Illness, and the Human Condition           | 3       |
| BMH 490                                                   | Bioethics and Medical Humanities Capstone Course   | 3       |
| PHIL 132/<br>BIOET 100                                    | Bioethics                                          | 3       |
| <b>Additional Courses</b>                                 |                                                    |         |
| <i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i> |                                                    |         |
| Select 7 credits from the following:                      |                                                    | 7       |
| BIOL 110                                                  | Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity           |         |
| BIOL 161                                                  | Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture           |         |
| BIOL 162                                                  | Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Laboratory        |         |
| BIOL 220W                                                 | Biology: Populations and Communities               |         |
| STAT 200                                                  | Elementary Statistics                              |         |
| STAT 250                                                  | Introduction to Biostatistics                      |         |
| Select 3 credits from the following:                      |                                                    | 3       |
| AFAM/BBH<br>302                                           | Diversity and Health                               |         |
| ASIA 106N                                                 | Asian Traditions of Health, Medicine, and the Body |         |
| CAS/ENGL/<br>SOC 162N                                     | Communicating Care                                 |         |
| HIST/STS 124                                              | History of Western Medicine                        |         |

In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits from departmental list of approved courses in the Literary, Visual and Performing Arts

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

In consultation with adviser, select 12 credits from departmental list of approved courses in Culture, Society and Health Communication 12

In consultation with adviser, select 12 credits from departmental list of approved courses in Social Sciences and Health Care 12

### Additional Information:

- **Diversity requirement:** At least 3 credits in Additional or Supporting Courses must be for a course related to race, gender, sexuality, disability, ethnicity, and/or postcolonial issues.
- **Global/Transnational requirement:** At least 3 credits in Additional or Supporting Courses must be for a course that has a focus that is transnational or outside the United States.
- A single course may not be used to meet both the Diversity and Global/Transnational requirements.
- **400-level requirement:** At least 12 credits in Additional or Supporting Courses must be at the 400-level.

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

### Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

### Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.