



# University Bulletin

## Undergraduate Degree Programs

### **Penn State Beaver**

Penn State Beaver is located on 100 acres in Monaca, 20 miles west of the Pittsburgh International Airport and 35 miles from the city of Pittsburgh. It comprises thirteen major buildings, including the Brodhead Cultural Center and the Adult Literacy Action offices, which are located in the town of Beaver.

The campus serves a diverse population of students, both traditional and adult, who are from Pennsylvania, the United States, and other countries. Students can participate in sports teams for varsity, intramural, and club sports. Extracurricular clubs and organizations are available to serve the interests of students. The campus also has strong ties with the surrounding communities.

Penn State Beaver offers baccalaureate and associate degree programs, as well as the first two years of more than 160 Penn State baccalaureate programs. Students can begin their education at Beaver and move on to the University Park campus or other appropriate Penn State campus in order to complete their degree. Check the links along the side for available academic programs.

### **Baccalaureate Degrees**

#### **Applied Psychology**

*Berks College (APSYC)*

*University College (APSCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State New Kensington*

This major is designed for students who are interested in a liberal arts degree with a concentration in applied psychology. The program features both active and collaborative classroom experiences in addition to intensive internship experiences, and is most appropriate for students who wish to develop a set of applied scientific and human relations skills that will prepare them for entry-level employment in a wide range of government and private human service organizations and agencies, and in business and industry. Because of the flexible and broad nature of the degree, students might also use this major as a preparation for graduate or professional school in business, human services, law, or the social sciences.

This program differs most notably from traditional majors in psychology in three ways: 1) it is intended for students who may not be planning to pursue a doctoral degree in psychology that would prepare them for a career as a psychologist; 2) it requires that students learn and apply skills during 12 credits of internship experiences; 3) it requires that students demonstrate skill proficiency in a comprehensive assessment in order to graduate.

For the B.A. degree in Applied Psychology, a minimum of 127 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem:1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION: 45 credits**

(0-4 of these 45 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**

(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**

(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES: 8-24 credits****BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 24 credits**

(3 of these 24 credits 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.)

(See description of Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements in this bulletin.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 50 credits**[1](#mnote01)

(This includes 0-4 credits of General Education GQ courses.)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES (28 credits)**

PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)

PSYCH 212 GS(3), PSYCH 296(1) (Sem: 1-4)

PSYCH 301W(4) (Sem: 3-6)

PSYCH 404/EDPSY 450(3), PSYCH 495(12) (Sem: 5-8)

PSYCH 496(2) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES (16 credits)**

PSYCH 200(4) or STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 3-4)

Select 12 credits from the following groups, including a minimum of 3 credits from each category (a total of 9 credits must be at the 400 level):

1. Abnormal, Clinical, Personality:

PSYCH 238 GS(3) (Sem: 3-6)

PSYCH 470(3), PSYCH 479 US(3), PSYCH 481(3) (Sem: 5-8)

2. Developmental, Cognitive, Learning:

ED PSY 014(3), PSYCH 256 GS(3), PSYCH 261 GS(3), PSYCH 412(3), PSYCH 415(3),

PSYCH 456(3) (Sem: 3-6)

PSYCH 416/HD FS 445(3) (Sem: 5-8)

3. Industrial/Organizational, Social, Interpersonal:

PSYCH 221 GS(3), PSYCH 281 GS(3), PSYCH 420(3) (Sem: 3-8)

PSYCH 423(3), PSYCH 424(3) (Sem: 5-8)

4. Health, Wellness, Adjustment:

PSYCH 243 GS(3) (Sem: 3-6)

PSYCH 441(3), PSYCH 471(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (6 credits)**

Select 3 credits of 200-level psychology in consultation with an adviser (Sem: 1-2)

Select 3 credits in consultation with an adviser (Sem: 1-8)

**[1]**A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Business

*Abington College (BSBAB)*

*Altoona College (BSBAL)*

*Berks College (BSBBL)*

*University College (BSBCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York*

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

The Bachelor of Science in Business (B.S.B.) is an upper-division, professionally oriented business degree for individuals who are seeking general preparation in business. The degree combines the theoretical underpinnings of core business disciplines, notably management, marketing, finance, and logistics, with applied study in a practical setting, especially the small-business climates across most of the Commonwealth. Through the choice of an 18-credit option, students develop a specialty related to a key business sector. Students also develop written and oral communication skills throughout the program, acquire contemporary computer skills, and engage in active and collaborative learning. The degree allows students throughout the Commonwealth to become familiar with the unique business environments of their local communities, a design that sets the degree apart from other business degrees offered both within the University and throughout the Commonwealth.

The associate degree in business administration at Penn State articulates with the degree. Advanced-standing students from other accredited colleges or universities will be admitted only with specified grade-point averages established annually in accordance with University policy.

**ACCOUNTING OPTION:** Preparation for positions in business with an emphasis on the areas of financial and managerial accounting, systems and controls, auditing, and taxation.

