The Academic Experience

Recommended Academic Plan

Your schedule during the first four semesters is likely to resemble the sample below:

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<th>First Semester</th>
<th>Second Semester</th>
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<td>First Year Seminar (1)</td>
<td>MGMT 301 (3)*</td>
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<td>ECON 102 (3)</td>
<td>SCM 200 or STAT 200 (4)*</td>
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<td>MATH 110/140 (4)*</td>
<td>World Language or Elective (4)</td>
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<td>World Language (4)</td>
<td>Gen. Ed. Natural Science (GN) (3)</td>
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<td>ENGL 015/030 (3)*</td>
<td>MATH 141 (4)(RM: Actuarial Science Majors Only)*</td>
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<td><strong>15 Total Credits</strong></td>
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<th>Third Semester</th>
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<td>MKTG 301 (3)*</td>
<td>FIN 301 (3)*</td>
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<td>ACCTG 211 (4)*</td>
<td>SCM 301, ENGL 202D, or MIS 250 (3)</td>
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<td>ECON 104 or Gen. Ed. (3)</td>
<td>CAS 100 (3)</td>
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<td>World Language or Elective (4)</td>
<td>Gen. Ed. (GH/GA/GS) (3)</td>
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<td><strong>17 Total Credits</strong></td>
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Global Education Requirements

**World Language:** Proficiency at the 12th credit level in a single world language is required of all Smeal students. Review the “Placement Policy for Penn State World Language Courses” prior to planning your world language coursework.

**United States Cultures (US) Requirement:** Take three credits of intercultural coursework related to diversity in the United States.

**International (IL) Requirement:** Take three credits of international coursework studying the cultures in other countries.

Note: Courses satisfying the culture requirements can count toward General Education and/or Electives based on pre-determined qualifications.

Preparing to Enroll in a Major

The ten majors offered by Smeal are some of the most popular at Penn State. To enter a major in the college, you must exhibit strong academic performance during your first two years at the University. Entrance to all Smeal majors requires the completion of prescribed entrance to major courses outlined below:

- **ENGL 015 or ENGL 030:** Composition*
- **MGMT 301:** Basic Management Concepts*
- **MATH 110 or MATH 140:** Calculus*
- **MKTG 301:** Principles of Marketing*
- **ECON 102:** Microeconomics
- **SCM 200 or STAT 200:** Statistics*
- **ACCTG 211:** Financial and Managerial Accounting*
- **FIN 301:** Corporation Finance*

**Additional Requirements for the Actuarial Science Major:**
- **MATH 140:** Calculus with Analytic Geometry I*
- **MATH 141:** Calculus with Analytic Geometry II*

* Courses require a grade of “C” or better.

Selecting a Major

Matriculating from pre-major status to enrollment in a major is contingent upon the timing and completion of cumulative credits at Penn State.

- You must be enrolled as a pre-major in Smeal or as an exploratory student in the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS).
- Cumulative credits are credits (courses) taken at Penn State.
- Advanced Placement (AP) credits and credits earned at other institutions are included in Total Credits.
- Complete or currently be enrolled in all entrance to major courses, including obtaining grades of “C” or better in specified courses.
- Once a minimum of 36 cumulative credits—but no more than 59.0 cumulative credits—are earned and entrance to major criteria is met, students apply for their major.
- The typical application period (36–59) is spring semester of the second year.
- Students with 59.1 or more cumulative credits who are still in pre-major status are ineligible to apply for a Smeal major and ineligible to continue their enrollment in the college.
Grade Point Averages

Attain the minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) established for desired major. Refer to chart below.

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<th>Major</th>
<th>Cumulative GPA</th>
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<td>Accounting (ACCTG _ BS)</td>
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<td>Actuarial Science (ACTSC _ BS)</td>
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<td>Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIENT _ BS)</td>
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<td>Finance (FIN _ BS)</td>
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<td>Management (MGMT _ BS)</td>
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<td>Management Information Systems (MIS _ BS)</td>
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<td>Marketing (MKTG _ BS)</td>
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<td>Real Estate (REST _ BS)</td>
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<td>Risk Management (RM _ BS)</td>
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<td>Supply Chain and Information Systems (SCIS _ BS)</td>
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Smeal Resources

Academic Advising Center
202 Business Building • 814-863-1947
ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising
Your assigned adviser will serve as a key source of academic guidance throughout your Penn State career. Explore majors and select the one that is right for you, schedule courses, understand degree requirements, and more.

Diversity Enhancement Programs
204 Business Building • 814-865-0938
ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/diversity-enhancement
A range of programs help you flourish in the business classroom and prepare you for success after graduation.

Strickler Office of International Programs
484 Business Building • 814-865-4264
ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/study-abroad
Smeal strongly encourages students to participate in education abroad programs. Penn State offers more than 100 programs around the globe.

Business Career Center
114 Business Building • 814-863-6161
careerconnections.smeal.psu.edu
The Smeal Business Career Center is a team of dedicated professionals coaching undergraduate business students to develop professionalism and employability skills to support talent pipelines for our valued employer partners. Prepare to pursue and interview for internships and co-op positions with top companies.

Smeal Undergraduate Student Exchange
ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu
Website for current undergraduates with information about advising, academic requirements, honor and integrity, careers, study abroad, and more.

Schreyer Business Library
3rd Floor, Paterno Library • 814-865-6369
libraries.psu.edu/business
Access e-resources, business directories, academic journals, and other publications to conduct business research and prepare for your career.

Penn State Resources

Penn State Academic Calendar
registrar.psu.edu
Find the critical dates for every semester.

LionPATH
lionpath.psu.edu
Penn State’s student information system, which provides students access to their academic, registration, and financial records. Students can also enroll for classes, view/accept their financial aid awards, and view their tuition bills.

Office of Student Aid
studentaid.psu.edu
Updates and information on tuition costs, scholarships, loans, and other aid programs.

Academic Support: Penn State Learning
pennstatelearning.psu.edu
Services are free to students and include tutoring, time management, presentation preparation, and enhancing computing and learning skills.

Account Access
accounts.psu.edu
View and manage information and settings related to your Penn State Account: Update your contact information, change your password or recovery email address, manage settings related to your Penn State email account, multifactor authentication, group memberships, and the emergency notifications you receive.

University Health Services
studentaffairs.psu.edu/health
A nationally accredited health care service specializing in outpatient student health helps Penn State students get healthy and stay healthy.

Penn State is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status. Non-discrimination: https://policy.psu.edu/policies/505 UBR BUS 24-SB. 7/17/0624