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Updates from Penn State

Choosing a major. Students are no longer asked to list two major choices on the undergraduate application, rather students are permitted to list only one major choice.

Applying online. Our Web application is preferred and recommended. If students wish to view and practice completing an application before completing the Web application, please advise students to click on and print the *Applying Online Worksheet* from their MyPennState account. Students who must use the paper application, should click on and print the paper application at *Print An Application* from their MyPennState account. To have a paper application sent to their home, students should contact the Undergraduate Admission Office at 814-865-5471.

November 30. We strongly encourage students to file a complete application by November 30 of their senior year. Some programs and campuses fill quickly, so it is always to their benefit to apply early.

SAT/ACT writing scores. For students entering Penn State in 2009, the writing component of the SAT/ACT will be required for admission consideration. The writing component is currently part of the SAT. Those students who take the ACT test will need to sign up for and take the optional writing component of the ACT.

Two changes to the 2008 Schreyer Honors College application. The Schreyer Honors College will no longer be stating a recommended minimum standardized test score for Honors College applicants. The faculty review committee has not used the standardized test score in their review process, so the Honors College will no longer include a score reference in their application materials. Also, letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors will be submitted online. A system has been set up that is secure, reliable, and easy to use. Specific instructions may be found on the Honors College Web site at www.shc.psu.edu/prospectivestudents/application/recommendation_info.html.

How likely is your student to be admitted to Penn State? To view a graph of the academic credentials of students offered first-year, baccalaureate admission for fall 2006, visit admissions.psu.edu/info/counselors/bubble_chart06.pdf online. The graph will help you counsel students regarding all of their campus choices and the most likely scenario for admission.



Acceptance fees. Students may now accept their offer of admission online and pay the acceptance fees with an electronic check. If at any time students decide not to attend Penn State, they should e-mail the Undergraduate Admissions Office via our Web site (admissions.psu.edu). If they decide not to attend after accepting the offer of admission, the acceptance fees will not be refunded.

Online housing contract. On-campus housing at Penn State University Park is guaranteed and required for most first-year students. Students interested in living on campus at campuses other than University Park, should submit a request for a Housing Contract when they accept their offer of admission online. Housing Contract offers are sent electronically for all campuses with on-campus housing, and must be submitted online using Penn State's eLiving (www.eLiving.psu.edu).

Are you an Electronic Partner? Electronic Partners are schools that work with Penn State Undergraduate Admissions to send and receive information over the Web through the Web Counselor System. The Penn State Web Counselor System allows schools to submit student credentials securely for evaluation via the Web. The system also provides other services that keep counselors up-to-date on the status of their students' applications. Schools first become Electronic Partners with Penn State, and then they are granted access to the system. Visit the Web site for complete information on the Web Counselor System, admissions.psu.edu/info/counselors.



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