

GERMAN, 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

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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GER 1	4 GER 2	4
ENGL 15, 30H, 137H, CAS 137H, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
General Education Course (N)	3 General Education Course (N)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
First Year Seminar (FYS)	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 3	4 GER 201 or 208Y (IL) [*]	4
Applied Option Course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3 Applied Option Course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 GER 200N (GH;IL) [*]	3
General Education Course	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	US Cultures Course (US)	3
	16	17.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 301 (IL) [*]	3 GER 401Y (IL) [*]	3
GER 302W [*]	3 GER 344 (IL) [*]	3
Applied Option Course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3 GER 399 (IL) [*]	3

Applied Option Course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3 GER 499 (IL) [*]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	15
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 310 (IL) [*]	3 Select 3 credits of 300- or 400- level courses in GER, in consultation with adviser [*]	3
GER 431 or 432 (IL) [*]	3 400-level applied option course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3
400-level Applied Option Course, in consultation with adviser [*]	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
ENGL 202 (GWS) [‡]	3 Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	2
	13.5	12.5

Total Credits 123

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GER 1	4 GER 2	4
ENGL 15, 30H, 137H, CAS 137H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, 100C, 138T, or ENGL 138T (GWS) [‡]	3
ECON 102 (GS) ^{*††}	3 ECON 104 (GS) ^{*††}	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course (N)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (FYS)	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 3	4 GER 201 or 208Y (IL) [*]	4
BA 301 [*]	3 ACCTG 211 [*]	4
STAT 200 (GQ) ^{*††}	4 BA 303 [*]	3
General Education Course (N)	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
	15.5	15.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 301 [*]	3 GER 310 [*]	3
GER 302W [*]	3 GER 401Y [*]	3
ENGL 202D (GWS) ^{*††}	3 ECON 333, MGMT 461, or MKTG 445 [*]	3
BA 304 [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
IB 303 [*]	3 GER 408 (IL) [*]	3
GER 344 [*]	3 GER 431 or 432 [*]	3
GER 308Y [*]	3 IB 403 [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
Elective (US)	3 Elective	3
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ENGL 15, 30H, 137H, CAS 137H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, 100C, 138T, or ENGL 138T (GWS) [‡]	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (N)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (FYS)	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 3	4 GER 201 or 208Y (IL) [*]	4
Engineering Course ^{*1}	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3 Elective (US)	3
General Education Course (N)	3 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
	General Education Course	3
	14.5	17.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GER 301 [*]	3 GER 399 [*]	3
GER 302W [*]	3 GER 499 [*]	3
ENGL 202 (GWS) [‡]	3 GER 310 [*]	3
Engineering Course ^{*1}	3 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
General Education Course	3 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

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GER 401Y [*]	3 GER 408 (IL) [*]	3
GER 344 [*]	3 GER 431 or 432 [*]	3
GER 308Y [*]	3 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Engineering Course ^{*1}	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
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General Education Course (N)	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (N)	3
First Year Seminar (FYS)	3 General Education Course	3
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General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
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