

WORLD LANGUAGES (K-12) 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 degree in World Languages Education with a dual certification option in Bilingual Education Teaching, a minimum of 140 credits is required; with an option in English as a Second Language (ESL) Teaching, a minimum of 136 credits is required, i.e., a minimum of 123 credits for the companion World Languages Education Teaching option selected, plus 12 credits to meet eligibility for the Program Specialist: ESL credential; with an option in French Teaching, a minimum of 128 credits is required; with an option in German Teaching, a minimum of 126 credits is required; with an option in Latin Teaching, a minimum of 125 credits is required; with an option in Russian Teaching, a minimum of 124 credits is required; with an option in Spanish Teaching, a minimum of 128 credits is required (See also Teacher Education Programs (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/teacher-testing-certification>)):

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	1
Requirements for the Major	88-106

9-12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 9-12 credits of General Education GS and GH courses.

Requirements for the Major

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

A grade of C or better per course is required for teacher certification.

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better for teacher certification</i>		
CI 280	Introduction to Teaching Multilingual Learners	3
CI 295	Introductory Field Experience for Teacher Preparation	3
CI 495E	Practicum in Student Teaching—Secondary Education	15
EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction	3
EDTHP 115	Education in American Society	3
HDFS 229	Infant and Child Development	3
SPLED 400	Inclusive Special Ed Foundations: Legal, Characteristics, Collaboration, Assessment, and Management	4
SPLED 403B	Evidence-Based Methods for Teaching Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings	3
WLED 300	Foundations of Second Language Teaching	3

WLED 411	Methods of Teaching World Languages in Grades 1-5	3
WLED 412W	Methods of Teaching World Languages in Grades 6-12	3
WLED 495B	Field Experience for World Languages Teacher Preparation in Grades 1-5	3
WLED 495C	Field Experience for World Languages Teacher Preparation in Grades 6-12	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better for teacher certification

PSYCH 412	Adolescence	3
or HDFS 239	Adolescent Development	

Requirements for the Option

Select an option	33-51
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Requirements for the Option

Bilingual Education Teaching Option (48-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
WLED 414		3
WLED 422		3
WLED 444	Language, Culture and the Classroom: Issues for Practitioners	3

Additional Courses

Select 6 credits of 300- or 400-level option-related courses, with departmental recommendation	6
Select an emphasis	33-36

French Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
FR 201	Oral Communication and Reading Comprehension 1	3
FR 202	Grammar and Composition	3
FR 316	French Linguistics	3
FR 331	French and Francophone Culture I	3
FR 332	French and Francophone Culture II	3
FR 401	Advanced Oral Communication	3
FR 402Y	Advanced Grammar and Writing	3
FR 440		3

Additional Courses

FR 417	French Phonology	3
or FR 418	French Syntax	
Select one of the following:		3
FR 137	Paris: Anatomy of a Global City	
FR 138N	French Culture Through Film	
FR 139	France and the French-speaking World	
Select one of the following:		3
FR 351	French and Francophone Literature: Poetry, Theatre, and Performance	
FR 352	French and Francophone Literature: Narrative	
FR 460	Contemporary French Literature	
Select one of the following:		3
FR 430	Contemporary France	

FR 458	African Literature of French Expression	
FR 470	Race and Gender Issues in Literatures in French	

¹ Proficiency in the language of choice must be demonstrated by either examination or coursework equivalent to the completion of 12 credits in order to enroll in FR 201.

German Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
GER 201	Conversation and Composition ¹	4
GER 301	Intermediate Speaking and Listening	3
GER 310	Introduction to the Study of German Literature	3
GER 344	Intermediate German Culture	3
GER 401Y	Advanced Composition	3
GER 411	The Teaching of German	3
Additional Courses		
GER 412	Introduction to German linguistics	3
or GER 430	History of the German Language	
GER 431	Dragons, the Divine, and the Demonic: German Literature, Culture, and Media from the Middle Ages to 1750	3
or GER 432	Worlds, Wars, and the Self: German Culture from the Enlightenment to the Present	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
GER 157N	The Amish	
GER 200N	Contemporary German Culture	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
GER 480		
GER 481		
GER 482		
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
GER 399	Foreign Study--German	
GER 440	Seminar in German Literature, Media and Culture	
GER 482		
GER 497	Special Topics	
GER 499	Foreign Study--German	

