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# Entrance to the Smeal Accounting Major 2025 Presentation

## The Smeal College of Business

**Audio**: Congratulations on your acceptance into Accounting and welcome to the Smeal College of Business.

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**Audio**: To assist with the transition into your major, you may find this Smeal Exchange site to be very useful. This is where you can schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor, find information on things like scheduling minors, education abroad, internships and co-ops. We recommend that you bookmark this site: [http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu](http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/)

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**Scheduling Presentation Accounting**

Entering ACCTG Major in FA 25

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**Audio**: At this time, I would like to review the Accounting curriculum for students scheduling for the Fall 2025 semester.

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**Recommended ACCTG Schedule**

Fall 2025

* ACCTG 471
* ACCTG 404
* ENG 202 D
* BA 342 or BLAW 341
* Gen Ed

Spring 2026

* ACCTG 472
* ACCTG 405
* Gen Ed
* BA 342 or BLAW 341
* Gen Ed

13 - 16 credits for the semester LINK: [https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges/smeal-business/accounting-bs/#suggestedacademicplancopytext](https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges/smeal-business/accounting-bs/)

**Audio**: To begin coursework in your major, you must schedule ACCTG 471, the first course in the accounting sequence. It is crucial to schedule ACCTG 471 in the Fall semester to maintain your progress in the major due to prerequisites. You should also schedule ACCTG 404. Students should also schedule BA 342 or BLAW 341 in order to meet degree requirements.

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**What To Do If a Course Is Full**

If all sections of a course that you need to take for your major are filled, you should use the LionPATH Wait List system.

LINK: <https://advising.psu.edu/scheduling-course-full>

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## ACCTG

* Two Piece Sequence
* Accounting Courses
* BA 411
* Education Abroad
* Internship
* Minor

**Audio**: You may also want to consider scheduling courses that fulfill the two-piece sequence requirement. A two-piece sequence provides you with the opportunity to take advanced level business courses outside of your major in order to broaden your educational knowledge base. Depending on your career goals, the Accounting Department recommends that you plan to take the Finance two-piece sequence. However, the choice is yours.

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**Smeal Minors**

* Information Systems Mgmt (ISM)
* International Business (IB)
* Supply Chain & Information Sciences & Technology (SCIST)
* Legal Environment of Business (LEBUS)

See degree requirements for other Smeal approved minors

LINK: <https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/degree-requirements/minors>

**Audio**: In lieu of a two-piece sequence, you may complete a Smeal approved minor. The Smeal College of Business offers four choices:

1. Information Systems Management (ISM)
2. International Business (IB)
3. Supply Chain and Information systems and Technology (SCIST), and
4. The Legal Environment of Business (LEBUS)

As an example, if you are planning on completing the International Business minor, you may want to consider taking IB 303 in the fall semester. Please see the degree requirements for approved minors and consult with your advisor, if you have any questions.

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**Smeal College Policy**

Please note that pursuant to AACSB accreditation standards, the Smeal College requires that all upper division courses within the departments sponsoring the major be completed in residence at University Park under the instruction of Smeal College faculty.

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**Request for Third Repeat of a Smeal Major Course**

* Request for third repeats of Major Field courses and other Smeal-taught Junior level required courses are *not guaranteed*.
* Please keep this in mind when scheduling courses and avoid overloading your schedule with major courses and Smeal requirements. Drop/Add week allows for dropping a course with no penalty or Late Drop (LD) notation on your Academic Requirements report and your transcript.
* You should consult with your adviser before making any decision about late dropping courses.
* Example: FIN 406, if Late Dropped once, earned a grade of D or F the second time, *may not be approved* for a 3rd attempt.

**Audio**: Students requesting to repeat a Major Field course and any other Smeal-taught Junior level required course are not guaranteed. Consult with your academic adviser when scheduling to avoid overloading your schedule. Drop courses during Drop/Add week to avoid a Late Drop. Earning a D or an F in a course or late dropping a course, each count as an attempt to take a course. A 3rd attempt for any reason may not be approved.

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## General Education

* ENGL 202D
* CAS 100
* Natural Science (GN)
* Health & Physical Activities (GHW)
* World Languages

US or IL

* Social & Behavioral Sciences (GS)
* Humanities (GH)
* Arts (GA)
* Interdomain or Linked

LINKS: <https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/degree-requirements/foreign-language-policy>

**Audio**: To complete your schedule, please review your degree audit for any incomplete general education requirements, including GN Natural Sciences, GA Art, GH Humanities, GS Social and Behavioral Sciences, and GHW Health and Wellness. If you are planning on studying abroad, we recommend that you complete your natural science courses first, and then speak with your academic advisor about how you may fulfill some of your general education requirements while you are studying abroad. Penn State requires students to take three credits at a United States culture, also known as US culture, and three credits of an international culture, also known as IL Culture. Often you may fulfill a US or IL cultures requirement, while also fulfilling a general education requirement in the Arts, Humanities or the Social and Behavioral Sciences. These courses are identified on the schedule of courses by AUS or IL after the course description. Penn State also requires 2 inter-domain or integrative studies courses, to be taken while fulfilling the general education requirements. Be sure that you have scheduled a total of six credits in inter-domain coursework. You may also schedule courses such as World Language if you have not yet reached the third level, CAS 100 Public Speaking, or English 202D Business Writing, in order to complete your Smeal General Education requirement.

