

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

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

Program Description

The Bachelor of Philosophy (B.Phil.) is an intercollege degree program that allows students to work with a faculty mentor to create their own, individually tailored undergraduate major and personalized curriculum. Bachelor of Philosophy degrees culminate in a capstone project that allows for deep engagement with a topic of the student's choosing.

The Bachelor of Philosophy degree is intended for those few students for whom the present degree requirements are restrictive and not responsive to their needs and who are seeking a rigorous, integrative educational experience. While the educational goals of most students are adequately met by existing degree programs, those who can demonstrate that the usual requirements of conventional programs prevent them from adequately meeting their goals may apply. An important standard for admission to the Bachelor of Philosophy degree program will be the ability of students to demonstrate that their stated goals are viable and worthy of a college degree.

What is the Bachelor of Philosophy Degree?

The Bachelor of Philosophy degree is Penn State's individualized major program. Bachelor of Philosophy degrees bridge traditional disciplines and colleges across the University. Students may bring together perspectives from the arts, humanities, sciences, and applied fields like engineering and business on topics such as sustainability, democracy, technology, religion, and much more.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are deeply invested in your learning and want to create a unique educational experience.
- You seek to integrate knowledge across traditional disciplinary boundaries to address a topic of significance.
- You are motivated to cultivate a relationship with a faculty mentor.
- You are seeking the experience of creating and defending your own scholarly work.