

HUMANITIES, B.A. (CAPITAL)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	0-15
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	51

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Requirements for the Major

At least 36 of the last 60 credits must be earned at Penn State, according to University Policy 83-80.

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
HUM 100N	Foundations in the Humanities: Understanding the Human Experience	3
HUM 200N	Explorations in the Humanities: The Quest	3
HUM 300N	Interpretations in the Humanities	3
HUM 400N	Expressions in the Humanities	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select two Humanities (HUM) courses of the following:		6
HUM 150N	World Mythologies in the Arts	
HUM 311N		
HUM 410	Religion and Culture	
HUM 430	Philosophy and Literature	
HUM 453	Texts and Culture	
HUM 460	Thematic Studies	
HUM 461	Selected Periods in the Humanities	
HUM 491	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Humanities	
HUM 494	Research Project	
HUM 495	Internship	
HUM 496	Independent Studies	
HUM 497	Special Topics	
HUM 499	Foreign Studies	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas ¹

Select 12 credits in one of the four following areas and 9 credits in a second area: 21

History and Global Cultures

HIST, CMLIT, and SPAN courses

CAS 271N Intercultural Communication

ENGL 486 The World Novel in English

ENGL 488

INTST 100 Introduction to International Studies

Performing and Visual Arts and Art History

ART, ARTH, INART, MUSIC, AND THEA courses

COMM 215 Basic Photography for Communications

COMM 241 Graphic Design for Communications

COMM 242 Basic Video/Filmmaking

COMM 250 Film History and Theory

Philosophy and Religious Studies

PHIL and RLST courses

Literature and Writing

ENGL and CMLIT courses

COMM 230W Writing for Media

COMM 260W News Writing and Reporting

COMM 332 Reporting

COMM 346 Writing for the Screen I

COMM 474 Depth Reporting

Select 12 credits from AMST, ART, ARTH, CAS, CHNS, CMLIT, COMM, ENGL, FR, HIST, HUM, INART, MUSIC, PHIL, RLST, SPAN, or THEA and/or 12 credits that can be used toward a minor in an area of the student's interests 12

¹ At least 15 credits of supporting courses must be 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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising->

[planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/](#)).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.