

GRAPHIC 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
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, or ENGL 137H [‡]	3 GD 107*	4
GD 1S*	1 GD 115N*	3
GD 101*	4 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
GD 110*	3 General Education Course (GA/History of Arts)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	
17		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GD 201*	4 GD 202W*	3
GD 210*	3 GD 207*	4
GD 211*	4 Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹	3 General Education Course	3

General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
17		16	
Third Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3 GD 495*	1
GD 307*	4 GD 300, 315, 320, or 400*	4	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹	3 GD 308*	3	
General Education Course	3 GD 495*	1	
	Supporting Courses are Related Areas ¹	3	
13		14	1
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits	
GD 300, 315, 320, or 400*	4 GD 300, 315, 320, or 400*	4	
GD 407*	4 GD 409*	4	
GD 495*	1 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5		
13.5		12.5	
Total Credits 120			

* 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 Select 12 credits in consultation with an academic adviser. This category of coursework gives students the freedom to explore a range of academic interests, develop concentrations, or pursue minors.

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.