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPTION (offered only at the Altoona College):** Preparation for a variety of entrepreneurial careers from starting a new business venture to working as an entrepreneur within a larger organization.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES OPTION:** Preparation for positions in community financial organizations such as banks, real estate firms, insurance brokers, investment firms, and credit companies.

**HEALTH SERVICES OPTION:** Development of a background in the financial and administrative aspects of health care enterprises such as hospitals, managed-care organizations, clinical practices, and physicians' offices.

**INDIVIDUALIZED BUSINESS OPTION:** The selection of 18 credits of study based on an individualized plan of study submitted by the student and approved by an adviser. The

option allows the tailoring of a program of study to suit specific student needs.

**MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT OPTION:** An emphasis on the skills and knowledge necessary for the business professional to function in community and regional centers of commerce.

**Entrance Requirement:** Completion of MATH 022 or higher (MATH 040, 041, 110, 140).

For the B.S. degree in Business, a minimum of 120 credits is required, 15 of which must be at the 400 level.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits  
(12 of these 45 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in front of *Bulletin*)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**  
(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 8-16 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 71-79 credits  
(This includes 12 credits of General Education courses: 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 53-61 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (32-37 credits)  
ECON 002 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)  
ACCTG 211(4), ECON 004 GS(3), MIS 204(3) (Sem: 3-4)  
B A 321(1-3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), B A 322(1-3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), B A 420(1) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#),  
FIN 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), MGMT 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), MKTG 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#),  
SCM 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 5-6)  
B A 421(1-2) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), B A 422W(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (21-24 credits)  
MATH 110 GQ(4) or MATH 140 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4)  
SCM 200 GQ(4) or STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4)  
B A 243(4) or B A 241(2) and B A 242(2) (Sem: 3-4)  
B A 323(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) or I B 303 IL(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 5-8)  
Select 6-9 credits from B A 495A(3-9) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), B A 495B(3-9) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), or  
B A 495C(3-9) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 7-8)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION:** 18 credits [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)  
(Not all options are available at every campus.)

**ACCOUNTING OPTION:** (18 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (15 credits)  
ACCTG 404(3), ACCTG 432(3), ACCTG 471(3), ACCTG 472(3) (Sem: 5-6)  
ACCTG 403W(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

ACCTG 405(3) or FINSV 411(3) (Sem: 6-8)

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPTION:(18 credits)**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

ENTR 300(3), ENTR 320(3) (Sem: 5-6)

ENTR 400(3), ENGL 419(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (6 credits)

ENTR 410(3), ENTR 420(3), ENTR 430(3), or ENTR 440(3) (Sem: 5-8)

CAS 250(3), CAS 252(3), or CAS 352(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**FINANCIAL SERVICES OPTION: (18 credits)**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

FINSV 400(3), FINSV 411(3), INS 301(3) (Sem: 5-8)

ENGL 419(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (6 credits)

ECON 351(3), FINSV 420(3), INS 310W(3), or R EST 301(3) (Sem: 5-8)

CAS 250(3), CAS 252(3), or CAS 352(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**HEALTH SERVICES OPTION: (18 credits)**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

H P A 101(3) (Sem: 5-6)

H P A 310(3), H P A 332(3) (Sem: 5-8)

ENGL 419(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (6 credits)

CAS 250(3), CAS 252(3), or CAS 352(3) (Sem: 5-8)

H P A 447(3) or H P A 455(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**INDIVIDUALIZED BUSINESS OPTION: (18 credits)**

Prepare an individualized plan of study consisting of 18 credits to be submitted for approval by an adviser. (Sem: 5-8)

**MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING OPTION: (18 credits)**

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (18 credits)

1. Select 15 credits from the following (to include at least 3 credits in MGMT and 3 credits in MKTG and at least 3 credits at the 400 level):  
MGMT 321(3), MGMT 326(3), MGMT 331(3), MGMT 341(3), MGMT 401(3), MGMT 424(3); MGMT 431(3) or B A 250(3); MGMT 440(3), MGMT 445(3), MGMT 451W(3), MGMT 461 IL(3); MKTG 220(3) or MKTG 410(3); MKTG 310(3), MKTG 327(3), MKTG 330(3), MKTG 342(3), MKTG 422(3), MKTG 428(3), MKTG 445 IL(3), MKTG 450W(3), MKTG 478(3) (Sem: 5-8)
2. Select 3 credits from CAS 250(3), CAS 252(3), CAS 352(3), CAS 404(3) or ENGL 419(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

*Penn State Schuylkill/Individualized Business and Management/Marketing Options only (1/26/07)*

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## Communications

*University College (COMCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State New Kensington*

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

With the rapid development of digital technologies over the last decade, the field of communications has seen unprecedented growth and convergence of medium in media both technologically and structurally. The communications degree program addresses strongly articulated employer requirements for the workplace through an integrated program model. The degree provides the basic theoretical foundations of the discipline, allows for appropriate branching outside the traditional curriculum, and permits a drawing from appropriate courses in the disciplines of information sciences and technology, communications, arts and sciences, English and business.

