

ADVERTISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS, 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: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The Advertising and Public Relations options of the Advertising/Public Relations major is under administrative enrollment control. Please review entrance to major requirements found at <https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges/bellisario-communications/advertising-public-relations-ba/#howtogetintext> (p.).

Advertising Option: Advertising/Public Relations, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 160*	1 COMM 320* ¹	3
PSYCH 100 (GS)**	3 ECON 102 (GS)*#†	3
ENGL 15*†#†	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 375*	3 COMM 205*	3
BA World Cultures	3 STAT 200*†	4
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 BA Knowledge Domain (IL Cultures)	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GH)	3
	16	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 420*	3 COMM 421W*	3
COMM 305, 370, 373, 410, 411, 417, 418, 425, 426, 427, 468, 494, 495, 496, or 499*	3 COMM 305, 370, 373, 410, 411, 417, 418, 425, 426, 427, 468, 494, 495, 496, or 499*	3

CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [†]	3 BA World Cultures	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 422*	3 COMM 424*	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [†]	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3 Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	13.5

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 Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 320 will take that course 5th semester upon arrival to University Park. In place of COMM 320, students should take STAT 200 in their 4th semester. COMM 421W will then be taken 6th semester and an additional COMM will be taken 5th semester.

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.

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/>).

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First Year

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COMM 160 [*]	1 COMM 370 ^{*1}	3
ENGL 15 ^{*#†‡}	3 ECON 102 (GS) ^{*#†}	3
PSYCH 100 (GS) ^{**†}	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 260W ^{*2}	3 COMM 205 [*]	3
COMM 375 [*]	3 COMM 372 [*]	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 STAT 200 ^{*††}	4
BA World Cultures	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
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COMM 305, 320, 373, 410, 411, 417, 418, 425, 426, 427, 468, 494, 495, 496, or 499 [*]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
US Cultures	3 BA Knowledge Domain (IL Cultures)	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 471 [*]	3 COMM 473 [*]	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3

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² Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 260W will take that course 5th semester upon arrival to University Park. In place of COMM 260W students should take CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C in their 3th semester.

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