

DIGITAL ARTS AND MEDIA DESIGN, B.DES.

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 DART 203, 204, or 205*	3
DART 100*	3 Additional Courses* ¹	3
DART 202*	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GQ) [#]	3 General Education Course	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
DART 200 (Fall Only)*	3 DART 201 (Spring Only)*	3
DART 203, 204, or 205*	3 DART 203, 204, or 205*	3
ART 211Y*	3 Additional Courses* ¹	4
General Education Arts (GA/Additional Courses) ^{*†1}	3 General Education Course (GQ) ^{††1}	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
DART 300 (Fall Only)*	3 DART 301 (Spring Only)*	4
DART 495*	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) ^{‡2}	3
Additional Courses* ¹	3-4 ART/ARTH 476*	3
General Education Course	3 Additional Courses* ¹	3

ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
DART 400 (Fall Only)*	4 DART 401 (Spring Only)*	4
Additional Courses* ¹	3-4 Additional Courses* ¹	3-4
Additional Courses* ¹	3-4 General Education Course	3
General Education Arts (GA) ^{*†1}	3 General Education Course	3

13-15	13-14
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Total Credits 119-123

* 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 The minimum total number of credits in Additional Courses must equal 30, so students must select sufficient courses in consultation with your adviser to make up the difference between the credits required for your chosen emphasis area (18-20 credits) and the needed total of 30 credits.

Select one of the following emphasis areas:

1. Digital Art and Design Emphasis (20 credits):

- Select 20 credits from the following: ART 220, DART 206, DART 213, DART 214, DART 302, DART 303, DART 304, DART 305, DART 312, DART 314, DART 315, DART 324, DART 403, DART 406, DART 410, DART 415, PHOTO 202

2. Interactive Media and Games Emphasis (19 credits):

- DART 315
- Select 3 credits from the following: DART 206, DART 213, DART 214
- Select 8 credits from the following: DART 303, DART 304, DART 305, DART 312, DART 324, DART 415
- Select 4 credits from the following: DART 325, DART 405, DART 406

3. Animation and Time Based Media Emphasis (18-20 credits):

- DART 214 or DART 312
- DART 404 or DART 314
- Select 3-4 credits from the following: ART 220, ART 223, DART 302, PHOTO 202
- Select 8 credits from the following: DART 303, DART 304, DART 324, DART 334, DART 403, DART 415

In addition, select 10-12 credits from the following list of courses (to complete the remainder of Additional Courses Credits) in consultation with faculty adviser:

- AA 121, AA 122, AA 193N, ART 101, ART 220, ART 223, ART 250, ART 260, ART 320, ART 350, CMPSC 101, CMPSC 102, CMPSC 121, CMPSC 131, COMM 242, DART 206, DART 213, DART 214, DART 296, DART 297, DART 302, DART 303, DART 304, DART 305, DART 312, DART 314, DART 315, DART 324, DART 325, DART 334, DART 403, DART 404, DART 405, DART 406, DART 410, DART 413, DART 415, DART 493, DART 494, DART 495, DART 496, DART 497, GD 100, GD 200, GD 201, GD 203, INART 258A, IST 140, MUSIC 455, MUSIC 458, PHOTO 100, PHOTO 101, PHOTO 202, PHOTO 300,

PHOTO 303, PHOTO 400, PHOTO 402, PHOTO 404, THEA 285,
THEA 484

² More information about the CAS 100 courses can be found at:
<https://cas.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/cas-100-faq/>.

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.