

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION, 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 in Middle Level Education a minimum of 125 credits is required for the English 4-8 and Mathematics 4-8 Options and 130 credits is required for the Social Studies 4-8 Option:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	0-6
Requirements for the Major	107-113

27 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GH courses; 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses. Six of these 27 credits may also satisfy the Integrative Studies requirement.

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/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CI 280	Introduction to Teaching Multilingual Learners	3
CI 295B	Introductory Field Experience in Middle Level Education	3
CI 405	Reimagining Classroom Management	3
CI 495B	Clinical Application of Instruction - Middle Level Education	3
CI 495D	Practicum in Student Teaching--Childhood and Early Adolescent Education	12
CI 495F	Professional Development Practicum	3
EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction	3
EDTHP 115	Education in American Society	3
HDFS 239	Adolescent Development	3
LLED 400	Teaching Literacy in Early Childhood	3
LLED 401	Teaching Literacy in Elementary School	3
LLED 402	Teaching Children's Literature	3
MATH 200	Problem Solving in Mathematics	3
MTHED 420	Teaching Mathematics In The Elementary Schools	3
SCIED 458	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3

SPLED 400	Inclusive Special Ed Foundations: Legal, Characteristics, Collaboration, Assessment, and Management	4
SPLED 403A	Evidence-Based Instruction for Elementary Students with Disabilities in Reading, Math, and Writing	3
SSSED 430W	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Grades	3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 3 credits in literature of the following: 3

CMLIT 101	Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature
CMLIT 109	Native American Myths, Legends, and Literatures
CMLIT 110	
CMLIT 111	Introduction to Literatures of India
ENGL 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature
ENGL 139	African American Literature
ENGL 194	Women Writers
ENGL 221	British Literature to 1798
ENGL 222	British Literature from 1798
ENGL 226	Latina and Latino Border Theories
ENGL 231	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 232	American Literature from 1865
ENGL 245	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Select 9 credits: 3 credits each (including one course with a lab) from biological science, earth science, and physical science (GN courses) 9

Requirements for the Option ¹

Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better

Select an option 30-37

Requirements for the Option English 4-8 Option (31-32 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
LLED 450	Content Area Reading	3
SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture	4

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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

Select any MATH GQ course 3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

British Literature

Select one of the following: 3

ENGL 221	British Literature to 1798
ENGL 222	British Literature from 1798
ENGL 440	Studies in Shakespeare
ENGL 441	Chaucer
ENGL 442	Medieval English Literature
ENGL 443	The English Renaissance

ENGL 444	Shakespeare
ENGL 445	
ENGL 446	Milton
ENGL 447	The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century
ENGL 448	The English Novel to Jane Austen
ENGL 450	The Romantics
ENGL 451	
ENGL 452	The Victorians
ENGL 453	Victorian Novel
ENGL 454	Modern British and Irish Drama
ENGL 455	Topics in British Literature
ENGL 456	British Fiction, 1900-1945
ENGL 457	British Fiction Since 1945
ENGL 458	Twentieth-Century Poetry

American Literature

Select one of the following: 3

ENGL 231	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 232	American Literature from 1865
ENGL 432	The American Novel to 1900
ENGL 433	The American Novel: 1900-1945
ENGL 434	Topics in American Literature
ENGL 435	The American Short Story
ENGL 436	American Fiction Since 1945
ENGL 437	The Poet in America
ENGL 438	
ENGL 439	American Nonfiction Prose

Comparative Literature

Select one of the following: 3

CMLIT 101	Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature
CMLIT 109	Native American Myths, Legends, and Literatures
CMLIT 110	
CMLIT 111	Introduction to Literatures of India
CMLIT 404Y	Topics in Asian Literature
CMLIT 422	African Drama
CMLIT 423	African Novel
ENGL 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature
ENGL 139	African American Literature
ENGL 194	Women Writers
ENGL 226	Latina and Latino Border Theories
ENGL 235	From Folk Shouts and Songs to Hip Hop Poetry
ENGL 245	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
ENGL 431	Black American Writers
ENGL 461	
ENGL 462	Reading Black, Reading Feminist
ENGL 463	African American Autobiography
ENGL 466	African American Novel I
ENGL 467	African American Novel II
ENGL 468	African American Poetry
ENGL 469	Slavery and the Literary Imagination

Writing

Select one of the following: 3

ENGL 212	Introduction to Fiction Writing
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ENGL 213	Introduction to Poetry Writing
ENGL 215	Introduction to General Nonfiction Writing
ENGL 281	Television Script Writing
ENGL 412	Advanced Fiction Writing
ENGL 413	Advanced Poetry Writing
ENGL 414	Biographical Writing
ENGL 415	Advanced Nonfiction Writing

Media Literacy

Select two of the following: 6

CAS 213	Persuasive Speaking
CAS 215	Argumentation
CAS 250	Small Group Communication
CAS 271N	Intercultural Communication
CAS 280W	Storytelling and Speaking
CAS 375	Rhetoric and Public Controversy
CAS 422	Contemporary African American Communication
COMM 100	
COMM 120	
COMM 150N	The Art of the Cinema
COMM 180	Survey of Electronic Media and Telecommunications
COMM 205	Gender, Diversity and the Media
COMM 250	Film History and Theory
COMM 453	Narrative Theory: Film and Literature
COMM 454	Documentary in Film and Television

Mathematics 4-8 Option (31 credits)

