

ENGLISH, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

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: Brandywine, Scranton, York

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.

Brandywine Campus

English, B.A. at Brandywine Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 [†]	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C [‡]	0-3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
World Language Level 1	4-6 World Language Level 2	4-6
16-18		11.5-16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 221 [*]	3 ENGL 201 ^{††}	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 222, 231, or 232 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202B [‡]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
World Language Level 3 or General Education Course	3-4 General Education Course	3
Elective	3	
16.5-17.5		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 200 [*]	3 ENGL Course Any-level [*]	3
ENGL Course 400-level/ Pre-1800 Literature [*]	3 ENGL Course 400-level [*]	3
BA Fields Course	3 BA Fields Course	3
BA World Cultures Course	3 General Education Course	3

General Education Courses	3 Elective	3
15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL Course 400-level [*]	3 ENGL 487W or 310H [*]	3
ENGL Course 400-level/ Post-1800: Race, Gender, Ethnic, Minority, Postcolonial Lit [*]	3 ENGL Course 400-level [*]	3
ENGL Course Any-level [*]	3 BA Fields Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
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15		15

Total Credits 119-127

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Scranton Campus

Traditions of Innovation Option: English, B.A. at Scranton Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 (or honors equivalent (GWS)) [†]	3 CAS 100 (or honors equivalent (GWS)) [†]	3
ENGL 111 (or BA requirement) [†]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
Quantification (GQ) [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
First-Year Seminar or General Education Course [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language I	4 World Language II	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 200 or 201 [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
Quantification (GQ) [†]	3 Elective	3
ENGL 111 (or BA requirement) [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language III	4 BA Requirement	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Concentration Course [*]	3 English 4XX [*]	3
English 4XX [*]	3 Concentration Course [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [†]	3
BA Requirement	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
English 4XX [*]	3 ENGL 4XX [*]	3
Concentration Course [*]	3 ENGL 487W [*]	3
BA World Cultures	3 General Education Health and Wellness	1.5
BA Requirement	3 Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness	1.5 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	16.5	13.5

Total Credits 123

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Program Notes:

- General Education courses are interchangeable; students may choose the General Education courses they wish to take in any given semester based on preference, availability, and academic goals.
- Scheduling patterns vary according to course offerings.
- Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) courses must be completed within the degree requirements; these courses may not be used to fulfill the World Cultures requirements.

Writing and Literature in Context Option: English, B.A. at Scranton Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS)	3 ENGL literature, writing, or rhetoric*	3
General Education Course	3 CAS 100 ^{#†}	3
General Education Course [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language (level 001)	4 World Language (level 002)	4
Quantification (GQ) [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
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	17	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course [†]	3 ENGL literature, writing, or rhetoric*	3
ENGL 200 or 201*	3 Elective	3
ENGL literature, writing, or rhetoric*	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language (level 003)	4 BA Requirement: Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Science, Quantification or World Language	3
Quantification (GQ) [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL literature, writing, or rhetoric*	3 400-level ENGL from period selection*	3
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General Education Course [†]	3 ENGL 202 (GWS)	3
BA Requirement: Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Quantification, or World Language	3 General Education Course [†]	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
400-level ENGL from period selection*	3 400-level ENGL from period selection*	3
ENGL literature, writing, or rhetoric*	3 ENGL 487W*	3
World Cultures	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5

BA Requirement: Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Quantification or World Language	3 Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
Elective	3	
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- One 400-level course must meet the diversity requirement for the major.
- Two general education courses (GQ, GN, GA, GH, GS) must be integrative studies courses - Interdomain or linked.
- Depending on placement and proficiency, world language courses may need to be replaced with elective credits.

- Students are required to take one Writing across the Curriculum course.
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York Campus

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ENGL 15 (or honors equivalent (GWS)) [‡]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (or honors equivalent (GWS)) [‡]	3
General Education Course or BA Requirement	3 English Elective (100-200 level) [*]	3
Quantification (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
First-Year Seminar or General Education Course	3 Natural Sciences (GN)	3
World Language I	4 World Language II	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Quantification (GQ) [‡]	3 ENGL 200, 200W, or 201 [*]	3
General Education Course or BA Requirement	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
BA Fields	3 Natural Sciences (GN)	3
World Language III	4 General Education Course	3
	English Elective (100-200 level) [*]	3
	Health and Wellness	3
	13	18

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 400-level course (work with adviser)	3 ENGL 400-level course (work with adviser)	3
English Elective/Concentration Course (any level)	3 English Elective/Concentration Course (any level)	3
General Education Course/BA Requirement/Elective	3 BA Fields	3
Arts (GA)	3 General Education Course	3
English Supporting Course	3 English Supporting Course	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 487W [*]	3 ENGL 400-level course (work with adviser) [*]	3
ENGL 400-level course (work with adviser) [*]	3 ENGL 400-level course (work with adviser) [*]	3
English Elective/Concentration Course (any level) [*]	3 General Education Course	3
BA World Cultures	3 English Supporting Course	3

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