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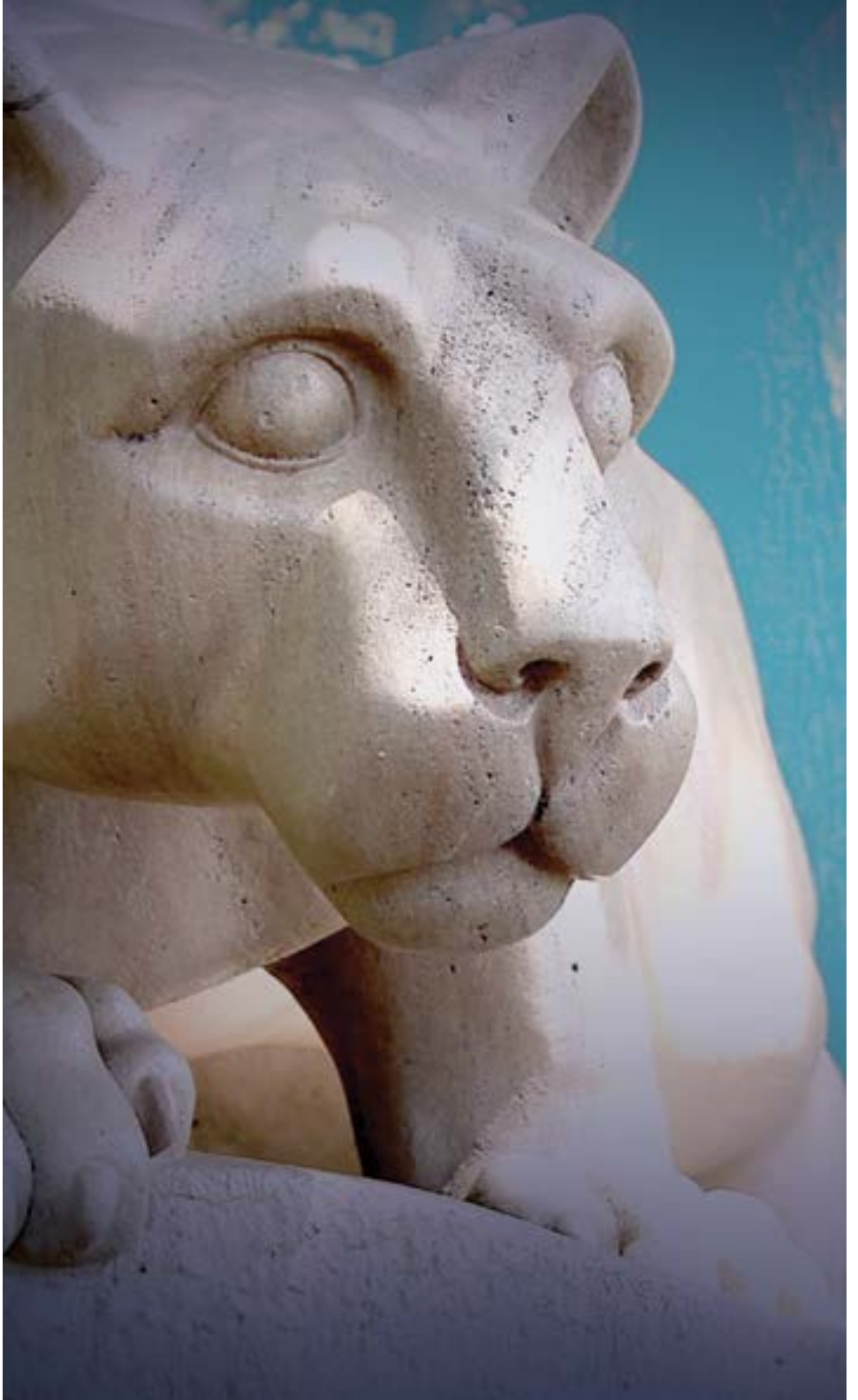
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A PENN STATE WELCOME

Dear Parents & Family Members:

A student's success depends on many things. It depends on a deep commitment and clear sense of purpose, a desire to take responsibility and make good choices, and an openness to learn from mistakes and embrace new challenges. In the most fundamental ways, a student's success depends on the student. It comes from within.

A student's success also depends on the support and encouragement of others. It depends on University programs and services designed and implemented with student success in mind. It depends on the support and love of parents and family members. It depends on you and us and so many others, and it requires our collective willingness, in just the right moment, to simply let go.

We want all Penn State students to have the opportunity to succeed. We want them to experience the excitement of discovery in their academic and personal pursuits, to learn, to grow, to find their life's path and purpose, to take responsibility for themselves and others. And we want them to do so safely and securely, challenged by the experience, but nurtured through it, too.

We cannot achieve that ambition without your direct involvement and contribution. Please participate in as many Parents Program activities and opportunities as time allows. Let us know what we can do for you. Tell us about your experience at Penn State. Help us be the very best we can.

With all of us working together, Penn State will remain among the finest universities in the country, and indeed the world. Together, our students—all of them—will have every chance to succeed. They and we should expect nothing less.

Sincerely,



Andrea Dowhower
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs



Jeff Adams
Interim Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education

PENN STATE VALUES

Integrity • Respect
Responsibility • Discovery
Excellence • Community

PennState



INTEGRITY

We act with integrity and honesty in accordance with the highest academic, professional, and ethical standards.

RESPECT

We respect and honor the dignity of each person, embrace civil discourse, and foster a diverse and inclusive community.

RESPONSIBILITY

We act responsibly, and we are accountable for our decisions, actions, and their consequences.

DISCOVERY

We seek and create new knowledge and understanding, and foster creativity and innovation, for the benefit of our communities, society, and the environment.

EXCELLENCE

We strive for excellence in all our endeavors as individuals, an institution, and a leader in higher education.

COMMUNITY

We work together for the betterment of our University, the communities we serve, and the world.



THE FIRST YEAR

Your student's first year of college is a transition for the entire family. At Penn State, we use the First-Year Learning Outcomes to guide our work to support new students in this transition. New Student Orientation will introduce you and your student to the tools and resources that will help to set them up for success.

Parents and family members are a critical part of the support network for students. We hope this guide will serve as a resource to help you navigate the first year and beyond.

Understanding the First Year

Your student's first year of college may be emotional for both you and your student. Families who understand the transition to college and the cycle of the academic year can better help their student navigate important decisions and challenges.

The First Weeks: Everything is New

Students are experiencing college life for the first time. They are excited to explore many opportunities and are trying to make connections with other students, staff, and faculty. Students may be:

- *Excited, yet apprehensive*
- *Exploring new freedoms*
- *Learning to manage new responsibilities*
- *Feeling homesick and lonely*
- *Trying to find their place socially*
- *Anxious about new academic challenges*

Mid-Semester: Reality Check

Classes are in full swing. Early assignments and exams have been returned and students may be surprised (either pleasantly or unpleasantly) by their grades. Students start to realize that friends from the first few weeks may or may not stick around. The roommate honeymoon may end. Students may be:

- *Questioning academic abilities and choices*
- *Adjusting study habits, learning styles, time management and organizational skills*
- *Wondering if they fit in socially*
- *Seeking additional opportunities to become involved*
- *Dealing with the consequences of poor decision-making*
- *Selecting appropriate courses for next semester*
- *Thinking about living arrangements and roommates for the next year*

End of the First Semester: Information and Stress Overload

Students are sorting out how to approach their first final exam period as the first semester winds down. The realization that academic work in college is much harder than high school has set in for many. For those who have procrastinated or stumbled in the early months, the pressure is now a reality. Students who are working or have joined various student organizations may have increased end-of-semester commitments. Students may be:

- *Anxious about preparing for final exams*
- *Finding it difficult to get along with their roommate*
- *Overwhelmed by their commitments*
- *Questioning their decision to attend college*
- *Excited or apprehensive to head home for break*

Home for Break: New Expectations

The first long break is welcomed by most students (and families) and they are usually eager to return home. They look forward to the comforts of home, privacy, reconnecting with friends, and some much needed rest. Tensions over curfews and family expectations can happen at this time. Communicating expectations in advance and keeping a sense of humor can help families enjoy this longer visit home.

Second Semester: A New Beginning

While a new semester is a fresh start, it is also heavily influenced by the experience students had their first semester and over the break. Some students will enjoy being home and reconnecting with their families and friends, which may make it harder to return, while others experience challenges at home that make them excited about being back on campus. Other elements, like first semester grades and confidence in the friendships they established the last term, also influence their excitement or apprehension about the start of the new semester. During their second semester students may be:

- *Feeling a renewed interest in opportunities to make friends*
- *Getting more involved in cocurricular activities*
- *Finding a better balance between academic, cocurricular, and social commitments*
- *Contemplating their academic interests, strengths, and choice of major*
- *Exploring internships and opportunities for summer break*

Adapted from Empowering parents of first-year college students: A guide for success by R. H. Mullendore and L. Banahan (2007) and The happiest kid on campus: A parent's guide to the very best college experience (for you and your child) by H. Cohen (2010).

PARTNERING WITH PENN STATE

We recognize and appreciate the important role that you have played in the life of your student prior to arriving at Penn State. We want this role to continue by cultivating an effective partnership during your student's college career even as your role changes to that of a coach or mentor.

Your Student's Responsibility

At Penn State, we expect our students to:

- *Become increasingly responsible for their actions including their academic and social decisions*
- *Take the lead in solving their problems*
- *Abide by community standards (see page 34 for the Code of Conduct)*
- *Explore the educational opportunities available, select a major in which they will succeed and enjoy, and put forth their best efforts in the classroom*
- *Take advantage of the tremendous array of opportunities outside of class by choosing meaningful ways to become active citizens on campus and in the broader community*
- *Embrace opportunities to experience, interact with, and learn from the broad diversity of people in the Penn State community*

Penn State's Role

Penn State aims to:

- *Be a student-centered research university*
- *Have faculty, staff, and administrators that strive to support our students both in and out of class*
- *Provide the necessary resources and support services to enhance student success*
- *Provide a safe, healthy community for students to live, learn, and grow academically and socially*
- *Take an active role in meeting this goal through general outreach and communication to our parents and family members*

YOUR ROLE

Many incoming college students see their family members as trusted coaches and sources of support, which is not likely to change when they begin their Penn State career. Students need you to support their growth, development, independence, and to also be a stable force in their ever-changing world.

- **Support Student Autonomy**
Young adulthood is a time when your relationship changes from an adult-child relationship to an adult-adult relationship. Support your student's autonomy by actively redefining your relationship, relinquishing unnecessary control, encouraging personal responsibility and problem-solving, and supporting decisions made by your student. When a problem arises 'move like your feet are stuck in molasses' and allow your student time to learn how to fix their problems.
- **Stay Connected**
Expect that your student will not respond to all of your contacts whether by phone/text, email, or even "snail" mail, but know that they appreciate hearing from you. Visit, but not too often and not too soon.
- **Embrace Exploration**
Your student is experiencing new viewpoints and perspectives that may challenge prior belief systems. Allow them to explore ideas without being judgmental. Understand that changes in viewpoints, behavior, dress, eating and sleeping habits, and relationships with family members are all to be expected. However, if you suspect that some of these changes may be signs of bigger problems, trust your instincts. Your student may need you to refer them to the appropriate resources described in this guide for help.
- **Be Knowledgeable about Campus Resources**
Explore the resources available in this guide, the campus website, and email newsletters. By acting as a referral source for your student, you can demonstrate that you are interested in your student's life at the University, and at the same time, empower your student to explore resources and solve their problems.
- **Continue Difficult Conversations**
You still have an important influence on your student's behavior. In college, your student will have to make their own decisions about what time to get up in the morning, when to study, when to exercise, which organizations to join, what to eat, whether to drink alcohol, and whether to engage in romantic relationships. Although you cannot force your student to behave as you would want them to, you can create an atmosphere of open communication by listening and sharing family expectations.
- **Recognize the Challenges**
The first year of college can be full of indecision, insecurities, disappointments, and, most of all, mistakes. It's also full of discovery, inspiration, good times, and exciting people. The reality is that there are times in college when your student might experience all the above, which is normal and to be expected.
- **Welcome Change**
Your student will change, and so will you. College and the experiences associated with it can effect changes in social, vocational, and personal behavior. These changes are natural and inevitable. They can also be inspiring or challenging. You can't stop change and you may never understand it, but you can accept it and support your student's decisions. Trust your student and trust the job you have done in getting them to this point.

Adapted from *Helping your first-year college student succeed: A guide for parents* by R. H. Mullendore and L. Hatch (2000).



PENN STATE FIRST-YEAR LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES

The First-Year Learning Outcomes were created to improve student success by increasing academic and social integration into the University. The vision that Penn State has for each student is highlighted in these Learning Outcomes. We hope your student has successfully completed these outcomes by the end of their first year.

- *Understand and meet academic expectations; engage in active learning and use effective time management skills to balance academic work with extra-curricular activities.*
- *Learn about the value of higher education to both society and to individuals; appreciate the value of the general education curriculum and the worth of lifelong learning and scholarship.*
- *Be familiar with student services and academic resources on campus; actively use those resources and interact with staff.*
- *Engage with faculty in and out of the classroom.*
- *Interact effectively with peers in social settings, and through educationally purposeful student activities.*
- *Refine short-term and long-term academic goals; learn about career management; establish more specific career goals.*
- *Achieve a higher competency in writing, note-taking, active reading, critical thinking and quantitative reasoning to be able to master college-level work.*
- *Expand knowledge of human diversity and cultural competence; effectively interact with others.*
- *Engage in activities leading to improved personal health and fitness; learn about making responsible decisions in a college environment.*
- *Be a positive and contributing member of the Penn State community; engage in community service activities; develop an understanding of sustainability and how to incorporate sustainable behaviors in daily activities.*

In addition to these Learning Outcomes, students will work towards achieving Penn State's General Education Learning Objectives. Learn more at gened.psu.edu/learning-objectives.

Approved by: The Pennsylvania State University First Year Experience Committee, April 2005.

