

PUBLIC POLICY, B.S.

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.

Public Policy, B.S. 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 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
Quantification	3 Quantification	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
PLSC 1 ^{*†}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
	13.5	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202 [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 PLSC 300-499 or PUBPL 241 or PUBPL 300-499	3
ECON 102 ^{*†}	3 ECON 104	3
Elective	3 PUBPL 304W [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	16.5	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PLSC 309 [*]	3 PUBPL 481, 482, 483, 485, or PUBPL 490	3
PLSC 419, 425, 444, 488, 489, or PUBPL 305	3 PLSC 300-499 or PUBPL 241 or PUBPL 300-499	6
PLSC 419, 425, 444, 488, 489, or PUBPL 305	3 Select Supporting Courses in consultation with adviser	3

Select from Supporting courses and Related Areas	6 Elective	3
	15	15
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PUBPL 481, 482, 483, 485, or PUBPL 490	3 Select Supporting Courses in consultation with adviser	10
PLSC 300-499 or PUBPL 241 or PUBPL 300-499	3 PUBPL 481, 482, 483, 485, or PUBPL 490	3
Select Supporting Courses in consultation with adviser	4	
Electives	6	
	16	13

Total Credits 119

* 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 Select from Supporting Courses and Related Areas:
ACCTG 200-400, AFRAS 300-499, BESC 300-499, COMMS 300-499, CRIMJ 300-499, ECON 300-499, ENVE 460, FIN 300-400, HIST 300-499, MGMT 300-400, MKTG 300-400, SCLSC 300-499, SOSC 300-400, SOC 300-499, SRA 211, WMNST 300-499

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.

Program Notes

- Students must complete at least 15 credits of 400-level courses
- Concurrent majors in Political Science and Public Policy are not permitted.
- Students must complete a 3-credit course in "United States Cultures (US)" and a 3-credit course in "International Cultures (IL)."