A 2010 *Wall Street Journal* survey of corporate recruiters RANKED PENN STATE FIRST among 100 colleges for its ability to help students prepare for the job market.

### Why Penn State?

There are literally hundreds of reasons to choose Penn State. More than 160 baccalaureate majors … more than 1,200 student clubs and organizations … a system of 20 undergraduate campuses across Pennsylvania that enroll first-year and transfer students … more than 150 years of tradition. Among the many reasons you might consider Penn State, one stands out: high-quality academics.

Penn State faculty are recognized nationally and internationally for achievements in teaching and research. Academic programs in many areas are also highly ranked, from engineering to education, business to communications, agriculture to French.

So, whatever you choose to study at any Penn State campus, you can depend on the high standards and reputation of Penn State.

### Am I a Transfer Student?

If you meet the following criteria, you qualify as a transfer student at Penn State:

—Earned a high school diploma or GED

—Attempted 18 or more college credits at a regionally accredited college or university after high school graduation and before enrolling at Penn State. (College credits taken during high school are transferrable but do not count in the 18 college credits needed to be considered a transfer student.)
Class size
At University Park
Average student/faculty ratio 17:1

At other Penn State campuses
Average student/faculty ratio 15:1

Faculty
Penn State’s faculty includes Fulbright Scholars, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, members of the National Science Foundation, and many other leaders in their fields.

Alumni
There are more than 513,000 living Penn State alumni. One in 117 Americans with a college degree is a Penn State graduate.

The Alumni Association is the largest of its kind, with more than 164,000 members.

Libraries
Penn State’s University Libraries are ranked 8th among research libraries in North America, according to the Association of Research Libraries.

Penn State offers more than 1,200 student clubs and organizations.

VERNON WALKER

Vernon Walker, who transferred to Penn State from a small, private two-year college, was looking for an institution where he could pursue a high-quality bachelor’s degree at an affordable price. He found that, and more, at Penn State Abington. “It had an attractive name and a big alumni network, and it was close to home,” says Vernon, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. “A degree from Penn State is recognized worldwide.”

Vernon, who works full-time as a mental health services professional while attending school full-time, hopes to attend graduate school after receiving his Penn State degree. FLEXIBLE COURSE SCHEDULING, CARING PROFESSORS, AND ENGAGING COURSE WORK THAT APPLIES TO THE REAL WORLD have helped him make the most of his academic and professional lives.

Moving to Penn State Abington was an adjustment, but getting involved and making friends helped to ease the transition. “You just take it day by day, step by step, one thing at a time,” he says. “You can definitely make it work.”
For Nicole Shimp, going to college was not a given. When she finished high school, enlisting in the Marine Corps was a good fit for her energy and ambition. Five years later, as she completed her military service, college seemed like a good choice.

After one year at her local community college, Nicole transferred to Penn State Harrisburg. Even before attending her first class, Nicole took advantage of the resources at Penn State. “I used the Transferring Credits Tool online to see how courses would transfer and relied on the website as a resource,” she explains. This helped her sort out how her military credits, as well as those from community college, would be applied to her Penn State degree.

In her junior year, Nicole relocated to Penn State University Park to pursue a Wildlife and Fisheries Science degree. She applied a self-starter philosophy to adjust to the larger University Park environment. She got involved on campus, which made her transition easier. “There are so many opportunities here. There’s a club for everything,” she says.

Whether they are just beginning the process or are about to start classes, Nicole offers this advice to her fellow transfer students: “You have to make the effort to figure out what you need. Do your research and it’s not hard.”

Applying to Penn State

We strongly encourage you to apply by **February 1** for the summer or fall semesters and by **October 15** for the spring semester. Some campuses may accept applications after these dates. Please check with the campus you’re applying to for recommended filing dates.

Penn State’s admission application is available online at [admissions.psu.edu](http://admissions.psu.edu).

Your application to Penn State allows you to be evaluated for any of our campuses and programs that are available to transfer students. Entrance difficulty is based partly on demand. The University Park campus is the most competitive location for admission to all programs.

Transfer applicants are evaluated primarily on the strength of their college or university transcript(s). We require transfer applicants to send official transcripts from all colleges or universities they have attended. We also require an official high school or GED transcript, primarily as proof of graduation. On the application, the optional personal statement and activities statement are sometimes considered for students whose applications require additional review.