KEY DATES 2024—2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Summer Session II 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Tuition Bill Arrives <i>(notification sent to student's Penn State email account)</i>	Begins early May	Begins early August	Begins early January
Classes Begin	June 26	August 26	January 13
Drop Period ¹	June 26 – 28 at 11:59 pm (ET)	August 26 – 31 at 11:59 pm (ET)	January 13 – 18 at 11:59 pm (ET)
Add Period ¹	June 26 – 29 at 11: 59 pm (ET)	August 26 – September 1 at 11:59 pm (ET)	January 13 – 19 at 11:59 pm (ET)
Holiday	<i>Holiday</i> No Classes Independence Day July 4	<i>Holiday</i> No Classes Labor Day September 4	<i>Holiday</i> No Classes Martin Luther King Day January 20
Semester Break	n/a	<i>Fall Break</i> No Classes November 24 – 30	<i>Spring Break</i> No Classes March 9 – 15
Late Drop Ends ²	July 29 at 11:59 pm (ET)	November 15 at 11:59 pm (ET)	April 11 at 11:59 pm (ET)
Withdrawal Deadline	August 7 at 5:00 pm (ET)	December 13 at 5:00 pm (ET)	May 2 at 5:00 pm (ET)
Classes End	August 7	December 13	May 2
Study Day(s)	August 8	December 14 – 15	May 3 – 4
Final Exams	August 9	December 16 – 20	May 5 – 9
Commencement	May 10		

¹ These dates apply to full semester courses



NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Remind Your Student to do the Following:

Paying the Tuition Bill (page 20)

- All students must sign a Financial Responsibility Agreement (FRA) in LionPATH prior to enrolling for classes each semester.
- If you plan to view/pay your student's tuition bill, your student needs to grant you *Authorized Payer Access* in LionPATH.
- The student and authorized payers on the student account receive an email when the tuition statement is ready (Payments are due on the 22nd of the month).
- To plan for future semesters, please visit tuition.psu.edu (tuition rates for the academic year are set in mid-July).

Managing Healthcare Info (page 40)

- Students must submit proof of immunizations to University Health Services prior to NSO. Visit studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/medical-services/immunizations
- Students must submit proof of adequate insurance in LionPATH
- Students without health insurance can purchase the Penn State Health Insurance Plan (page 40)
- Make a copy of any insurance and prescription cards for your student to take to school.

Preparing for the Semester

- View the academic calendar at registrar.psu.edu/academic-calendars
- View room assignment and roommate information at eliving.psu.edu
- Contact their roommate to make introductions and discuss what to bring.
- Map out the location of classes: (<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/map>)
- Explore purchasing or renting textbooks
- Review housing check-in schedule and location, packing checklists, and helpful tips at arrival.psu.edu.
- Add funds to LionCash account: idcard.psu.edu.
- Add cell phone number to PSUAlert system at psualert.psu.edu to receive text and/or voice alerts.
- If desired, grant parent Delegated Access in Lion PATH to view class schedule, grades, housing and meal plan, etc. (page 23).

Reminders for Parents and Families

- Sign up to receive emails from the Parent & Family Experience portal at psu.campusesp.com

General Topics for Discussion

- Encourage your student to participate in Welcome Week activities
- Discuss campus safety and decisions regarding alcohol and drug use (page 37)
- Discuss time management, study skills, and mutual expectations for staying in touch
- Talk about and plan how your student will finance their education
- Provide reminder of life skills (including doing laundry, managing bank account, eating well, etc.)
- Remind your student to check their Penn State email account frequently

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES





Department	Website	Phone Number	Page
Registrar	registrar.psu.edu	(610) 892-1402	Page 22
Bursar	bursar.psu.edu	(610) 892-1357	Page 20
Student Aid	studentaid.psu.edu	(610) 892-1260	Page 21

NO SMOKING POLICY





The University promotes a smoke-free environment. The use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, all nicotine delivery devices and other tobacco products are not permitted on campus, including University housing and commons buildings.

STAY CONNECTED

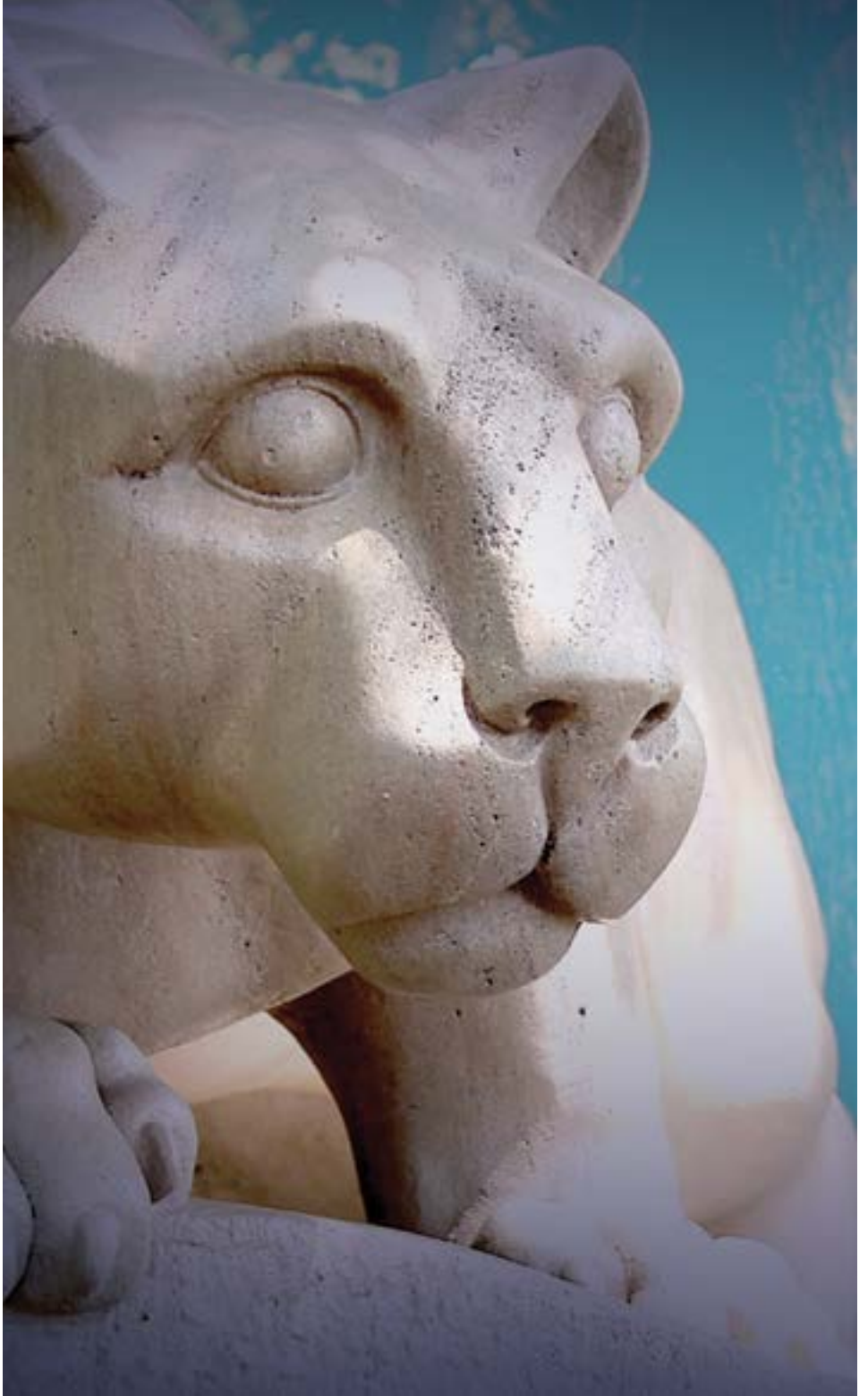
Penn State

-  **Online**
psu.edu
-  **Facebook**
pennstate
-  **(Formerly Twitter)**
PennState
-  **Instagram**
pennstate

Campus-Specific Info

-  **Online**
brandywine.psu.edu
-  **Facebook**
pennstatebrandywine
-  **(Formerly Twitter)**
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ORIENTATION

Student Orientation and Transition Programs

> orientation.psu.edu

Student Orientation and Transition Programs provides programming for new and continuing Penn Staters. Our programs also support the parents and families of new students. We focus on facilitating successful academic, social, and personal transitions to Penn State.

ALEKS Math Assessment

> orientation.psu.edu/testing

The ALEKS Math Assessment evaluates a student's readiness to take college-level math and science courses. Since these courses are demanding, it is important for students to begin in the course most likely to lead to success. Students will not be permitted to take a course unless they have demonstrated readiness – either through the ALEKS Math Assessment or by completing high school calculus. Students required to complete ALEKS will do so prior to attending New Student Orientation. Students wishing to retake ALEKS to improve their score may do so by using the learning modules within ALEKS. Students may retake the assessment up to two more times after using the learning modules (for a total of three attempts). Access to ALEKS ends at the conclusion of your student's first drop-add period.

Students who have completed high school calculus but are concerned about their readiness to succeed in college-level mathematics and science courses are encouraged to take the ALEKS Math Assessment. They can use the additional information to make informed decisions in consultation with an academic adviser.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The beauty of the Penn State system of Commonwealth Campuses is choice. Each campus offers both two and four-year programs. Students may also participate in the 2+2 plan, where they would spend the first two years at one campus and then transition to another Penn State campus to complete the remaining two years. Students have opportunities to explore and determine which campus and major best meets their needs. Students may choose to remain at their starting campus or complete their degree at another Penn State campus, including University Park. Factors that impact this decision may include the size of the campus, location, involvement opportunities, and housing options. Working with academic advisers, faculty, staff, and families, students can create a plan that works, in addition to academic considerations, seamlessly.

The Penn State Degree

The Penn State undergraduate degree includes General Education, major degree requirements, and other academic experiences such as minors, internships, and/or undergraduate research. All three components together help students develop a solid foundation upon which they build a breadth of skills as well as the depth of knowledge in a specific content area.

General Education Requirements

> gened.psu.edu

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts.

- See page 14 for the *General Education Requirements chart and gendedplan.psu.edu*

Major Requirements

Requirements differ for each major and in each academic college. Generally, major requirements include prescribed courses that all students in the major take, additional courses that all students choose from a select list, and supporting courses the students choose based on individual interests and goals. Students are encouraged to work with an academic adviser to clearly understand the specific requirements of majors of interest. General Education requirements may be partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. In addition, Associate Degrees (AA or AS), Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degree requirements may differ. Students are encouraged to work with an academic adviser to identify which degree best meets their needs.

Other Requirements

Depending on the college and major, a degree program may also include world language proficiency, internship experience, human diversity courses, and/or electives.

Declaring a Major and Upper Division Campus Choice

The student's major choice often plays the most prominent role in determining the upper division campus. "Upper division" refers to the third and fourth years. Most students will apply to enter their major in the spring of the second year. Academic advisers and staff at each campus guide students in exploring majors based on the student's goals and then plan the final two years at a campus where that major can be completed.

Students first become eligible to declare a major upon completion of at least 27.1 credits (typically at the end of two semesters) and achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.00 and third-semester standing. While many majors can be started and completed at the original campus, others require the student to transition to another Commonwealth Campus or to the University Park campus. Therefore, the student's major decision may drive the upper division campus choice. Learn more at changeofcampus.psu.edu.

At the time a student has successfully completed 43.1 credits (typically at the end of their third semester) the student is eligible for a change of campus for their third year as determined by the major choice. Students will be notified by email when to both declare their major and initiate the change of campus as appropriate.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Administrative Enrollment Controls

- > bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/administrative-enrollment-controls

To be eligible for entrance to majors with administrative enrollment controls, students must be enrolled in the college offering the major or in the Division of Undergraduate Studies, be within a designated credit window, have completed the required prerequisite courses, and have the minimum CGPA required for the intended major. Additional requirements may also apply. Students are strongly encouraged to work closely with an academic adviser and to review the specific entrance criteria for intended majors at bulletins.psu.edu.

- *Policy P-5: Administrative Enrollment Controls for Undergraduate Majors can be viewed at undergrad.psu.edu/aappm by searching P-5*

Dean's List

- > undergrad.psu.edu/aappm

In recognition of academic excellence, selected students are named to the Dean's List (policy G-8) each semester.

- *Undergraduate students only (includes nondegree, degree-seeking provisional and degree)*
- *Credit load requirement*
- *Semester GPA of 3.50 or higher*
- *Satisfactory/unsatisfactory and audit courses are not included in the determination of GPA or credit load*
- *Dean's List notation will appear on the student's grade report and on the student's academic record*

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- > genedplan.psu.edu

Foundations: Build a basis of effective communication and quantitative literacy	
Credits	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 units of Quantification (GQ) • 9 units of Writing and Speaking (GWS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C or better required • Single domain courses only (no Inter-domain)
Breadth: Practice applying a specific way of constructing knowledge to examine a topic	
Credits	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 units of Arts (GA) • 3 units of Humanities (GH) • 3 units of Natural Sciences (GN) • 3 units of Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS) • 3 units of Health and Wellness (GHW) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single domain courses only (no Inter-domain) • Students choose courses outside their initial major prefix for GA, GN, GH, GS Example: ECON major may not select ECON courses; does not apply to GHW
Integrative Studies: Practice synthesizing knowledge from different perspectives to examine a topic	
Credits	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 units of Integrative Studies: Inter-domain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select any two Inter-domain courses that are not used for major program requirements
Exploration: Follow intellectual curiosity to deepen or widen learning	
Credits	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 units of additional GA, GH, GN, GS, and Inter-domain courses and up to 3 units of World Language. Must include 3 units of GN course which may be Inter-domain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students choose courses outside their initial major prefix for GA, GN, GH, GS, and Inter-domain • This category may be reduced to reflect courses prescribed by major programs. See details of intended major. • World Language course beyond the student's degree program requirements or minimally at the 12th credit level Example: SPAN 3

DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

- > dus.psu.edu

The Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) enrolls and advises students who are exploring majors in multiple academic colleges. Students choosing from more than one possible major may start in the division and, after exploring and selecting a major/college and meeting eligibility requirements, move into an academic college within their first two years.

> advising.psu.edu

Penn State students receive academic advising from primary-role and/or faculty advisers. Students can find their assigned adviser's contact information in Starfish, the University's online advising platform, at starfish.psu.edu.

An academic adviser will be assigned between the student's orientation and the start of classes. If a student does not yet have an assigned adviser, they should contact the advising center for the college in which they are enrolled for advising-related questions.

The list of advising centers can be found at dus.psu.edu/advising-centers.

Academic adviser relationships at Penn State are initiated by students. Students are encouraged to meet with their adviser at least once a semester and as often as needed to successfully plan and manage their academic goals. Students are encouraged to build a relationship with their assigned adviser to help them be intentional about the educational opportunities available.

