

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

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.

Education and Public Policy, B.S. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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
EDPSY 101, STAT 100, or STAT 200 (or GQ Selection) ^{*†}	3-4 Arts Selection	3
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{*†}	3 ECON 102 ^{*†}	3
Natural Science Selection ¹	3 HIST 21 ^{*†}	3
PLSC 1 ^{*†}	3 Natural Science Selection ¹	3
EDUC 100	1 SOC 1 or RSOC 11 ^{*†}	3
13-14		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GQ Selection ^{*†}	3-4 EDTHP 200 ^{*†}	3
CAS 222N ^{*†}	3 Natural Science Selection ¹	3
EDTHP 115 ^{*†}	3 Humanities Selection	3
SOC 5 ^{*†}	3 CAS 100	
Arts Selection	3 PLSC 2 or PLSC 10 ^{*†}	3

Health and Physical Activity	1.5 Health and Physical Activity	1.5	
16.5-17.5		13.5	
Third Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
EDTHP 420 [*]	3 SOC 23 or 207 [*]	3 EDTHP 395 [*]	3
Leadership, Decision Making and Ethics Selection ^{*2}	3 EDTHP 394 [*]	3	
EDTHP 400 Level Selection	3 Policy Problems and Public Systems Selection ^{*2}	3	
Major Related Course Selection [*]	3 EDTHP 400 Level Selection [*]	3	
Policy Problems and Public Systems Selection ^{*2}	3 Major Related Course Selection [*]	3	
15		15	3
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits	
EDTHP 400 Level Selection [*]	3 Policy Problems and Public Systems Selection ^{*2}	3	
Policy Problems and Public Systems Selection ^{*2}	3 EDTHP 400 Level Selection [*]	3	
Policy Problems and Public Systems Selection ^{*2}	3 Diversity and Equity Selection ^{*2}	3	
Diversity and Equity Selection ^{*2}	3 Leadership, Decision Making and Ethics Selection ^{*2}	3	
ENGL 202A or 202B	3 Elective	3	
15		15	

Total Credits 121-123

* 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

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.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

¹ Natural Science Selection list of acceptable courses available here (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses>).

² Supporting Courses and Related Areas Selections list of acceptable courses available here (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-education-policy-studies/educational-theory-and-policy-program/education-and-public-policy/education-and-public-policy-path-through-major>).

Additional Notes:

- GWS, GHW, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- Must complete at least 3 cr. of United States (US) and 3 cr. of International Cultures (IL).
- Summer study could reduce some of the credit loads above.
- Effective Fall 2012, all incoming Schreyer Honors College freshmen at University Park will take ENGL/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry GWS designation and replace both ENGL 030 and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits. At the discretion of the college, ENGL/CAS 138T satisfies the first-year seminar requirement.
- Academic Advising Notes: **The course series listed above is only one of many possible ways to move through this curriculum.**
Please be sure to also use the curriculum checksheets and degree audits, as well as consult with an adviser about appropriate scheduling sequences, clearances for field experiences and Testing requirements. *Advisers also can assist students in identifying coursework offered at Penn State in the SUMMER.*