

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA INDUSTRIES, B.A.

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 2023-24 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 (*Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

Telecommunications and Media Industries, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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
COMM 160*	1 COMM 180* ¹	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
General Education Course (GS) (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
Foreign Language	4 Foreign Language	4
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	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ECON 102 or STAT 200* [†]	3-4 COMM 280* ²	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 BA Knowledge Domain (US Cultures)	3
General Education Course (GH) (Inter-Domain)	3 BA Other Cultures	3
Foreign Language	4 General Education Course (GQ) [‡] if ECON 102 is taken 3rd semester, OR General Education Course (GS) if STAT 200 is taken 3rd semester.	3
	16-17	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 380*	3 COMM 190, 242, 282, 283, 310, 374, 383, 383A, COMM 384, COMM 385, COMM 403, COMM 410, COMM 419, COMM 479, COMM 483, COMM 484, COMM 484A, 490, 491, COMM 493, or COMM 495*	3
COMM 110, 118, 205, 304, 403, 405, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413W, 417, 418, 419, or 496*	3 COMM 190, 242, 282, 283, 310, 374, 383, 383A, COMM 384, COMM 385, COMM 403, COMM 410, COMM 419, COMM 479, COMM 483, COMM 484, COMM 484A, 490, 491, COMM 493, or COMM 495*	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 Non-COMM Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain (IL Cultures)	3 Non-COMM Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 403, 404, or 492*	3 COMM 486W, 487W, or 489W*	3
COMM 190, 242, 282, 283, 310, 374, 383, 383A, COMM 384, COMM 385, COMM 403, COMM 410, COMM 419, COMM 479, COMM 483, COMM 484, COMM 484A, 490, 491, COMM 493, or COMM 495*	3 COMM 190, 242, 282, 283, 310, 374, 383, 383A, COMM 384, COMM 385, COMM 403, COMM 410, COMM 419, COMM 479, COMM 483, COMM 484, COMM 484A, 490, 491, COMM 493, or COMM 495*	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
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General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education (GHW)	1.5
Elective (if ECON 102 taken instead of STAT 200)	1	
	14.5	13.5

Total Credits 120-121

* 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

¹ Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 180 will take that course in the fifth semester upon arrival to University Park.

² Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 280 will take that course fifth semester upon arrival to University Park.

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), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

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 Other Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures/>).