

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY, 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
PHOTO 202 ^{#*}	3 PHOTO 201 ^{*#}	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H (GWS) [†]	3 Supporting Course ^{*2}	3
AA 1 ^{*2}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 ART 122Y, 211Y, or AED 211W [*]	3
General Education Course	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [†]	3
General Education Course	3 PHOTO 303 [*]	3
Additional Course for Major (see list) ^{*1}	3 General Education Course	3
Supporting Course ^{*2}	3 Supporting Course ^{*2}	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHOTO 301 [*]	3 PHOTO 401 [*]	3
Additional Course for Major (see list) ^{*1}	3 PHOTO 495 [*]	1

General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [†]	3
General Education Course	3 Additional Course for Major (see list) ^{*1}	3
Supporting Course ^{*2}	3 Supporting Course ^{*2}	3
	Elective	3
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHOTO 406 [*]	2 PHOTO 404	4
PHOTO 407 [*]	2 Additional Course for Major (see list) ^{*1}	3
Additional Course for Major (see list) ^{*1}	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	14.5	14.5

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 Additional Courses: Select 18 credits from the following list: AA 121, AA 300/400-level, ART 110, ART 122Y, ART 211Y, ART 411, ARTH 260, COMM 118, DART 202, FRNAR 100, GD 100, GD 110, GD 115N, PHOTO 99, PHOTO 100, PHOTO 101, PHOTO 199, PHOTO 200, PHOTO 210, PHOTO 295, PHOTO 296, PHOTO 297, PHOTO 299, PHOTO 300, PHOTO 397, PHOTO 399, PHOTO 400, PHOTO 402, PHOTO 404, PHOTO 405, PHOTO 410, PHOTO 495, PHOTO 496, PHOTO 497, & PHOTO 499

² Supporting Courses and Related Areas (18 credits): Select 18 credits from any of the following areas in consultation with an adviser:

- Architecture (ARCH)
- Art (ART)
- Art Education (AED)
- Art History (ARTH)
- Arts and Architecture (AA)
- Communications (COMM)
- Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS)
- Digital Arts and Media Design (DART)
- Graphic Design (GD)
- Integrative Arts (INART)
- Landscape Architecture (LARCH)
- Theatre (THEA)
- Music (MUSIC)

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.