

AFRICAN STUDIES, 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 2024-25 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.

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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
ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H [†]	3	CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T [‡]	3
AFR 110 [*]	3	AFR 105 [*]	3
First Year Seminar	3	General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
World Language Level 1	4	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	World Language Level 2	4
	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
AFR 191 or HIST 191 [*]	3	General Education Quantification Course [‡]	3
World Language Level 3	4	Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3
Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3	AFR 192 or HIST 192 [*]	3
Elective	3	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	16		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3	Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3
General Education Course	3	Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3
General Education Course	3	BA Knowledge Domain Course	3
General Education Course	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3

Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3	General Education Course	3
	15		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Major Course from Additional Course List [*]	3	Major Course from Additional Course List AFR 4XX [*]	3
Major Course from Additional Course List AFR 4XX [*]	3	Major Course from Additional Course List AFR 4XX [*]	3
BA Knowledge Domain Course	3	General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
AFR 4XX	3	Elective	3
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5		
	16.5		13.5

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 Cultural Diversity 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.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. 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/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Advising Note:

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.