POLYMER ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Erie

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Polymer and Engineering Science, a minimum of 130 credits is required:

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27 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GWS courses, 6 credits of GQ courses, 3 credits of GS courses, 9 credits of GN courses.

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Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade 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).

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Code    | Title                                           | Credits |
---------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
CAS 100  | Effective Speech                                | 3       |
CHEM 110 | Chemical Principles I                           | 3       |
CHEM 111 | Experimental Chemistry I                        | 1       |
CHEM 112 | Chemical Principles II                          | 3       |
CHEM 113 | Experimental Chemistry II                       | 1       |
CHEM 210 | Organic Chemistry I                             | 3       |
CMPSC 200| Programming for Engineers with MATLAB           | 3       |
EDSGN 100S| Introduction to Engineering Design              | 3       |
EMCH 211 | Statics                                         | 3       |
EMCH 213 | Strength of Materials                           | 3       |
EMCH 315 | Mechanical Response of Engineering Materials    | 2       |
ENGL 15  | Rhetoric and Composition                        | 3       |
ENGL 202C | Effective Writing: Technical Writing            | 3       |
IE 424   | Process Quality Engineering                     | 3       |
MATH 140 | Calculus With Analytic Geometry I               | 4       |
MATH 141 | Calculus With Analytic Geometry II              | 4       |
MATH 220 | Matrices                                        | 2-3     |
MATH 231 | Calculus of Several Variables                   | 2       |
MATH 251 | Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations     | 4       |
MATSE 202| Introduction to Polymer Materials               | 3       |
MATSE 445| Thermodynamics, Microstructure, and Characterization of Polymers | 3   |
MATSE 447| Rheology and Processing of Polymers             | 3       |
PES 213  | Polymer Chemistry Lab                           | 2       |
PES 305  | Fluids/Heat Transfer                            | 3       |
PES 320  | Polymer Sustainability                          | 3       |
PES 323  | Rheology Lab                                    | 2       |
PES 340  | Polymer Characterization                        | 2       |
PES 341  | Polymer Characterization Lab                    | 1       |
PES 351  | Polymer Processing Lab                          | 1       |
PES 365  | Processing for Polymer Product Performance      | 3       |
PES 440  | Failure Analysis and Characterization           | 3       |
PES 441  | Failure Analysis Lab                            | 1       |
PES 446W | Senior Project 1                                | 1       |
PES 447W | Senior Project 2                                | 1       |
PES 448W | Senior Project 3                                | 1       |
PES 460  | Polymer Formulation for Processing and Design   | 3       |
PHYS 211 | General Physics: Mechanics                      | 4       |
PHYS 212 | General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism      | 4       |

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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<td>ECON 102</td>
<td>Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy or ECON 104</td>
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Students majoring in Polymer Engineering and Science must complete a total of 12 credits (4 courses) of 400-level PES technical electives from the approved list. (Except where noted, courses taken to satisfy General Education requirements may not be used to satisfy PES technical elective requirements.)

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
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- **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.