

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY, 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: World Campus

End Campus: World Campus

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.

Energy and Sustainability Policy, B.A. at World 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	Credits
EMSC 302 (orientation experience course)*	1
ENGL 15 (GWS) ^{††}	3
CAS 100 (GWS) ^{††}	3
World Language level 1	4
PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
GEOG 30N (GN & GS) (IL) ^{*†}	3
EGEE 120 (GS) (US/IL) [†]	3
EGEE 102 (GN) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course (GA) -- recommended LARCH 65	3
General Education Quantification (GQ)	2
EMSC 240N (GH & GN) [†]	3
	31
Second Year	Credits
World Language level 2	4
ECON 102 (GS) [†]	3
ECON 104 (GS) [†]	3
EBF 200 (GS) ^{*†}	3
METEO 3 or 101 (GN) [†]	3
GEOG 469*	3
PLSC 490*	3
BA Fields course ¹	3
General Education Integrative Studies -- recommend PHIL 133N, EARTH 103N, ARCH 170N	3
Elective (consider fulfilling with EBF or GEOG minor courses or EARTH certificate courses)	3
	31

Third Year	Credits
World Language level 3	4
STAT 200 (GQ) ^{*††}	4
METEO 469*	3
ENGL 202D (GWS) ^{††}	3
GEOG 432*	3
EGEE 299 or 495	3
BA Fields course ¹	3
General Education Exploration	3
Elective (consider fulfilling with EBF or GEOG minor courses or EARTH certificate courses)	3
	29
Fourth Year	Credits
EME 444*	3
General Education Course (GH) -- recommended RLST 1	3
EGEE 401	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3
General Education Integrative Studies -- recommend PHIL 133N, EARTH 103N, ARCH 170N	3
GEOG 438W (Writing across the curriculum)*	3
Elective (consider fulfilling with EBF or GEOG minor courses or EARTH certificate courses)	3
BA Fields course ¹	3
EME 466 (capstone experience course)*	3
Elective (consider fulfilling with EBF or GEOG minor courses or EARTH certificate courses)	3
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Total Credits 121	

* 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 BA Fields courses are additional GQ, GN, GA, GH, GS or world language courses beyond the program requirements.

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/>).

Advising Notes:

Students should work closely with their academic adviser in planning course sequencing in the ESPBA major. While the Bulletin only permits the listing of courses as "years" (ex: first-year, second-year, etc.), ESP prefers to discuss the courses in this way: Orientation Experience (EMSC 302, 1 credit, listed in the First-Year); Stage 1 -- Build Foundations (the remaining courses listed in First-Year); Stage 2 -- Formulate Understanding (courses listed in Second-Year); Stage 3 -- Generate Expertise (courses listed in Third-Year); Stage 4 -- Culminate Experience (the courses listed in Fourth-Year); and Capstone Experience (EME 466, 3 credits, the last course listed in Fourth-Year).