MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, B.A. (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

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Multidisciplinary Studies, B.A. at Altoona Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS)‡	3	CAS 100 (GWS)‡	3
PSU 3	1	Elective	3
Quantification (GQ)‡	3	Arts (GA)	3
Humanities (GH)	3	Natural Sciences (GN)	3
Natural Sciences (GN)	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences (GS)	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHW)	1.5	Health and Physical Activity (GHW)	1.5
Elective	3		
	17.5		**16.5**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Quantification (GQ)‡	3	Natural Sciences (GN)	3
Arts (GA)	3	B.A. World Language Course	4
B.A. World Language Course	4	Letters, Arts, and Sciences Additional Selection or Core Course*	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences (GS)	3	B.A. Knowledge Domain Course	3
		Humanities (GH)	3
	13		**16**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Letter, Arts, and Sciences Additional Selection or Core Course*	3	Letter, Arts, and Sciences Additional Selection or Core Course*	3
Letters, Arts, and Sciences 400-level Course*	3	Letter, Arts, and Sciences 400-level Course*	3
B.A. Knowledge Domain Course or Elective	3	B.A. World Cultures Course	3
B.A. World Language Course	4	B.A. Knowledge Domain Course	3
ENGL 202 (GWS)‡	3	Elective	3
	16		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Letter, Arts, and Sciences Additional Selection or Core Course*	6	Letter, Arts, and Sciences 400-level Course (may be capstone)*	3
Letter, Arts, and Sciences 400-level Course (may be capstone)*	6	Letter, Arts, and Sciences Additional Selection or Core Course*	6
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		**12**

Total Credits 121

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
# Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/).

Advising Notes:

For more information and resources on the Multidisciplinary Studies degree program, please visit the following site: https://altoona.psu.edu/academics/bachelors-degrees/multidisciplinary-studies/resources-current-students