WHERE WILL YOUR STORY CONTINUE?

TRANSFERRING TO PENN STATE
Every Penn Stater has a story. What do you want yours to be?

You’ve started your path toward a college degree and are considering where the next chapter in your story will lead. At Penn State, every learner has the chance at a valuable education. It’s where old-school tradition meets 21st century innovation. Where things like studying hard and making the most of opportunities never goes out of style. It’s a place where you will have access to world class faculty and engage in hands-on learning opportunities.

Your Penn State story has just started.

These pages outline the application process and timeline for transfer admission. Learn more about:

> Transfer admission eligibility
> Steps to apply to Penn State
> Steps to take once accepted to Penn State

AM I A TRANSFER STUDENT?

You are a transfer student if you have attempted 18 or more semester credits at another college or university after high school graduation or GED completion.

If you are an actively serving member of the armed services or a veteran, you will also be classified as an adult learner. To learn more about applying as an adult learner, you may visit admissions.psu.edu/info/future/adult.
TRANSFER STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

All of Penn State’s 275-plus majors are divided among the twelve academic colleges at the University Park campus and the six academic colleges across Pennsylvania. You can complete an undergraduate degree at any of the 20 campuses.

> As a transfer applicant, you are required to indicate a major when you apply, and your application will be evaluated by the standards set by the college in which your selected major is housed.

> Typically, academic colleges require students to have completed any prerequisite coursework with a grade of C or better in order to be admitted into a major.

> Review the transfer requirements for each major at admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility.

> 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.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

When we evaluate your college transcript(s), we calculate your cumulative GPA based on Penn State’s grading standards. We include all courses and grades attempted. This means we count all grades with a C- or below in the GPA calculation, including courses that were repeated.

> University Park: minimum of 2.5 grade-point average, though some majors have higher requirements. *

> 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 require an audition, portfolio, or interview as part of the application.

> Special consideration may be given to adult learners and active duty military/veteran students when making the admissions decision.

* Note: students with less than four full-time semesters of college coursework by the time they wish to enroll at University Park will be referred to another Penn State campus until they have completed the required coursework; at which point, they will be eligible to transition to University Park to complete their degree.

Penn State is recognized by many prominent publications and organizations as a MILITARY-FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY. If you are an active member of the armed services or a veteran, you will have access to a wealth of services to support you.
KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

CHOOSING A PENN STATE CAMPUS AND PROGRAM

With degree programs available at all 20 campuses across the state, we are sure you can find the perfect program and campus to help you reach your academic goals.

- 20 unique community settings
- Variety of urban, suburban, and rural locations, including several campuses within a short drive of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other major cities
- Four-year degrees at every campus
- Engaged learning opportunities capitalizing on campus partnerships with local business and industry
- Clubs, organizations, and athletic teams at all locations
- Tuition savings
- 18 academic colleges offering four-year degree programs

"I came to Penn State Lehigh Valley because I've always wanted to be part of something that inspired others to achieve their full potential. To become part of the Penn State family was a dream that I thought could never be obtained."

— DANIEL OMRON
Corporate Communication major, Penn State Lehigh Valley

7,157 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Campus enrollment figures include undergraduate and graduate students.
## WHAT WILL YOU BECOME?

**CHOOSING A MAJOR**

Deciding what to do with the rest of your life can be daunting. Think of this as a starting point.

This list of Penn State majors is organized based on the campus where the major completes.

### BACCALAUREATE (FOUR-YEAR) DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Many campuses offer similar majors. Choose the campus and the major that will work best for your individual needs and interests.
- Majors offered through the World Campus, Penn State’s online program, must be started and completed through the World Campus.
- Each major has its own unique requirements for admission. Admission is not guaranteed to any program. For a list of each program’s requirements please visit the transfer eligibility web page: [admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility/](https://admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility/)

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- Civil Engineering
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering
- Elementary Education
- English
- Finance
- Health Policy and Administration
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Humanities
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Information Systems
- Kinesiology
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematical Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering Technology

### Hazleton
- Administration of Justice
- Business
- Corporate Communication
- Engineering
- Health Policy and Administration
- Information Sciences and Technology

