GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2024-25 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 Arts and Sciences, B.A. at Erie Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	General Education	3
ENGL 15 or 30H[†‡]	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
General Education	1.5	World Language (Level Two)	4
World Language (Level One)	4		
	15.5		**16**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CAS 100[†‡]	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D[*†‡]	3
General Education	3	Other Cultures	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
World Language (Level Three)	4	General Education	3
		General Education	1.5
	16		**16.5**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BA Knowledge Domain	3	BA Knowledge Domain	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3	Option Requirement any level	3
General Education	3	Option Requirement 400-level	3
General Education	3	Elective	3
Optional Reqirement any level	3	Elective	3
	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Option Requirement any level	3	Option Requirement 400-level[*]	3
Option Requirement 400-level[*]	3	Option Requirement 400-level[*]	3
Option Requirement 400-level[*]	3	General Education	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Writing Across the Curriculum "W Course"	3	Elective	3
	15		**15**

Total Credits 124

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
# Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/).

1 Arts, Humanities, or Social and Behavioral Science.
2 Student need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS
3 Quantification or Natural Science
4 Students need 6 credits in GQ, and 9 credits in GN, one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
5 Foreign Language (Level One)
6 This Requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.
7 BA Knowledge Domains
8 Students are permitted to complete all 9 credits in any one of six domains or a combination thereof, but courses may not be taken in

the area of the student's primary major. The six domains are Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (GS), Natural Sciences (GN), Quantification (GQ), and Foreign Language if the coursework is in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit proficiency of the first foreign language.

9   Option Requirement any level.

10   GAS majors have four options to choose from: Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Sciences/Mathematics; Liberal Studies, allowing them to select 24 credits from a variety of courses to meet upper division requirements. This individual program must be approved by the faculty adviser to assure that each student's plans reflect serious thought and a coherent set of goal. See check sheet for more information about options.

11   Writing Across the Curriculum "W Course"

12   If not taken as a 400 level "W Course".

Additional Notes
GWS, GHW, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.

US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.

Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be completed within the degree requirements.

Program Notes: Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.

Academic Advising Notes: The course series listed about is only one of many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of electives required varies per students. Please be sure to consult with an adviser about your intended plan.