The degree in communications provides two options for students who wish to develop their written and verbal skills in an effort to gain professional employment in fields such as public relations, publishing, speech writing, video and multimedia, production, and/or journalism.

**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OPTION:** In extending traditional organizational communication and public relations to the digital age, this option prepares public relations specialists to compete in a global society. The program is also effective as preparation for e-commerce.

**JOURNALISM OPTION:** In today's workplace, journalism graduates are required to regularly engage rapidly converging media in their work. This option offers graduates a competitive advantage by complementing traditional options (newspaper, magazine, radio, TV) with convergent coursework designed to prepare students for professional journalism in the digital age.

For a B.A. degree in Communications, a minimum of 121 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits  
(9-13 of these 45 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**  
(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 9-13 credits

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:** 24 credits

(3 of these 24 credits 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.)

(See description of Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements in this bulletin.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 52-53 credits

(This includes 9-13 credits of General Education courses; 6 credits of GS courses; 3 credits of GH courses; 0-4 credits GQ courses.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 28 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (16 credits) [1](#mnote01)

COMM 100 GS(3), IST 110 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)

COMM 260W(3) (Sem: 3-4)

COMM 494(3), COMM 495(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (12 credits)

AM ST 105 GH;US(3) or PHIL 103 GH(3) (Sem: 1-2)

PSYCH 100 GS(3) or SOC 001 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)

ECON 002 GS(3) or ECON 004 GS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

CAS 201 GH(3) or CAS 202 GS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION:** 24 credits

**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OPTION:** (24-25 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

CAS 252(3) (Sem: 3-4)

COMM 370(3) (Sem: 5-6)

COMM 471(3), MKTG 310(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (12-13 credits)

(Some courses in this category have prerequisites that are not required in the program.)

MKTG 221(3) or MKTG 221W(3) or MKTG 301(3) or MKTG 301W(3) (Sem: 5-6)

Select 9 credits from the following (at least 3 credits must be at the 400 level):

B A 100 GS(3), B A 243(4), CAS 203 GS(3), CAS 214W(3), CAS 352(3), CAS 404(3), CAS

452W(3), CAS 471 US;IL(3), CC 401(3), COMM 270(3), COMM 283W(3), COMM 403(3),

COMM 304(3), COMM 409(3), COMM 413W(3), COMM 473(3), COMM 496(3), ENGL

411(3), ENGL 419(3), ENGL 420(3), ENGL 421(3), STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 5-8)

**JOURNALISM OPTION:** (24 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

COMM 403(3), COMM 409(3), COMM 460W(3), ENGL 420(3) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (12 credits)

(Some courses in this category have prerequisites that are not required in the program.)

Select 12 credits from the following: CAS 203 GS(3), CAS 426W(3), COMM 205 US(3),

COMM 261 GH(3), COMM 269(3), COMM 270(3), COMM 283W(3), COMM 401(3), COMM

413W(3), COMM 461(3), COMM 470A(3), COMM 470B(3), COMM 470C(3), COMM 496(3),

ENGL 210(3), ENGL 215(3), ENGL 411(3), ENGL 415(3), ENGL 416(3), ENGL 417(3) (Sem:

3-8)

[1]A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in

Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Information Sciences and Technology

*Abington College*

*Berks College*

*Capital College*

*University College: Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York World Campus*

*University Park, College of Information Sciences and Technology (ISTBS)*

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

PROFESSOR HENRY C. FOLEY, *Program Coordinator*

This major is structured to provide students with the theoretical frameworks and skill sets necessary to compete and be productive in the information technology-intensive global context that defines the new "Information Age." Specifically, the degree will be focused on a program that will build an understanding of core information technologies and related areas of study; will prepare students for the practical application of various information sciences and related technologies; and engage students in sharpening their abilities to think critically and to work in teams. All this will be done with considerable interdisciplinary integration in order to expose students to the cognitive, social, institutional, and global environments of IST. Team projects in most courses, a required internship, and a senior capstone experience provide additional, focused venues for involving students in the cutting-edge issues and technologies of the field.

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS: DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT OPTION:** This option is focused on expanding the skills needed to develop advanced information technology systems using state-of-the-art tools and techniques. The emphasis is on providing the student with both knowledge in the design, implementation, testing and evolution of complex software systems as well as a set of project-oriented, team-programming experiences.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: INTEGRATION & APPLICATION OPTION:** This option is designed to prepare students to use information technology to realize a variety of system-based goals (e.g., reliability, accessibility, efficiency, etc.). It is focused on developing a theoretical foundation and the skill set needed for integrating information technology into different systems for the purpose of enhancing system performance. The emphasis is on providing the student with both the theoretical frameworks needed to use information technology as a system attribute as well as a set of application-oriented experiences and skills.

**INFORMATION CONTEXT: PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SOCIETY OPTION:** This

option focuses on how information technology affects social change and the delivery of information to the consumer. This includes the human-machine interface; organization and retrieval of information; digital libraries; information and telecommunications services; information and media industry structures; software services and intermediaries; telecommunications and information law and policy; sociological aspects of technology change; multimedia; and art, design, and aesthetics.

