

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.

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

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.

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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
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [‡]	3 World Language Level 2	4
AFAM 152 or HIST 152 [*]	3 CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3
LA 83	1.5 AFAM 101N, WMNST 101N, AFAM 102, WMNST 102, AFAM 103, WMNST 103, or SOC 103 [*]	3
World Language Level 1	4 AFAM 110N [*]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
World Language Level 3	4 LA 283	1.5
AFAM 100N [*]	3 SOC 207 [*]	3
Elective	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
	16	16.5

Third Year	Credits Spring	Credits
Fall		
AFAM any or AFAM elective [*]	3 BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
AFAM 4XX [*]	3 AFAM 4XX [*]	3
BA World Cultures	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [†]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year	Credits Spring	Credits
Fall		
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 AFAM any or AFAM elective [*]	3
AFAM 4XX [*]	3 AFAM 401 [*]	3
AFAM 4XX [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
Elective	6 General Education Course	3
	Elective	2
	16.5	15.5

Total Credits 128

* 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.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your

adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures.

See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Advising Notes:

- 24 credits within the major must be completed at University Park (policy 83-80). Talk with your academic adviser for additional details.
- All incoming freshmen must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 cr. and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.