

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ENGINEERING, 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: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, a minimum of 129 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Requirements for the Major	114

30 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GH courses; 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GS courses; 9 credits of GWS courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CHEM 111	Experimental Chemistry I	1
CMPSC 204	Introduction to Computational Sciences Programming	3
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
EMCH 210	Statics and Strength of Materials ¹	5
EME 200	Subsurface Energy Engineering	3
EME 210	Data Analytics for Energy Systems	3
EME 460	Geo-resource Evaluation and Investment Analysis	3
GEOSC 1	Physical Geology	3
GEOSC 454	Geology of Oil and Gas	3
MATH 220	Matrices	2
MATH 231	Calculus of Several Variables	2
PNG 305	Rock and Fluid Properties	3
PNG 406	Rock and Fluid Laboratory	1
PNG 430	Reservoir Modeling	3
PNG 440W	Formation Evaluation	3
PNG 451	Drilling Laboratory	1
PNG 460	Subsurface Storage Engineering	3
PNG 475	Production and Completions Engineering	3
PNG 480	Surface Production Engineering	3
PNG 482	Production Engineering Laboratory	1
PNG 490	Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering Capstone Design	3

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

CHEM 110	Chemical Principles I	3
CHEM 112	Chemical Principles II	3
EME 301	Thermodynamics in Energy and Mineral Engineering	3
EME 303	Fluid Mechanics in Energy and Mineral Engineering	3
EMSC 100S	Earth and Mineral Sciences First-Year Seminar ²	3
ENGL 202C	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	3
MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 141	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
PHYS 211	General Physics: Mechanics	4
PHYS 212	General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism	4
PNG 410	Reservoir Engineering	3
PNG 420	Applied Reservoir Analysis and Secondary Recovery	3
PNG 450	Drilling Engineering	3

Additional Courses

Select 4 credits from the following:		
MATH 251	Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations	4
MATH 250 & MATH 252	Ordinary Differential Equations and Partial Differential Equations	4
Select 3 credits from the following:		
PHIL 103	Ethics	
PHIL 106	Business Ethics	
PHIL 107	Philosophy of Technology	
PHIL 233	Ethics and the Design of Technology	

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 3 credits from the following:		
ENGL 15	Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGL 30H	Honors Rhetoric and Composition	
ESL 15	ESL Composition for American Academic Communication II	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 credits in consultation with adviser (students may apply 6 credits of ROTC)

¹ Students at commonwealth campuses and/or transfer students can substitute the combination of EMCH 211 and EMCH 213.

² The following substitutions are allowed for students attending campuses where the indicated course is not offered: CAS 100 can be substituted for EMSC 100S.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.