

# USING THIS BULLETIN

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## FAQs

1. Where can I find a list of General Education courses and information about requirements?
  - For information about General Education requirements, please see the General Education (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/>) section in this Bulletin.
2. The General Education requirements have changed. Do the new requirements apply to me?
  - The new General Education requirements apply to students who start at Penn State in Summer 2018 and later. Requirements have not changed for students who began at Penn State before this semester. The older set of requirements can be found in the Archives page. Additional information is available on the Office of General Education website (<https://gened.psu.edu>).
3. What does the blue keystone symbol mean?
  - The keystone indicates that the course is designated as a General Education course. See the degree requirements for your program to identify the General Education courses that are required. Not all courses marked with the keystone count as meeting General Education requirements when required within your program. See the program requirements and speak to an adviser regarding General Education courses that count or do not count toward the General Education requirements.
4. Where can I find bachelor of arts degree requirements?
  - Bachelor of arts degree requirements are included in the program requirements section for B.A. programs. You may also see the B.A. requirements in the Academic Information (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) section.
5. Where can I find a list of courses and course descriptions?
  - You may find courses and descriptions several different ways within the Bulletin. You may navigate to the full listing of courses and descriptions from the Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/>) link in the top navigation menu. You may also scroll over any course number within the Bulletin to see the course description in a course bubble. Search for specific courses through the search option on the homepage or in the search functions throughout the Bulletin.
6. Which Undergraduate Bulletin should I use?
  - Your official record of general education requirements, University degree requirements, and program requirements is found in the Bulletin that matches the semester in which you enrolled at Penn State. See the Archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) page to find past Bulletins.
7. Where can I find past Bulletins?
  - Past Bulletins can be found on the Archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) page, which can be accessed from any page in the Bulletin's top navigation menu.
8. When will the Undergraduate Bulletin be updated?
  - The Bulletin will be updated at the beginning of each semester (fall, spring, and summer). Changes that occur between updates are identified on the Changes (p.       ) page.
9. What course description information is currently showing in the Bulletin?
  - The University Bulletins shows course description data that is active as of the most recently released Schedule of Courses. When an upcoming semester's Schedule of Courses is released, the course description information is updated on the same day to match that course data. Please visit the Understanding Course Description Information (p.       ) page to view the course description update calendar.
10. Why are there are some courses listed in the Bulletin that I can't schedule?
  - The Bulletin Course Description section displays all courses that are currently active at Penn State. Not all of these courses are taught every academic semester or year. To view courses that are available for enrollment by semester, please view the LionPATH Class Search ([https://www.lionpath.psu.edu/psc/CSPRD/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/SA\\_LEARNER\\_SERVICES.CLASS\\_SEARCH.GBL?Page=SSR\\_CLSRCH\\_ENTRY&Action=U](https://www.lionpath.psu.edu/psc/CSPRD/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/SA_LEARNER_SERVICES.CLASS_SEARCH.GBL?Page=SSR_CLSRCH_ENTRY&Action=U)).
11. How can I do a wild card search in the search box?
  - Use an asterisk (\*) in the search box as a wild card. For example, MATH\* will find everything that starts with "MATH", \*MATH everything that ends with "MATH", and \*MATH\* everything that contains "MATH".
12. Where can I find the Graduate Bulletin?
  - The Graduate Bulletin is located at: <https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/> (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/>).

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