

MEDIA STUDIES, 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

Film and Television Studies Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 150N*	3 COMM 100N (US Cultures)*	3
COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS)†	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 250*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS)‡	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3
COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3

General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 242*	3 COMM 413W*	3
COMM 305*	3 COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3 BA Fields	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

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 COMM 400-level Film or TV: COMM 451, COMM 452, COMM 453, COMM 454, COMM 455, COMM 495, or COMM 496.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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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.

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Media Effects Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 100N (US Cultures)*	3 COMM 118*	3
COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
PSYCH 100 (GS) [†]	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 1	4	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 305*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 COMM 325, 326, 327, or 328*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 325, 326, 327, or 328*	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 413W*	3 COMM 418*	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 BA Fields	3
Cinema or Media Course ^{*1}	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
BA Fields	3 Elective	3

Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

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Society and Culture Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 305*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3
COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 413W*	3 COMM 411*	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 BA Fields	3
COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
BA Fields	3 Elective	3

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