Code Title Credits

Prescribed Courses

<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 141	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 201	Problem Solving in Mathematics II	3
MATH 220	Matrices	2
MTHED 428	Fundamentals of Middle Grades Mathematics 1	3
MTHED 429	Fundamentals of Middle Grades Mathematics 2	3
MTHED 431	Data Analysis in Secondary School Mathematics	3
MTHED 433	Function Concept in Secondary School Mathematics	3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better***Humanities (GH)**

Select one of the following: 3

AFAM/ WMNST 101	
AFAM/RLST 145	African Diaspora Religions and Spiritualities
AFAM/RLST 146	The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
AFAM/HIST 210	Freedom's First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II
GEOG 122	
HIST 10	World History to 1500
HIST 11	World History since 1500

HIST 12	History of Pennsylvania
HIST 21	American Civilization Since 1877
HIST 100	Ancient Greece
HIST 101	The Roman Republic and Empire
HIST 104	Ancient Egypt
HIST 107	Medieval Europe
HIST 115	The American Jewish Experience
HIST 121	History of the Holocaust 1933-1945
HIST 130	Introduction to the Civil War Era, 1848 through 1877
HIST 144	The World at War: 1939-1945
HIST 152	African American History
HIST 153	Native American History
HIST 155	American Business History
HIST 156	History of the American Worker
HIST 158	History of American Immigration
HIST 174	East Asia to 1800
HIST 175	East Asia since 1800
HIST 176	Survey of Indian History
HIST 179	Latin-American History Since 1820
HIST 180	Ancient Warfare
HIST 181	Introduction to the Middle East
HIST 191	Early African History
STS/HIST 123	
WMNST/AFAM 102	Women of the African Diaspora
WMNST/AMST 104	Women and the American Experience
WMNST/HIST 117	Women in United States History
Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)	
Select one of the following:	
AFAM 100	
ECON 14	Principles of Economics
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy
EDTHP 200	Reform, Advocacy, and Transformation in Education
EDTHP 420	Shaping Education: Policy Development and Impact
GEOG 30N	Environment and Society in a Changing World
GEOG 40	World Regional Geography
GEOG 123	
GEOG 126	Economic Geography
GEOG 130	
GEOG 160	Mapping Our Changing World
HIST 120	
PLSC 3	Comparing Politics around the Globe
PLSC 7N	Contemporary Political Ideologies
PLSC 14	International Relations
PLSC 17N	Introduction to Political Theory
PLSC 110	
PLSC 123	

PLSC 130	
PLSC 135	
SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture
STS/PLSC 135	

Social Studies 4-8 Option (36-37 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
GEOG 10	Physical Geography: An Introduction	3
GEOG 20	Human Geography: An Introduction	3
HIST 20	American Civilization to 1877	3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3
SSED 412W	Teaching Secondary Social Studies II	3

Additional Courses

<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
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

Select any MATH GQ course	3
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹

<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
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Economics Policy

Select one of the following:	3
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ECON 14	Principles of Economics
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy
GEOG 124	Elements of Cultural Geography
GEOG 126	Economic Geography
HIST 155	American Business History
HIST 156	History of the American Worker

PLSC 135

WMNST 456	Gender, Occupations, and Professions
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Civics and Society

Select at least 6 credits of the following:	6
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AFAM/RLST 145	African Diaspora Religions and Spiritualities
AFAM/ENGL 235	From Folk Shouts and Songs to Hip Hop Poetry
AFAM/SOC 409	Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
EDTHP 200	Reform, Advocacy, and Transformation in Education
EDTHP 297	Special Topics
EDTHP/CIED 401	Education Across Borders: A Global Exploration of Education
EDTHP 447	Ethnic Minorities and Schools in the United States
EDTHP/WMNST 412	Education and the Status of Women
EDTHP 420	Shaping Education: Policy Development and Impact

EDTHP 427	Intelligence and Educational Policy
GEOG 320	Urban Geography: A Global Perspective
HIST 158	History of American Immigration
PLSC 2	
PLSC 3	Comparing Politics around the Globe
PLSC 7N	Contemporary Political Ideologies
PLSC 14	International Relations
PLSC 17N	Introduction to Political Theory
PLSC 110	
PLSC 123	
PLSC 125	Pennsylvania Government and Politics
PLSC 130	
SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture
STS/PLSC 135	
WMNST/ AMST 104	Women and the American Experience
WMNST/ AMST 430	Women in American Society
WMNST 466	Lesbian and Gay History
<i>Historical and Geographical Perspectives</i>	
Select at least 6 credits of the following:	
AFAM 100	
AFAM/ WMNST 101	
AFAM/RLST 146	The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
AFAM/HIST 210	Freedom's First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II
EDTHP 430	History of Education in the United States
EDTHP 435	Child Labor and Education in the Global Economy
GEOG 30N	Environment and Society in a Changing World
GEOG 40	World Regional Geography
GEOG 110	
GEOG 115	Landforms of the World
GEOG 122	
GEOG 160	Mapping Our Changing World
HIST 10	World History to 1500
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HIST 175	East Asia since 1800

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HIST 179	Latin-American History Since 1820
HIST 180	Ancient Warfare
HIST 181	Introduction to the Middle East
HIST 191	Early African History
STS 123	
WMNST/ AFAM 102	Women of the African Diaspora
WMNST/HIST 117	Women in United States History
WMNST/GEOG 426Y	

¹ At least 6 credits must be taken at the 100-level or above.

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.