Academic advisers are prepared to:

- *Help students identify and achieve academic goals*
- *Promote intellectual discovery*
- *Encourage students to engage in both in- and out-of-class educational opportunities*
- *Encourage students to become self-directed learners and decision makers*

Academic Integrity

> undergrad.psu.edu/aappm/G-9-academic-integrity

Penn State expects students to pursue their academics in an honest and ethical manner. The University takes violations of academic integrity very seriously. Please refer to page 34 for more information.

Contacting Instructors

Students are expected to contact instructors if they have questions or concerns about course content, policies, or academic performance. College instructors are available during their office hours or by appointment. Office hours should be listed on the course syllabus (an outline of the course content, expectations, and grading basis). Family members should not contact instructors or academic advisers directly.

Syllabus

A syllabus is a document that summarizes course expectations and should be shared by the instructor on or before the first day of class. In addition to describing the course and listing goals and objectives, syllabi include information about course grading, exams, attendance expectations and policies, course instructors, and required materials for the class. The syllabus should also state information related to instructions for campus closures, academic integrity, procedures for adjustments identified by the Office of Student Disability Resources, educational equity concerns, and available counseling and psychological services. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the syllabus for each class. Any questions a student has regarding the syllabus should be asked early in the semester so that they have a clear understanding of what is expected in the course by the faculty member. Complete information on the Senate Policy on Syllabi can be found in Senate Policy 43-00 at policy.psu.edu.

Transferring Credit to Penn State

A student who does advanced work in a secondary school may earn credit through the Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, which are based on college-level study, depending on the grade earned on the exam and the level of the exam taken. A-Level exams completed by international students may also be considered for credit. Penn State students may also transfer credits from courses taken at another higher education institution to meet degree requirements.

The online transfer credit tool can be used to search for courses at other institutions. Credit can also be awarded for non-academic training through prior learning assessment. Visit admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/credit.

When awarded, all transfer credits are recorded on the student's transcript, but no grade is recorded, and the student's grade-point average is not affected. Students should speak with a college adviser regarding the ability to transfer course credit toward their intended degree. Additionally, because there is a lower- and upper-division tuition differential, students should contact the Office of the Bursar (page 20) for help in determining the potential impact of transfer credits on their tuition.

Quality of Performance	Grade	GPA Equivalent
Excellent:	A	4.00
Exceptional Achievement	A-	3.67
Good:	B+	3.33
Extensive Achievement	B	3.00
Satisfactory:	B-	2.67
Acceptable Achievement	C+	2.33
Poor:	C	2.00
Minimal Achievement	D	1.00
Failure:	F	0.00
Inadequate Achievement	XF	0.00
Academic Dishonesty		0.00

Items to Know

- **SGPA** = Semester Grade-Point Average
- **CGPA** = Cumulative Grade-Point Average
- **Dean's List** = 3.50 SGPA
- **Minimum Acceptable** = 2.00 CGPA

Minimal competitive CGPA at application:

- **Undergraduate Internships** = 3.00
- **Medical School** = 3.50
- **Law School** = 3.33

For more information about medical school or other health professions contact the Eberly College of Science at science.psu.edu/premed.

For more information about law school contact the Division of Undergraduate Studies at dus.psu.edu/prelaw.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

BRANDYWINE MAJORS

American Studies
Biology
Business
Communication Arts & Sciences
Communications
Computer Science
Cybersecurity Analytics & Operations
English
Engineering (Multidisciplinary Design)
Human Development & Family Studies
Information Technology
Multidisciplinary Studies
Project and Supply Chain Management
Psychology

ACADEMIC COLLEGES AT UNIVERSITY PARK (2+2)

Penn State grants degrees in majors housed within academic colleges. University Park campus is home to twelve of Penn State's academic colleges. Students should consider both the overall perspective of the academic college as well as a particular major when making decisions about academic direction. All first-year students are enrolled in an academic college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

•**College of Agricultural Sciences** applies life sciences and business principles to managing the environment and its resources. agsci.psu.edu

•**College of Arts and Architecture** refines students' creative talents and commitment to performance, design, and the visual arts. artsandarchitecture.psu.edu

•**Smeal College of Business** focuses on gathering, analyzing, and processing information for decision making in the business world. smeal.psu.edu

•**Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications** focuses on mass media's functions, responsibilities, changes, and impact on society. bellisario.psu.edu

•**Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS)** enrolls and advises students who are exploring majors in multiple academic colleges. DUS facilitates student exploration, engagement, and academic success by helping students identify an academic college and major. DUS does not grant degrees. dus.psu.edu

•**College of Earth and Mineral Sciences** focuses on the earth, the environment, and energy resources through study of the earth sciences. ems.psu.edu

•**College of Education** focuses on learning processes and challenges and develops knowledge and skills in a content area required to teach and counsel others. ed.psu.edu

•**College of Engineering** focuses on the application of mathematical and physical science principles to solve technical and societal problems. enr.psu.edu

•**College of Health and Human Development** seeks to improve human health and well-being through the study of science, business, and social and psychological sciences. hhd.psu.edu

•**College of Information Sciences and Technology** applies technology and teamwork principles to solving problems. ist.psu.edu

•**The College of the Liberal Arts** develops knowledge in the social sciences, humanities, and languages, and builds critical thinking, complex reasoning, communication, and writing skills. la.psu.edu

•**Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing** develops professional and technical skills in health care. nursing.psu.edu

•**Eberly College of Science** develops knowledge in the mathematical, physical, and life sciences as well as skills in scientific research. science.psu.edu

Schreyer and Cooper Honors Programs

Contact: *Hans Schmidt, Honors Coordinator*
610-892-1251

Email: hcs10@psu.edu

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/honors-programs>

The Cooper and Schreyer Honors Programs at Penn State Brandywine support and encourage the diverse group of students who dedicate the time and effort it takes to be a scholar. The devoted faculty and staff promote critical thinking and academic achievement in an intellectually stimulating environment. Both programs allow highly motivated scholars to participate in small, specially designed courses, both on campus and in study abroad through Brandywine Global Programs. Students are motivated to make a difference and create sustainable changes for the environment, the community, and the members of campus via faculty-guided research, service-learning projects, and volunteering on and off campus. Our academic and extracurricular pursuits are guided by the mission of honors at Penn State: Academic excellence with integrity, building a global perspective, and creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. Students may begin at and graduate from Penn State Brandywine as a Cooper or Schreyer Honors Scholar.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AT BRANDYWINE

Advising at Penn State Brandywine is proactive and holistic, a vital resource throughout your college career. This office responds to students' queries about course selection, degree audits or General Education requirements. Advisers reach out to students to alert them to academic and co-curricular opportunities and deadlines, to intervene early when students show signs of difficulty, and to promote their development into life-long learners.

Advising and Career Services

104 Main Building

bw-advising@psu.edu

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/acs>

This office oversees all advising and houses career services on campus. Staff here advise students in the Division of Undergraduate Studies, and they assign advisers to all students; they also support academic advisers by updating them to changes in policies and programs at Penn State. They are a general resource when your assigned adviser is not available. They provide advising drop-in sessions Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Academic Advisers are your main contact to understand program requirements and consult on your broader career goals. At minimum, students should meet with an adviser once each semester, before the end of October and before the end of March, to consult on course selections and discuss career goals.

Program Liaisons manage the administrative aspects, like scheduling, for Brandywine's 14 major programs. They also help students and advisers with tricky or complex questions about courses, pre-requisites, graduation requirements, and a host of other issues. While students should contact their assigned adviser first, program liaisons can help when there is a complex problem to resolve or when the regular adviser is unavailable due to sabbatical or illness.

Division Coordinators oversee multiple programs and work with program liaisons to ensure smooth academic operations. When the program liaison is not available, or when changes need to occur in advising assignments, students may be directed to the division coordinator for advice.

Online Advising Resources

Starfish tracks student performance during the semester. You receive information about your progress in courses twice per semester, which allows you to understand how you are doing and, if needed, seek assistance. Many advisers schedule student appointments through this system.

LionPath is Penn State's student information system, which provides access to academic, registration, and financial records. In LionPath, you schedule courses and complete official actions with Penn State.

Career Services

104D Main Building

610-892-1390

bw-career@psu.edu

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/acs>

To be successful after graduation, students are provided the tools and resources to be active in their career planning early on. Career Services offers one-on-one career coaching, events and resources that can help. Professional staff counsel students on the exploration of academic majors and career options. Staff also coach students on effectively finding internships/jobs, writing resumes, cover letters, interviewing, applying to graduate school and more. Career fairs, professional development workshops, internship/job postings, and networking opportunities are offered throughout the year

and regularly advertised to students.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

Multilingual and International Student Programs

Vairo Building, Lower Level

Coordinator: *Deborah Ousey, dlo4@psu.edu, 610-892-1263*

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/international-students>

Penn State Brandywine's Office of Multilingual and International Student Programs assists F-1 visa holders with necessary paperwork, orients international students to the campus and region, and organizes frequent trips and events for all multilingual (international, immigrant, and native-born) students on campus to get to know each other and the broader campus community. It provides the entire campus community with extensive on-campus cultural programming designed to develop intercultural understanding, and provides multiple leadership opportunities for international, immigrant, and domestic students.

Penn State Brandywine Bookstore

Student Union Building (SUB)

610-892-1235

sm442@bncollege.com

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/student-life/bookstore> and psu.bncollege.com

The Penn State Bookstore provides textbooks, school supplies, and technology for all courses offered by our campus. In addition, the bookstore has a selection of school spirit clothing and gifts. We accept the following forms of payment: Cash, Lion-Cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Penn State Brandywine Global Programs

Contact: *Paul Greene, Global Programs*

Coordinator, pdg4@psu.edu

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/global-programs>

Brandywine has delivered distance education courses with short-term travel to destinations worldwide since 1995. Our courses are available to students at any Penn State University location. Each course in each program includes pre-travel and post-travel coursework completed independently through distance education technologies, on your own schedule and at your own pace. Travel components of the courses are 6-9 days in length, taking place during breaks in the University's academic calendar. We aim to bring international academic and immersion experiences within the financial reach of as many Penn State students as possible. Brandywine students

also have access to the full range of Penn State's international activities, which are housed at Penn State Global (<https://global.psu.edu/>).

Student Academic Success Center

Vairo Building, First Floor

Dr. Christine Brown, cmf22@psu.edu, and

Janeen Madison, jdm40@psu.edu

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/academic-support>

This center houses our tutoring for most academic courses and coaching programs. The center provides no-cost, instructor-approved tutoring and guided study groups as well as professional coaching. At our Student Academic Success Center, students may:

- Drop in or make an appointment to see Science, Math, Information Technology, Writing, or World Language tutors;
- Tutoring is offered both face-to-face and online;
- Sign up for regular tutoring and earn a one-credit GPA boost (MATH 10, ENGL 5, and/or EDPSY 297);
- Apply to be a tutor in subjects in which they excel.

Student Disability Resources

214-B Main Building

bw-disability@psu.edu

610-892-1461

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/academic-support/student-disability-resources>

At Penn State, we are committed to providing a welcoming, encouraging, and empowering environment for students with disabilities. Student Disability Resources (SDR) staff work with students to determine reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to academics and university life. These determinations are made on an individualized basis, depending upon the nature and impact of a student's disability. Examples of accommodations include extended time for tests, access to alternative text, sign language interpreting, captioning, and note-taking assistance. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact SDR to begin the registration process.

Undergraduate Research and Fellowships Mentoring

<https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate-research>

[https://sites.psu.edu/](https://sites.psu.edu/bwundergraduateresearch/)

[bwundergraduateresearch/](https://sites.psu.edu/bwundergraduateresearch/)

Penn State Brandywine has a rich history of engaging undergraduate students in a range of inquiry-based experiences, whether those experiences are conducted on campus or in the community, are individual or group projects. Our students not only work with

faculty mentors in developing content knowledge and skill sets appropriate to their discipline but also often present the results of their work in our campus-based undergraduate research symposium EURECA or other academic conferences. Students have collaborated with faculty to publish their research, and student researchers have been recognized with campus awards and awards from outside organizations.

University Libraries

Vairo Building, Second Floor

<https://libraries.psu.edu/brandywine>

The University Libraries' locations offer students a base for academic, social, and cultural endeavors. Our collections surpass nine million titles, including e-books, 980 online databases, and 225,000 online journals. University Libraries provides on-demand research assistance via the Ask a Librarian service, access to physical and electronic textbooks and course materials, and discipline-specific help through subject and course guides. Brandywine Campus Library provides group and individual study spaces, computer labs and multimedia equipment, and personalized in-person research support. Brandywine Campus Library also seeks to support our community through initiatives like the Sensory Space which provides refuge for neurodivergent, anxious, or stressed individuals, collections like leisure reading, graphic novels, seed library, museum passes, and tabletop games, and events like drop in crafting and research talks.

