

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

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, World Campus

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.

Health Policy and Administration, B.S. at Beaver Campus, Harrisburg Campus, Hazelton Campus, Lehigh Valley Campus, Mont Alto Campus, Shenango Campus, University Park Campus, and World Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BISC 4, BIOL 141, BIOL 161, or BBH 101	3 HPA 210*	3
ECON 102 (General Education Course (GS)) [†]	3 PLSC 1 (General Education Course (Exploration)) [†]	3
HPA 101*	3 General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C, ENGL/CAS 138T recommended) [†]	3

General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15, ENGL/CAS 137H recommended) [†]	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
First-Year Seminar	1-2 Supporting Course ¹	3
General Education Course (GA)	3	

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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HPA 211*	3 HPA 200*	3
STAT 200 or 250 (General Education Course (GQ)) [†]	3-4 HPA 332*	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 HPA 301W ²	3
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 HPA 390W ²	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 General Education Course (GN or GHW) ³	3

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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
HPA 310*	3 HPA 311*	3 HPA 395 ⁴	3
CMPSC 101, 203, or MIS 204 [†]	3-4 HPA 400 level course (see degree audit) [*]	3	
Supporting Course ¹	3 General Education Course (Integrative Studies: Inter-Domain)	3	
General Education Course (Integrative Studies: Inter-Domain)	3 Supporting Course ¹	3	
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 Supporting Course (400 level) ¹	3	

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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202A or 202D preferred) [‡]	3 HPA 455 [*]	3
HPA 400 level Course (see degree audit) [*]	3 HPA 400 Level Course (see degree audit) [*]	3
Elective	2-3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 Supporting Course (400 level) ¹	3
Supporting Course (400 level) ¹	3	
14-15		12

Total Credits 120-124

* 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

¹ The Supporting Course List can be found here: <https://hhd.psu.edu/hpa/supporting-courses>² HPA 301W and HPA 390W fulfill the Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.³ Take GHW if BBH 101 was not completed in first year; Take GN if BISC 4 or BIOL 141 or BIOL 161 was not completed in first year.⁴ HPA 395 can be taken in fall or spring semester with permission for variable credits.**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.

Advising Notes:

- Minimum credits required for graduation is 120.
- **Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition:** Per Senate policy 83-80.5, 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. Most majors in Health and Human Development require students to complete up to 24 credits for the major through courses taken at University Park. Courses taken at other Penn State campuses may not be counted toward this 24 credit minimum.
- HHD allows up to 6 credits from ROTC study to be counted toward General Education and major requirements. Some programs allow additional ROTC credits to be used for degree requirements.

Health Policy and Administration, B.S. at Abington Campus, Altoona Campus, Berks Campus, Erie Campus, and Schuylkill Campus

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General Education Course (GA)	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
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Second Year

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Supporting Course ¹	3 CMPSC 101, 203, or MIS 204 (GQ) ^{*†}	3-4
Supporting Course ¹	3 ENGL 202 (ENGL 202A or ENGL 202D preferred) (GWS) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GHW or other Exploration) ⁴	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3

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General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
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HPA 101 [*]	3 HPA 200 [*]	3 HPA 395 ^{*5} 3
HPA 210 [*]	3 HPA 211 [*]	3
HPA 310 [*]	3 HPA 301W ^{*2}	3
Supporting Course ¹	3 HPA 332 [*]	3
400-Level Supporting Course ¹	3 HPA 390W ^{*2}	3
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Fourth Year		3
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HPA 311 [*]	3 HPA 455 [*]	3
HPA 400-Level Course [*]	3 HPA 400-Level Course [*]	3
HPA 400-Level Course [*]	3 400-Level Supporting Course ¹	3
400-Level Supporting Course ¹	3 Supporting Course ¹	3
Elective	3	
15		12
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