

PHILOSOPHY, 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.

General Philosophy Option: Philosophy, B.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3 1-100 level PHIL Course	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
1-100 level PHIL Course	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3

Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
Concentration Course	3 Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	13.5

Total Credits 123

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LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 or 10 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 PHIL 401, 402, 409, 413, 424, or 435 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
4xx level in Humanities [*]	3 Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3 1-100 level PHIL Course	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 PHIL 407, 410, 425W, 426W, or 427 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
4xx level in Mathematics and Science [*]	3 Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3

General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	13.5

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Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

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Social Sciences Option: Philosophy, B.A. at University Park Campus

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ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3 1-100 level PHIL Course	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 PHIL 401, 408W, 416, 425W, or 438 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
4xx level in Social Sciences [*]	3 Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness	1.5
	13.5	13.5

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3 1-100 level PHIL Course	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 or 10 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 PHIL 405, 418, 432, 433, or PHIL 435 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Health and Wellness	1.5
	13.5	13.5

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ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3 PHIL 105 [*]	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3 General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
First Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	16

Second Year

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CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3 PHIL 12 or 10 [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 PHIL 403, 405, 407, 408W, 418, 425W, 432, 433, or PHIL 438 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 AFAM 409, 465, CAS 321, COMM 402, HIST 449, HIST 450, PLSC 403, PLSC 412, PLSC 431, PLSC 432, PLSC 471, PLSC 472, PLSC 473, PLSC 474, WMNST 423, or WMNST 453 [*]	3
BA World Cultures	3 Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3 Elective	3

General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
AFAM 409, 465, CAS 321, COMM 402, HIST 449, HIST 450, PLSC 403, PLSC 412, PLSC 431, PLSC 432, PLSC 471, PLSC 472, PLSC 473, PLSC 474, WMNST 423, or WMNST 453 [*]	3 General Education Health and Wellness	1.5
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