Where is Penn State?

There is no short answer, because Penn State is a multicampus university. Wherever you want to be in Pennsylvania, Penn State is probably nearby.

**Penn State campuses offer you:**

— a variety of rural and suburban settings
— several locations near Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other urban areas
— a large campus setting (University Park campus enrollment is 44,817) and smaller campus settings (enrollments vary from about 700 to more than 4,000)
— a choice of living on campus, off campus, or commuting from home.
For details on transferring, contact the campus to which you want to apply.

1 Abington
1600 Woodland Road
Abington, PA 19001-3990
215-881-7600
abington.psu.edu
3,476 students

2 Altoona
3000 Ivyside Park
Altoona, PA 16601-3760
814-949-5466, 800-848-9843
altoona.psu.edu
4,147 students

3 Beaver
100 University Drive
Monaca, PA 15061-2799
724-773-3800, 877-564-6778
beaver.psu.edu
906 students

4 Berks
Tulpehocken Road
PO Box 7009
Reading, PA 19610-6009
610-396-6060
berks.psu.edu
2,771 students

5 Brandywine
25 Yearsley Mill Road
Media, PA 19063-5596
610-892-1200
brandywine.psu.edu
1,613 students

6 DuBois
One College Place
DuBois, PA 15801-3199
814-375-4720, 800-346-ROAR
dubois.psu.edu
919 students

7 Erie, The Behrend College
4851 College Drive
Erie, PA 16563-0105
814-898-6100, 866-374-3378
berends.psu.edu
4,359 students

8 Fayette, The Eberly Campus
Route 119 North
PO Box 519
Uniontown, PA 15401-0519
724-430-4130, 877-568-4130
fayette.psu.edu
1,037 students

9 Greater Allegheny
4000 University Drive
McKeesport, PA 15132-7698
412-675-9010
greaterallegheny.psu.edu
768 students

10 Harrisburg
Swatara Building
777 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057-4898
717-448-6250, 800-222-2056
hbg.psu.edu
4,244 students

11 Hazleton
76 University Drive
Hazleton, PA 18202-1291
570-450-3142, 800-279-8495
hazleton.psu.edu
1,303 students

12 Lehigh Valley
2809 Scaumon Valley Road
Center Valley, PA 18034-8447
610-285-5035
www.lehighvalley.psu.edu
920 students

13 Mont Alto
One Campus Drive
Mont Alto, PA 17237-9703
717-749-6130, 800-392-6173
montalto.psu.edu
1,252 students

14 New Kensington
3530 Seventh Street Road
New Kensington, PA 15068-1798
724-334-5031
nk.psu.edu
873 students

15 Schuylkill
200 University Drive
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972-2208
570-385-6252
www.schuylkill.psu.edu
1,034 students

16 Shenango
147 Shenango Avenue
Sharon, PA 16146-1597
724-983-2800
shenango.psu.edu
714 students

17 University Park
201 Shields Building
University Park, PA 16804-3000
814-865-5471
admissions.psu.edu
44,817 students

18 Wilkes-Barre
Old Route 115 – Hayfield House
PO Box PSU
Lehman, PA 18627-0217
570-675-9238
wilkesbarre.psu.edu
766 students

19 Worthington Scranton
120 Ridge View Drive
Dunmore, PA 18512-1699
570-963-2500
worthingtonscranton.psu.edu
1,386 students

20 York
1031 Edgecomb Avenue
York, PA 17403-3398
717-771-4040, 800-778-6227
york.psu.edu
1,509 students

Special-Mission Campuses

21 The Dickinson School of Law
800-840-1122
717-240-5000
(Carlisle Campus)
814-867-1251
(University Park Campus)

22 Great Valley Graduate Center
610-648-3200

23 College of Medicine
The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
717-531-8755

24 Pennsylvania College of Technology
One College Avenue
Williamsport, PA 17701
570-327-4761, 800-367-9222
pct.edu

World Campus/
Distance Education
The Pennsylvania State University
128 Outreach Building
University Park, PA 16802-3601
814-865-5403, 800-252-3592
worldcampus.psu.edu

