

Penn State Info Guide

General Information

- School Type: Public
- School Size:
 - Across All Campuses: 76,099 total undergraduates
 - University Park: 40,639 total undergraduates
- 42% of classes have 20-39 students
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 15: 1
- 20 Campuses
 - Abington - Abington, PA
 - Altoona - Altoona, PA
 - Beaver - Monaca, PA
 - Behrend - Erie, PA
 - Berks - Reading, PA
 - Brandywine - Media, PA
 - Dickinson Law - Carlisle, PA
 - DuBois - DuBois, PA
 - Fayette - Lemont Furnace, PA
 - Great Valley - Malvern, PA
 - Greater Allegheny - McKeesport, PA
 - Harrisburg - Middletown, PA
 - Hazleton - Hazleton, PA
 - PennState Health - Hershey, PA
 - LeHigh Valley - Center Valley, PA
 - Mont Alto - Mont Alto, PA
 - New Kensington - New Kensington, PA
 - Schuylkill - Schuylkill Haven, PA
 - Scranton - Dunmore, PA
 - Shenango - Sharon, PA
 - University Park - University Park, PA

- Wilkes-Barre - Dallas, PA
- Pennsylvania College of Technology - Williamsport, PA
- York - York, PA
- Main Campus: University Park, PA

Student Demographics

- Gender
 - Female Undergraduates: 46%
 - Male Undergraduates: 54%
- Race/Ethnicity:
 - White: 64.95%
 - International: 9.36%
 - Hispanic/Latino: 7.65%
 - Asian American: 6.40%
 - African American: 5.63%
 - Other: 6.01%

Application Process

- Penn State is test-optional through summer/fall of 2023
- Can Apply 3 Ways: MyPennState, The Coalition App, and The Common App
- High School Course Requirements for Academic College
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units in any combination of social studies, arts, and humanities
 - 3 units of Science
 - 3 units of Mathematics
 - 2 units of a World Language
- Class of 2025 Profile:
 - Unweighted High School GPA: 3.07-3.90
 - Composite ACT: 23-33
 - SAT: 1090-1450

Tuition & Costs

- University Park:
 - Tuition and Fees of Pennsylvania Resident: \$18,454
 - Tuition and Fees of Non-Pennsylvania Resident: \$35,984
 - Additional Estimated Costs: \$14,158-17,380
 - Total Cost for Non-Pennsylvania Resident: \$50,142-53,364
 - Total Cost for Pennsylvania Resident: \$32,608-35,830
- Commonwealth/Other Campuses:
 - Tuition and Fees of Pennsylvania Resident: \$15,216
 - Tuition and Fees of Non-Pennsylvania Resident: \$24,926
 - Additional Estimated Costs: \$13,410-16,632
 - Total Cost for Non-Pennsylvania Resident: \$39,084-42,306
 - Total Cost for Pennsylvania Resident: \$26,752-31,830
- Student Aid
 - For the 2018-19 school year, Penn State gave \$995 Million to students in need
 - Loans - 62%
 - Grants - 25%
 - Scholarships - 12.5%
 - Work-Study: 0.5%
 - All Penn State campuses award scholarships to certain first-year students based on academic performance, SAT/ACT scores, financial needs, leadership, and community service. Some campuses require an application while others do not.
 - For most scholarships you must:
 - Maintain Federal and Penn State Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements
 - Enroll full-time (12 credits or more)
 - Many require that students maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Some Specific Scholarships

- The Bunton-Waller Scholarship
 - The award is \$3200 and can be renewed for up to 4 years as long as the student maintains a 2.5 GPA

- In order to be considered, you must be a full-time student in resident instruction with the highest financial need.
- Renaissance Scholarship
 - Full-time students with astounding academics and high financial needs qualify for this scholarship. To keep the scholarship, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
 - The award is \$1500.
- This link holds a few more specifics on scholarships that Penn State offers:
<https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/university-wide>

Location

- Penn State University Park is located in University Park, Pennsylvania which is a college town where the majority of residents are students at Penn State. The University Park Campus covers 7,343 acres of land.