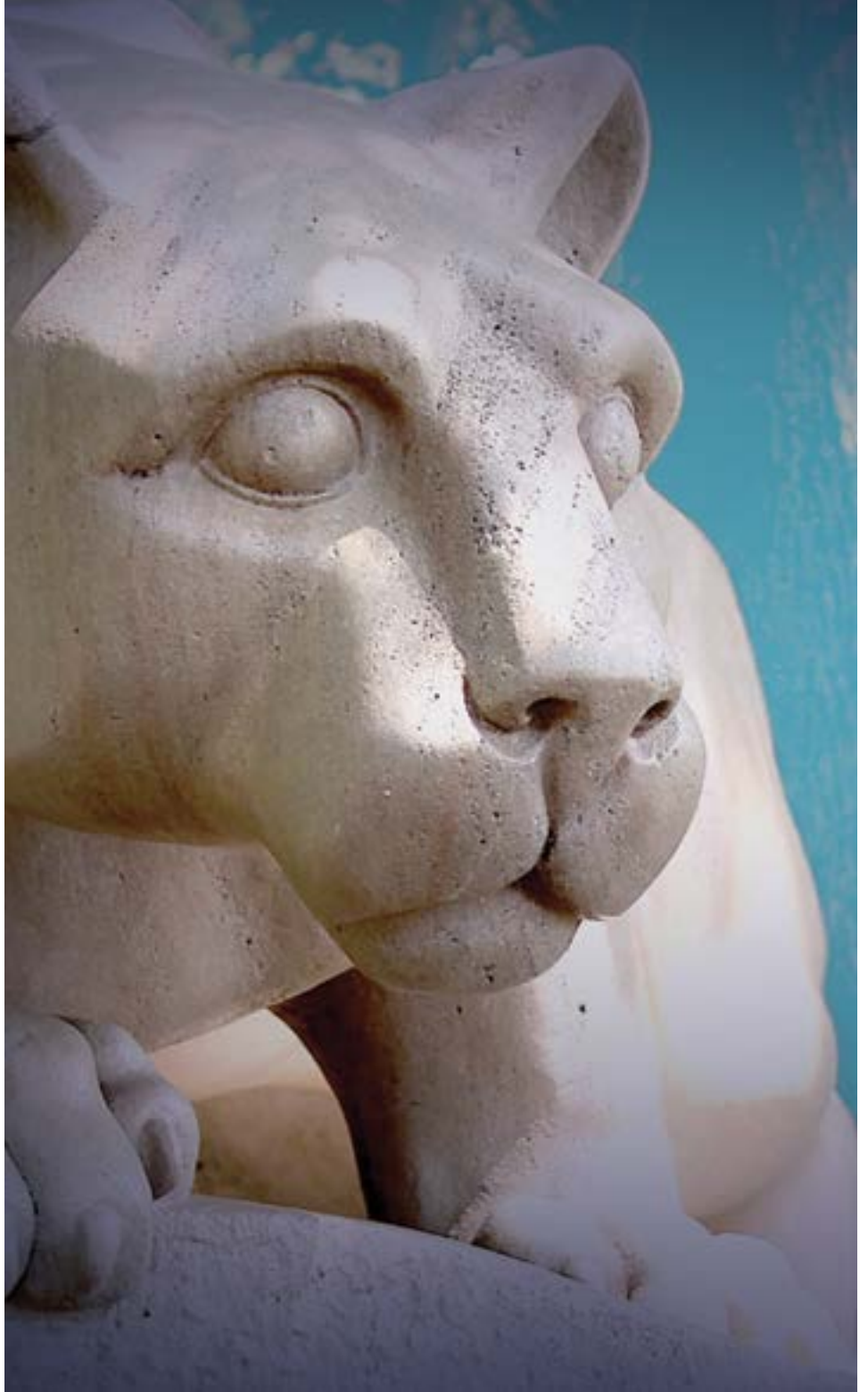
Not Sure Who to Ask? Try Academic Affairs.

212 Main Building

bw-acadaffair@psu.edu

Academic Affairs oversees all aspects of the Penn State curriculum, including most areas of academic resources and support. When we cannot resolve an issue in our office, we can direct you to the office or person who can.

MONEY MATTERS & TECHNOLOGY



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TUITION

Office of the Bursar

- > 105 Main Building
- > (610) 892-1220
- > bursar.psu.edu

The Office of the Bursar is responsible for maintaining student accounts in reference to acceptance fees, tuition billing, charges, payments, and refunds.

Tuition Statement

Account statements are prepared every month. The due date is indicated on the statement. Billing begins in early August for the fall semester, early January for the spring semester, and May for the summer semester.

Students will receive notification via their Penn State email account* when their statement is available to view/pay in LionPATH. Residence hall charges are included on the statement, if applicable. Paper statements are NOT mailed.

**The Office of the Bursar, as well as other Penn State departments, will communicate important information to students through their Penn State email account. Students should regularly monitor their PSU email account.*

Financial Responsibility Agreement

Students must sign a Financial Responsibility Agreement (FRA) before enrolling in classes each semester. The FRA is a student's promise to take responsibility for payment of their account.

Paying Tuition

Log in to your Student Home Base in LionPATH. Click on "My Finances" on top of the page. Select "Manage My Account/Make A Payment" to get to your Student Account Dashboard. Click on "Make a Payment" on the left side menu, and follow the instructions. It is recommended to pay with an eCheck.

The eCheck option is a fast and convenient online method to pay the tuition statement directly from a personal checking account drawn on a U.S. bank. There is no charge to pay by eCheck. Online credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) are also accepted. A service fee will be charged for credit card payments. eCheck and credit card payments are posted to the student account immediately.

If you want to mail a check, a payment stub should be printed and mailed with the payment to Penn State. Please allow seven to ten business days for the payment to be received and posted to the student account.

A late fee applies if payment is not posted to the student's account by the due date indicated on the statement.

Payment Plans

Penn State offers an Installment Payment Plan every semester. Enrollment in the plan allows students/authorized payers to pay the semester charges (tuition, fees, and room and meals, if applicable) over four months in the fall and spring semesters, and three months in the summer. There is a \$45 non-refundable enrollment fee per semester, which covers administrative costs. The payments can be made with eCheck or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express).

The link to enroll online in the payment plan is available on the student account once the first billing statement for the semester is issued. Students/authorized payers can enroll in the plan online with 1/4 of the balance for fall and spring or 1/3 for summer. Enrolling after the first installment due date will require an initial payment of 1/2 of the balance for fall and spring or 2/3 of the balance for summer (subject to change). Please check the Bursar's website for actual installment dates.

Additional Student Aid

The Anticipated Financial Aid section on a student's tuition statement reflects the most current known available financial aid. Students with scholarships, grants, or loans that are not reflected on their statement should contact the Office of Student Aid (page 21).

Outside Scholarship Information

Many students will receive scholarships from various organizations, agencies, and foundations as they graduate from high school. For your student's tuition statement to reflect these outside awards, it is important to send the scholarship checks as early as possible to the address below. Checks must be made payable to Penn State and the student (and be signed by the student for processing) or just made payable to Penn State. Please include the student's PSU ID in the memo line.

Office of the Bursar

- > Office of the Bursar
Attn: External Awards
25 Yearsley Mill Road
Media, PA 19063

eRefund

A refund will be issued if there is a credit balance on the student account. eRefund is an electronic deposit of a refund into the student's bank account and the fastest and most convenient delivery of refunds to students. eRefund is only available to students. Parents receive Parent PLUS loan refunds by paper check.

Tuition Assessment and Planning

- > tuition.psu.edu

Penn State assesses tuition based on the student's campus, college, major, residency classification, credit load, and semester classification. Once an undergraduate student completes 59.1 or more total credits (which include credits earned through advanced placement or transferred from another institution), the student is considered to have obtained Junior/Senior (third/fourth year) status at Penn State. The Board of Trustees approves the tuition and fees for the academic year in mid-July each year.

By law, Penn State representatives can only respond or speak about the student account with the student and individuals designated as an Authorized Payer by the student. Be sure to ask your student to share any pertinent student account information with you or grant you Authorized Payer access to their student account in LionPATH. Learn more about FERPA and student confidentiality on page 22.

- > Remind your student to:
 - > Sign up for eRefunds (direct deposit)
 - > Grant online Authorized Payer Access for parents/others (optional) (page 23)
 - > Grant online Delegated Access for parents/others (optional) (page 23)

STUDENT AID

Office of Student Aid

> studentaid.psu.edu

The Office of Student Aid administers federal, state, and University financial aid and coordinates multiple funding sources on behalf of sponsoring agencies. The primary sources of student aid funding at Penn State come from federal and state programs.

Applying for Aid

> studentaid.gov

You and your student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year for your student to be considered for financial aid, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. The FAFSA is the ONLY application required to be considered for most need-based aid at Penn State. Complete the FAFSA or submit corrections online at studentaid.gov.

Students need to submit the 2024-25 FAFSA to be considered for aid for fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025. Students who are admitted for summer 2024 also need to submit the 2023-24 FAFSA by June 30, 2024, if they wish to be considered for aid for summer 2024.

Student Aid Notification

Students who submit the FAFSA will receive an email notification from our office with information about the types of aid they are eligible to receive.

> **Students should check Penn State email frequently. The Office of Student Aid communicates with students through their Penn State email account. They will also be able to access their student aid information in LionPATH. Be sure to ask your student to share any pertinent student aid information with you or grant you delegated access to their Award Summary in LionPATH.**

Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan

To receive Federal Direct Loans, your student must:

- *Submit the FAFSA at studentaid.gov*
- *Accept the loan in LionPATH*
- *Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov*
- *Complete Entrance Counseling at studentaid.gov*

After all the steps above have been completed, the Federal Direct Loan will appear as a credit on the student's bill.

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

The financial aid listed on the Financial Aid Offer in LionPATH may not cover all educational costs. As a parent, you may apply for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan. This is a federal loan available only to parents/stepparents of dependent undergraduate students.

Private Alternative Loans

If the PLUS loan is not an option for you, your student can seek additional funding from private alternative loans, which typically require a cosigner.

Scholarships

> <https://admissions.psu.edu/costs-aid/scholarships/>

All admitted students who submit the FAFSA to Penn State are considered for scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid. If your student was awarded a scholarship from the Office of Student Aid, it will be listed on the Financial Aid Offer in LionPATH. Some academic colleges, campuses, and administrative units require separate applications.

Work Study

> hr.psu.edu/careers

All students who apply to Penn State and indicate interest in the Federal Work-Study program on their application are considered for work-study employment. If your student was offered work-study, it will be listed on the Financial Aid Offer in LionPATH.

If your student did not receive a work-study award, there are many employment opportunities available on campus. For more information on employment opportunities, visit studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/employment/other.

Rights and Responsibilities of a Financial Aid Recipient

As a financial aid recipient, your student must be well informed about their rights and responsibilities. Be sure that your student carefully reviews this important information on the Office of Student Aid's website and understands Penn State's Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard and what is required of students to remain eligible for student aid.

FAFSA Verification

The Office of Student Aid is required by the federal government to confirm the accuracy of the information submitted on the FAFSA, a process known as verification. If students are selected for verification at Penn State, they will be notified by the Office of Student Aid. This notification will

include the specific information needed and a due date. Please respond promptly to any requests from the Office of Student Aid for verification documents to avoid a delay in the processing of student aid. Please do not submit any documents unless you or your student receives a request.



STUDENT RECORDS AND PRIVACY

Office of the University Registrar

- > 105 Main Building
- > (610) 892-1402
- > registrar.psu.edu

The Office of the University Registrar is responsible for student academic records and related processes, including: registration, academic transcripts, confidentiality of student records, grade reporting, graduation, diplomas, enrollment verification, and degree audits. Our goal is to provide students with accurate and complete information as quickly as possible.

Student Educational Records

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, FERPA (also known as the Buckley Amendment), is the federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and identifies the rights with respect to student education records kept by institutions.

Penn State is committed to maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of the student's Social Security number. The primary student identification number used to conduct University business is the Penn State ID number (known as PSU ID).

Student Rights Under FERPA

Under FERPA, institutions may not release education records, except under certain circumstances, without written consent from the student. This regulation does not apply to information that the University has identified as directory information (e.g. name, address, phone number, major) unless the student has blocked disclosure of such information. The primary rights of students under FERPA include the rights to:

- *Have some control over the disclosure of information from their education records*
- *Inspect and review their educational records*
- *Request the amendment of inaccurate or otherwise inappropriate education records*

To view a comprehensive list of directory information, visit registrar.psu.edu/confidentiality/directory-information.cfm.

Parent and Family Rights Under FERPA

When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending a postsecondary institution, regardless of age, FERPA rights transfer from the parent or guardian to the student. This means that you may not obtain your student's education records (including grades) without the written consent of your student. Parents may, with the student's permission, access their student's grades and other portions of their student's education record on-line through Delegated Access LionPATH (page xx). Parents and guardians do not have access to mid-semester grades. We encourage you to discuss this with your student.

Withhold Directory Information

Under FERPA, an institution is permitted to release directory information without written consent from the student. However, a student has the right to prevent this release in one of two ways. The student must complete and sign the Request to Withhold Directory Information form found on the Registrar's website under Student Forms. The signed form must be taken in person or mailed along with a copy of photo identification to the Registrar's office. Students with access to LionPATH may complete the request in the following ways:

- *Complete and submit the Change Directory Info (FERPA) form in LionPATH*
- *Upload a clear and valid photo identification to your request*
- *An email notification will be sent to your student's official Penn State email account when the withholding of directory information is in effect*

Withholding directory information means:

- *Student name/address is excluded from the online directory*
- *Student name will not appear in the commencement program*
- *Verification of enrollment, graduation or degrees awarded will not be provided to third parties, including potential employers*
- *No information about the student will be released to any person (including the student) on the telephone or via email*

Release Directory Information

If a student later wishes to remove the directory hold, the student must complete and sign the Request to Release Directory Information form found on the University Registrar's website under Student Forms. The signed form may be taken in person or mailed along with a copy of photo identification to the Office of the Registrar.

Students with access to LionPATH may complete the request in the following ways:

- *Complete and submit the Change Directory Info (FERPA) form in LionPATH*
- *Upload a clear and valid photo identification to your request*
- *An email notification will be sent to your student's official Penn State email account when the release of directory information is in effect*

Enrollment Verification

Insurance companies, financial lenders, or employers may require proof that a student was or is currently enrolled at Penn State. Enrollment verification provides proof of enrollment, graduation, student status, and other related information.

Currently, enrolled students may use the Enrollment Verification under Academic Records in LionPATH Self Service. The student may print an unofficial copy and mail it to the requesting agency, or they may request an official verification, containing the University Registrar's signature and University seal on security paper, to be mailed to the specified address via first-class U.S. mail within three business days. This function is also available to families through the LionPATH Self Service if their student has granted them Delegated Access.

Because of the volume of requests received, the Registrar is unable to complete agency-supplied verification forms. The official University enrollment verification document can be attached to the original agency-supplied form.

All other parties may contact the National Student Clearinghouse for verification of students' enrollment and degree information at studentclearinghouse.com.

Leaving the University

Students should carefully consider all the consequences to leaving Penn State before they complete the process. Students should meet with their academic adviser or registrar's office before making a final decision. There are ramifications for financial aid, loan repayments and health insurance. In addition, there are processes that must be followed when a student determines that they are ready to return to the University. For information about leaving the University and proper processes, visit registrar.psu.edu/enrollment/leaving/index.cfm.



LIONPATH

> public.lionpath.psu.edu

LionPATH is Penn State's student information system. Students use LionPATH to enroll in classes, view financial aid, pay tuition, check grades, and more.

LionPATH provides two processes to access student information. You can view your student's data--such as grades, financial aid and class schedules--by using Delegated Access. In addition, you can pay tuition by using Authorized Payer Access. Delegated Access and Authorized Payer Access are two separate functions within LionPATH. For more information and to view tutorials, visit lionpathsupport.psu.edu/parent.

Using Delegated Access

For you to access student data in LionPATH, your student must first provide access to you.