**Entrance Requirements:** To be eligible for entrance to the Information Sciences and Technology (ISTBS) major, students must:

1. be taking, or have taken, a program appropriate for entry to the major as shown in the *Bulletin* including approximately 60 credits of course work.
2. have completed the following entrance-to-major requirements with grades of C or better in each: IST 110(3); IST 210(4); and IST 220(3). These courses must be completed by the end of the semester during which the entrance-to-major procedure is carried out.
3. have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 prior to and through the end of the semester during which the entrance-to-major procedure is carried out.

For the B.S. degree in Information Sciences and Technology, a minimum of 125 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits

(12 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in front of the *Bulletin*)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**

(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 7 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 85 credits

(This includes 12 credits of General Education courses: 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GS courses; and 3 credits of GWS courses.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 64 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (33 credits)

CMPSC 101 GQ(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 110 GS(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 210(4) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 220(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 230(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 240(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 1-4)  
STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 3-6)  
IST 495(1) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 3-8)  
IST 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 331(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 5-8)  
IST 440W(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (10 credits)

ECON 002 GS(3), ECON 004 GS(3), or ECON 014 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)  
ENGL 202C GWS(3) or ENGL 202D GWS(3) (Sem: 1-4)  
MATH 110 GQ(4) or MATH 140 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (21 credits)**

Attainment of third-level proficiency in a single foreign language (12 credits). Proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the admission section of the general information in this *Bulletin* for the placement policy for Penn State foreign language courses. (Sem: 1-4)

Select 6 credits of international courses in foreign culture from College-approved list (Sem: 5-8)

Select 3 credits [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) at the 400 level in emerging issues and technologies from College-approved list (Sem: 5-8)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION: 21 credits**

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS: DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT OPTION: 21 credits**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES (3 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)**

IST 311(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES (6 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)**

Select 6 credits from IST 411(3), IST 412(3), or IST 413(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (12 credits)**

Select 12 credits from College-approved list (Sem: 5-8)

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: INTEGRATION & APPLICATION OPTION: 21 credits**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES (9 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)**

IST 302(3), IST 420(3), IST 421(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (12 credits)**

Select 12 credits from College-approved list (Sem: 5-8)

**INFORMATION CONTEXT: PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SOCIETY OPTION: 21 credits**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES (6 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)**

IST 431(3) and IST 432(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES (3 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)**

IST 302(3) or IST 413(3) (Sem: 1-4)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (12 credits)**

Select 12 credits from College-approved list (Sem: 5-8)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Letters, Arts, and Sciences

*Abington College (LASAB)*

*Altoona College (LASAL)*

*Penn State Harrisburg (LASCA)*

*University College (LASCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York*  
*University Park, College of the Liberal Arts (LAS)*  
*World Campus*

Letters, Arts, and Sciences is a multi-disciplinary, theme-oriented, and student-designed major leading to a bachelor of arts degree. The major consists of 36 credits, divided into two sections. The core (12 credits) consists of 3 credits each in the following: research methods/projects; communication skills; theory/application; and critical analysis. The additional courses (24 credits) consist of courses directed toward the student's theme, 15 credits of which must be at the 400 level.

In order to be eligible for entrance to the major, the student must submit a proposal. In consultation with an LAS adviser, the student formulates a proposal designing a program that investigates a theme from the viewpoint of at least three different subject areas. Students may not duplicate existing majors from any academic area. An important standard for entrance to the Letters, Arts, and Sciences major is the student's ability to design a program with academic integrity worthy of a bachelor of arts degree.

For the B.A. degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences, a minimum of 120 credits is required.

*Early Admission Program for Professional Schools* If a student is accepted and enrolled as a degree candidate in a professional postgraduate degree program requiring three years or more to complete (such as medical school, dental school, law school, theological seminary, etc.) and if that student completes 94 undergraduate credits at Penn State including General Education, B.A. requirements, and the LAS 12-credit core requirements, that student may use up to 30 credits from the professional school to complete the B.A. in LAS.

It must be emphasized that only top students are accepted into professional school programs on such an early admission basis and that not every professional school has such a policy. Students must have enrolled in LAS prior to attending the professional school to request graduation in LAS.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits  
(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 15 credits

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:** 24 credits  
(3 of these 24 credits 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.)  
(See description of Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements in this bulletin.)

