

ENGLISH, B.HUM.

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.

Creative Writing Option: English, B.Hum. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 CAS 100A or 100S	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 Quantification (GQ)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (ENGL 50 suggested)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202B [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Course	3 Select 3 credits in Literature, Writing or Rhetoric from department list	3
ENGL 212, 213, or 214 (or 3-Credit Writing or Rhetoric Course)*	3 ENGL 212, 213, or 214 (or 3-Credit Writing or Rhetoric Course)*	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 200W*	3 HUM 300N	3
ENGL 221, 221W, 222, 222W, 231, 231Y, 232, or 232Y	3 ENGL 444*	3

ENGL 136, 180, 191, 192, 209, 210, 211, 262, 263, 265, 268, or COMM 346*	3 ENGL 212, 213, or 214 (or 3-Credit Writing or Rhetoric Course)*	3
ENGL 212, 213, or 214 (or 3-Credit Writing or Rhetoric Course)	3 ENGL 136, 180, 191, 192, 209, 210, 211, 262, 263, 265, 268, or COMM 346*	3
BHUM Degree Required Course	3 BHUM Degree Required Course	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 412, 413, 415, 420, 422, 424, 497, 498, or COMM 446	3 ENGL 412, 413, 415, 420, 422, 424, 497, 498, or COMM 446	3
Select 3 credits in World or Comparative Literature from Department List	3 HUM 400N	3
Select 3 credit in British Literature at the 300-400 level from department list *	3 Select 3 credits in American Ethnic Literature or African-American literature from department list (400-level preferred)	3
BHUM Degree required course	3 BHUM Degree required course	3
Elective	3 Select 3 credit in American literature at the 300-400-level from department list *	3
	15	15

Total Credits 120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

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² World or Comparative Literature

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- ENGL 437 - The Poet in America
- ENGL 438 - American Drama
- ENGL 439 - American Nonfiction Prose
- ENGL 493 - The Folktale in American Literature

- ⁵ Select from Literature, Writing, or Rhetoric from department list
 Select any course with an ENGL or CMLIT prefix
 B HUM Degree require course, of these selections (12 credits) select 4
 upper or lower division courses, each from a different major/program
 offering from the following list: AAA S, AM ST, ARAB, ART, ART H,
 BRASS, CAS, CAMS, CHNS, CMLIT, COMM, DANCE, ENGL, FR, GER,
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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.

Advising Notes:

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ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 Quantification (GQ)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202B [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 221, 221W, 222, 222W, 231, 231Y, 232, or 232Y	3
Elective	6 Elective	6
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 200W [*]	3 HUM 300N	3
Select 3 credits of English (ENGL) from approved list (see below)	3 ENGL 444 [*]	3
Select from Literature, Writing, or Rhetoric from department list	3 Select from Literature, Writing, or Rhetoric from department list	3
BHUM Degree required course	3 ENGL 100, 191, 262, 263, 265, 268, 400, 401, 407, 458, or 482	3
Elective	3 BHUM degree required course	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Select 3 credit from American Ethnic Literature or African-American Literature list (see below)	3 HUM 400N	3
Select 3 credits from World or Comparative Literature list (see below)	3 Select from Literature, Writing, or Rhetoric from department list	6

Select 3 credits from Upper Level British Literature list (see below) [*]	3 BHUM Degree required course	3
BHUM Degree required course	3 Select 3 credits from Upper Level American Literature list (see below) [*]	3
Elective	3	
	15	15

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⁵ Approved ENGL Courses

- ENGL 50 - Introduction to Creative Writing (GA)
- ENGL 210 - The Process of Writing
- ENGL 212 - Introduction to Fiction Writing
- ENGL 213 - Introduction Poetry Writing
- ENGL 215 - Introduction to Article Writing
- ENGL 250 - Peer Tutoring in Writing
- ENGL 412 - Advanced Fiction Writing
- ENGL 413 - Advanced Poetry Writing
- ENGL 415 - Advanced Nonfiction Writing
- ENGL 416 - Science Writing
- ENGL 417 - The Editorial Process
- ENGL 418 - Advanced Technical Writing and Editing
- ENGL 419 - Advanced Business Writing
- ENGL 420 - Writing for the Web
- ENGL 421 - Advanced Expository Writing
- ENGL 422 - Fiction Workshop
- ENGL 470 - Rhetorical Theory and Practice
- ENGL 491 - The Capstone Course in Professional Writing

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ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS)*†#	3 CAS 100A or 100S (GWS)†	3
HDFS 239 (GS)*	3 MATH 201 (or approved General Education Course (GQ))*†#	3
MATH 200 (or approved General Education Course (GQ))*†#	3 BHUM Course*	3
General Education Course (GA) (recommend N)	3 General Education Course (GN) – Inter-Domain (N) recommended	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (Exploration: GA, GH, GS, GN)	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
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Second Year

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EDPSY 14 (GS)*†	3 EDUC 466N (GH)*†	3
ENGL 221, 222, 231, or 232*	3 ENGL 202B (GWS)†	3
Dept. Approved Literature Course (GH)*†	3 BHUM Course*	3
Approved American Ethnic Literature (US)*†	3 Approved World/Comparative Literature Course (IL)*†	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Approved Upper Level Literature Course*	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 200W*	3 EDUC 315Y*	3
ENGL 470*	3 EDUC 458* ⁶	3
EDUC 313* ⁶	2 ENGL 444*	3
EDUC 314* ⁶	3 LLED 420*	3
HUM 300N*	3 BHUM Course*	3
BHUM Course*	3 Approved Upper-Level British Literature Course*	3
	17	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDUC 400*	3 EDUC 385* ⁶	3
EDUC 416* ⁶	3 EDUC 490* ⁶	9
EDUC 459* ⁶	3	

EDUC 495 (residency) or Elective* ⁶	3
	12
	12

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