BUSINESS, B.S. (ABINGTON)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Abington

Program Description

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 a professionally oriented business degree program that combines the theoretical underpinnings of core business disciplines, notably management, marketing, finance, and supply chain management, with applied study in a practical setting. Through the choice of an 18-credit option, students specialize in a key business sector. Students also develop written and oral communication skills throughout the program, acquire contemporary technology skills, and engage in active and collaborative learning. The degree allows students to become familiar with the unique business environments of their local communities, a design that sets the degree apart from other business degrees offered within the University and throughout the Commonwealth.

Accounting Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York
This option prepares students to pursue careers in business with an emphasis on the areas of financial and managerial accounting, systems and controls, auditing, and taxation.

Entrepreneurship Option
Available at the following campuses: Altoona, World Campus
This option prepares students to pursue entrepreneurial careers with emphasis on idea generation, opportunity analysis, new product creation, and business plan development.

Financial Services Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Berks, DuBois, Lehigh Valley, Scranton, World Campus
This option prepares students to pursue careers in financial organizations with emphasis on wealth management, tax planning, risk management, and financial analysis.

Health Services Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Lehigh Valley, World Campus
This option prepares students to pursue careers in the health services sector with emphasis on the financial and administrative aspects of health care enterprises.

Individualized Business Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York
This option provides the opportunity for students to pursue an approved business-focused interdisciplinary program of study.

Management and Marketing Option
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York
This option prepares students to pursue careers in business organizations with an emphasis on the skills and knowledge necessary for the business professional to function in community and regional centers of commerce.

What is Business?
Business is a professionally-oriented program providing a broad education and solid grounding of business knowledge. Focusing on practical skills and real-world experience, the program’s interdisciplinary perspective provides a versatile base for mobility into all business areas, preparing students for the business world of today and tomorrow. Options provide additional specialization in accounting, entrepreneurship, financial services, health services, management and marketing or the opportunity to develop an individualized plan that fits your career goals.

You Might Like This Program If...
• You want to develop the skills for working in business.
• You wish to be develop a broad knowledge of business operations.
• You want to become a flexible business professional, equipped to adapt to the ever-changing workplace of the future.
• You are interested in an academic challenge with theoretical and practical focus in a competitive yet collaborative learning environment.
• You want transferable skills or you are not sure which business sector you wish to focus.
• You wish to be develop a broad knowledge of business operations.
• You want to develop the skills for working in business.

Entrance To Major
Completion of MATH 22 or MATH 40, MATH 41, MATH 110, MATH 140.

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Science degree in Business, a minimum of 120 credits is required, 15 of which must be at the 400 level:

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12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.

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 (http://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.)**
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

**Knowledge Domains**
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

**Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)**
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 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 (http://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.

**Requirements for the Major**
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 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

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Select 0-3 credits from 400-level business courses from: ACCTG, BA, ECON, ENTR, FIN, FINSV, HPA, IB, MGMT, MIS, MKTG, RM, or SCM

**Requirements for the Option**

**Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better**
Select an option

18

**Requirements for the Option**

**Accounting Option (18 credits)**
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York
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### Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 0-3 credits of the following:

- BBH 302  Diversity and Health
- CAS 352  Organizational Communication
- CAS 404  Conflict Resolution and Negotiation
- ENGL 416 Science Writing
- ENGL 419 Advanced Business Writing
- LER 424  Employment Compensation
- LER 472  Work-Life Practices and Policies
- PSYCH 281 Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- PSYCH 484 Work Attitudes and Motivation
- PSYCH 485 Leadership in Work Settings

### Entrepreneurship Option (18 credits)
*Available at the following campuses: Altoona, World Campus*

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### Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 3 credits of 400-level courses from: ACCTG, BA, ECON, ENTR, FIN, FINSV, HPA, IB, MGMT, MIS, MKTG, RM, or SCM

### Financial Services Option (18 credits)
*Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Berks, DuBois, Lehigh Valley, Scranton, World Campus*

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Select 0-6 credits from ACCTG, BA, ECON, ENTR, FIN, FINSV, HPA, IB, MGMT, MKTG, MIS, RM or SCM

### Individualized Business Option (18 credits)
*Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York*

Select 18 credits of study (with at least 3 credits at the 400-level) as submitted by the student and approved by the campus BSB Program Coordinator. A grade of C or better is required for all option courses.

### Management and Marketing Option (18 credits)
*Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, World Campus, York*

Select 0-6 credits of BA 250, ENGL 419, MKTG 220

### Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select one of the following:

- 0-6 credits from BA 250, ENGL 419, MKTG 220
- CAS 250  Small Group Communication
- CAS 252  Business and Professional Communication
- CAS 352  Organizational Communication
- CAS 404  Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 3 credits from 300 or 400-level MGMT courses

Select 3 credits from 300 or 400-level MKTG courses

Select 6-12 additional credits in 300 or 400-level courses from MGMT or MKTG courses
A minimum of 3 credits of supporting courses must be selected at the 400-level.

**Program Learning Objectives**

Upon graduation BSB students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the necessary skills and abilities to effectively communicate.
2. Apply contemporary tools of information technology to include business software applications.
3. Apply leadership, team building, and project management skills.
4. Compare, contrast and differentiate the business environment of both their local community and the globalized world economy.
5. Demonstrate an awareness of ethical issues, social responsibilities and conflict resolution.
6. Utilize and apply fundamental business concepts, principles and contemporary business practices.
7. Recognize, analyze and solve business problems using quantitative and qualitative measures.

**Academic Advising**

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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Suggested Academic Plan
The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2020-21 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 contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

Accounting Option at Abington 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.

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Total Credits 122

* 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 University 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.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

1 Or appropriate MATH course based on ALEKS math assessment.
2 Business Courses: ACCTG, BA, ECON, ENTR, HPA, IB, MGMT, MIS, MKTG, RM, SCM in consultation with adviser.
3 Internship may be waived and 3 credits of 400 level Business substituted for adult learners employed in the field.
4 Business Course related to individual plan of study. Students must obtain approval from their academic adviser and the Division Head of Social Sciences prior to completion of this course.

Minimum of 120 credits required for graduation, 15 at the 400-level.

Career Paths

In today’s economic environment, the Bachelor of Science in Business allows companies to hire individuals who have a broad knowledge of all aspects of business. This broad knowledge give you the opportunity to be effective within many different types of organizations. You will also be well-positioned to pursue admission to graduate programs.

Careers

With a degree in business, you may specialize through options that may vary by campus. With an accounting option, you can work in the areas of financial and managerial accounting, systems and controls, taxation, and auditing. The entrepreneurship option provides the skills for you to start your own business or to work as an entrepreneur within a company. Health services provides the financial and administrative skills and knowledge necessary for you to become a health services managers.

With an option in financial services you might pursue positions in wealth and risk management, estate planning or financial and retirement planning. With the management and marketing option you will be prepared for a career in retail management, small business management or in marketing, advertising and promotion. Finally, with an individualized option, you have flexibility to build specialized skills for your personal business career goals.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

A baccalaureate degree in Business can lead to a Master’s degree in Business (MBA) or other business-related masters degrees. MBA programs are offered at Penn State Great Valley, Penn State Erie, Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State Berks, Smeal College of Business and through the World Campus.

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