Multidisciplinary Studies, B.A. (University College)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Brandywine, DuBois, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Shenango, Scranton

**Suggested Academic Plan**

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Program Notes:

• As long as two Arts (GA), two Humanities (GH), two Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS), and three Natural Sciences (GN) courses are taken across the eight semesters, the particular order in which these courses are taken is not relevant.

• The courses series listed above is only one of many possible ways to move through the LAS curriculum. A student's career/graduate school plans should be considered in developing an individual academic plan. Be sure to consult an adviser in the LAS department when scheduling courses.

• LAS majors must take 3 credits in each of the following areas: Research Methods/Projects, Communication Skills, Theory/Application, Critical Analysis. See adviser for course recommendations.

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Multidisciplinary Studies, B.A. at Mont Alto Campus

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1. The First-Year Seminar requirement may be met via PSU 8 (1 credit) or with some designated courses.
2. World Language (0-12 credits) - Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. Penn State Mont Alto typically offers Spanish. If a student does not need to take the first and/or second semester(s) of a language, these credits will need to be replaced with electives.
3. ENGL 202 - Students should consult with their adviser to select any one of ENGL 202A or ENGL 202B or ENGL 202C or ENGL 202D.
4. Other Cultures - Selected courses meet this "other cultures" requirement. Students also must take one international (IL) and one United States (US) cultures course. Courses with cultures attributes can also count toward general education or BA fields.
5. B.A. Fields - Selected courses are designated as meeting the Bachelor of Arts requirement. The student should work with the adviser to make this selection.
6. Core: Research - In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits in research methods/projects from courses that involve research methodology or that focus on a research project.
7. Core: Theory/Application - In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits in theory/application from courses that focus on theory, principle, central concepts, or fundamental issues.
8. Core: Critical Analysis - In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits in critical analysis from courses that focus on evaluation, synthesis, and analysis.
9. Core: Communication Skills - In consultation with adviser, select 3 credits in communication skills from courses that focus on expression including those in verbal, symbolic, and written skills.
10. Writing Across the Curriculum (W) - Some general education courses also satisfy the "W" requirement. If a student has completed 3 credits of "W" course previously, this would be an elective. Work with the adviser to select an appropriate "W" course.

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**Advising Notes:**

- Students must work with program coordinator for this major to develop and submit an academic plan for this degree before completing 90 credits. Entrance to this major requires an approved proposal, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, and a minimum of 27.5 credits. Students who have completed 91 credits may not enter this major. The five 400-level courses required for this major must be in a minimum of three different disciplines. Nine of the credits for the major must be from the humanities and social sciences.
- A student enrolled in an associate degree should contact the program coordinator to develop and submit the academic plan before completing the associate degree. This major can serve as a complement to the associate degree or as bridge from the associate degree to graduate studies (in physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, and more).
- With careful planning, students can complete a minor (examples: BIOL, BUS, CRIMJ, HDFS, or PSYCH). Minors require 6 credits unique from the courses required by the major, increasing the total degree credits from 120 to 126.
- This major was previously called the BA in Letters, Arts, and Sciences (LASUC_BA). It was renamed effective in summer 2022.
Multidisciplinary Studies, B.A. at Scranton Campus

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- After completing the 4th semester, students intending to major in LAS must write a proposal outlining the selection of courses they plan to take, demonstrating how those courses work together to prepare them for their intended career choice. This proposal must be approved by LAS Program Coordinator at Scranton.
- At least 3 credits must be taken in US cultures; at least 3 credits must be taken in IL cultures; at least 3 credits must be taken in Other Cultures.
- At least one lab course is required in General Education Natural Sciences (GN)

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Multidisciplinary Studies, B.A. at Shenango Campus

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