Step One:

Provide your student with your email address to receive your activation email. This email will also serve as your login ID.

Step Two:

Once your student has given you access, you will receive an activation email that will contain a login ID, temporary password, and a link for you to log in and view those areas your student has shared.

Note: If you are a Penn State employee or student, the link to view shared information is a different URL than you may normally use to access LionPATH.

- For staff who are students AND use LionPATH in daily work, use lionpath.psu.edu
- For all staff who have been given Delegated Access by their student, use public.lionpath.psu.edu and click on the Delegated Access tab

Delegated Access for Multiple Students

If you have more than one student and both delegate access to you, use the same email address and password to access information shared by each student. The email initiated by the first student will include a temporary password. After you reset your password, emails sent from additional students will not contain a temporary password. When multiple students give you Delegated Access, each is listed when you login; however, you can only view one student's data at a time.

View and Pay Tuition Using Authorized Payer Access

Your student can give you access to view their Student Account Statement, make payments, enroll in the Installment Payment Plan, and access IRS Form 1098-T by using Authorized Payer Access. Your student grants you access through their student account in LionPATH. After access is granted, a user ID, temporary password, and login link will be sent to you via email.

Federal law prohibits Penn State representatives from corresponding or speaking about the student's account with anyone other than the student unless the student has designated the individual as an Authorized Payer.

Authorized Payer Access for Multiple Students

If you have more than one student at Penn State, regardless of campus, you can easily link your students' accounts. You will receive a separate user ID and a separate temporary password for each student via email as each student grants you Authorized Payer Access.

How to Link Multiple Accounts

- Visit public.lionpath.psu.edu and click on the Authorized Payer Access tab.
- Use your Authorized Payer user ID and password you received via email. You must use the correct user ID and password when accessing each student's account and you must log in at least once to each account to be able to link student's accounts. Once the student accounts are linked you only need to log in to one of the student accounts.
- Navigate to the My Account section on the left side menu of the Student Account Dashboard to manage your account.
- To use Authorized Payer access for multiple students, click on the pencil icon next to the student's name on the Overview section on the left side menu.
- The student's page displays the name of the student you are currently viewing.
- If another student has given you access to view their account, and you have logged in at least once to that student's account, you will see that student's account listed as other students (click the View box to switch to the other student account).

- > Access to view and pay tuition is provided when your student grants you Authorized Payer Access in LionPATH. Authorized Payer Access is separate and in addition to the Delegated Access that the student grants via LionPATH for academic information.

ID+ CARD

ID+ Office

> idcard.psu.edu

The id+ Office issues University ID cards and is the central office responsible for the support of all ID card-related services.

id+ Card

Your student is required by University policy to obtain and carry the Penn State id+ card at all times. The id+ card is transferrable between Penn State campuses. The id+ card is a vital part of life at Penn State, providing easy access to University resources and services, such as library services, access to the residence halls, athletic events, and testing centers. The id+ card is also the mechanism used for accessing the Campus Meal Plan, LionCash, and (optional) PNC Bank accounts.

Replacing the id+ Card

If your student's id+ card has been lost or stolen, your student should immediately deactivate it online. If the card is found before a replacement id+ card is issued, it may be reactivated online within seven days of being deactivated. For IDs not recovered, a new id+ card may be obtained at the current replacement fee.

The PNC Bank relationship benefits students and the University. The University receives financial support from its relationship with PNC Bank. Annual financial support from PNC Bank helps to support operating expenses for the id+ card program as well as other University services. Please direct questions about the University's relationship with PNC Bank to the id+ Office. Linking your id+ card to your PNC Bank accounts enables you to use your id+ card in ATMs only. Your PNC Bank account is a separate account from the Campus Meal Plan and LionCash+ accounts. Virtual Wallet is a registered trademark of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. ©2022 The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. All rights reserved. PNC Bank, National Association. Member FDIC.

Penn State IT

- > 128 Vairo Building
- > (610) 892-1297
- > it.psu.edu

The Penn State IT Service Desk provides 24/7 assistance through an extensive online knowledge base, live chat, phone, online request form, or email. Additional IT support information is available at help.psu.edu.

Student Technology Guide

- > connecttotech.psu.edu

This comprehensive guide introduces students to the University's most important Information Technology (IT) resources, such as account management, essential IT tools for learning, technology tutoring, where to store their files, and where to get help creating multimedia projects.

Penn State Accounts

- > accounts.psu.edu

A student's Penn State Account user ID (e.g., xyz5000) is their digital identity at the University that provides access to secure online resources and services to which they have been granted access. Students are automatically assigned a Penn State user ID when they apply for admission online.

Students will log in to secure University resources and applications such as lab computers, Penn State's wireless network, Canvas, and LionPATH by entering their Penn State user ID followed by @psu.edu (e.g., xyz5000@psu.edu). Students will use their Penn State Account user ID and password to log in to secure University's sites and services for as long as they're affiliated with Penn State.

Settings within the Penn State Account, like passwords and personal information, can be changed or updated through the Account Management website. The Penn State Account user ID and password should not be confused with the student's unique nine-digit PSU ID number (e.g., 912345678) that is part of their id+ card.

Wireless Access

- > bit.ly/wi-fi-FAQ

Secure wireless access is available for students in most University-owned or leased buildings, on or off campus.

Students can visit bit.ly/wi-fi-connect for instructions on how to connect to Penn State's secure wireless "psu" network.

Students can visit wireless.psu.edu to set up wireless for each of their specific devices.

Campus guests and visitors can connect to the unauthenticated psu-guest wireless network at psu-guest.psu.edu. The guest network is not intended for use by students and should not be used for University-owned devices. Guests and visitors can visit bit.ly/wi-fi-guest-connect for more information.

Protecting Your Student's Identity and Data

- > security.psu.edu/education-training

Penn State takes the security and privacy of your student's personal information seriously. Penn State IT uses robust processes and technologies to safeguard its data and systems to ensure they can only be accessed by authorized users. Students are required to enroll in multifactor authentication (MFA) to help protect their personal information, as well as sensitive and confidential Penn State resources and data. The University also provides information to students on how to protect themselves from phishing attacks, viruses, spyware, ransomware, identity and data theft, and other forms of cyberattacks.

Software at Penn State

- > software.psu.edu

Software at Penn State provides students access to many software applications at discounted prices, including some at no cost such as Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud. Discipline-specific apps such as Matlab, SAS, EndNote, SPSS, Qualtrics, and Esri are also available.

Penn State Student Systems

These Penn State systems are frequently used by Penn State students to navigate life on campus.

Canvas

Penn State's online system for teaching and learning where students and professors can upload course materials and conduct online discussions

eLiving

On-campus housing portal, including roommate assignments and housing lottery process

LionPATH

Student information system to register for classes, check end of semester grades, and pay bills

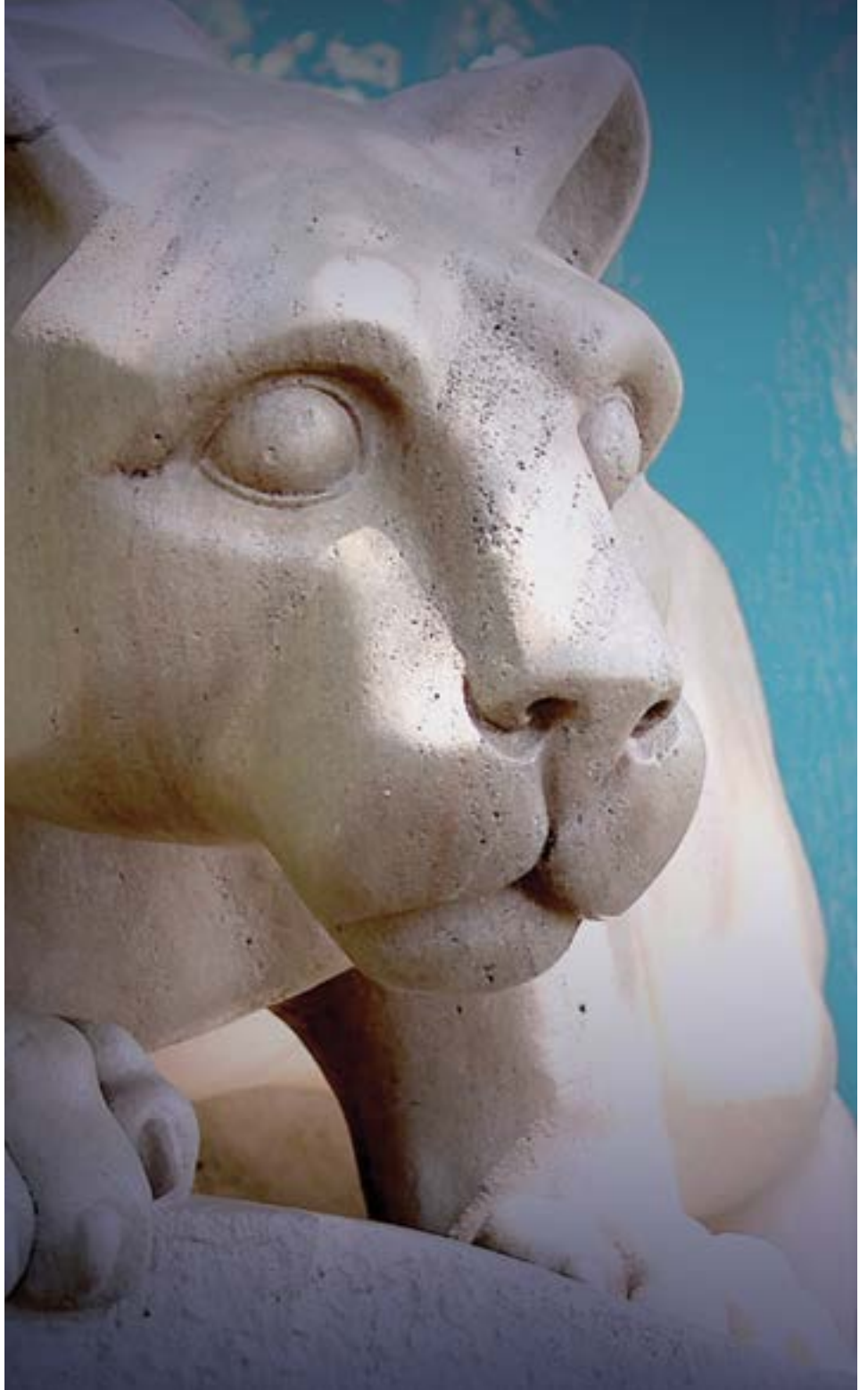
Penn State Go

The official and all-in-one mobile app available to download in the Google Play Store and Apple App store

Starfish

Communication portal that gives students centralized access to advisers, instructors, and others who provide academic support

CAMPUS LIFE



- > [Campus Life](#)
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- > [Arrival](#)

CAMPUS LIFE

Student Affairs

- > 207 Student Union Building
- > (610) 892-1270
- > <https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/student-life>
- >

As a student at Penn State Brandywine, there are a variety of opportunities for you to get involved and connected on campus. Student Affairs provides services and programs to support and challenge you to achieve your educational and personal goals.

Student Affairs is comprised of the following officers and services:

- *Student Engagement*
- *Center for Social Impact*
- *Counseling Services*
- *Student Health Services*
- *Athletics*
- *Residence Life (page 32)*
- *Student Conduct (page 34)*
- *Title IX - Sexual Harassment & Misconduct (page 36)*

Student Engagement

- > 202 Student Union Building
- > (610) 892-1270
- > <https://psubrandywine.campuslabs.com/engage/>
- >

Student Engagement hosts a variety of events throughout the year. From trips to local attractions and festivals, to activities and performances on campus, there is something for every student- and most are free.

There is also an array of active student organizations for students to join and potentially serve in a leadership role. From Student Government Association to Brandywine Benefiting Thon to BEAST (Brandywine Events and Activities Support Team) to Black Student Union, students can easily get involved with campus life and build valuable leadership skills. And, if there isn't a club for a particular interest, you can always start your own.

Penn State Brandywine uses Engage platform for student organization management and event planning and a "one stop shop" where students, staff, faculty, and administration can learn all they need to know about student organizations at Brandywine. navigate to the Brandywine Engage site listed above and click the sign in button in the upper right corner using your Penn State credentials, and create your profile.

Center for Social Impact

- > 1st Floor, Vairo Building
- > (610) 892-1270
- > <https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/penn-state-brandwine/center-social-impact>
- >

The Center for Social Impact, housed in Student Affairs, develops pathways for students to become socially responsible leaders and citizens who are prepared to create positive change in the world.

Students involved with the Center are encouraged to become active citizens by learning about and building the capacities of their local communities. As they find creative, effective ways to serve their campus, local and global communities, they also make valuable connections and develop professional skills and competencies.

The Center also operates the Federal Work Study program for student interns interested in positively impacting their communities while receiving financial support for their college endeavors.

Center Initiatives

Under the leadership of Assistant Director of Student Engagement, and supported by a part-time administrative assistant, a part-time campus garden manager, and student internship positions, the work of the Center for Social Impact will revolve around the following initiatives:

Community Engagement & Community Service: Constitution Day, MLK Week of Service, Social Justice Week, Student TED Talks, Community service opportunities (both on- and off-campus)

Voter Education & Registration

Campus Food Pantry

Career Closet

Sustainable Campus Garden: A place for the campus community to learn and practice sustainable gardening, as well as a place to come together to discover our shared sense of identity and connection with the natural world

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- > Student Affairs
- > 207 Student Union Building
- > (610) 892-1270
- > (877) 229-6400 (24/7 Crisis Line)
- > <https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/student-life/counseling-services>
- >

College student concerns can vary widely, and some emotional stress can be expected at this developmental phase of life. CAPS offers multiple pathways for students to get the help, support, and connection to resources that will best support their mental health and wellness needs. These options include and reach beyond individual counseling.

CAPS provides students with a range of services including:

- Wellness platforms (WellTrack Boost, Virtual Library) for self-paced mental health prevention and self-care

- *Long-term group therapy*
- *Short-term individual counseling*
- *Rapid-access appointments for urgent concerns*
- *Psychiatric medication and medication management through Mantra Telepsychiatry*
- *Education and harm-reduction based drug and alcohol counseling*

CAPS' mission is to support students' mental health and well-being as they pursue their academic and career goals. Essential to this mission is fostering a welcoming and affirming environment that honors diversity and values individual and cultural differences.