Recruitment Centers

Philadelphia Community
Recruitment Center
1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 425
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-246-3500
E-mail: philacrc@psu.edu

Pittsburgh Community
Recruitment Center
Liberty Center, Bldg.1 Suite R14-A
1001 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-263-2900
E-mail: pghcrc@psu.edu

Regional Recruiters

New Jersey
973-983-0159
E-mail: njpsu@psu.edu

New York City
718-862-2965
E-mail: nycadmissions@psu.edu

Washington, D.C., Maryland,
and Virginia Area
814-876-0405
E-mail: dCMdVA-admissions@psu.edu

Privately owned housing is available in the communities served by every Penn State campus. Those designated with the following symbols provide residence hall experiences.

Blue house indicates privately owned housing with residence hall experiences.
Green house indicates University-owned residence halls.
General Eligibility for Transfer to Academic Colleges

Penn State’s 160 majors are structured into “academic homes” called colleges. Individual majors are housed in these colleges. Your major of interest and campus choice determine which college you call home.

Because transfer applicants are required to indicate a major when they apply, their applications are evaluated by the standards set by the academic college housing the selected major. For example, a student applying to the Psychology major who has not completed prerequisite courses may be admitted to the College of the Liberal Arts, where the Psychology major is housed, until the prerequisites for the major are completed.
Transfer Student Requirements

—For University Park: Minimum 2.5 grade-point average, plus four full-time semesters of college work.

—For campuses other than University Park: Minimum 2.0 grade-point average, though some campuses and majors have higher requirements.

—Individual majors and/or campuses may have additional prerequisites. Check admissions.psu.edu/transfer for specifics.

When we evaluate your transcript(s), we may recalculate your GPA as we calculate it for Penn State students. This means we count all grades with a C- or below in the GPA calculation.

Academic considerations:
- All colleges require a minimum GPA.
- Not all colleges have the same GPA requirements.
- Admission to some colleges may require completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better.
- Some colleges may require an audition, portfolio, or interview as part of the application.

Other considerations:
- Some colleges have very limited space for transfer students; therefore, transfer admission is much more competitive.
- Not all majors at Penn State are open to transfer students.
- Some majors have specific application deadlines. Check admissions.psu.edu for the most up-to-date information and transfer requirements for specific majors.

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Majors

Penn State offers more than 160 baccalaureate majors, most of which can be started at any campus. Many majors have specific requirements for transfer students beyond the basic transfer requirements. Visit admissions.psu.edu for the most up-to-date information.
Steps to apply as a transfer student

Step 1: Review requirements
Review transfer requirements for your intended major at admissions.psu.edu.

Step 2: Set up your MyPennState account
This allows you to apply online, check your status, accept your offer, and more.

Step 3: Complete an application
The online application is fast, easy, and secure. There is a nonrefundable $50 application fee.

Step 4: Send in your official, final high school transcript
Transcripts and a copy of your GED, if applicable, are needed regardless of your age or how long ago you graduated.

Step 5: Send in college transcript(s)
Transcripts are required from all colleges where courses were attempted. Transcripts must be sent directly from the college to Penn State to be considered official.

Other things to consider:
• The SAT/ACT is NOT required for transfer applicants.
• International students must also submit proof of English-language proficiency.

Military and Adult Students

All applicants, regardless of age or length of time since graduation, are required to submit an official high school or GED transcript. Certain admission requirements may be waived for adult and military applicants. Veterans and current members of the military should send in transcripts from work done while in the military. More information about how military work is considered for credit can be found at admissions.psu.edu/credit/military.

More than 2,400 undergraduates study abroad every year in more than 54 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as in Australia and New Zealand.
David Rusenko, founder of the online startup company Weebly, was on his way to success before he left campus. David and a few fellow Penn Staters started the company, which provides users with an easy way to design their own websites, during their senior year as part of a class in Penn State’s College of Information Sciences and Technology.

Now Weebly, with more than 3 million users, has been named one of the “50 Best Websites” by Time magazine. David says his Penn State education was an ideal stepping-stone to postcollege life.

“What I learned in the classroom prepared me with the fundamental skills I needed after graduating, and the skills I learned outside of the classroom prepared me to be the kind of person people would enjoy working with,” he says. “I can’t imagine a better college experience than the one I had at Penn State. It strikes the perfect balance among great academics, affordable cost, and an amazingly fun time.”