Academics

- The Best Programs at Penn State are Engineering, Business, Education, Nursing, and Criminology
- Penn State has 12 academic colleges:
 - College of Agricultural Sciences
 - College of Arts and Architecture
 - Smeal College of Business
 - Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications
 - College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
 - College of Education
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Health and Human Development
 - College of the Liberal Arts
 - College of Information Sciences and Technology
 - College of Nursing
 - Eberly College of Science
- Penn State offers a wide selection of 275 majors:

- Accounting (ACCTG_BS)
- Acting (ACTNG_BFA)
- Actuarial Science (ACTSC_BS)
- Advertising & Public Relations (ADPR_BA)
- Aerospace Engineering (AERSP_BS)
- African American Studies (AAST_BA)
- African Studies (AFRST_BA)
- Agribusiness Management (AGBM_BS)
- Agricultural & Extension Education (AEE_BS)
- Agricultural Science (AGSC_BS)
- Agricultural Sciences (undecided) (AG_PMAJ)
- Animal Science (ANSC_BS)
- Anthropological Science (ANTHS_BS)
- Anthropology (ANTH_BA)
- Architectural Engineering (AE_BAE)
- Architecture (5-Year) (BARCHBARCH)
- Art B.A. (ARTBA_BA)
- Art B.F.A. (ARBFA_BFA)
- Art Education (AED_BS)
- Art History (ARTH_BA)
- Asian Studies (ASIA_BA)
- Astronomy and Astrophysics (ASTRO_BS)
- Biobehavioral Health (BBH_BS)
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB_BS)
- Biological Engineering (BE_BS)
- Biology (BIOL_BS)
- Biomedical Engineering (BME_BS)
- Biorenewable Systems (BRS_BS)
- Biotechnology (BIOTC_BS)
- Business (BA_PMAJ)
- Chemical Engineering (CHE_BS)

- Chemistry (CHEM_BS)
- Chinese (CHNS_BA)
- Civil Engineering (CE_BS)
- Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS_BA)
- Communication Arts and Sciences B.A. (CAS_BA)
- Communication Arts and Sciences B.S. (CASBS_BS)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD_BS)
- Communications (COMM_PMAJ)
- Community, Environment, and Development (CED_BS)
- Comparative Literature (CMLIT_BA)
- Computer Engineering (CMPEN_BS)
- Computer Science (CMPSC_BS)
- Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIENT_BS)
- Criminology B.A. (CRMBA_BA)
- Criminology B.S. (CRMBS_BS)
- Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations (CYAOP_BS)
- Data Sciences, Applied Data Sciences (DATSC_BS)
- Data Sciences, Computational Data Sciences (DTSCE_BS)
- Data Sciences, Statistical Modeling Data Sciences (DTSCS_BS)
- Digital Arts and Media Design (IDS_BDES)
- Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS_PMAJ)
- Earth & Mineral Sciences (undecided) (EMSC_PMAJ)
- Earth Science and Policy (EARSP_BS)
- Earth Sciences (EARTH_BS)
- Economics B.A. (ECLBA_BA)
- Economics B.S. (ECLBS_BS)
- Education (undecided) (ED_PMAJ)
- Education and Public Policy (EPP_BS)
- Electrical Engineering (EE_BS)
- Elementary and Early Childhood Education (CEAED_BS)
- Energy Engineering (ENENG_BS)

- Energy, Business and Finance (EBF_BS)
- Engineering (undecided) (ENGR_PMAJ)
- Engineering Science (ESC_BS)
- English (ENGL_BA)
- Enterprise Technology Integration (ETCHI_BS)
- Environmental Resource Management (ERM_BS)
- Environmental Systems Engineering (ENVSE_BS)
- Exploratory (Division of Undergraduate Studies) (DUS_PMAJ)
- Film Production (FILM_BA)
- Finance (FIN_BS)
- Food Science (FDSC_BS)
- Forensic Science (FRNSC_BS)
- Forest Ecosystem Management (FOREM_BS)
- French and Francophone Studies B.A. (FRBA_BA)
- French and Francophone Studies B.S. (FRBS_BS)
- Geobiology (GEOBI_BS)
- Geography B.A. (GEOBA_BA)
- Geography B.S. (GEOBS_BS)
- Geosciences B.A. (GSCBA_BA)
- Geosciences B.S. (GSCBS_BS)
- German B.A. (GERBA_BA)
- German B.S. (GERBS_BS)
- Global and International Studies B.A. (GSBA_BA)
- Global and International Studies B.S. (GSBS_BS)
- Graphic Design (GD_BDES)
- Health & Human Development (undecided) (HHD_PMAJ)
- Health Policy and Administration (HPA_BS)
- History (HIST_BA)
- Hospitality Management (HM_BS)
- Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS_BS)
- Human-Centered Design and Development (HCDD_BS)