CAPS' professional staff includes two professional counselors and a graduate level counseling intern. Services are confidential and available at no cost to enrolled, part-time and full-time students. Students are strongly encouraged to access wellness resources to help maintain and manage overall wellbeing. Wellness platforms such as WellTrack Boost and the Virtual Library are accessible options for students to address self-help and self-care at their convenience.

In addition to short-term individual and couples counseling, CAPS offers long-term group therapy. Group therapy provides support for many common concerns, such as self-advocacy, assertiveness, and setting boundaries.

While CAPS offers a multitude of resources, a student's needs may be best met beyond

CAPS. CAPS commonly refers students to other resources on campus and clinical providers in the local community.

Penn State's Crisis Line is available 24/7 for students, as well as parents, faculty, staff, or others to call if urgently concerned about a Penn State student

Student Health Services

- > 119 Commons Building
- > 207 Student Union Building
- > (610) 892-1326
- > <https://www.brandywine.psu.edu/student-life/student-health-services>
- >

Staying healthy is a vital part of a successful college experience and Penn State Brandywine Student Health Services can help.

Any student enrolled at Penn State Brandywine can utilize Student Health Services. Penn State Brandywine Student Health Services provides first aid care, health care referrals, and wellness programs throughout the year.

Student Health Services recommends that students pack basic medical supplies to bring with them to campus: thermometer, over-the-counter pain/fever reducers such as acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen, cough drops, and other cold symptom relief medications.

Appointments

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 610-892-1326 or emailing Fac5157@psu.edu.

Emergencies

In the event of a campus closure due to holiday or inclement weather, Student Health Services will also be closed. In the event care is needed when Student Health Services is closed, please refer to the following information.

If Emergency Care is needed dial 911. Then, call University Police and Public Safety by dialing 496 from any campus phone or 610-892-1496 from an outside line. In the event of an emergency, an ambulance will be dispatched by calling 911 or University Police. Payment for the ambulance services is the responsibility of the student.

Student Health Services Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm (During Fall & Spring Semesters only)

We are closed during summer, weekends, campus holidays, and weather events.

Confidentiality

It is understandable that as a concerned parent you may want access to information about your student's care. However, patient confidentiality standards (HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) prohibit University Health Services from sharing medical information without the student's written authorization. When there is a life-threatening situation in which a student is so ill that they are unable to provide authorization, both HIPAA and FERPA allow the university to release information. This is the only exception.

Excuses (Missing Class due to Illness)

Student Health Services does not provide illness verification to instructors for routine illnesses. For routine illnesses, the decision to miss a class or activity is at the student's discretion, and the student should email or call the instructor as soon as possible.

Physical Therapy

Physical therapy services are available by appointment. Direct access (self-referral) is available to students who meet the criteria. Check with your insurance provider to confirm direct access allowance.

Preventive Health

Students are encouraged to reduce the risk of serious illness by making healthy lifestyle choices and getting recommended immunizations. Students can make preventive health appointments at the Student Health Services for Urgent Care referrals, immunizations referrals, nutrition referrals, sexual health, and more.

Athletics

- > Commons/Athletic Center
- > (610) 892-1279
- > <https://www.psubrandywineathletics.com/>
- >

Brandywine Athletics is an NCAA DIII institution that is a member of the United East Conference. The Penn State Brandywine Athletics is committed to student success by fostering an environment that promotes academic, personal, and professional excellence. Penn State Brandywine Athletics is dedicated to supporting student development and personal growth to position student-athletes for successful and rewarding careers and professions. With an emphasis on teamwork, communication, dedication, and discipline, we celebrate the diversity of our student-athletes in a framework of inclusive excellence. Brandywine sponsors twelve varsity programs. If you are interested in joining one of our programs please contact the

Director of Athletics, Bobbi Caprice; caprice@psu.edu.

Sports Sponsored:

Men: Golf, Cross Country, Tennis, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer

Women: Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis, Softball, Basketball

HOUSING, FOOD SERVICES & RESIDENCE LIFE

> liveon.psu.edu

Housing, Food Services, and Residence Life are excited to have your student join our on-campus community.

The Housing, Food Services, and Residence Life staff is committed to providing your student with an environment that is safe, secure, comfortable, and conducive to academic, personal, and social development. We promote the concept of community, in which each student is responsible for respecting neighbors' rights. Within the framework of rights and responsibilities, the individual's right to choose their own lifestyle is supported.

Our housing professionals provide a clean, well-maintained environment for students safety and well-being. Housekeeping services are provided seven days a week for public areas of the residence halls, including bathrooms and lounges. Maintenance and repairs are completed in a timely fashion.

Dining facilities are staffed with food service professionals who provide a variety of healthy, great-tasting food choices, including traditional favorites, vegetarian items, and quick service selections.

Assistant directors and coordinators of Residence Life are full-time professional employees available to provide residents with assistance in the transition to on-campus living. Resident assistants (RAs) are student leaders specially trained to help with questions and help build a sense of community among residents.. RAs are available for information, assistance, programming, and other services.

BEFORE ARRIVAL

Visit our arrival website (arrival.psu.edu/Brandywine) or the Arrival event in the Penn State Go app (mobile.psu.edu) to get all the information you need for a successful arrival and move-in.

When will students find out where and with whom they will be living next year?

Room assignment information, including room address and roommate name and home phone number will be posted on eLiving (eLiving.psu.edu) on Tuesday, July 23 at noon. For most assignments, students will have the opportunity from then until Friday, August 9 at noon to exchange room assignments with another student. To request a Direct Room Exchange, log on to eLiving and click "Room Exchange eBoard" under the "My Info" section.

Direct Room Exchanges will also be available after arrival, beginning Tuesday, August 27 at noon through September 30 at noon.

How do students schedule their move-in date and time?

To shorten lines and spread out arrival traffic, students must sign up for a scheduled arrival time before they arrive. After viewing the room assignment, click "Schedule Move-in" under the "My Info" section in eLiving (eLiving.psu.edu). Students can modify their scheduled arrival time as needed until their scheduled arrival date.

Students should also check in via eLiving up to 24 hours before their scheduled arrival time to receive access to the building and see their mailbox information and other helpful details. Choose "Check-In" under the "My Info" section to complete this step.

What is available in student rooms?

Each student will have an extra-long twin bed, desk and desk chair, closet, and chest of drawers. All rooms have a trash can, microwave/freezer/refrigerator unit, blinds, an overhead light, and a smoke detector. Wi-Fi is available throughout Orchard Hall.

View layouts of our student rooms at liveon.psu.edu/Brandywine/housing.

What items should students bring or not bring?

Students should bring sheets (extra-long twin), mattress pad, pillows, towels, blanket or bedspread, computer, and other items that will help them feel at home. Students should check with their roommate before arrival to decide who brings which shared items, such as a TV or gaming system. Do not bring furniture, pets, or appliances. Please refer to arrival.psu.edu/Brandywine for more information about what to bring and what to leave behind.

What amenities are provided in Orchard Hall?

Orchard Hall provides laundry facilities, study lounges, private bathrooms, a full community kitchen, and vending machines.

Mail service is provided in the Student Union next to the residence hall. Students can pick up packages at the office by showing their Penn State id+ Card. Packages should not be shipped more than two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. We recommend packages are insured and tracked to ensure proper delivery. All packages and deliveries should be addressed to the student's official name using the campus address format at liveon.psu.edu/brandywine/housing-services.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Is there security in the residence hall?

Orchard Hall is equipped with an electronic,

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

> arrival.psu.edu

Learn about preparing for summer, fall, and spring arrival, including a list of items to bring, parking information, check-in locations, etc.

computerized card-access system that utilizes your student's physical or mobile id+ card (idcard.psu.edu/mobile-id-card) at interior and exterior doors. Only residents of the building can gain access by tapping their cards or mobile devices at the card reader at the entrance. The system is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Guests of residents may enter only by accompanying the host resident, who will escort the guest to their room. Only the host resident may open the entrance door for a guest and must always escort the guest throughout the building.

All residence hall rooms lock automatically when closed. Students should keep their doors closed when they are not in their rooms, even when leaving for only a short time.

Can students leave their belongings in their room between semesters and during breaks?

Students may leave their belongings in the room during Thanksgiving break, semester break, and spring break, if they will be returning to the same room after the break. Students are encouraged to take home their valuables during those breaks. There is no storage available during summer session. The University recommends that students carry personal property insurance coverage for all their belongings, as the University is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property. Before coming to campus, check to see if your family's homeowner's insurance policy covers students in residence halls. If your student is not covered, please consider purchasing renter's insurance.

Can students stay on campus during breaks?

Housing offers a Break Access HFS Contract for students who need to stay on campus during Thanksgiving and spring breaks. The Break Access HFS Contract does not include access during the break between fall and spring semesters; if winter break housing is available, it will be offered separately from the semester contract.

Students with a Break Access HFS Contract will not be required to leave the building during Thanksgiving and spring breaks. During these two break periods, staff will be available to assist with emergencies. Students assigned to Break Access will be charged an additional fee per semester for this service. No refunds

are processed if a student does not stay for all or any part of the closedown periods. The Break Access HFS Contract cannot be canceled.

Break Access/Holiday Housing can be requested either by selecting the option as a preference on the HFS Contract or by contacting the Housing and Food Services Office. Visit liveon.psu.edu/Brandywine/manage-your-HFS-contract for more info.

Do staff members live in the residence hall?

Resident Assistants (RAs) and Residence Life Coordinators live on-site at Orchard Hall. An RA is an undergraduate student who has been carefully selected and specially trained to help your student transition to both the residence hall and the Penn State community. RAs have responsibility for a “house,” which may mean one or two residence hall wings or floors. The RA lives on the floor and is readily accessible to residents. During evening hours, students may also contact the RA on duty if a situation arises and their RA is not available.

Residence Life Coordinators are full-time professional staff members trained in student development, safety and security, student conduct, and emergency response. As the supervisors of the RAs, coordinators are responsible for helping to create a positive community within the residence halls. A coordinator is available to assist students at any time of the day or night.

How will students get to know each other on the floor?

The first opportunity to meet floormates will be at the house meeting the RA will host on arrival day. RAs will also sponsor a series of programs and activities throughout the semester that will give students a chance to get to know other individuals on their floor.

How do students find out what activities are scheduled in the residence hall?

Residence Life produces a newsletter that is placed in floor restrooms and provides information about upcoming activities. RAs communicate regularly with students via email, text, and messaging apps. Also, students should check out bulletin boards on their floors and in the building lobby, as well as digital signage in the student union.

What if my student has a roommate problem?

The first person students should talk with is their roommate, who may not even realize that there is a concern. If that approach is uncomfortable or awkward, students should go directly to their RA for assistance in identifying the best approach. The RA can also be helpful in facilitating a discussion between roommates.

Can students have guests in their room?

Students are permitted to have guests in their room only if there is no objection from their roommate. At the beginning of the semester, roommates should discuss how they each feel about having guests in the room. If there are any concerns about having guests of the opposite gender or overnight guests, it's important to share those preferences with each other. It's also a good idea to come to an agreement on times when guests will or will not be allowed in the room. Overnight guests can stay for a maximum of three consecutive nights. Guests must always be escorted. Residents are not permitted to have overnight guests in the room prior to the first day of classes. The guest policy may be revised at any time if required by health and safety guidelines.

How does my student sign up to LiveOn at Brandywine for 2025-2026?

Current students will have the opportunity to Request Housing for future years beginning in October. Log on to eLiving and choose “Request Housing” under the “Contracts” section. Visit liveon.psu.edu/Brandywine/request-housing for more information.

EATING ON CAMPUS

Where can students eat on campus?

The Blue Apple Café is the food court at Penn State Brandywine. The café offers six stations, including traditional grill items, homestyle entrees, chopped salads, brick oven pizza, and deli. Blue Apple Café provides residential students the best value, as purchases made here with the Campus Meal Plan receive a 65% discount off the cash price for prepared food and beverage items. Retail items, such as prepackaged snack items and bottled beverages, do not receive a discount.

Hours are listed at liveon.psu.edu/Brandywine/dining. Menus and nutritional information are available at menus.psu.edu. Download the Penn State Go app for mobile ordering and easy access to menus.

How can students keep track of Campus Meal Plan dining dollars they have left in their meal account?

It is important for students to keep track of their meal plan spending. The remaining balance of dining dollars is displayed at the cash register after each transaction and is also available at idcard.psu.edu. The Transact eAccounts online portal and mobile app let students manage campus card accounts. With its online account management, students can add money to their accounts, view account activity, and manage their credential.

What if a student runs out of meal plan dining dollars before the semester ends?

If a student is running low on dining dollars, it is recommended that funds be added to the LionCash account. Registers at on-campus dining facilities will automatically check a student's Campus Meal Plan account for funds. If there are not enough funds available, the system will then deduct from the LionCash account at the same optimal meal plan pricing. Adding funds to LionCash instead of the Campus Meal Plan eliminates the possibility of leftover dining dollars expiring at the end of spring semester. Funds may be added to LionCash or Campus Meal plan online at idcard.psu.edu with MasterCard or Visa, or in person at the eatery cash registers.

What if students have extra leftover campus meal plan dining dollars at the end of the semester?

Any remaining dining dollars left over at the end of fall semester are automatically carried over to the spring semester plan so long as the student has purchased a Campus Meal Plan for spring. Any remaining dining dollars at the end of spring expire. A different meal plan level may be selected for spring semester if there is a high balance, and levels can be adjusted up until the last day of final exams. Although the Campus Meal Plan has separate contracts for fall and spring, all students living in the residence hall are required to purchase the Campus Meal Plan for both semesters.

What is LionCash?

LionCash is Penn State's prepaid spending account. It is a safe and easy way for students to make purchases on campus and around town. LionCash provides special discounts offered exclusively to LionCash users and is accepted at both on and off-campus locations, including on-campus printing, vending, laundry, and copier machines. LionCash is the only accepted payment method for on-campus laundry facilities. To activate a LionCash account, simply make an initial deposit – there are no fees to use the account and balances carry over from semester to semester and from year to year. Upon graduation or withdrawal, students may request a refund for the balance remaining in their account.

How can I deposit money into my student's LionCash account?

Family and friends may deposit funds into a student's LionCash account online at idcard.psu.edu with MasterCard or Visa. Deposits are processed as a standard purchase, not a cash advance, and are processed in real time so funds are immediately available. Students can also manage their LionCash on this site. On a secure server, students can check their account balances, review and email their transaction history, and deactivate a lost or stolen id+ card. Students working on campus may also elect to sign up for payroll deductions into their LionCash account.

