

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, A.A. (ABINGTON)

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:** Abington

**End Campus:** Abington

## Degree Requirements

**For the Associate in Arts degree in Multidisciplinary Studies, a minimum of 60 credits is required:**

| Requirement                | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------|
| General Education          | 21      |
| Electives                  | 15      |
| Requirements for the Major | 30      |

**6 of the 21 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 6 credits of General Education GWS courses.**

### Requirements for the Major

The required credits of General Education and Requirements for the Major must be baccalaureate-level courses. For students intending to seek admission to a baccalaureate program upon graduation, it is recommended that most, if not all, of the courses be at the baccalaureate level. For those students who will seek a bachelor of arts degree upon graduation from Multidisciplinary Studies, it is strongly recommended that a world language be taken since admission to a bachelor of arts program in the College of the Liberal Arts requires one college-level course, or the equivalent, in a world language.

Courses that will satisfy the arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and quantification requirements are defined on the Multidisciplinary Studies checklist, which may be obtained from the College of the Liberal Arts associate dean for undergraduate studies at the University Park campus or from any Multidisciplinary Studies representative at other locations.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade 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>                                 |                                                   |         |
| <i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i> |                                                   |         |
| CAS 100                                                   | Effective Speech                                  | 3       |
| ENGL 15                                                   | Rhetoric and Composition                          | 3       |
| <b>Additional Courses</b>                                 |                                                   |         |
| <i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i> |                                                   |         |
| Select one of the following:                              |                                                   | 3       |
| ENGL 202A                                                 | Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences |         |
| ENGL 202B                                                 | Effective Writing: Writing in the Humanities      |         |

ENGL 202C Effective Writing: Technical Writing

ENGL 202D Effective Writing: Business Writing

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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

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| Select 3 credits in any course designated as arts                                                                                                                                 | 3 |
| Select 3 credits in any course designated as humanities                                                                                                                           | 3 |
| Select 3 credits in any course designated as social and behavioral sciences                                                                                                       | 3 |
| Select 3 credits in any course designated as physical, biological, or earth sciences                                                                                              | 3 |
| Select 9 credits in any one of the following areas: arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and quantification, and world language skills <sup>1</sup> | 9 |

<sup>1</sup> If world language courses are chosen, it is recommended that these courses be in one world language sequence.

### 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 associate degree 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/associate-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):** 3 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 3 credits

### Knowledge Domains

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

**Note:** Up to six credits of Inter-Domain courses may be used for any Knowledge Domain requirement, but when a course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement, the credits from the course can be counted only once.

### Exploration

- **Any General Education course (including GHW and Inter-Domain):** 3 credits

### University Degree Requirements

#### Cultures Requirement

3 credits of United States (US) or International (IL) cultures coursework are required and may satisfy other requirements

**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 60 degree credits must be earned for a associates degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 60 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**

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.