- Immunology and Infectious Disease (IID_BS)
- Industrial Engineering (IE_BS)
- Information Sciences and Technology B.S. (ISTBS_BS)
- Integrative Arts (INART_BA)
- International Politics (INTPL_BA)
- Italian B.A. (ITBA_BA)
- Italian B.S. (ITBS_BS)
- Japanese (JAPNS_BA)
- Jewish Studies (JST_BA)
- Journalism (JOURN_BA)
- Kinesiology (KINES_BS)
- Korean (KORBA_BA)
- Labor and Human Resources B.A. (LHRBA_BA)
- Labor and Human Resources B.S. (LHRBS_BS)
- Landscape Architecture (LARCH_BLA)
- Landscape Contracting (LSCPE_BS)
- Latin American Studies (LATAM_BA)
- Letters, Arts, & Sciences (LAS_BA)
- Liberal Arts (undecided) (LA_PMAJ)
- Linguistics (LING_BA)
- Management (MGMT_BS)
- Management Information Systems (MIS_BS)
- Marketing (MKTG_BS)
- Materials Science & Engineering (MATSE_BS)
- Mathematics B.A. (MTHBA_BA)
- Mathematics B.S. (MTHBS_BS)
- Mechanical Engineering (ME_BS)
- Media Studies (MEDIA_BA)
- Medieval Studies (MEDVL_BA)
- Meteorology and Atmospheric Science (METEO_BS)
- Microbiology (MICRB_BS)

- Middle-Level Education (MLVED_BS)
- Mining Engineering (MNGE_BS)
- Music B.A. (MUSBA_BA)
- Music B.M. (MUSBM_BM)
- Music Education (MUED_BME)
- Musical Arts (MUBMA_BMA)
- Musical Theatre, B.F.A. (THRMT_BFA)
- Nuclear Engineering (NUCE_BS)
- Nursing (NURS_BSN)
- Nutritional Sciences (NUTR_BS)
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering (PNGE_BS)
- Pharmacology and Toxicology (TOX_BS)
- Philosophy B.A. (PHIL_BA)
- Philosophy B.S. (PHIL_BS)
- Physics (PHYS_BS)
- Planetary Science and Astronomy (PASTR_BS)
- Plant Sciences (PLANT_BS)
- Political Science B.A. (PLSC_BA)
- Political Science B.S. (PLSBS_BS)
- Premedical-Medical (accelerated Program) (PMM_BS)
- Premedicine (PM_BS)
- Professional Photography (PHOTO_BDES)
- Psychology B.A. (PSYBA_BA)
- Psychology B.S. (PSYBS_BS)
- Recreation, Park and Tourism Management (RPTM_BS)
- Rehabilitation and Human Services (RHS_BS)
- Risk Management (RM_BS)
- Russian (RUS_BA)
- Science (undecided) (SCIEN_PMAJ)
- Science B.S. (SCBS_BS)
- Science Business / M B A (SCBUS_BS)

- Secondary Education (SECED_BS)
- Security and Risk Analysis (SRA_BS)
- Social Data Analytics (SODA_BS)
- Sociology B.A. (SOCBA_BA)
- Sociology B.S. (SOCBS_BS)
- Spanish B.A. (SPNBA_BA)
- Spanish B.S. (SPNBS_BS)
- Special Education (SPLED_BS)
- Statistics (STAT_BS)
- Supply Chain and Information Systems (SCIS_BS)
- Technical Theatre B.F.A. (THRFA_BFA)
- Telecommunications and Media Industries (TELCM_BA)
- Theatre Studies B.A. (THRBA_BA)
- Turfgrass Science (TURF_BS)
- Undecided (Division of Undergraduate Studies) (DUS_PMAJ)
- Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (VBSC_BS)
- Wildlife and Fisheries Science (WFS_BS)
- Women's Studies B.A. (WSBA_BA)
- Women's Studies B.S. (WSBS_BS)
- Workforce Education and Development (WFED_BS)
- World Languages Education (WLED_BS)

Student Life

- 900+ Clubs and Opportunities
- There is an immense number of student organizations that range in subject and focus whether that's academic or just personal interests.
- Penn State has 44 Fraternities and 27 Sororities.
- 14% of Penn State's student body participates in Greek Life.

Opportunities

- LionQuest
 - The LionQuest is a retreat meant for Penn State students to learn leadership.
 - It takes place every fall and spring semester.
 - The cost is \$20.
 - The retreat lasts for two days where you sleep overnight at Camp Blue Diamond.

Surrounding Area

- Penn State is located in a small college town, therefore most nearby attractions are made especially for students.
- There are many small business restaurants nearby and just across the street from Penn State are many popular stores and food places.
- Penn State is about a 3.5-hour drive from Philadelphia.

