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RUN THE FUTURE

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WE'RE READY

FOR YOU

START PLANNING YOUR PENN STATE EXPERIENCE.
There is no way around it. Life as we knew it has changed, and in its wake left us with plenty of uncertainty. The benefit of being a forward-thinking, future-focused academic community is that we see opportunity where there is doubt. And if you’re anything like us, you’re not content to see what the future has in store for you. You’re ready to shape it.

Get started on running your future by joining a globally recognized university that ranks among the nation’s best for setting graduates up for greater career potential. Pursue your individual passions within a culture that takes pride in shared success and an academic community that will connect you to the research and expertise you need. And when you’re ready to graduate, join a network of Penn Staters that spans the globe, willing to open doors to a lifetime of opportunity, regardless of the circumstances.
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Look closer, and the numbers show the power of a shared purpose to live, learn, and succeed.
We'll meet you where you are.

OPTIONS EVERYWHERE

There is only one Penn State. And the path toward a Penn State degree can start wherever is right for you. We’re equipped to meet the needs of the modern-day student through learning options tailored to you.

CAMPUS OPTIONS

▶ 20 campuses across Pennsylvania in unique community settings
▶ Not limited by physical location – we have 8,500 faculty across all campuses who collaborate to offer the same high-quality curriculum regardless of which campus you attend
▶ 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—see the “Know Your Numbers” section to compare campus costs

Find the campus that’s right for you! Explore your options at
admissions.psu.edu/campuses/

THE 2+2 PLAN

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE 2+2 PLAN?

Roughly 50 percent of students spend their first two years at one campus, then transition to another campus to finish their degree. We call it the 2+2 plan, and it’s the most common path to a Penn State degree.
ESTIMATING YOUR ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY

At Penn State, an admission decision is an academic decision.

When reviewing a student’s application, we base our decision on their academic credentials. A student’s prior academic record gives us a good idea of how prepared they are for the Penn State classroom. We have moved to a test-optional evaluation process for the 2021 admissions cycle to give Penn State applicants a choice to ease the anxiety they may be experiencing as a result of test-taking disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What is Test Optional?

Test-optional means that students will have the opportunity to decide if they would like us to include SAT or ACT exam scores in the evaluation of their application. This question will be asked during the application process and once the student’s application is submitted, the test-optional choice is locked in. For this reason, students should carefully evaluate their response to the test-optional question on the application.

*Test scores will still be required for any student applying for the Premedical-Medical (PMM) program.

How are admissions decisions made?

At Penn State, the bulk of the admission decision is a result of a student’s academic preparation in high school, including overall grade-point-average and the academic rigor of their high school curriculum. Although Penn State is test-optional, we will still accept and consider SAT or ACT scores from students who would like to share their scores as part of their application. Students are also strongly encouraged to submit the personal statement on the application.

Keep in mind that the middle 50 percent ranges shown below are not cutoffs or averages. Rather, they show what the majority of those accepted into Penn State looked like academically at the time they were offered admission. And remember that 25 percent of those offered admission were above the high end of the chart and that 25 percent were just slightly below the lower end of those ranges. This chart in no way represents a promise or guarantee of admission.

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First-year Bachelor’s Degree Applications

First-year Bachelor’s Degree Applications
Entering First-year Bachelor’s Degree Students (University-wide, excluding World Campus)
University Park First-year Bachelor’s Degree Students

Middle 50 Percent of Admitted Students (fall 2020)

For estimating purposes only.
MAKING CHOICES

To help you think things through, follow these steps when applying to Penn State:

1. **What to study**—Look over the 275+ majors at Penn State.

   Now, if you can narrow down your interests to fit a specific major or several majors that fall under one college, great. If not, consider entering Penn State through the Division of Undergraduate Studies, our exploratory program.

2. **Where**—With 20 campuses across Pennsylvania, choose a campus that is the right fit for you. Think about location. Consider housing. Look at costs. And keep in mind that almost all majors can be started at any Penn State campus and will finish with your final two years of study at the University Park campus.

3. **How much**—College is a major investment, so knowing the costs up front is important. Figure out how you plan to pay for your education. Consider lower-cost campuses to make a Penn State degree more affordable right from the start.

4. **When**—If you are applying to University Park as your first choice, we strongly encourage you to consider adding the summer start option to your application. The six-week summer session, which begins in late June, can give you a head start on your studies and adjusting to life at Penn State.

APPLICATION TIMELINE—KEY DATES IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- **AUGUST 1**
  The undergraduate applications are available on this date. Get started at admissions.psu.edu.

- **SEP**
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- **OCT**
  - **OCT**

- **NOV**
  - **NOV**
  - **NOV**

- **DEC**
  - **DEC**
  - **DEC**

**DECEMBER 1**
Submit your FAFSA to Penn State by December 1 to maximize financial aid consideration.

**LATE OCTOBER–MAY 1**
Admission decisions are released during this window of time.

**NOVEMBER 1**
Early Action deadline. Submitting an Early Action application means you will have a decision by December 24!
SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN APPLYING

- Of all of Penn State’s campuses, **University Park, particularly for the fall semester, is the most competitive and selective** when it comes to admission.
  
  + To give yourself a second review for University Park admission, add the summer session option to your application.

- Admission criteria varies by campus. In most cases, you will be able to select **up to two campuses** on your application.

- We—Penn State Undergraduate Admissions—will **review your application based on your preferences**. That means your first review will be for your first-choice campus and term.

- Make sure your intended major can be completed at **the campus where you plan to earn your degree** (you can review each major and find the starting and ending campuses at admissions.psu.edu/majors).

- Review the **high school requirements for your intended major** at admissions.psu.edu/apply/requirements/4year.