### Lehigh Valley
- Arts Administration
- Biobehavioral Health
- Business
- Corporate Communication
- Health Policy and Administration
- Information Sciences and Technology

### Mont Alto
- Business
- Health Policy and Administration
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Information Science and Technology
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences

### New Kensington
- Administration of Justice
- Biobehavioral Health
- Business
- Communications
- Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Information Sciences and Technology

### Schuylkill
- Administration of Justice
- Biology
- Business
- Corporate Communication
- Information Science and Technology
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences

### Scranton
- Biology
- Business
- Corporate Communication
- English
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences

### Shenango
- Administration of Justice
- Business
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- Nursing, R.N. to B.S.N.
- Project and Supply Chain Management

### For the most up-to-date majors information, visit:
[admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility](admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility)
University Park
Acting, BFA
African American Studies
African Studies
Agribusiness Management
Agricultural and Extension Education
Agricultural Science
Animal Science
Anthropological Science
Anthropology
Archaeological Science
Architecture
Art
Art Education
Art History
Asian Studies
Astronomy and Astrophysics
Biobehavioral Health
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biological Anthropology
Biological Engineering
Biology
Biorenewable Systems
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Chinese
Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies
Communication Arts and Science
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Community, Environment, and Development
Comparative Literature
Criminology
Digital Journalism and Media
Digital Multimedia Design
Earth Science
Earth Science and Policy
Economics
Education and Public Policy
Electrical Engineering
Elementary and Early Childhood Education
English
Energy and Sustainability Policy
Energy Business and Finance
Energy Engineering
Engineering Science
Environmental Resource Management
Environmental Systems Engineering
Food Science
Forensic Science
Forest Ecosystem Management
French and Francophone Studies
Geobiology
Geography
Geosciences
German Studies
Global and International Studies
Graphic Design
Health Policy and Administration
History
Hospitality Management
Human Development and Family Studies
Immuno- and Infectious Disease
Integrated Social Sciences
Integrative Arts
Interdisciplinary Digital Studies
International Politics
Italian
Japanese
Jewish Studies
Journalism
Kinesiology
Labor and Employment Relations
Landscape Architecture
Landscape Contracting
Latin American Studies
Law and Society
Letters, Arts, and Sciences
Materials Science and Engineering
Mathematics
Media Studies
Medieval Studies
Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
Microbiology
Middle Level Education
Mining Engineering
Music Education
Music, B.A.
Music, B.M.
Musical Arts
Musical Theatre
Nuclear Engineering
Nutritional Science
Organizational and Professional Communication
Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering
Philosophy
Physics
Planetary Science and Astronomy
Plant Science
Political Science
Pre-Medicine
Professional Photography
Psychology
Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management
Rehabilitation and Human Services
Russian Studies
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Science
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Strategic Communications
Telecommunications
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Turfgrass Science
Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Women's Studies
Workforce Education and Development
World Languages Education

Wilkes-Barre
Administration of Justice
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Corporate Communication
English
Information Sciences and Technology
Project and Supply Chain Management
Rehabilitation and Human Services
Surveying Engineering

World Campus
Accounting
Advertising/Public Relations
Agribusiness Management
Biobehavioral Health
Business
Criminal Justice
Digital Journalism and Media
Digital Multimedia Design
Economics
Energy and Sustainability Policy
Finance
Health Policy and Administration
Human Development and Family Studies
History
Information Sciences and Technology
Integrated Social Sciences
International Politics
Labor and Employment Relations
Law and Society
Letters, Arts, and Sciences
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Strategic Communications
Turfgrass Science

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TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS

APPLYING TO PENN STATE

Transfer applicants to Penn State are evaluated primarily on the strength of their college transcript(s).

Penn State’s admission application is available online at: admissions.psu.edu

Steps to apply as a transfer student

1. **Step 1: Review requirements**
   Review transfer requirements for your intended major and campus at admissions.psu.edu/transfer.

2. **Step 2: Set up your MyPennState profile**
   This profile allows you to apply online, check your application status, accept your offer, and schedule a visit.

3. **Step 3: Complete an application**
   The online application is fast, easy, and secure. There is a nonrefundable $65 application fee. The fee is $75 for international students.

4. **Step 4: Send in official 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. If applicable, please submit your current class schedule.

