

EDUCATION AND 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: Altoona, Erie, Berks, Beaver, Harrisburg, Brandywine, DuBois, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Greater Allegheny, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, York, Lehigh Valley, Fayette, Abington

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Public Policy, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Requirements for the Major	87-88

12-13 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GS courses; 3-4 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GH courses.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade 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		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CAS 222N/ CIVCM 211N	Foundations: Civic and Community Engagement	3
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
EDTHP 115	Education in American Society	3
EDTHP 200	Reform, Advocacy, and Transformation in Education	3
EDTHP 394	Professional Development in Education and Public Policy	3
EDTHP 395	Real-World Policy Experience: Field Placement	3
EDTHP 420	Shaping Education: Policy Development and Impact	3
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877	3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3
SOC 5	Society's Problems: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PLSC 2		3
or PLSC 10	Scientific Study of Politics	
SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	3

or RSOC 11	Intro Rural Sociology	
SOC 23	Population and Policy Issues	3
or SOC 207	Research Methods in Sociology	
Select 3-4 credits of the following:		3-4
EDPSY 101	Analysis and Interpretation of Statistical Data in Education	
STAT 100	Statistical Concepts and Reasoning	
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 credits of EDTHP 400-level courses		12
Select 6 credits of Major-related courses in consultation with EDTHP adviser.		6
Select 15 credits of Policy Problems and Public Systems from approved department list		15
Select 6 credits of Leadership and Citizenship from approved department list		6
Select 6 credits of Diversity and Equity from approved department list		6

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.