

BUSINESS, B.S. (ALTOONA)

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: Altoona

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Business (B.S.B.) is a professionally-oriented business degree program that combines the theoretical underpinnings of core business disciplines, notably business analytics, management, marketing, finance, and supply chain management, with applied study in a practical setting. Through the choice of an 18-credit option, students specialize in a key business sector. Students also develop written and oral communication skills throughout the program, acquire contemporary technology skills, and engage in active and collaborative learning. The degree allows students to become familiar with the unique business environments of their local communities, a design that sets the degree apart from other business degrees offered within the University and throughout the Commonwealth.

Accounting Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Lehigh Valley, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York

This option prepares students to pursue careers in business with an emphasis on the areas of financial and managerial accounting, systems and controls, auditing, and taxation.

Business Analytics Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, New Kensington, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, York

The Business Analytics option prepares students to pursue careers in applying business analytics techniques to implement appropriate decision-making outcomes using data for companies.

Entrepreneurship Option

Available at the following campuses: Altoona, World Campus

This option prepares students to pursue entrepreneurial careers with emphasis on idea generation, opportunity analysis, new product creation, and business plan development.

Financial Services Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Berks, DuBois, Lehigh Valley, Scranton, World Campus

This option prepares students to pursue careers in financial organizations with emphasis on wealth management, tax planning, risk management, and financial analysis.

Health Services Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Lehigh Valley, World Campus

This option prepares students to pursue careers in the health services sector with emphasis on the financial and administrative aspects of health care enterprises.

Individualized Business Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York

This option provides the opportunity for students to pursue an approved business-focused interdisciplinary program of study.

Management and Marketing Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York

This option prepares students to pursue careers in business organizations with an emphasis on the skills and knowledge necessary for the business professional to function in community and regional centers of commerce.

What is Business?

Business is a professionally-oriented program providing a broad education and solid grounding of business knowledge. Focusing on practical skills and real-world experience, the program's interdisciplinary perspective provides a versatile base for mobility into all business areas, preparing students for the business world of today and tomorrow. Options provide additional specialization in accounting, entrepreneurship, financial services, health services, management and marketing or the opportunity to develop an individualized plan that fits your career goals.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to become a flexible business professional, equipped to adapt to the ever-changing workplace of the future.
- You are interested in an academic challenge with theoretical and practical focus in a competitive yet collaborative learning environment.
- You want transferable skills or you are not sure which business sector you wish to focus.
- You wish to develop a broad knowledge of business operations.
- You want to develop the skills for working in business.