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 36 credits**[1](#mnote01)

### **ADDITIONAL COURSES (24 credits)**

In consultation with adviser, select 24 credits from University-wide offerings to include:

- a) 12 credits at the 400 level representing at least three different subject areas;
- b) a 3 credit 400-level capstone course (to be selected in consultation with adviser);
- c) at least 9 credits (of the 24 total) from the humanities and social sciences. (Sem: 1-8)

### **SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (12 credits)**

In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits in research methods/projects from courses that involve research methodology or that focus on a research project; select 3 credits in communication skills from courses that focus on expression including those in verbal, symbolic, and written skills; select 3 credits in theory/application from courses that focus on theory, principle, central concepts, or fundamental issues; select 3 credits in critical analysis from courses that focus on evaluation, synthesis, and analysis. (Sem: 1-8)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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LA

## **Associate Degrees**

### **Business Administration**

*Abington College (2BAAB)*

*Altoona College (2BAAL)*

*Berks College (2BABL)*

*Capital College (2BACA)*

*University College (2BACC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York University College (2BACC): Via World Campus*

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

The associate degree program in Business Administration provides a foundation in business that, through two options, prepares graduates for either entrance to the Bachelor of Science in Business (BSB) programs in business or for direct entry into the work place. The primary objective of this major is to provide a business-oriented program with sufficient communicative and mathematical skills, socially relevant course work, and specific business specialties to develop a well-rounded and knowledgeable graduate.

The General Business Option provides an introductory foundation to core aspects of the business environment while also preparing students for future transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Business (BSB).

The Professional Studies Option provides a technically-oriented program that prepares students for direct entry into the work force. Because some of the course work in this option is not accepted in baccalaureate business programs, students are encouraged to work closely with faculty and staff advisers.

Students who plan to continue into BSB should meet with their advisers regarding entrance to major and other related requirements.

For the Associate in Science degree in Business Administration, a minimum of 60 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 21 credits

(9 credits of these 21 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 48-50 credits

(This includes 3 credits of GQ General Education courses and 6 credits of GWS General Education courses.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 30-31 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (13 credits)

CAS 100 GWS(3) (Sem: 2-4)

ACCTG 211(4), ENGL 202D GWS(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), MIS 204(3) (Sem: 2-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (17-18 credits)

ENGL 015 GWS(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) or ENGL 030 GWS(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 1-2)

MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 110 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-2) [\[74\]\(#mnote74\)](#)

B A 243(4) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) or B A 241(2) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) and B A 242(2) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)  
(Sem: 1-4)

ECON 002 GS(3) or ECON 004 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)

SCM 200 GQ(4) or STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 2-4)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION:** 18-19 credits

(Both options may not be available at every campus.)

**GENERAL BUSINESS OPTION:** (18-19 credits)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (18-19 credits )

a) Select 3 credits from MGMT 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) or MGMT 301W(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)  
(Sem: 3-4)

b) Select 3 credits from MKTG 301(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) or MKTG 301W(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)  
(Sem: 3-4)

c) Select 12-13 credits from B A 250(3); CAS 250(3) or CAS 252(3); LER 100 GS(3) or LER 136 US(3); ECON 002 GS(3) or ECON 004 GS(3); MATH 022 GQ(3), MATH 110 GQ(4), MKTG 220(3) (Sem: 1-4)

**PROFESSIONAL STUDIES OPTION:** (18 credits) [\[75\]\(#mnote01\)](#)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (18 credits )

Select 18 credits from ACCTG 151(3), ACCTG 152(3), ACCTG 153(3), ACCTG 160(3), ACCTG 186(3), B A 100 GS(3), B A 250(3); ECON 002 GS(3) or ECON 004 GS(3); CMPSC 140(3), FIN 100(3), FIN 108(3), H P A 101(3), IST 110 GS(3), IST 210(3), IST 220(3), IST 250(3), LER 100 GS(3), LER 136 US(3); MGMT 100(3) or MGMT 100W(3); MGMT 150(3), MIS 103(3), MIS 106(1-6), MIS 120(3); MIS 130(3), MIS 190(3), MKTG 220(3); MKTG 221(3) or MKTG 221W(3); R EST 100(3) (Sem: 1-4)

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

[74] Students should work closely with academic advisers to ensure the completion of any and all course work required for entrance to BSB.

[75] This Option is designed for students planning to enter the work force directly upon graduation. Some courses included in this option will not transfer into baccalaureate business programs. Students are encouraged to work closely with their advisers.

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UC

## Information Sciences and Technology

*Berks College*

*Continuing Education*

*University College: Penn State Beaver, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York University Park, College of Information Sciences and Technology(2 IST)*

*World Campus*

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL D. McNEESE, *in charge*

This associate degree major is structured to prepare graduates for immediate and continuing employment opportunities in the broad disciplines of information science and technology. This includes positions such as application programmers, associate systems designers, network managers, Web designers and administrators, or information systems support specialists. Specifically, the major is designed to ensure a thorough knowledge of information systems and includes extensive practice using contemporary technologies in the creation, organization, storage, analysis, evaluation, communication, and transmission of information. The major fosters communications, interpersonal, and group interaction skills through appropriate collaborative and active learning projects and experiences. Technical material covers the structure of database systems, Web and multi-media systems, and considerations in the design of information systems. Team projects in most courses, a required internship, and a second-year capstone experience provide additional, focused venues for involving students in the cutting-edge issues and technologies in the field.

The Associate of Science in IST degree will be offered at multiple campuses within the Penn State system of colleges and campuses. Note that not all options will be available at all locations.

**Baccalaureate Option:** This option provides maximum articulation with the Baccalaureate Degree. Students who complete this option will meet all lower division requirements for the Baccalaureate Degree. This is not the case with the remaining options, although the degree

of articulation is quite high for all Associate Degree Options.