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Latin Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CAMS 5	Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	3
CAMS 50	Words: Classical Sources of English Vocabulary	3
CAMS 400W	Comparative Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World	3
LATIN 402	Republican Literature	3
LATIN 404	Silver Age Literature	3
LATIN 403	Augustan Age Literature	3
LATIN 450W		3
LING 102		3

Additional Courses

CAMS 101	The Roman Republic and Empire	3
or CAMS 150	Classical Archaeology--Ancient Rome	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	
CAMS 33	Roman Civilization	
CAMS 45	Classical Mythology	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
CAMS 440W	Studies in Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology	
CAMS 497	Special Topics	
LATIN 497	Special Topics	

Russian Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
RUS 204	¹	4
RUS 214		4
RUS 304		3
RUS 305		3
RUS 400		3
RUS 412	Russian Translation	3
RUS 450		3
Additional Courses		
RUS 450		3
or RUS 497	Special Topics	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
RUS 100	Russian Culture and Civilization	
RUS 110		
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
RUS 141Y	19th-Century Russian Literature in English Translation	
RUS 142Y	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Literature in English Translation	
RUS 143	The Culture of Stalinism and Nazism	
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
RUS 494	Research Project	
RUS 497	Special Topics	
RUS 499	Foreign Studies	

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Spanish Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
SPAN 110	Intermediate Conversation ¹	3
SPAN 215	The Science of Spanish: A Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPAN 253W	Introduction to Literary & Cultural Studies en Español	3
SPAN 314	Spanish Sounds	3
SPAN 410	Advanced Oral Expression and Communication	3

SPAN 412	Translation	3
SPAN 440		3

Additional Courses

SPAN 210		3
or SPAN 220	Readings in Ibero-American Civilization	

SPAN 316	Building Words and Sentences in Spanish	3
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Select 3 credits of the following:		3
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SPAN 305	Spanish for Social Services	
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SPAN 353	Topics in the Cultures of Spain	
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SPAN 354	Topics in Cultural Contact and Exchange	
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SPAN 355	Topics in the Cultures of Latin America	
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SPAN 356	Topics in the Cultures of the Americas	
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SPAN 399	Foreign Study--Spanish	
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Select 3 credits of the following:		3
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SPAN 399	Foreign Study--Spanish	
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SPAN 472	The Contemporary Spanish American Novel	
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SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature	
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SPAN 490	Masterpieces of Spanish Prose	
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SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry	
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SPAN 497	Special Topics	
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English as a Second Language (ESL) Teaching Option (45-49 credits)

Select 33-37 credits: This option must be taken in conjunction with one of the other World Languages Education Teaching Options.

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

APLNG 493	Teaching English as a Second Language	3
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WLED 444	Language, Culture and the Classroom: Issues for Practitioners	3
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WLED 483	Evaluating Schools Performances and Programs with English Language Learners (ELLs)	3
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Additional Courses

APLNG 410	Teaching American English Pronunciation	3
or APLNG 484	Discourse-Functional Grammar	

Holders of a baccalaureate degree and a valid Pennsylvania Instructional certificate, who seek only the Program Specialist: English as a Second Language credential, must complete the following 15 credits of Prescribed and Additional Courses. Typically, they do so in connection with other post-baccalaureate studies.

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

APLNG 493	Teaching English as a Second Language	3
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WLED 300	Foundations of Second Language Teaching	3
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WLED 444	Language, Culture and the Classroom: Issues for Practitioners	3
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WLED 483	Evaluating Schools Performances and Programs with English Language Learners (ELLs)	3
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Additional Courses

APLNG 410	Teaching American English Pronunciation	3
or APLNG 484	Discourse-Functional Grammar	

French Teaching Option (36 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

FR 201	Oral Communication and Reading Comprehension ¹	3
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FR 202	Grammar and Composition	3
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FR 316	French Linguistics	3
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FR 331	French and Francophone Culture I	3
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FR 332	French and Francophone Culture II	3
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FR 401	Advanced Oral Communication	3
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FR 402Y	Advanced Grammar and Writing	3
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FR 440		3
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Additional Courses