5. **Step 5: Check your MyPennState checklist**
   You can find updates on the status of your application review and decision in MyPennState.

**OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

— The SAT/ACT is NOT required for transfer applicants.

— International students whose native language is not English must also submit proof of English language proficiency.

— If you are an active duty military member or a veteran of the armed forces, please visit the Penn State Office of Veteran Programs website for additional information: equity.psu.edu/veterans.

— The Prior Learning Assessment website has resources for how students can earn Penn State credit for prior experiences (i.e. college courses, portfolio, military service, credit by exam, etc.). Visit priorlearning.psu.edu to learn more.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The application review process for transfer admission is unique for each student and varies based on a number of factors.

While we make some admission decisions when students are still completing courses at another college or university, we often require that final transcript from that institution prior to making a decision.

We will contact you if we need your final transcript to make your admission decision.
Applying for financial aid

Financial aid—whether in the form of loans, grants, work-study, or scholarships—can be an important part of putting a Penn State degree within reach.

- The first step of the financial aid application process is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) via [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Penn State’s federal 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.

When to Apply for Admission

- **For summer or fall semester admission:** August 1 for the subsequent summer or fall
- **For spring semester admission:** June 1 for the following spring
- For more detailed information on application dates, visit [admissions.psu.edu/apply/deadlines](http://admissions.psu.edu/apply/deadlines)
Accepted Students Next Steps

1. **If you are admitted**, your MyPennState profile 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**, have your final high school transcript sent as verification of high school graduation, then contact your campus or academic college to inquire about:
   — academic advising and course scheduling,
   — transfer student orientation,
   — how transferred courses will apply to your degree.

3. **Have your FAFSA sent to Penn State**, if you have not already done so.

4. **Contact the housing office at your campus of admission** to explore housing options available to you.

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

6. **Explore LionPATH**:  
   — review financial aid awards,
   — schedule classes,
   — receive your bill and pay your tuition and fees.

7. **View Your Suggested Academic Plan**. You can view information about academic majors, including Penn State’s suggested academic plans at [bulletins.psu.edu/programs](https://bulletins.psu.edu/programs).

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

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

All students who are offered admission and submit a FAFSA are considered for scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid. Some academic colleges, campuses, and other administrative units require separate applications.

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**TUITION AND COSTS**

Penn State’s Board of Trustees sets tuition each July for the upcoming academic year. You are encouraged to estimate your costs using the College Cost Calculator at [tuition.psu.edu](https://tuition.psu.edu), since tuition rates vary by campus and student level.

- When a student has completed 59.1 or more course credits, including credits transferred from another institution, they are considered an “upper division” student.

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**How Penn State Transfers Credits**

We know a major concern for transfer students is if and how previous course work is going to transfer to Penn State. To understand how Penn State transfers credit and to search for the transfer evaluation of course work at other institutions, visit: [admissions.psu.edu/credit](https://admissions.psu.edu/credit)

If accepted, students will receive an evaluation of transferable credits. This evaluation will outline the awarded credit, but the academic unit to which the student has been admitted will determine how credits will be used to fulfill degree requirements in a student’s program of study. For more information about degree program requirements: [bulletins.psu.edu](https://bulletins.psu.edu)
## RESOURCES AND STUDENT SERVICES

**Adult Learner Programs**
814-863-7378  
studentaffairs.psu.edu/adults

**Blue Band**
814-865-3982  
blueband.psu.edu

**Career Services**
814-863-2377  
studentaffairs.psu.edu/career

**Housing**
814-865-7501 (University Park)  
814-865-7862 (Commonwealth Campuses)  
housing.psu.edu

**Intercollegiate Athletics**
1-800-NITTANY (648-8269)  
gopsusports.com

**Education Abroad**
814-865-7681  
global.psu.edu

**International Student Advising**
814-865-6348  
global.psu.edu

**Multicultural Resource Center**
814-865-1773  
equity.psu.edu/mrc

**Student Activities**
814-865-4624  
studentaffairs.psu.edu

**Student Aid**
(financial aid and scholarships)  
814-865-6301  
studentaid.psu.edu

**Student Disability Resources**
814-865-1807 (voice or TTY)  
equity.psu.edu/ods

**Veterans Support**
814-865-0245  
nursing.psu.edu

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