

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES, B.A. (BERKS)

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: Berks

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.

Communication Arts and Sciences, B.A. at Berks 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
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [†]	3 CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
CAS Selection [*]	3 CAS Selection [*]	3
General Education Course (GN or GA or GH or GS)	3 General Education Course (GN or GA or GH or GS)	3
First-Year Seminar	1	
	17	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS Selection [*]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3
CAS 301 or 303 [*]	3 CAS 204 (or 300 Level CAS Selection (CAS 311)) [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 200 Level CAS Selection [*]	3
General Education Course (GN or GA or GH or GS)	3 General Education Course (GN or GA or GH or GS)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 301 or 303 [*]	3 CAS 204 (or 300 Level CAS Selection (CAS 311)) [*]	3

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirement: Knowledge Domain	3 Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirement: Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course (Integrative Studies)	3 General Education Course (Integrative Studies)	3
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
Elective (Writing Across the Curriculum)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
400 Level CAS Selection [*]	3 400 Level CAS Selection [*]	3
400 Level CAS Selection [*]	3 400 Level CAS Selection [*]	3
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirement: Knowledge Domain	3 Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirement: World Cultures	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

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

- 1 For General Education Course notations, please be sure to include three (3) credits of United States (US) Cultures and three (3) credits of International (IL) Cultures. Consult adviser for details.
- 2 The following courses are offered Spring Semester only: ENGL 202B.
- 3 The following courses are offered every other Fall semester only: CAS 301, CAS 303.
- 4 The following courses are offered every other Spring semester only: CAS 204, CAS 311.
- 5 For CAS Selection, consult adviser for list. CAS 101N is recommended.
- 6 For 200 Level CAS Selection, consult adviser for list.
- 7 For 300 Level CAS Selection, consult adviser for list.
- 8 For 400 Level CAS Selection, consult adviser for list.

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/>).