FR 417	French Phonology	3
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or FR 418	French Syntax	
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Select one of the following:		3
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FR 137	Paris: Anatomy of a Global City	
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FR 138N	French Culture Through Film	
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FR 139	France and the French-speaking World	
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Select 3 credits of the following:		3
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FR 351	French and Francophone Literature: Poetry, Theatre, and Performance	
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FR 352	French and Francophone Literature: Narrative	
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FR 460	Contemporary French Literature	
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Select one of the following:		3
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FR 430	Contemporary France	
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FR 458	African Literature of French Expression	
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FR 470	Race and Gender Issues in Literatures in French	
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German Teaching Option (34 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Prescribed Courses

GER 201	Conversation and Composition ¹	4
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GER 301	Intermediate Speaking and Listening	3
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GER 310	Introduction to the Study of German Literature	3
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GER 344	Intermediate German Culture	3
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GER 401Y	Advanced Composition	3
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GER 411	The Teaching of German	3
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Additional Courses

GER 157N	The Amish	3
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or GER 200N	Contemporary German Culture	
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GER 412	Introduction to German linguistics	3
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or GER 430	History of the German Language	
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GER 431	Dragons, the Divine, and the Demonic: German Literature, Culture, and Media from the Middle Ages to 1750	3
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or GER 432	Worlds, Wars, and the Self: German Culture from the Enlightenment to the Present	
Select one of the following:		3
GER 480		
GER 481		
GER 482		
Select one of the following:		3
GER 399	Foreign Study--German	
GER 440	Seminar in German Literature, Media and Culture	
GER 482		
GER 497	Special Topics	
GER 499	Foreign Study--German	

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Latin Teaching Option (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CAMS 5	Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	3
CAMS 50	Words: Classical Sources of English Vocabulary	3
CAMS 400W	Comparative Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World	3
LATIN 402	Republican Literature	3
LATIN 403	Augustan Age Literature	3
LATIN 404	Silver Age Literature	3
LATIN 450W		3
LING 102		3
Additional Courses		
CAMS 33	Roman Civilization	3
or CAMS 45	Classical Mythology	
CAMS 101	The Roman Republic and Empire	3
or CAMS 150	Classical Archaeology--Ancient Rome	
Select one of the following:		3
CAMS 440W	Studies in Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology	
CAMS 497	Special Topics	
LATIN 497	Special Topics	

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Russian Teaching Option (35 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
RUS 204	¹	4
RUS 214		4
RUS 304		3
RUS 305		3
RUS 400		3
RUS 412	Russian Translation	3
RUS 450		3

Additional Courses

RUS 450		3
or RUS 497	Special Topics	
Select one of the following:		3
RUS 100	Russian Culture and Civilization	
RUS 110		
Select one of the following:		3
RUS 141Y	19th-Century Russian Literature in English Translation	
RUS 142Y	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Literature in English Translation	
RUS 143	The Culture of Stalinism and Nazism	
Select one of the following:		3
RUS 494	Research Project	
RUS 497	Special Topics	
RUS 499	Foreign Studies	

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Spanish Teaching Option (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
SPAN 110	Intermediate Conversation ¹	3
SPAN 215	The Science of Spanish: A Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPAN 253W	Introduction to Literary & Cultural Studies en Español	3
SPAN 314	Spanish Sounds	3
SPAN 410	Advanced Oral Expression and Communication	3
SPAN 412	Translation	3
SPAN 440		3
Additional Courses		
SPAN 210		3
or SPAN 220	Readings in Ibero-American Civilization	
SPAN 316	Building Words and Sentences in Spanish	3
Select one of the following:		3
SPAN 305	Spanish for Social Services	
SPAN 353	Topics in the Cultures of Spain	
SPAN 354	Topics in Cultural Contact and Exchange	
SPAN 355	Topics in the Cultures of Latin America	
SPAN 356	Topics in the Cultures of the Americas	
SPAN 399	Foreign Study--Spanish	
Select one of the following:		3
SPAN 399	Foreign Study--Spanish	
SPAN 472	The Contemporary Spanish American Novel	
SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 490	Masterpieces of Spanish Prose	
SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry	
SPAN 497	Special Topics	

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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.