**Generalized Business Option:** This option enables students to specialize in the general business areas of accounting, marketing, and management.

**Individualized Option:** This option enables students to work closely with an adviser to develop a plan of study that meets the dual objectives of allowing a flexible academic program and providing breadth of technical specialization. An example would be a program where a student would take some of the courses listed in the Web Administration Option and the remainder in the Software Option.

**Software Option:** This option prepares graduates for entry-level programming support positions in industry. Students take courses in Web programming, database programming, and other contemporary programming environments.

**Web Administration Option:** This prepares graduates for positions as Web administrators and Web programmers.

**Networking Option:** This option prepares graduates for positions as entry-level computer network administrators. Students take courses in personal computer hardware, networking essentials, and network administration.

**Data/Information Option:** This option prepares graduates for entry-level database support positions. Students take courses in relational database systems and database management.

**Industrial/Manufacturing Option:** This option prepares graduates for entry-level manufacturing information systems positions. Students take courses in electrical and mechanical systems, and business and industrial processes.

**Telecommunications Option:** This option prepares graduates for entry-level positions in the telecommunications industry. Students take courses in voice and data communications, protocols, networks, and wireless systems.

For the Associate in Science degree in IST, a minimum of 60 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 21 credits  
(9-12 of these 21 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See the description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**ELECTIVES:** 2-6 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 45-47 credits  
(This includes 9-12 credits of General Education courses, i.e., ALL options: 3 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GWS courses. The Baccalaureate Option also includes 3 credits of GS courses to equal a total of 12 credits that double count; the General Business Option also includes 0-3 credits of GS courses to equal 9-12 credits that double count.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 30 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (26 credits)

CMPSC 101 GQ(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) (Sem: 1-2)  
CAS 100B GWS(3), IST 110 GS(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 111S(1), IST 210(4) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#),  
IST 220(3) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#), IST 250(3), ENGL 015 GWS(3) (Sem: 1-2)  
IST 260W(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (4 credits)

ENGL 202C GWS(3) or ENGL 202D GWS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

IST 295A(1) or IST 295B(1) (Sem: 3-4)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION:** 15-18 credits

**BACCALAUREATE OPTION:** (17-18 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (13 credits)

IST 230(3) and IST 240(3) (Sem: 3-4)

ECON 002 GS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (4 credits)

MATH 110 GQ(4) or MATH 140 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-2)

**GENERALIZED BUSINESS OPTION:** (15-16 credits)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (15-16 credits)

Select 15 credits in consultation with the adviser from the following list: (Sem:1-4)

ACCTG 151(3), ACCTG 152(3), ACCTG 153(3), ACCTG 160(3), ACCTG 170(3), ACCTG 186(3), ACCTG 211(4), B A 250(3), MKTG 220(3), MKTG 221(3), MKTG 310(3), MKTG 327(3), MGMT 100(3), MGMT 150(3), MGMT 321(3), MGMT 341(3)

ECON 002 GS(3), ECON 004 GS(3), or ECON 014 GS(3)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3)

**INDIVIDUALIZED OPTION:** (15 credits)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (15 credits)

Select 15 credits in consultation with an adviser that follow a coherent theme in information sciences and technology. (Sem: 1-4)

**SOFTWARE OPTION:** (15 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

CMPSC 302(3) (Sem: 2-4)

IST 211(3), IST 247(3), and IST 256(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-2)

**NETWORKING OPTION:** (15 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

IST 225(3), IST 226(3), IST 227(3), and IST 228(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-2)

**WEB ADMINISTRATION OPTION:** (15 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

IST 255(3), IST 256(3), IST 257(3), and IST 258(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-2)

**MANUFACTURING OPTION:** (16 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

IST 271(3), IST 272(3), IST 273(3), and IST 274(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (4 credits)

MATH 110(4) or MATH 140(4) (Sem: 1-2)

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPTION:** (15 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

IST 221(3), IST 222(3), IST 223(3), and IST 224(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-2)

**DATA/INFORMATION OPTION:** (15 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (12 credits)

IST 211(3), IST 212(3), IST 213(3), and IST 214(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (3 credits)

MATH 017 GQ(3), MATH 021 GQ(3), MATH 022 GQ(3), or MATH 026 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-2)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Letters, Arts, and Sciences

*Abington College (2LAAB)*

*Altoona College (2LAAL)*

*Penn State Erie, The Behrend College (2LABC)*

*Berks College (2LABL)*

*Capital College (2LACA)*

*University College (2LACC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois,*

*Penn State Fayette, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State Greater*

*Allegheny, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill*

*(2LACA), Penn State Shenango Valley, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State*

*Worthington-Scranton, Penn State York*

*University Park, College of the Liberal Arts (2 LAS)*

*World Campus*

ASSOCIATE DEAN JOHN L. SELZER, *in charge, Penn State University Park*

The objectives of the Letters, Arts, and Sciences major are to broaden the student's understanding, interests, and skills; to help the student become a more responsible, productive member of the family and community; and to offer a degree program with sufficient electives to permit some specialization according to the student's interests or career plans. Letters, Arts, and Sciences is a complete two-year degree major. However, graduates who later seek admission to baccalaureate degree majors may apply baccalaureate credits toward the new degree.

