



ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL BUSINESS (2GBBC)

The associate degree major in General Business provides an opportunity for students to earn an associate degree which gives them a general introduction to several aspects of business. In addition, it provides a foundation that allows those students who qualify for admission to baccalaureate degree programs in business to make a smooth transition into four-year majors offered at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College and Penn State Harrisburg, the Capital College. The business coursework required by the major introduces students to basics of accounting; economics; management information systems; quantitative business analysis; and the social, legal, ethical and political environments within which businesses operate. The general education and other requirements of the major provide an opportunity for students to strengthen their skills in oral and written communication and quantitative reasoning which are essential for success in business careers. To develop a well-rounded graduate, students select supporting courses from those approved for general education.

For the A.S. degree in General Business, a minimum of 60 credits is required.

The Academic and Career Planning Center (ACPC) assists students with the process of career and life planning through a full range of programs and services. You may schedule appointments with the ACPC staff to discuss issues including interests, skills, values, and goal setting, as well as how to find career information, internships, full-time jobs, and graduate schools. You are encouraged to utilize the services of the ACPC every year from your first semester to graduation.

Recommended Academic Plan – General Business (2GGBC at Erie)

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
<i>ENGL 015 Rhetoric & Composition or Honors 030 (GWS)</i>	3	<i>CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech</i>	3
<i>MATH 021, MATH 022, or MATH 110 (GQ)</i>	3/4	Humanities (GH)	3
Humanities (GH)	3	Arts (GA)	3
Natural Sciences (GN)	3	Elective (W)	3
Arts (GA)	3	Natural Sciences (GN)	3
First-Year Seminar	1		
Total Credits:	16/17	Total Credits:	15
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
ACCTG 211 Financial & Managerial Accounting	4	SCM 200 Intro to Stats for Business or STAT 200 (GQ)	4
<i>ECON 002 Intro to Micro Economics (GS)</i>	3	MIS 204 Intro to Management Info Systems	3
B A 243/[B A 241-Legal Environment of Business (2) and B A 242-Social & Ethical Environment Business (2)]	4	<i>ENGL 202D (GWS) Writing for Business</i>	3
<i>Health and Physical Activity (GHA)</i>	1.5	Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5
Natural Science	3	ECON 004 Intro to Macro Economics	3
Total Credits:	15.5	Total Credits:	14.5

- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- *Italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education requirements.
- ***Bold Italics*** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better and that satisfy both major and General Education requirements.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements. Students must complete 3 credits in US and 3 credits in IL. If a student takes a 3 credit course that is both US and IL, to complete the requirement, he/she must take another 3-credit course that is US, IL, or both US and IL. Education abroad courses and other credit-bearing experiences such as internships that meet this requirement, will be designated US, IL or both US and IL.
- W is the code used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.
- At least 50% of all business credit hours required for the degree must be completed at Penn State Erie. Students may transfer a maximum of six (6) credits of 300-or 400-level business coursework from another academic institution.
- Students who have not met the admission requirement of two units of a high school foreign language must complete a college level-one foreign language within their first 60 credits. This is a pre-admission requirement – credits will not count toward degree requirements.

Scheduling patterns for courses not taught each semester:

Program Notes:

Academic Advising Notes:

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NAME: _____ PSU ID _____

GENERAL EDUCATION	REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR *
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SKILLS

	Sugg. Sem.	Grade
Writing/Speaking		
ENGL 015 or 030 GWS(3) _____	1-2	_____
CAS 100 GWS(3) _____	3-4	_____
ENGL 202D GWS(3) _____	4	_____
Quantification		
MATH 021 GQ, 022 GQ, or 110 GQ(4)	1-2	_____

DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT

Natural Sciences (3 cr, GN)		
_____	1-2	_____
Arts (3 cr, GA)		
_____	1-2	_____
Humanities (3 cr, GH)		
_____	1-2	_____
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
ECON 002 GS(3) _____	3-4	_____
ECON 004 GS(3) _____	3-4	_____

PREREQUISITE COURSES: Depending on the results of university placement tests, additional credits beyond the minimum degree requirements may be needed to meet the prerequisites for certain courses (for example, MATH 021 and 022 for MATH 110; ENGL 004 for ENGL 015).

* See opposite page for other important graduation requirements.

PRESCRIBED COURSES

	Sugg. Sem.	Grade
ACCTG 211 ^{a(4)} _____	3-4	_____
B A 243 [or BA 241 and BA 242](4) _____	3-4	_____
MIS 204 ^{a(3)} _____	3-4	_____
SCM 200 ^{a(4)} _____	3-4	_____

SUPPORTING COURSES

Select 15 credits from courses approved for General Education including 6 credits in the natural sciences (GN), 3 credits in the arts (GA), and 3 credits in the humanities (GH).

Natural Sciences (6 cr, GN)		
_____	1-4	_____
_____	1-4	_____
Arts (3 cr, GA)		
_____	1-4	_____
Humanities (3 cr, GH)		
_____	1-4	_____
Elective (3 cr, W)		
_____	1-4	_____
Select 3 credits from any General Education area. ^b		
_____	1-4	_____

“a” - A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better in this course, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44

“b” - Students may take 3 credits from any general education area; however, it is recommended that students intending to complete a four-year major take 3 credits of Health and Physical Activity.