COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2021-22 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).

Comparative Literature, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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.

First Year

Fall | Credits Spring | Credits
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00 or 100 Level Course in Comparative Literature* | 3 CMLIT 100* | 3
ENGL 15, 30H, 137H, CAS 137H, or ESL 15 (GWS)‡ | 3 CAS 100A, 100B, 100C, 138T, or ENGL 138T (GWS)‡ | 3
General Education Course | 3 General Education Course (GQ)‡ | 3
General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3
World Language Level 1 | 4 World Language Level 2 | 4

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Second Year

Fall | Credits Spring | Credits
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General Education Course | 3 World Language level 4* | 3
Any Level Course in Comparative Literature* | 3 BA Requirements | 3
General Education Course | 3 General Education Course (GQ)* | 3
General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3
World Language Level 3 | 4 CMLIT 10 (IL)* | 3

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Third Year

Fall | Credits Spring | Credits
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World Language level 5* | 3 400 Level Course in CMLIT* | 3
400 Level Course in Comparative Literature, English Literature, or World Language* | 3 BA Other Cultures Course/Elective | 3
General Education Course | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡ | 3

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End Campus: University Park

Fourth Year

Fall | Credits Spring | Credits
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400 Level Course in Comparative Literature, English Literature, or World Language* | 3 400 Level Course in Comparative Literature, English Literature, or Foreign Language* | 3
Elective | 3 400 Level Course in Comparative Literature, English Literature, or Foreign Language* | 3
Elective | 3 General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5
Elective | 3 Elective | 3
General Education Course | 1.5 Elective | 3
CMLIT 400Y (US/IL)* | 3

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Total Credits 123

* 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.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30H and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (https://bulletins.psu.edu/
Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures/).

**Advising Notes:**

- All incoming freshmen must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 cr. and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.