Dining/Food

- There are many off-campus dining options outside of Penn State such as:
 - Panera Bread
 - Chipotle Mexican Grill
 - Cold Stone Creamery
 - Subway
 - McDonald's
 - Kung Fu Tea
 - Starbucks
- On-Campus Dining has multiple meal plans available for students.
- Meal Plans are loaded onto students' ID+ cards and can be used to purchase items at dining commons, campus restaurants, and on-campus markets.
- Plans are binding for the semester and balances are nonrefundable.
- Campus Meal Plan
 - This plan is designed for students that live on campus

- 65% discount at Buffet to Go locations
- A la carte operations offer a 65% discount on prepared items
- When paying for a guest, they can have a 35 percent discount in the Buffet to Go.
- Discount is not applicable at national chain locations
- The meal plan has two costs, base cost, and dining dollars
- The base cost is paid upfront for the semester while dining dollars are what you're paying for purchases with.
- Commuter Meal Plan
 - 10% discount at the all-you-care-to-eat dining commons
 - 10% discount on prepared items at select Campus Dining locations

On-Campus Housing

- First-year students are required to live on campus at University Park as part of the offer of admission.
- Room assignments are processed in random order and are NOT based on when the student accepts the offer of admission.
- Penn State offers gender-neutral housing.
- University housing facilities are coed therefore males and females could potentially live on the same floor however dorm rooms are single-gender.
- Most dorm rooms in Penn State are doubles so two people can live in one dorm.
- However, depending on the Dorm Hall you could have up to 4 people in one dorm room or you could live in a single dorm room alone.
- Nittany Hall suites
 - Below is the floor plan of a Nittany Hall Suite



- Residence Halls and Eastview Terrace Rooms Feature:
 - Twin Bed with mattress
 - Bookshelf
 - Chest of Drawers
 - Closet
 - Desk with Chair
 - Wifi
 - Mirror
 - Mini Fridge
 - Smoke Detector
 - Trash Can
- Nittany and White Course Apartments
 - These apartments have a kitchen, living room, and bedroom.
 - Twin Bed with mattress
 - Bulletin board
 - Carpeting or Luxury Vinyl Planks
 - Chests of drawers
 - Closet
 - Desk and chair
 - Individual door lock

- Coffee table
- Couch (two-seater)
- Easy chairs (two)
- End tables (two)
- Floor lamp
- Table lamps (two)
- Table and four chairs
- Garbage disposal
- Refrigerator
- Stove with oven
- Microwave
- Washer/Dryer - This is only available at White Course Apartments (not Nittany Apartments)
- Curtains, Mini-Blinds, or Roller Shades
- Central air conditioning
- Wi-Fi
- Laundry facilities available in Nittany Community Center
- On-Campus Housing Amenities
 - Cleaning Services
 - Bike Storage
 - Internet Access
 - Access your room with an Electronic Card
 - Laundry Facilities
 - Maintenance
 - Mail Delivery Services
 - Meeting Rooms
 - Recycling
 - Television
 - Radio
 - Telephone Service

Off-Campus Housing

- University Park is a college town where almost all residents are college students at Penn State University, therefore there are endless options for off-campus apartments and housing that is located near Penn State.

Athletics

- Penn State has four fitness centers.
 - 23,000 fitness members per year
 - 210 weekly fitness classes
- Penn State has **29 Division I teams** at University Park.
 - 15 for Men (M) and 14 for Women (W)
 - Baseball (M only)
 - Basketball (M and W)
 - Cross Country (M and W)
 - Fencing (M and W)
 - Field Hockey (W only)
 - Football (M only)
 - Golf (M and W)
 - Gymnastics (M and W)
 - Ice Hockey (M and W)
 - Lacrosse (M and W)
 - Soccer (M and W)
 - Softball (W only)
 - Swimming and Diving (M and W)
 - Tennis (M and W)
 - Track and Field (M and W)
 - Volleyball (M and W)
 - Wrestling (M only)

Notable Alumni

- Mark Parker, former president-CEO of Nike, Inc
- Keegan-Michael Key, actor, comedian, writer
- Ty Burrell, actor
- Tim Frazier, NBA player, Washington Wizards
- Alex Bentley, WNBA player, Connecticut Sun
- Saquon Barkley, NFL running back, NFL Rookie of the Year (2018)

School Traditions

- Homecoming
 - The first homecoming at Penn State was in 1920 and the tradition has continued ever since.
 - Homecoming lasts for a week and is completely student-run.
 - Homecoming Events:
 - Allen Street Jam
 - For the Glory Talent Show
 - Best of Penn State Carnival
 - Penn State Parade
 - Homecoming Football Game
- THON
 - A philanthropy mission to support children fighting childhood cancer and to help spread awareness for pediatric cancer research.
 - Penn State students, committee members, and locals participate in a 46-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon in the Bryce Jordan Center.
- Penn State White-out Football Game
 - This tradition began in 2007, everyone in attendance of the football game at Beaver Stadium wears all white to make the stadium looked flushed by white.
- Camping Out At Football Stadium

- Students will camp out outside of the football stadium the night before a game to secure the best seats and the football team will often come out to interact with them throughout the night.

