

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION, B.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: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

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.

Media and Communication, B.A. at Erie 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
World Language Course (Level One)	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
ENGL 15*	3 Quantification Selection*	3
General Education Course	3 World Cultures Selection	3
First-Year Seminar	1 World Language Course (Level Two)	4
100-Level CAS/COMM Course*	3 COMM 1, 3, or 4*	1
	17	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 160	1 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D*†	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
World Language Course (Level Three)	4 General Health and Wellness	1.5
CAS 100A or 100B†	3 Quantification Selection†	3
COMM 1, 3, or 4*	1 CAS 303*	3
	15	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 260W*	3 CAS 204*	3
COMM 242, 270, or 282*	3 CAS/COMM Supporting Course*	3

CAS 212*	3 CAS/COMM Supporting Course*	3
COMM 205 or CAS 271N*	3 General Education Course	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3 400-Level Supporting Course*	3
General Health and Wellness	1.5	
	16.5	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 251*	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
CAS 450W or 252*	3 COMM 494 or 495*	3
400-Level Supporting Course*	3 400-level Supporting Course*	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	15	12

Total Credits 124

* 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/>).

¹ Arts Selection (GA)

² GD 100 Recommended

Additional Notes

*For the Media Communications Selection, students may select from CAS 101, CAS 175, COMM 100N, COMM 110, COMM 118, COMM 168 or COMM 180.