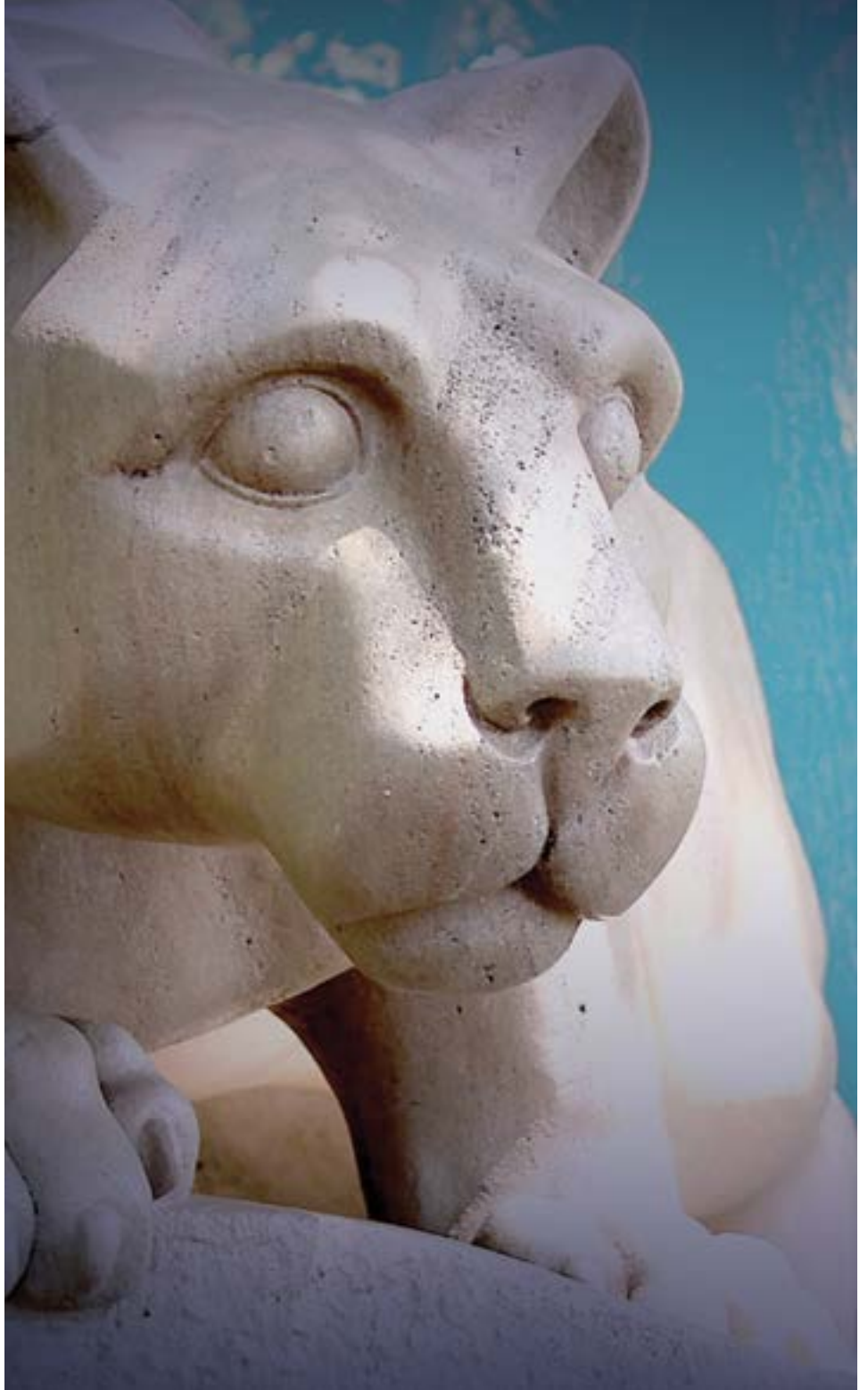
What should students do if they lose their physical id+ card or mobile credential device?

If a student's physical id+ card or mobile device has been lost or stolen, they should immediately deactivate it online at idcard.psu.edu. Deactivating the card will suspend building access, LionCash account access, and fitness membership access (if applicable). If the card is found prior to a replacement id+ card being issued, it may be reactivated online within 7 days of being deactivated or at the Housing and Food Service Office. For IDs not recovered, a new id+ card may be obtained at the current replacement fee. New or replacement IDs will be active immediately for building and LionCash account access.

How can I send my student a special treat?

Housing and Food Services partners with the Penn State Bakery to offer cupcakes, cookies, and treats for holidays and special occasions. Visit pennstatebakery.com to place an order and send your student some love.

HEALTH & SAFETY



- > Student Rights and Responsibilities
- > Smart and Safe at State
- > Alcohol and Drug Laws
- > Immunization and Health Insurance

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response

- > studentaccountability@psu.edu
- > studentaffairs.psu.edu/student-accountability

The Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response (OSACR) works to uphold community and university standards through compassionate interventions in which student are heard, respected, and treated with dignity. These students, including student organization leaders, have the developmental opportunity to participate in fair and impartial resolution processes which encourage personal accountability and responsible decision-making; promote reflection and restoration; and reduce and prevent behavior which undermines student success and community safety.

Student Code of Conduct

- > studentaffairs.psu.edu/student-accountability/code-procedures

The OSACR is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Student Code of Conduct and related written procedures. The Code outlines community standards for student behavior, both on- and off-campus, while the written procedures explain how alleged violations of the Code are managed within the student conduct process.

When a student or student organization is named in a report and/or participates in a resolution process, a record is created and maintained by OSACR. For more information regarding the maintenance and distribution of Conduct records visit studentaffairs.psu.edu/student-accountability/resources/student-records.

In addition to managing formal allegations of misconduct, the OSACR also offers a wide-range of Adaptable Resolutions and Conflict Response options (studentaffairs.psu.edu/student-accountability/code-procedures/adaptable-resolutions).

Parent and Family Notification Policy

- > studentaffairs.psu.edu/student-accountability/resources/family-support

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), colleges and universities are afforded certain liberties relative to notifying parents or guardians of information concerning their student. In order to involve students' families in the total educational experience of the student and to facilitate communication between students and their parents/legal guardians. OSACR has established a notification and disclosure policy. The goals of this policy are:

- To clarify when notification and/or disclosure may be appropriate.
- To partner with families in support of their student.
- To identify additional supportive points of intervention for students.

When a dependent student accepts responsibility for a violation or is found in violation of the Code, a notification letter will typically be sent to their parent or guardian in the following circumstances:

- There was a "Substance Use Misconduct" violation and the student is under 21.
- The Action Plan includes Suspension, Expulsion, and/or Loss of Housing (including those administrative sanctions issues in a conditional status).

This letter summarizes the outcome of the process and lists the official University violation(s) and outcomes. It is recommended that the first response to receiving this letter is initiating a conversation with your student. Follow-up questions can then be directed to the case manager in OSACR.

Absent unusual circumstances which qualify as an exception to FERPA, the University does not notify parents and/or guardians of students who are not dependent students.

Pennsylvania's Antihazing Law

In 2018, Pennsylvania adopted the Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Law which:

- Establishes a tiered penalty with stricter punishments for hazing (including felony-level violations)
- Holds individuals and organizations accountable for hazing
- Requires schools to publish anti-hazing policies and publicly report hazing violations (universityethics.psu.edu)

To the extent possible, any student, organization, faculty or staff member, contractor, or volunteer of the University will be held accountable for hazing-related violations both by the University and by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Any allegations of hazing should be reported to the University's Office of Ethics and Compliance or the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response, in addition to the police.

The Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Law, in addition to Pennsylvania's medical amnesty law, provide immunity from prosecution when a student seeks help for themselves or others who need medical attention. See next page and page 39 for more detail on when medical amnesty applies. Students who seek help may also avoid formal student conduct action under the Penn State Responsible Action Protocol (studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/alcohol-amnesty).

Academic Integrity at Penn State

Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at Penn State, and all members of the University community are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, copying, plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, facilitation of acts of academic misconduct by others, unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, and tampering with the academic work of other students.



Free Speech

As a public university, Penn State must protect free speech, even when viewpoints offend community members or the institution's values. The primary purpose of a university is to discover and disseminate knowledge and this can only occur if freedom of expression is honored. Even words and other expressions that many people would consider to be "hate speech" are constitutionally protected under the First Amendment.

However, free speech is not without limits. For example, the University may restrict or discipline expression in a few instances, including speech that:

- *incites imminent lawless action;*
- *defames a specific individual;*
- *rises to the level of harassment;*
- *or targets a specific individual or individuals with true threats of violence.*

The University also may regulate the time, place, and manner of expression.

The University encourages those who wish to counter views they find unacceptable to do so in responsible ways, including:

- *taking part in alternative events;*
- *lending their voices to causes with which they are aligned and that help foster a stronger community;*
- *or lawfully and actively protesting or speaking out if they desire.*

The Addressing Bias: Rights, Responsibilities and Responses website (knowyourrightsandresponsibilities.psu.edu), created in partnership with students, is intended to educate students, faculty, and staff on ways to use their voices thoughtfully and engage in critical dialogue on difficult topics.

Community members, including parents or families, may report incidents of bias or discrimination to the Report Bias website; to University Police or local police; to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access (OEOA); or the Office of Ethics and Compliance.

RESPONSIBLE ACTION PROTOCOL

The safety of our students is of paramount importance, and it is critical that the university create an environment that is conducive to reporting sexual misconduct and seeking emergency assistance for hazing-related injuries and other serious medical issues. While the university does not condone underage drinking, illegal drug use, or other violations of university policy or the law, the university understands that students may hesitate to get help for themselves and others when they are worried about the potential consequences, including student conduct action. Consequently, the university has established the following protocols for those who choose to prioritize safety.

Emergency Protocol: Alcohol and other Drugs

A student who takes the initiative to get assistance by notifying the appropriate authorities (e.g., calling 911 or contacting police) AND meets one or more of the criteria below, will typically not be subject to student conduct action for their own use or possession of alcohol or other drugs. The student will, however, be required to complete an appropriate alcohol or drug related educational intervention; any associated fees will be waived. This protocol may be appropriate when:

- *A student seeks medical assistance for themselves when experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose, or related problems.*
- *A student seeks medical assistance for a peer experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose, or related problems, AND remains with that peer until the appropriate authorities arrive.*
- *A student experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose, or related problems, for whom another student seeks assistance.*

Students who are, or know someone who is, struggling with substance misuse are encouraged to access resources and support available through Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services.

Emergency Protocol: Hazing

A student who takes the initiative to get assistance by notifying the appropriate authorities (e.g., calling 911, or contacting police) AND meets the criteria below, will typically not be subject to student conduct action for hazing. The student will, however, be required to complete appropriate educational interventions to prevent the recurrence of the reported behavior. This protocol may be appropriate when:

- *A student seeks medical assistance for a peer based on a reasonable belief that the person was in need of immediate medical attention to prevent death or serious injury;*
- *the student provides their name; and*
- *the student remains with that peer until the appropriate authorities arrive.*

At all times, students are encouraged to notify the University as soon as possible when they become aware that hazing has, or may, occur. Reports can be filed with the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response, or submitted anonymously to the Office of Ethics and Compliance.

Reporting Sexual Misconduct Protocol

A student who makes a report to the University or other appropriate authority (e.g., law enforcement) about experiencing sexual misconduct, or is reporting the experience of another, will typically not be subject to student conduct action related to their own possession or consumption of alcohol or other drugs in connection with the reported incident. As appropriate, involved students may be required to complete an educational intervention to address concerns about the student's substance use; any associated fees will be waived.

At all times, students are encouraged to notify the university as soon as possible when they become aware that sexual misconduct has, or may, occur. Reports can be filed with the Office of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response, or submitted anonymously to the Office of Ethics and Compliance.

When student exhibits a pattern of problematic and/or high-risk behavior, or when the behavior involves other serious alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct, the University may determine it is appropriate to initiate formal student conduct action in lieu of, or in addition to, these protocols.

OFFICE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- > Student Affairs
- > 207 Student Union Building
- > (610) 892-1270
- > titleix.psu.edu

Penn State is committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on sex or gender. Resources are available to members of the University community to provide a prompt and effective response when such incidents occur. Behaviors that fall under policy AD-85 Title IX Sexual Harassment and AD-91 Discrimination and Harassment and Related Inappropriate Conduct include*:

Gender-based Harassment

Behavior consisting of physical or verbal conduct based on gender, sexual orientation, gender-stereotyping, perceived gender, or gender identity

Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature

Sexual Misconduct

Rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of non-consensual sexual activity

Stalking

Repeatedly following, harassing, threatening, or intimidating including by telephone, mail, electronic communication, or social media

Dating Violence

May include physical, emotional, verbal, and/or economic abuse

Domestic Violence

May include physical, emotional, verbal, and/or economic abuse

Retaliation

Adverse employment, academic, or other actions against anyone reporting or participating in an investigation of Title IX allegations

*These are intended to serve as representative examples. For the full definitions of prohibited conduct and consent, and more information about reporting options and amnesty, please refer to the relevant policy.

Amnesty

Penn State offers confidential and non-confidential reporting options for those who have become a victim of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking. The University strongly encourages students to report incidents violating this policy. Therefore, students who act responsibly by reporting information about sexual and/or gender-based harassment or misconduct typically will not face University disciplinary action for their own drug or alcohol possession or consumption in connection with the reported incident.

Consent

Any sexual contact that occurs without consent violates Penn State's policy. Consent is a knowing, voluntary, and a mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely given, and mutual.

Reporting Options

Penn State offers a variety of confidential and non-confidential reporting options if you or a friend is the victim of sexual and gender-based harassment or sexual misconduct.

Student survivors, witnesses, and bystanders who report, in good faith, any incident of sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking will NOT be charged with an alcohol or drug violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Reporting Options (Confidential)
Want to learn more about campus, community, and University resources? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• titleix.psu.edu
Reporting Options (Non-Confidential)
Local Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 911
OSMPR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Affairs 207 SUB• (610) 892-1270• titleix.psu.edu
Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Affairs 207 SUB• (610) 892-1270• (814) 863-0342
University Police <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (610) 892-1496• police.psu.edu
Activates Campus Response: <p>The Title IX coordinator oversees the University response, which includes providing resource information and discussion of procedural options</p>
Accommodations/Interim remedies may be taken, including: <p>A no-contact order, classroom and housing adjustments, access to on-and-off campus support services</p>
OSMPR may conduct an investigation or resolve the matter through an informal process. The University will review all relevant information and determine if the behavior violates the University's Code of Conduct
Learn more about campus, community, and University resources at titleix.psu.edu

Talking with your Student about Alcohol

Students preparing to attend college have already taken several steps toward independence. Deciding where to go to college, what career path to pursue, and how to finance an education are all choices on the path to learning how to be an adult. College students still need and value their family's guidance as they make decisions about their future. One of those decisions is about alcohol use at college and parents and family members are one of the best sources of advice on the issue.