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**New Academic Report on LionPath**

Now that you have declared your major it is important that you look at the correct report.

The “What If” report is no longer relevant.

The “Academic Requirements” report is what you will view to get an accurate picture of your requirements. There are two versions of the report. If you choose the PDF version, be sure to look for all courses that are Not Satisfied (see example below) on your report and plan to discuss courses that you need with your academic adviser. Below you will see that your major and any minor that you have declared will display.

**Audio**: Now that you are in your Smeal Major, you should be viewing the academic requirements report in LionPATH and should view this often to keep track of courses that you have not yet satisfied. This is the report that you will view when you work with your academic advisor. You will no longer use the What-If report.

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**AT UP is here to help YOU!
(Assistance in Transition to University Park)**

COBALT Leadership Program

Change of Campus Student Mentor Program

Social and Professional Development

Join Us:

*Dawn Maguire, AT UP Adviser*

*dxv110@psu.edu*

**Audio**: Smeal is proud to offer assistance in transition to University Park. An organization created to help students transitioning to University Park. Please contact at AT UP advisor Dawn McGuire at email address dxv110@psu.edu for more information.

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**Things to do now that you are in Smeal (new to UP campus or from DUS)**

Join or Update with Nittany Lion Careers

Attend the Change of Campus College Meeting

Attend the Department meeting for your Major

Meet with your assigned Smeal Academic Adviser

Prepare for the Fall Career Fair in early September

Attend Professional Events through the Smeal Business Career Center (BCC): including company information sessions, networking events, and BCC workshops

Learn more about Student Organizations through the involvement fairs

Attend the Education Abroad information session

**Audio**: You should plan to attend the following fall semester activities:

* The department meeting for your major held during the first week of classes.
* The change of Campus College meeting.
* The Fall Career Fair.
* The Involvement Fairs - to learn more about student organizations, and
* The education abroad information sessions that are held throughout the semester.

Also, be sure to join or update with Nittany Lion Careers. It is also highly recommended to attend professional events through the BCC or Business Career Center here in Smeal. Lastly, make an appointment in Starfish to meet with your assigned Smeal advisor.

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**Student Organizations**

Get involved

Nearly 40 business-focused clubs & organizations

More than 1,000 university clubs & organizations

**LINK:** <https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/student-organizations>

**Audio**: As you begin your junior year, we encourage you to take advantage of all that Smeal has to offer: Award-winning clubs and organizations.

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**Make the Most of Your Time**

Leadership opportunities

Industry case competitions

Student organizations

Student research opportunities

Internships and Co-ops

**Audio**: Exciting leadership opportunities.

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**Igniting Careers**

Join Nittany Lion Careers once you arrive to University Park to schedule appointments with BCC consultants, RSVP for events, and search jobs and internships

Access the vast resources offered by both the Penn State Bank of America Career Services Center and Smeal Business Career Center (BCC)

Prepare for the University Park Career Fair

Smeal is a Top Choice for Corporate Recruiters

LINKS: <http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career/> and <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/careers>

**Audio**: An extensive career and internship support system.

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**Education Abroad**

Gain a global perspective

Fulfill International Business minor requirements

Experience new cultures

LINKS: <https://global.psu.edu/> and <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/study-abroad>

**Audio**: And worldwide education abroad experiences.

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**Connect With Us**

Smeal Undergraduate Advising

**Audio**: “Like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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**Presentation Links**

Major Degree Requirements Page:

* [https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges/smeal-business/accounting-bs/#suggestedacademicplancopytext](https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges/smeal-business/accounting-bs/)

Minor Degree Requirements Pages:

* <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/degree-requirements/minors>

General Education Information:

* <https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/>
* <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/degree-requirements/foreign-language-policy>

Education Abroad Links:

* <https://global.psu.edu/>
* <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/study-abroad>

Career/Internship Links:

* <https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career>
* <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/careers>

Smeal Student Organizations Link:

* <https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/student-organizations>

Waitlist Information Link:

<https://advising.psu.edu/scheduling-course-full>

**Audio**: Lastly, for additional information, please visit the links that were referenced throughout this presentation. We look forward to meeting you and assisting you in your journey in the Smeal College of Business.