In addition to a wide variety of baccalaureate majors offered at University Park campus, graduates of the Letters, Arts, and Sciences major may qualify for admission to the baccalaureate degree majors in Behavioral Sciences, Elementary Education, Humanities, or Public Policy offered at Penn State Harrisburg. Or they may qualify for any of a large number of baccalaureate degree majors offered by Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, in business, the liberal arts, and sciences.

For the Associate in Arts degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences, a minimum of 60 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 21 credits

(6 of these 21 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**ELECTIVES:** 15 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 30 credits#[\[1\]](#)(#mnote01)

(This includes 6 credits of General Education GWS courses.)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (6 credits)

ENGL 015 GWS(3) (Sem: 1-2)

CAS 100 GWS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSE** (3 credits)

ENGL 202A GWS(3), ENGL 202B GWS(3), ENGL 202C GWS(3), or ENGL 202D GWS(3) (Sem: 3-4)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (21 credits)

Select 3 credits in any course designated as arts\* (Sem: 1-4)

Select 3 credits in any course designated as humanities\* (Sem: 1-4)

Select 3 credits in any course designated as social and behavioral sciences\* (Sem: 1-4)

Select 3 credits in any course designated as physical, biological, or earth sciences\* (Sem: 1-4)

Select 9 credits in any one of the following areas\*: arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and quantification, and foreign language skills. (If foreign language courses are chosen, it is recommended that these courses be in one foreign language sequence.) (Sem: 1-4)

**[1]**A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

#The required credits of General Education and Requirements for the Major must be baccalaureate-level courses. For students intending to seek admission to a baccalaureate program upon graduation, it is recommended that most, if not all, of the courses be at the baccalaureate level. For those students who will seek a bachelor of arts degree upon graduation from Letters, Arts, and Sciences, it is strongly recommended that a foreign language be taken since admission to a bachelor of arts program in the College of the Liberal Arts requires one college-level course, or the equivalent, in a foreign language.

\*Courses that will satisfy the arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and quantification requirements are defined on the Letters, Arts, and Sciences checksheet, which may be obtained from the College of the Liberal Arts associate dean for undergraduate studies at the University Park campus or from any Letters, Arts, and Sciences representative at other locations.

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## Science

*Altoona College (2SCAL)*

*University College (2SCCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Shenango*

The Science major is designed primarily to provide for the basic educational needs of students who want to pursue professional programs in various scientific or medical fields. The program provides a fundamental group of science courses of value to those who seek positions in government or industry where such knowledge is necessary or desirable. The program offers sufficient flexibility to meet diverse academic and career goals.

Graduates of the of the program may qualify for admission to the baccalaureate degrees in science. Students planning on continuing in baccalaureate degrees are encouraged to work closely with their advisers.

For the Associate in Science degree in Science, a minimum of 67 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 21 credits

(15 of these 21 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 61 credits

(This includes 15 credits of General Education courses: 3 credits of GN courses; 3 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GWS courses; 3 credits of GH courses; 3 credits of GQ, GWS, GH, or GN courses.)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (14 credits)

BIOL 110 GN(4) [1](#mnote01), CAS 100 GWS(3) [1](#mnote01) (#mnote01), CHEM 110 GN(3) [1](#mnote01), CHEM 111 GN(1) [1](#mnote01), ENGL 015 GWS(3) [1](#mnote01) (#mnote01) (Sem: 1-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (22-27 credits)

(Note: PHYS 250 and PHYS 251 and MATH 140 are recommended for students planning to continue in baccalaureate programs of science.)

Select 4-6 credits from MATH 022 GQ(3), MATH 026 GQ(3), or MATH 040 GQ(5), or MATH 140 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-2)

Select 3-4 credits from STAT 200 GQ(4), STAT 220(3), STAT 250 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-4)

Select 3 credits from PHIL 002 GH(3), PHIL 103 GH(3), PHIL 103W GH(3), PHIL 110 GH(3), PHIL 118 GH(3), PHIL 221 GH(3) (Sem: 1-4)

Select 3 credits from CMPSC 100(3), MIS 103(3), CMPSC 101 GQ(3) (Sem: 1-4)

Select 6-8 credits from PHYS 150 GN(3) and PHYS 151 GN(3) or PHYS 250 GN(4) and PHYS 251 GN(4) (Sem: 2-4)

Select 3 credits from CHEM 112 GN(3), CHEM 202(3) (Sem: 2-4)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (20-25 credits)

Select 20-25 credits from approved departmental list of BIOLOGICAL/MATH/PHYSICAL

SCIENCES (Sem: 1-4)

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Minors

### Business Minor

*Abington College (BSBAB)*

*Berks College (BSBBL)*

*University College (BSBCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York*

