

**Recommended Academic Plan for General Arts and Sciences (GAS at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)  
Effective Summer 1988 (Review Date Spring 2001)**

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3
<a href="#">ENGL 015</a> (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition <i>or</i> <a href="#">ENGL 030</a> (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	General Education Selection*	3
Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), or Social & Behavioral Science (GS)*	3	General Education Selection*	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3	Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1	Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1
Foreign Language (Level One)#	4	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	17
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
General Education Selection*	3	<a href="#">ENGL 202A, B, C, or D</a> (GWS) <i>Effective Writing</i>	3
General Education Selection*	3	<a href="#">CAS 100</a> (GWS) <i>Effective Speech</i>	3
Bachelor of Arts <a href="#">Other Cultures</a> Course	3	Arts (GA) Common Requirement for the Major	3
General Education Selection**	3	General Education Selection**	3
Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4	General Education Selection**	3
		Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1
Total Credits:	16	Total Credits:	16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<a href="#">BA Knowledge Domains</a> (defined on page 2 of <a href="#">check sheet</a> )	3	<a href="#">BA Knowledge Domains</a> (defined on page 2 of <a href="#">check sheet</a> )	3
<a href="#">BA Knowledge Domains</a> (defined on page 2 of <a href="#">check sheet</a> )	3	Option Requirement any level +	3
Social & Behavioral Science (GS) Common Requirement	3	<b>Option Requirement 400-level +</b>	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN) Common Req	3	Elective	3
Option Requirement any level +	3	Elective	3
Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
Option Requirement any level +	3	<b>Option Requirement 400-level +</b>	3
Option Requirement any level +	3	<b>Option Requirement 400-level +</b>	3
<b>Option Requirement 400-level +</b>	3	Humanities (GH) Common Requirement for the Major	3
<b>Option Requirement 400-level +</b>	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	15

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.
- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- \*Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS.
- \*\*Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US:IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be completed within the degree requirements.
- W and Y are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

**Program Notes:** Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.  
+ GAS majors have four options to choose from: Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Science/ Mathematics; Liberal Studies, allowing them to select 24 credits from a variety of courses to meet upper division requirements. This individual program must be approved by the faculty adviser to assure that each student's plans reflect serious thought and a coherent set of goals. See [check sheet](#) for more information about options.

**Academic Advising Notes:** The course series listed above is only one of many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of electives required varies per student. Please be sure to consult with an adviser about your intended plan.