

AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A. (CAPITAL)

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: Harrisburg

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.

American Studies, B.A. at Harrisburg 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, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [†]	3 World Language level 2	4
Quantification (GQ)	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language, level 1	4 General Education Course	3
14.5		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
World Language level 3	4 AMST 100 or 100Y [*]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 ENGL 202B [‡]	3
CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
17.5		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
AMST Supporting Course [*]	3 AMST Supporting Course [*]	3
400-level AMST Supporting Course [*]	3 AMST Supporting Course [*]	3
General Education Course	3 400-level AMST Supporting Course [*]	3

Bachelor of Arts Requirement: World Cultures	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement: Knowledge Domain	3
Bachelor of Arts Requirement: Knowledge Domain	3 Elective	3

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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
AMST 491W [*]	3 AMST 491W [*]	3
400-level AMST Supporting Course [*]	3 400-level AMST Supporting Course [*]	3
AMST Supporting Course [*]	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	2-3
15		14-15

Total Credits 122-123

* 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 ENGL 202B

ENGL 202B is recommended for American Studies majors.

² AMST 491W

Should be taken as two separate offerings.

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/>).

Program Notes

A minimum of 123 credits are required for graduation.

Academic Advising Notes

- AM ST supporting courses are distributed among arts, history, humanities, literature, and social sciences courses containing at least 50% American content. Students take three courses each from two areas and two courses from a third.
- At least 12 of these credits are at the 400 level.
- ENGL 202B is recommended for American Studies majors.
- AM ST 491W is to be taken as two separate offerings.