

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT, 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: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Community, Environment, and Development, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	4-6
Requirements for the Major	90-92

21 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GQ courses, 6 credits of GS courses, 9 credits of GWS.

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/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CED 252	Navigating Culture and Difference in Development Work	3
CED 275	Community, Environment and Development Professional Seminar	1
CED 404	Data for Impact 1: Methods and Data Collection	4
CED 417	Power, Conflict, and Community Decision Making	3
CED 475	CED Integrated Capstone Experience	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CED 152	Community Development Concepts and Practice	3
CED 201	Introductory Environmental and Resource Economics	3
CED 230	Development Issues in the Global Context	3
CED 309	Land Economics and Policy	3
CED 327	Environment and Society	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
Additional Courses		
AGBM 101	Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making	3
or ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	
GEOG 160	Mapping Our Changing World	3

or GEOG 260	Geographic Information in a Changing World: Introduction to GIScience	
RSOC 11	Intro Rural Sociology	3
or SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	
Select one of the following:		3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	
PLSC 3	Comparing Politics around the Globe	
PLSC 14	International Relations	
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CAS 100	Effective Speech	3
or CAS 138T	Rhetoric and Civic Life II	
CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	3-4
or AGBM 106	Agribusiness Problem Solving	
Select one of the following:		3
CAS 137H	Rhetoric and Civic Life I	
ENGL 15	Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGL 137H	Rhetoric and Civic Life 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	
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and Applications II	
MATH 110	Techniques of Calculus I	
MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	

Requirements for the Option

Select an option	27
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Requirements for the Option

Community and Economic Development Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
AEE 460	Foundations in Leadership Development	3
CED 409	Land Use Planning and Procedure	3
CED 430W	Principles of Community Economic Development	3
ERM 411	Legal Aspects of Resource Management	3
Additional Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
CED 375	Community, Local Knowledge, and Democracy	
CED 400N	Exploring Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Great Lakes Region: Lecture	
CEDEV 452	Community Structure, Processes and Capacity	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 12 credit in specialization	12
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Environmental Economics and Policy Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CED 429	Natural Resource Economics	3
CED 431W	Economic Analysis of Environmental and Resource Policies	3

ECON 302	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 428	Environmental Economics	3
ERM 411	Legal Aspects of Resource Management	3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 12 credits in specialization	12
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International Development Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

CED 420W	Gender and International Development	3
CED 425	International Community and Economic Development	3
CED 445	International Development Practice	3

Additional Courses

CED 410	The Global Seminar	3
or SOC 23	Population and Policy Issues	
Select one of the following:		3

CED 450	International Development, Renewable Resources, and the Environment	
ECON 333	International Economics	
PLSC 412	International Political Economy	
PLSC 440	Globalization and Its Implications	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 12 credit in specialization	12
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Social and Environmental Responsibility Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

CED 360	The Corporation and Social Responsibility	3
CED 440	Labor in the Global Economy	3
CED 460W	Policy, Politics and Perspectives on Social & Environmental Responsibility	3
CED 462	Corporate Social and Environmental Performance	3

Additional Courses

AGBM 308W	Strategic Decision Making in Agribusiness	3
or AGBM 460	Managing the Food System	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 12 credits in specialization	12
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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.