The Penn State Beaver Advantage

Penn State Beaver is a small, close-knit campus located just 40 minutes from the city of Pittsburgh. Many of our students choose to spend all four years here; others are pursuing the popular 2+2 program.

No matter where you start and finish, you will graduate with a degree that says Penn State University and you will become part of the world’s largest and most powerful alumni network. Our students enjoy lower tuition rates and smaller class sizes, when compared with the University Park campus.

But small doesn’t mean fewer options. Our students can study abroad, participate in undergraduate research, and purchase Penn State season football tickets.

Schedule a visit today to see what makes Penn State Beaver such a special place.

Explore Pittsburgh

Penn State Beaver offers convenient access to Pittsburgh’s sports and cultural scene, in a safe and welcoming environment that we’re sure you’ll enjoy calling home.

Pittsburgh International Airport is just 20 minutes away, offering nearly 200 non-stop flights a day to more than 50 destinations.

Penn State Beaver is only a 40-minute drive from downtown Pittsburgh. Take in a football or hockey game featuring the world-champion Steelers or Penguins. Check out the dinosaurs at the Carnegie Museum, the soup can paintings at the Andy Warhol Museum, or the IMAX theater at the Carnegie Science Center.

US News, CNBC, Forbes, and The Economist have all named Pittsburgh one of the most livable cities in the United States.

With a population of 2.35 million, the Pittsburgh area is home to 33 colleges and universities. Penn State Beaver is one of many top-notch resources in the area enriching the academic, cultural and professional lives of residents, and visitors every day.

22 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
16:1 RATIO OF STUDENTS TO FACULTY
63 FULL- AND PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

58% MALE
42% FEMALE

21% DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION

655 STUDENTS
28 STATES
10 FOREIGN COUNTRIES
Administration of Justice
The B.S. degree in Administration of Justice focuses on the criminal justice system, public and private sector enforcement and investigation, legal systems, correctional treatment, and community services. The program prepares students for a challenging career through a unique combination of formal classroom instruction and field experience, including an extensive internship. Graduates find career opportunities in such fields as law enforcement and correction agencies; probation and parole services; community crime prevention and treatment services; private sector security; and juvenile and drug rehabilitation counseling.

Biology
The B.S. degree in Biology prepares students for professions requiring competence in biological science. Students who intend to secure advanced degrees through graduate study, who are interested in work with governmental agencies or industries having biological responsibilities, or students who want to prepare for careers in medicine or other health-related professions are able to lay the necessary foundation for their careers through the program. Graduates find opportunities in fields such as health care, education, research, pharmaceutical sales, law, genetic counseling, and medical illustration.

Business
The B.S. degree in Business is designed for students seeking a broad-based education to prepare them for the business world. The accounting option is for students who aspire to work in business services, especially the financial sector. The marketing and management option will prepare students to handle the critical day-to-day challenges of business and teach them how to develop new approaches to the design of organizations and the tools needed to manage them.

Communications
The B.A. degree in Communications teaches students how to deliver the right message, at the right time, to the right audience. Two options – digital journalism and corporate communications – prepare students for careers in institutional communications, media, publishing and corporate communications. Both options require students to develop strong written, verbal and digital skills.

Information Sciences & Technology
The B.S. degree in Information Sciences and Technology teaches students the skills needed to develop new technology. The information systems: design and development option focuses on the skills needed to develop advanced IT systems using state-of-the-art tools and techniques. The information technology: integration and application option focuses on developing the skill set needed for integrating IT into systems to enhance performance.

Project & Supply Chain Management
The B.S. degree in Project and Supply Chain Management emphasizes the integration of manufacturing and service operations, logistics, purchasing, and distribution. Students learn how to manage critical components in organizational supply chains and apply business analytic methods for organizing and fully integrating supply chain practices.

Psychology
The B.A. and B.S. degrees in Psychology teach students to apply basic research methods, use critical thinking and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior or mental processes, and apply psychological principles to personal and social issues. Both the B.A. and B.S. degrees incorporate broad exposure to the many facets of psychology, while the B.S. degree adds options in science and business. Both degree programs prepare students for graduate school.

Tuition & fees
Non-Pennsylvania residents, 2019-20
BEAVER
Tuition & fees $22,302
Room & board $10,978
UNIVERSITY PARK
Tuition & fees $35,514
Room & board $11,352
Out-of-state students save more than $13,500 per year at Beaver compared to University Park.

Eligibility
The middle 50% of students offered admission to Penn State Beaver for fall 2018 had:
GPA 3.07-3.60
ACT 23-28
SAT 1070-1290

212
STUDENTS LIVE IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
+ MORE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LOCALLY

70%
OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP
89% OF STUDENTS GET FINANCIAL AID

Academics
Penn State students have more than 275 majors to choose from, and nearly all of them can be started at Penn State Beaver and finished at another campus. Students who want to stay at Beaver all four years can complete one of these seven degrees.
Student Life

As a student at Penn State Beaver, there are a variety of opportunities for you to get involved and connected on campus. Write for the student newspaper, show off your creative talents during an open mic event, join an intramural basketball team, or become part of the Campus Activities Team to plan social and cultural events. With more than 20 clubs and organizations, you’re sure to find something that meets your interests.

Athletics
In just the past twelve years, the campus has collected nineteen Penn State Athletic Conference titles in seven different sports. And women’s basketball won the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Championship in 2015. Athletes make up nearly twenty percent of the student population and hold numerous positions of leadership on campus. But they are students first, and they take that mantra seriously. Beaver athletes consistently have a collective 3.0 GPA.

Varsity Teams
- Men’s baseball
- Men’s basketball
- Men’s soccer
- Women’s softball
- Women’s volleyball
- Women’s basketball
- Women’s soccer

Club Team
- Inline hockey

Living on campus
Harmony Hall, a traditional residence hall that recently underwent a million-dollar renovation, accommodates two students per bedroom and features common bathrooms on each floor. The residence hall provides 24-hour card access at exterior and interior doors, a fully equipped community kitchen, laundry facilities, vending machines, and a game room with a big-screen TV, pool table, and air hockey.