

ART, B.F.A.

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: University Park

End Campus: University Park

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.

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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
ART 11 (First Year Seminar)*	1 ART 111*	3
ART 110*	3 ART 122Y (W; US)*	3
ARTH 111 (GA; IL)**	3 ARTH 112 (GA)**	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H (GWS)†	3 Additional Course, beginning-level studio (see list)*1	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GQ)†	3
General Education Course	3	
16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Additional Course, beginning-level studio (see list)*1	3 Additional Course, beginning-level studio (see list)*1	3
Additional Course, beginning-level studio (see list)*1	3 Additional Course, beginning-level studio (see list)*1	3
Supporting Course from Art History ²	3 General Education Course (GQ)†	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Supporting Course from Art History ²	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS)†	3 General Education Course	3

Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 General Education Course (GHW)	3
Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4
Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2	3
Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2		4
15		17

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3 Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4
Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4
Supporting Course for Concentration, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2	4
Supporting Course for Major, 300/400-level Studio*2	4 General Education Course	3
15		15

Total Credits 123

* 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

¹ ADDITIONAL COURSES (15 credits)

Select 15 credits at the beginning level from ART 201 (3), ART 203 (3), ART 211Y US (3), ART 217 (3), ART 220 (3), ART 223 (3), ART 230 (3), ART 240 (3), ART 250 (3), ART 260 (3), ART 280 (3), ART 296 (3), ART 297 (3), ART 299 (3), DART 202 (3), DART 203 (3), DART 204 (3), DART 205 (3), DART 206 (3), DART 213 (3), DART 297 (3), PHOTO 100 GA (3), PHOTO 201 (3), or PHOTO 202 (3) (Sem: 3-8)

² SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (53 credits)

-Select 47 credits in ART/DART/PHOTO at the 300 or 400 level, 24 of which must be in an area of concentration from the following: ceramics, drawing and painting, new media/digital arts, photography, or sculpture (Sem: 3-8)
-Select 6 credits in art history (does not include ARTH 111 or ARTH 112 from prescribed courses) (Sem: 3-8)

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.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Program notes:

Students enrolled in the School of Visual Arts may seek entrance into the B.F.A. program no earlier than the second semester and no later than the fourth semester.

There will be a continuous review of portfolio and performance of students enrolled in the B.F.A. program throughout the entire program. Students who do not meet the standards or who do not want to continue in the B.F.A. program may return to the B.A. program in art or choose another program of study.