How Penn State Transfers Credits

We require an official transcript to consider credits for transfer.

We will evaluate whether your credits will transfer only after you are offered admission. You will receive an evaluation of transferrable credits with your offer letter. **We do not evaluate transcripts before an offer of admission is made.**

Once you pay your acceptance fees, you will **work with your academic adviser** to explore specific degree plans and how your courses will apply to your major.

We will award **credit only for classes with a grade of C (2.0) or better.**

For a baccalaureate degree, 36 of the last 60 credits must be completed at Penn State. For an associate degree, 18 of the last 30 credits must be completed at Penn State.

Transferring Credits Tool

If you’d like to see how your courses transfer at any point in the admission process, you may use the Transferring Credits Tool at admissions.psu.edu/academics/credit/transfer. We do not officially evaluate courses for transfer until your application has been reviewed.

The Transferring Credits Tool shows only courses we have already evaluated. If your course is not listed, we will evaluate it for transfer when reviewing your application.
Applying for financial aid

The first step in applying for financial assistance is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). Penn State’s school code for the FAFSA is 003329.

If you are planning to transfer to Penn State, notify your prior school that you will not be returning. If you have already completed the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center, 800-433-3243, to request that your FAFSA be released to Penn State.

To receive maximum consideration for student financial aid, including loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study, complete the FAFSA on the web by **March 1**. The FAFSA can be submitted regardless of the status of your admission application. We recommend that you (and your family, if applicable) file your 2011 Federal Tax Return(s) before submitting the FAFSA, but you may use estimated tax information if necessary. If you submit the FAFSA by March 1, you should receive an e-mail in late March instructing you to view your Student Financial Aid Notification online through the Student Aid Summary on eLion ([elion.psu.edu](http://elion.psu.edu)). This reflects your eligibility for any loans, grants, scholarships, and/or work-study. After late March, student aid is awarded on a weekly basis, upon receipt of the FAFSA.

The Office of Student Aid automatically considers all students for University-wide scholarships. Some academic colleges, campuses, and other administrative units that award scholarships require separate applications. Scholarship recipients are notified of their scholarship awards in the Student Aid Summary on eLion, or in a separate award letter mailed to the student.

For more information, visit our Office of Student Aid website at [psu.edu/studentaid](http://psu.edu/studentaid), e-mail the office by going to the Student Aid website and clicking Contact Us, or call 814-865-6301.

**Tuition and Costs**

The costs in the chart below cover a two-semester academic year. Students are billed for one semester at a time. Penn State offers an optional payment plan to students and their families. Please access the Bursar’s office website at bursar.psu.edu for more information on tuition payment.

### Penn State’s actual costs for first- and second-year students* for 2010–11

COSTS CHANGE EACH YEAR. USE THIS CHART ONLY AS AN ESTIMATE.

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### Variable costs*

- Room and meals* $ 9,054 $ 9,054
- Books and supplies* $ 1,820 $ 1,820
- Travel/personal expenses* $ 3,800–4,000 $ 3,800–4,000

*Tuition and fees are higher for students in their third and fourth years. Visit tuition.psu.edu for more information.

**May vary for each student

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**WHAT COMES NEXT?**

1. If you are admitted, your MyPennState account will be updated with an offer of admission, which you can accept online. You also will be sent a letter and general information on course transfers.

2. After you accept your offer, contact your campus or academic college to inquire about:
   — transfer orientation
   — how transferred courses will apply to your degree
   — course registration

3. Have your FAFSA sent to Penn State.

4. Contact the housing office at your campus of admission to explore both on- and off-campus housing options available to you.

5. Before classes start, visit your campus to obtain:
   — a Penn State ID and a student computer access account
   — a parking permit, if necessary

6. Explore eLion:
   — Review financial aid awards.
   — Schedule classes.
   — Receive your bill and pay your tuition and fees.

7. Review the academic calendar, campus maps, bus schedules, and other useful University materials.

8. Move in and start classes.
The most up-to-date information on Penn State’s majors and campuses, as well as our online admission application, can always be found at admissions.psu.edu.