Based on national research about college student drinking, many new students are likely to begin or increase alcohol use during the first six weeks. Even students who did not drink in high school may feel pressure to do so in college. Talk with your student about avoiding underage drinking while in college.

Research suggests that students who talk with their parents and families about alcohol avoidance strategies before they begin the first year of college are more likely to avoid alcohol, limit its use, and spend less time with heavy-drinking peers.

Facts about Alcohol Use Among College Students

National

- 31% of college students meet the criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse
- 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries
- 599,000 experience a non-fatal, unintentional injury under the influence of alcohol
- 97,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or rape each year

Penn State

- 58% report engaging in high-risk drinking*
- 69% had to babysit a student who drank too much
- 12% have been a victim of an unwanted sexual experience
- 55% report blacking out at least once in the last year
- 23% report getting behind in school work due to alcohol use

*High-risk, or binge drinking, is defined as having four or more drinks in two hours for women and five or more drinks in two hours for men.

Risky Behaviors Include:

- Underage drinking
- Drinking (pre-gaming) before going out
- Chugging alcohol, doing shots, and drinking games
- Choosing drinks with a higher alcohol concentration

Warning Signs of a Potential Problem:

- Missing work, school, or other responsibilities
- Specific school problems such as poor attendance, low grades, and/or disciplinary action
- Drinking in physically dangerous situations, including drinking and driving
- Having recurring alcohol-related legal problems, such as being arrested for underage drinking or for physically hurting someone while drunk
- Mood changes such as temper flareups, irritability, and defensiveness
- Physical or mental problems such as memory lapses, poor concentration, bloodshot eyes, lack of coordination, or slurred speech

How You Can Help

Penn State has a wide range of initiatives in place to better understand, treat, and diminish the negative impact that dangerous drinking can have on students and their potential for success. As a parent, you also play a role in helping your student make good choices about drinking. Your influence can have a positive impact on your student's safety, health, and well-being.

Start the Conversation

When talking with your student about alcohol, look for opportunities to raise the topic naturally. Discussions about majors and course selection can lead to a conversation about the ways alcohol can disrupt academic success and career options. Buying items for your student's residence hall room can turn into talking about how to handle situations where alcohol use by other students might create a problem, such as interrupted study time, babysitting a drunk roommate, or unwanted sexual advances.

Familiarize yourself with how alcohol affects the body and brain of young adults. Take some time to evaluate your attitudes, values, and beliefs about alcohol and drinking. Establish open communication to make it easy for your student to talk honestly with you. Show your student that you care about their success in college, both academically and socially.

Talk with your student about:

- How alcohol affects the body and negative consequences of high-risk drinking
- Your expectations around alcohol use
- Why students drink or don't drink
- Alternate activities
- Impact of drinking on health, academics, and future success
- Penn State's alcohol policy
- Pennsylvania's alcohol laws
- Penn State's Code of Conduct
- Penn State's Responsible Action Protocol (page 35)

Portions of this section come from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2015). Talking with your college-bound young adult about alcohol. U.S. Health and Human Services. Washington, DC. www.samhsa.gov

Your Role

Understand Penn State's parent and family notification policy, make sure your student completes Penn State Safe & Aware (see page 38), and encourage conversations by asking nonjudgmental and open-ended questions. This allows your student the opportunity to express how they think and feel about college pressures, being away from home, and facing new situations. Below are some conversation starters for discussing issues your student may face.

Conversation Starters

- How will you decide whether or not to drink?
- How will you handle it if you feel pressure to drink? What will you say?
- If a friend drinks excessively and the partying affects your sleep and studying, what will you do?
- What will you do if a friend you are with passes out because of excessive drinking?
- How will you handle it if you are asked to babysit someone who is very drunk?

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Stay Connected After Your Student Begins College

- *Stay involved with your student's life*
- *Ask questions about your student's alcohol use*
- *Learn about your student's new friends*
- *Encourage your student to get involved in activities and organizations on campus*

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. (2010). What parents need to know about college drinking." National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, Maryland. www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov

Turrisi, R., Mallett, K.A., Cleveland, M., Warvil-Weld, L., Abar, C.C., Scaglione, N. & Hultgren, B. (2013). An evaluation of timing and dosage of a parent-based intervention to minimize college students' alcohol consumption. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 74(1), 30-40.

Turrisi, Rob. (2010). A parent handbook for talking with college students about alcohol. The Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.

Penn State Safe and Aware

> safeaware.psu.edu

Penn State Safe and Aware is an interactive, online learning module that incoming students are required to complete before arriving on campus. The module provides information about alcohol, the alcohol laws in Pennsylvania, and Penn State's alcohol and drug policies. It also provides information about sexual assault, the sexual violence laws in Pennsylvania, and Penn State's resources for victims of sexual violence.

Students should complete Penn State Safe and Aware by:

- *June 26, 2024 (summer students)*
- *August 26, 2024 (fall students)*
- *January 8, 2025 (spring students)*

Explore the family version at parents.safeaware.psu.edu.

> legis.state.pa.us

This is a general summary of several alcohol laws in Pennsylvania. For more details about each law and information about additional alcohol laws, visit the website above.

Underage Drinking

The legal drinking age is 21. Underage drinking is illegal. It is illegal for anyone under 21 years of age to attempt to purchase, consume, possess, or knowingly and intentionally transport any liquor, malt, or brewed beverage. Penalties may include:

Penalty	Fine	Jail
1st Offense	0 - \$500	0 - 90 Days
2nd Offense	0 - \$1,000	0 - 90 Days
Additional Offense	0 - \$1,000	0 - 90 Days

By law, police are required to notify parents or guardians of all underage drinking violations. See Parental Notification Policy on page 34.

Carrying False ID

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess an identification card falsely identifying that person by name, age, date of birth, or photograph as being 21 or older or obtain or attempt to obtain liquor, malt, or brewed beverage by using the identification card of another or by using an identification card that has not been lawfully issued to or in the name of the person who possesses the card.

Penalty	Fine	Jail
1st Offense	0 - \$300	0 - 90 Days
2nd Offense	0 - \$500	0 - 1 Year
Additional Offense	0 - \$500	0 - 1 Year

Public Drunkenness

It is illegal to appear in any public place under the influence of alcohol to the degree that you may endanger yourself or other persons or property, or annoy others in your vicinity.

Penalty	Fine	Jail
1st Offense	0 - \$500	0 - 90 Days
2nd Offense	0 - \$1000	0 - 90 Days
Additional Offense	0 - \$1000	0 - 90 Days

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

It is illegal to knowingly sell, furnish, or purchase with the intent to sell or furnish, any liquor, malt, or brewed beverage to a person who is less than 21 years of age. You can be convicted of furnishing alcohol even if you are under age 21. The fine for a first offense is at least \$1,000 and the second or more is \$2,500. Jail is up to one year for all.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to drive a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .02 or higher, and it is illegal for those 21 or older to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. A first-time offense individual, under certain circumstances, may qualify for an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program.

The following penalties may apply if a person between the ages of 18 and 21 is convicted of a DUI with a blood alcohol content below .16%:

1st Offense			
Fine	Jail	License Suspension	Other
\$500 - \$5,000	48 Hours - 6 Months	1 Year	Alcohol Highway Safety School Court Reporting Network File

2nd Offense			
Fine	Jail	License Suspension	Other
\$750 - \$5,000	30 Days - 6 Months	1 Year	Alcohol Highway Safety School Court Reporting Network File

3rd Offense			
Fine	Jail	License Suspension	Other
\$1,500 - \$10,000	90 Days - 1 Year	1.5 Years	Court Reporting Network File Drug & Alcohol Evaluation

*Penalties differ based on age, blood alcohol content, and other factors. Penalties vary for individuals under 18.

If a student is from a state other than PA and the home state is part of the national compact on DUI enforcement (46 states are), the student must fulfill these penalties in PA and his/her license from the home state will be suspended, if applicable.

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Public Urination & Defecation Ordinance

It is illegal to urinate or defecate in/on a public place, private property where the public is admitted, and private property without consent of the owner. It is illegal to urinate or defecate in any public place other than in an appropriate sanitary facility and a separate offense to fail to clean, remove, or dispose of it properly. Violations are summary offenses with a fine of not less than \$750 for the first offense and \$1,000 for any subsequent offense plus court costs for each violation.



MARIJUANA LAWS

Possession of Marijuana

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly, or intentionally possess marijuana (Hashish), a Schedule I substance.

Persons engaged in such activity will most likely face criminal charges and a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The charges for marijuana possession include:

Quantity	Charge	Jail Time	Fine
30 Grams or Less	Misdemeanor	30 Days	0 - \$500
Over 30 Grams	Misdemeanor	1 Year	0 - \$5,000

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

It is unlawful for a person to use or possess, with the intent to use, drug paraphernalia that is used for packaging, manufacturing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Controlled Substances, Drugs, Device and Cosmetic Act of 1972.

Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Act

Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Act went into effect on May 17, 2016. However, marijuana in any form remains a prohibited controlled substance under federal law, and therefore the possession, cultivation, and use by individuals remain illegal under federal law. The Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act conflicts with federal criminal laws governing controlled substances, as well as federal laws requiring institutions receiving federal funds, by grant or contract, to maintain drug-free campuses and workplaces. Penn State receives federal funding that would be in jeopardy if those federal laws did not take precedence over state law. The use, possession, and distribution of cannabis continues to violate applicable University policies. This includes medicinal marijuana (or medicinal cannabis) and synthetically-derived cannabis products such as Delta-8 and Delta-10. FDA-approved drugs (e.g., Marinol®, Syndros®, and Epidolex®) are permitted with a valid prescription. Any student or employee who violates such policies may be subject to disciplinary action.

AMNESTY

Pennsylvania's Medical Amnesty Law

Pennsylvania law provides immunity from prosecution for underage drinking and/or hazing for an individual who seeks help for a friend who has a medical emergency due to underage alcohol consumption or hazing. The immunity also applies to the friend for whom medical assistance was sought. When a person is in violation of underage drinking or hazing laws and calls 911 to get help for a peer who needs immediate medical attention due to excessive alcohol consumption or hazing, the caller and the peer for whom assistance was sought will not be charged with underage drinking or hazing as long as:

- *The persons' phone call was the initial way law enforcement found out about the hazing and/or underage person's drinking violation*
- *The caller reasonably believed they were the first to call and report the emergency*
- *The person correctly identified themselves by name when reporting the emergency*
- *The person remained with the individual needing medical assistance until emergency services arrived*

IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH HISTORY RECORDS

All incoming Penn State students must provide proof of immunization against **measles, mumps, and rubella**. In accordance with Pennsylvania state law, students living in on-campus housing must also provide proof of the **meningococcal conjugate vaccine** (Menveo, Menactra, MCV4, MenQuadfi), which protects against infections caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y.

Some students, such as student-athletes or students in certain health-related majors may be asked to submit additional immunization information. These students must also submit official immunization records using the process below.

How to Submit

> studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/medical-services/immunizations

Students should log into myUHS using their Penn State access credentials, enter their required vaccination dates and upload a copy of their official immunization records and, if applicable, any positive antibody blood test results (titers). **All immunization records must be in English.**

Other Recommended Vaccines

In addition to the required vaccines, Penn State also strongly recommends that students receive the following vaccines:

- *Serogroup B meningococcal*
- *Varicella (chickenpox)*
- *Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap)*
- *Hepatitis B*
- *Hepatitis A*
- *Human papillomavirus (HPV)*
- *Pneumococcal*
- *Annual influenza (flu) vaccine*
- *COVID-19 vaccines*

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

> studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/health-insurance

Adequate health insurance provides students with security and an enhanced sense of well-being during their time at Penn State. For this reason, the University requires all international students to have health insurance and strongly recommends that all U.S. students have health insurance coverage that is accepted by providers on or near the campus they attend.

Each year, students are required to submit health insurance coverage through LionPATH. If your student does not currently have adequate coverage, we highly encourage them to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) for Penn State. The SHIP for Penn State is designed specifically for students and offers comprehensive health insurance at a competitive price with a wide network of providers across the United States.

Penn State recognizes that financial insecurity has a detrimental impact on both a student's academic performance and their overall health. Student Health Insurance has collaborated with the Office of Student Care and Advocacy to help more adequately address student needs related to health

insurance coverage and other financial concerns. If your student would like support in seeking affordable healthcare or needs help securing basic needs (food, housing, etc.) as a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, complete the Basic Needs Assistance Request Form at studentaffairs.psu.edu/basic-needs-support.

Brandywine Campus Map



Main Building 1

1st Floor
 104 Advising & Career Services
 105 Business/Finance, Financial Aid & Records/Registration
 106 Admissions
 111 Chancellor's Office, Development & Alumni Relations, Strategic Communication
 2nd Floor
 212 Academic Affairs
 214 Student Disability Resources & Human Resources

Tomezsko Building 2

102 Earth Sciences
 207 Business, Computer Science, Cybersecurity Analytics & Operations, Engineering, Information Technology, & Project and Supply Chain Management

Student Union Building 3

1st Floor
 University Bookstore
 104 Housing & Food Services/Resident Mallroom
 2nd Floor
 Blue Apple Cafe
 202 Student Organization Clubroom & Student Government Association
 207 Student Affairs (Counseling Services, Student Accountability & Conflict Resolution, and Student Engagement)

Orchard Hall 4

101 Office of Housing & Food Services and Residence Life

Maintenance Building 5

Campus Garden 

Vairo Building 6

1st Floor
 Center for Social Impact
 Student Academic Success Center
 128 Information Technology Services
 2nd Floor
 Library

Tennis/Sports Courts 7

Brandywine Lion Shrine 

Commons/Athletic Center 8

1st Floor
 101 University Police & Public Safety
 111 Fitness Center
 110 Health Services
 Athletics
 2nd Floor
 Human Development & Family Studies and Psychology