This interdisciplinary minor provides students with a business-oriented supplement to their academic major. It is designed to introduce students to a variety of fundamental business skills and knowledge. The minor consists of 22-23 credits, at least 6 credits of which must be at the 400 level. Only courses in which students earn a grade of C or better may be counted toward fulfillment of the requirements for the minor.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR: 22-23 credits**

**PRESCRIBED COURSES:** (10 credits)

ACCTG 211(4) (Sem: 1-5)

MGMT 301(3), MKTG 301(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES:** (6-7 credits)

Select 3 credits from ECON 002 GS(3) or ECON 004 GS(3) (Sem: 1-5)

Select 3-4 credits from B A 241(2) and B A 242(2) or B A 243(4); MIS 204(3), SCM 200 GQ(4) or STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-5)

FIN 301(3), I B 303(3), SCM 301(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**Note:** A student who receives credits for B A 243 may not receive credit for either B A 241 or B A 242.

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS:** (6 credits)

Select 6 credits at the 400 level in consultation with your adviser and the approval of the director of the business minor (Sem: 5-8)

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## **Information Sciences and Technology Minor**

Abington College

Berks College

Capital College

University College: Penn State Beaver, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Penn State York University Park, College of Information Sciences and Technology (IST)

This minor is structured to provide students with the theoretical frameworks and skill sets necessary to compete and be productive in the information technology-intensive global context that defines the new "Information Age." Specifically, the minor will be focused on a program that will build an understanding of core information technologies and related areas of study; will prepare students for the practical application of various information sciences and related technologies; and engage students in sharpening their abilities to think critically and to work in teams. All this will be done with the intent to expose students to the cognitive, social, institutional, and global environments of Information Sciences and Technology and to then apply that knowledge as a supplement to their major. A one-time tuition surcharge will be applied to all students enrolled in the minor.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in this minor.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:** 19 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (10 credits)

IST 110 GS(3), IST 210(4), IST 220(3) (Sem 1-6)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (9 credits)

Select 3 credits from IST 250(3), IST 301(3), or IST 302(3) (Sem 5-8)

Select 6 credits from IST 402(3), IST 431(3), or IST 432(3) (Sem 5-8)

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## **Psychology Minor**

*Penn State Abington (PSYAB)*

*Penn State Altoona (PSYAL)*

*Penn State Harrisburg (PSYCA)*

*University College (PSYCC): Penn State Beaver, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill University Park, College of the Liberal Arts (PSY)*

PROFESSOR KEITH CRNIC, *Head*

The Psychology Minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with a broad overview of topics and domains within psychology, knowledge and skills related to research methods in psychology, and deeper knowledge of research, theory, and application in one or two specific content domains. Students completing this minor will find a flexible selection of coursework in psychology. The content domains from which students may select courses include biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental, industrial-organizational, and social psychology. Students may choose courses that emphasize theory or application of psychological principles. A number of these courses examine the application of psychological research to societal issues.

The required research methods course, PSYCH 301W, carries a statistics prerequisite that can be met by either PSYCH 200 or STAT 200. STAT 200 does not count toward the minimum 18 credits required for the minor. Students minoring in Psychology at University Park are encouraged to consult the Psychology Advising Center early in the process of planning their minor.

The Psychology Minor may be appropriate for students pursuing graduate training or professional careers in fields such as health, business, education, and human services, as well as in psychology.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:** 18 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (7 credits)

PSYCH 100 GS(3), PSYCH 301W(4) (Sem: 1-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (11 credits)

Select 11 credits (at least 6 credits at the 400 level) in PSYCH (Sem: 5-8)

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## **Security and Risk Analysis Minor**

*Penn State Berks*

*University College: Penn State Beaver, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Worthington  
Scranton*

*University Park, College of Information Sciences and Technology (SRA)*

The minor in Security and Risk Analysis (SRA) is intended to familiarize students with the general frameworks and multidisciplinary theories that define security and related risk analysis. Course work will engage students in the challenges and problems of assuring information confidentiality and integrity (e.g., social, economic, technology, and policy issues) as well as the strengths and weaknesses of various methods for assessing and mitigating associated risk in the students' major field.

The minor provides a grounding in analysis and modeling used in information search, visualization and creative problem solving. This knowledge is set in the context of legal, ethical and regulatory issues of security including analysis of privacy and security law,

internal control standards, regulatory policies and basic investigative processes and principles. Such understanding overviews the information technology that plays a critical role in identifying, preventing and responding to security-related events in the student's major field. A one-time tuition surcharge will be applied to all students enrolled in the minor.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:** 21 credits [1](#mnote01)  
(At least 6 credits must be at the 400 level.)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (15 credits)

IST 110 GS(3), SRA 111 GS(3), SRA 211(3), SRA 221(3) (Sem: 1-6)

IST 452(3) (Sem: 5-8)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (6 credits)

Select 6 credits in consultation with the SRA Minor adviser from the following areas: Risk Management, Network Security, or Cyber Forensics. At least 3 credits must be at the 400 level. (Sem: 5-8)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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