# SCIENCE, B.S. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** Scranton, York

## Suggested Academic Plan

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### Scranton Campus

**General Science Option: Science, B.S. at Scranton Campus**

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