

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, B.S. (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: Beaver, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, Shenango

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Health Policy and Administration, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	1-3
Requirements for the Major	84-86

12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.

The requirements for the major are outlined below. Students may select courses in the Supporting Courses and Related Areas category to fulfill requirements for a minor, to develop a specialization, or to complete courses required for admission to medical, dental, law, or other graduate schools.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, 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. H P A requires students to complete 24 credits for the major through courses taken at University Park. Courses taken at other Penn State campuses may not be counted toward this 24 credit minimum. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for this major.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
HPA 101	Introduction to Health Services Organization	3
HPA 200	An Introduction to Data in the Health Care System	3
HPA 210	Health Care Payment	3
HPA 211	Financial Decisions in Health Care Organizations	3
HPA 301	Health Services Policy Issues	3
HPA 310	Health Care and Medical Needs	3
HPA 311	Population Health and Healthcare	3

HPA 332	Health Systems Management	3
HPA 390	Professional Development in Health Policy & Administration	3
HPA 395	Field Experience in Health Policy and Administration	3
HPA 455	Strategic Planning and Marketing for Health Services	3
PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

CMPSC 101	Introduction to Programming	3-4
or CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	
or MIS 204	Introduction to Management Information Systems	
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	3-4
or STAT 250	Introduction to Biostatistics	

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

HPA 401	Comparative Health Systems
HPA 410	Principles of Public Health Administration
HPA 420	Principles of Managed Care
HPA 430	Health Care Leadership
HPA 433	Administration of Hospital and Health Service Systems
HPA 435	Safety Net Health Care
HPA 438	Culturally Competent Health Services for Diverse Populations
HPA 440	Principles of Epidemiology
HPA 442	Long-Term Care Management
HPA 443	Nursing Home Administration
HPA 444	Aging Policy in the United States
HPA 445	Health Economics
HPA 446	Economics and Health In Low- and Middle-Income Countries
HPA 447	Financing Health Care
HPA 450	Healthcare Policies and Politics
HPA 454	Health Care Professional Communication
HPA 460	Human Resource Management in Health Care Organizations
HPA 470	Health Care Information Management
HPA 475	Health Care Quality
HPA 490	Physician Practice Management
HPA 497	Special Topics

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 30 credits from University-wide offerings on department list in consultation with adviser ¹

¹ Must include at least 9 credits at the 400 level.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate

students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

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.