A half-year of trigonometry, precalculus, or calculus is required for admission into the following:

- Smeal College of Business
- College of Information Sciences and Technology
- Eberly College of Science
- all other business degrees offered at individual campuses
- College of Earth and Mineral Science
- all other science degrees offered at Penn State Altoona, Penn State Abington, Penn State Behrend, Penn State Berks, Penn State Harrisburg, and Penn State Lehigh Valley
- College of Engineering
- engineering and engineering technology degrees offered at Penn State Behrend and Penn State Harrisburg

- Penn State now accepts applications through **MyPennState**, through the **Coalition Application**, and through the **Common App**. You may complete an application to Penn State starting **August 1**.

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**What does it mean to submit a complete application?**

- Your online application is finished and complete.

  *Students are strongly encouraged to complete the personal statement*

- If you chose to have your test scores included in the review of your application, your SAT or ACT scores were sent to Penn State by the testing agency (SAT code #2660; ACT code #3656). If you chose test-optional, you will not need to submit your test scores.

  *Plan ahead—the scores must be received by Penn State by November 1 to meet the Early Action deadline.*

- A complete and accurate high school record has been submitted.
Ready to make an impact?

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Our students are leveraging world-class faculty expertise, research, and entrepreneurial opportunities both in and out of the classroom, not just for their own benefit, but to shape a brighter future. Get ready to join a community driven to innovate and create a better world for themselves and for others. And no matter what you pursue as a college student, you will have that community—rooted in inspiring and supporting each other—behind you, as a student and well beyond graduation.

BE YOUR OWN BOSS.

NO. 2 INSTITUTION FOR GRADUATING CEOS

According to LinkedIn, Penn State graduates more CEOs ahead of some of the top universities in the nation, including Harvard Business School.

YOU ARE CONNECTED FOR LIFE.

700K+ GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

Expand your cheering section. Our alumni network is one of the largest in the world, and you can rely on that network for support and opportunities—whether it be internships, jobs, or mentoring—long after you graduate.

Penn Staters /penˈstaː-derz/ collective noun

A term describing the community created by more than 76,000 students and more than 700,000 alumni affiliated with Penn State.
YOU CAN BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG.

NO. 1 STUDENT-RUN PHILANTHROPY IN THE WORLD
There is strength in numbers. As a community, we have achieved great things including raising more than $180 million toward pediatric cancer research through our annual dance marathon, THON™.
The University is committed to equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment for all persons. It is the policy of the University to maintain an environment free of harassment and free of discrimination against any person because of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, physical or mental disability, gender, perceived gender, gender identity, genetic information, or political ideas. Discriminatory conduct and harassment, as well as sexual misconduct and relationship violence, violate the dignity of individuals, impedes the realization of the University's educational mission, and will not be tolerated. Direct all inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action Office, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901; Email: aao@psu.edu; Tel: 814-863-0471.

CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME STATISTICS: Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Pennsylvania Act of 1988, Penn State publishes a combined Annual Security and Annual Fire Safety Report (ASR). The ASR includes crime statistics and institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those related to alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. The ASR is available for review at https://police.psu.edu/annual-security-reports.

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Majors offered through the World Campus, Penn State’s online program, will take notice. Majors that require starting and completing study at a specific campus are also noted.

Architecture and Environmental Design
- Architecture
- Environmental Design

Arts (Visual and Performing)
- Acting, B.F.A.
- Art Education
- Art History, A.S.A.
- Design Studies
- Film and Media Technology
- Fine Arts Management
- Music, B.F.A.
- Music Education
- Moving Image and Sound, B.F.A.
- Theatre and Drama

Business
- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behavior
- Strategic Management

Communications
- Advertising/Public Relations
- Business Communication
- Journalism

Computer and Information Systems
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science

Computer and Engineering Technologies
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Information Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Telecommunications Technology

Health Professions and Recreational Services
- Allied Health Studies
- Recreation Management

Humanities and Language
- Anthropological Science
- Classical Languages
- Comparative Literature
- Ethnic Studies
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Gender and Sexuality
- History
- Jewish Studies
- Linguistics
- Modern and Contemporary Literatures

Interdisciplinary Studies
- Accounting
- Anthropological Science
- Asian American Studies
- Comparative Literature
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- Modern and Contemporary Literatures

Medical Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Dental Sciences
- Health Information Technology

Science
- Astronomy
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Science and Policy
- Environmental Studies
- Geosciences
- Physics

Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Economics
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Social Work

Undeclared (Exploratory)
- Division of Undergraduate Studies

For the most up-to-date major information, visit: admissions.psu.edu/majors
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Penn State offers an optional installment payment plan.

To estimate your costs to attend Penn State, use the College Cost Calculator at tuition.psu.edu.

For more information on student financial aid, visit studentaid.psu.edu.

For an overview of the University’s financial aid process at University Park, visit pafao.psu.edu.

**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.

Start by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), at the Web at studentaid.gov. Penn State’s federal school code is 003329.

Next, if you have filed your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool—available after February 1 on the website to complete your FAFSA. Using the tool will save you time and increase the accuracy of your FAFSA.

Complete the FAFSA online by our recommended filing date of December 1. For students submitting the FAFSA before December 1 of their senior year, awards will begin receiving Student Aid Award Notifications, which will include all forms of student aid, in February. This will allow maximum consideration for student financial aid.

Please note: Pennsylvania residents must submit their FAFSA by May 1 in order to be eligible for the Pennsylvania State Grant.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

All students who are admitted and submit a FAFSA are considered for all scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid. Some academic colleges, campuses, and other administrative units may require additional information for a particular scholarship award. Notification of scholarship awards begins in early spring.

**GET THERE.**

Help you get there.

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