

GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

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: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Major	30

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

This major also requires significant experience abroad, of at least 8 weeks in length. The requirement for experience abroad can be fulfilled by formal study abroad, and/or approved internship or employment or comparable experience (such as Peace Corps service).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
CMLIT 10	World Literatures	3
Additional Courses		
Select 3 credits in Global Approaches of the following:		3
AA 100	Introduction to International Arts	
ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	
CMLIT 13	Virtual Worlds: Antiquity to the Present	
CMLIT 143	Human Rights and World Literature	
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	
FR 139	France and the French-speaking World	
GEOG 40	World Regional Geography	
HIST 10	World History to 1500	
HIST 11	World History since 1500	
MUSIC 9	Introduction to World Musics	
PLSC 3	Comparing Politics around the Globe	
PLSC 14	International Relations	
RLST 1	Introduction to World Religions	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹		
<i>A. World Language</i>		
Select 12 credits EITHER in a language beyond the 12th -credit-level proficiency OR in a second world language, or equivalent proficiencies ²		12
<i>B. Global Perspectives</i>		
Select 6 credits from departmental list ³		6
<i>C. World Regions</i>		
Select from departmental list 6 credits in courses focused on one of the following world regions: ⁴		6

Africa

Asia and the Pacific

Eastern European and Slavic Cultures

Latin America and the Caribbean

Middle East

- ¹ Must include at least 12 credits at the 400 level.
- ² For world language majors, study must be in a world language other than primary major.
- ³ One course in this area or in Area C must be a 400-level course in CMLIT.
- ⁴ Language courses beyond the sixth semester are eligible if they focus on significant content beyond language skills. One course in this area or in Area B must be a 400-level course in CMLIT.

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.