2016-2017 International Student Arrival Guide
Welcome to Penn State Brandywine!

Dear International Students,

Welcome to Penn State! We’re glad you’re here! As you settle in to Penn State’s Brandywine campus, take time to meet new people, learn about our culture, and share your varied cultures with us. You will find the Brandywine community welcoming and eager to make our campus a place where nationalities from all over the world come together to collaborate and learn from each other.

Take advantage of the resources in place to help you have a good experience on campus and in the wider Philadelphia area. This handbook includes many helpful tips. The best resources, however, are the people here at Penn State Brandywine. For example, my office is always open to you—please stop by and say hello.

Best wishes for a successful year,

[Signature]

Kristin R. Woolver, Chancellor

Dear International Students,

Welcome to our campus! We’re so happy that you’re here. I look forward to meeting you and working with you to make your Penn State Brandywine experience the best it can be.

Please use me as a resource! I can help to answer your questions about academics, visa and paperwork issues, and practical everyday matters related to living in the United States. If I don’t know the answer, I can direct you to someone who does.

Penn State Brandywine is a special place, full of people from all backgrounds and cultures who are learning from each other. I hope that you get involved in campus activities and local events and take full advantage of the wonderful opportunity of studying abroad.

My office is in the back left corner of the library. I look forward to sharing these opportunities with you!

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Mrs. Onsey, Coordinator of Multilingual Student Programs
**BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

International students who stay at the Concordville Best Western during International Student Orientation receive a discounted rate and free local shuttle transportation. Contact Mrs. Ousey (dlo4@psu.edu) for more information.

Groups for Penn State Brandywine international students can be found on WeChat and WhatsApp. More information for international students can be found at global.psu.edu.

If you have a medical emergency in the United States, you should dial 911. If you must contact the campus after regular business hours, you may call campus police at 610-892-1496.

**HEALTH INFORMATION**

**Mandatory Health Insurance Requirements**

Health insurance is mandatory at Penn State for international students and their accompanying dependents (spouse and/or children). All international students are required to show that they have medical/hospital insurance adequate to cover expenses of possible accidents or illnesses while they are at the University. If a sponsoring agency or government is providing your coverage, this will normally be sufficient. Most sponsors do not include dependents in the coverage, so the student should be sure to secure appropriate health care protection for them.

The requirement may be fulfilled in one of two ways:

- You may purchase the Penn State Student Health Insurance Plan. For more information, please visit the following websites:
  - studentaffairs.psu.edu/health/services/insurance/international.shtml
  - www.aetnastudenthealth.com

- You may purchase a comparable health insurance plan, complete a waiver form (at www.aetnastudenthealth.com), and then also provide the University with documentation. The waiver requirements are very high. Before you submit a waiver request, you should verify with Mrs. Ousey that your chosen insurance meets the requirements so you do not incur additional expenses from a denied request.

*There is a $50 late fee for students who fail to fulfill the mandatory health insurance requirement by the established semester deadline. There is a $100 late fee for students who do not fulfill the mandatory health insurance requirement by the deadline again the following year.*
Submitting Immunization Records

Penn State requires all degree-seeking students, domestic and international, to be immunized against measles, mumps, and rubella. Penn State recommends being immunized against varicella (chicken pox), pertussis (whooping cough), and influenza (flu). You must follow these steps to document your compliance:

1. Obtain an official copy of your immunization record from your health care provider or school. This must be in English.
2. Submit your records online at myUHS: studentaffairs.psu.edu/health/myUHS/
3. Fax the official record to 814-865-9309 (Mrs. Ousey can fax it for you.)
4. Complete the health survey: studentaffairs.psu.edu/health/myUHS/

If You Need Medical Care or Medicine in the United States

- If you are having a MEDICAL EMERGENCY, call 911 (free from any phone) for immediate help.

- The closest HOSPITAL to our campus is Riddle Hospital, which is located across the street from the Granite Run Mall on West Baltimore Pike. It has a 24-hour emergency room.
  
  Riddle Hospital  
  1068 West Baltimore Pike  
  Media, PA 19063  
  484.227.9400

- WALK-IN CLINICS and URGENT CARE: The following places can be visited without an appointment and can treat minor injuries and illnesses. Check their websites or call them to find out their hours and make sure they take your insurance:

  CVS MINUTE CLINIC (located in many –but not all – CVS Pharmacies)  
  795 Baltimore Pike  
  Springfield, PA  19064  
  (closest to Media, PA – the CVS in Media does not have one)  
  minuteclinic.com

  PATIENT FIRST URGENT CARE  
  417 Baltimore Pike  
  Springfield, PA 19064  
  Open 8 am – 10 pm every day  
  Patientfirst.com

  PREMIER ORTHOPAEDIC URGENT CARE – for muscle, bone, or joint injuries only  
  200 East State Street, Suite 108  
  Media, PA 19063  
  http://mediaurgentcare.premierortho.com/
• If you need to see a DOCTOR, you should visit your insurance’s website for a list of doctors who will take your insurance. (You can also call the phone number on the back of your insurance card.) You then must call the doctor’s office for an appointment. Be sure to bring your insurance card with you. In most cases, you will be looking for a “general practitioner,” “family doctor,” or doctor of “internal medicine” – all three are in charge of general health and can refer you to a specialist if needed.

• If you need to see a SPECIALIST, check your insurance to see if you need a referral from a general practitioner in order to be seen by the specialist.

• Over-the-counter MEDICATIONS (such as for a headache or a small cold) are sold in grocery stores, pharmacies, and convenience stores in the United States. Stronger medications (such as antibiotics) need a doctor’s prescription and must be bought at a pharmacy. Most large grocery stores (such as Acme and Giant) have pharmacies in them. Be sure to bring your insurance card.

• If you need a DOT (Department of Transportation) PHYSICAL for a driver’s license, you can obtain one at a walk-in clinic without an appointment or at a doctor’s office with an appointment. DOT physicals might not be covered by your insurance.

**HOUSING**

Penn State Brandywine does not offer on-campus housing. Off-campus housing options are available in the local community. You will need to make housing arrangements before you arrive. Students are responsible for securing their own off-campus housing. The Office of Student Affairs coordinates a roommate matching service where students seeking to share housing can share their name, email, and phone number with other students who are also looking. Students are responsible for making arrangements between leasing agent and potential roommates.

For more information about housing or to be placed on the roommate list, contact Mrs. Ousey at dlo4@psu.edu. If you do not have permanent housing accommodations when you arrive, you will need to make temporary arrangements to stay in a hotel.

The following apartment complexes are all located in Media (which is a walkable town) and are accessible to campus by bus:

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<td>Brooke Hall Apartments</td>
<td>315 W. Jefferson Street, Media PA 19063</td>
<td>Condo-like setting, 1 Bedroom Apartments, 680 square feet of living space, W/D Hook up.</td>
<td>Walk (.1 miles, 2 minutes) to bus stop at Baltimore Pike &amp; Lemon Street. Take 110 bus to Penn State University. (About 26 minute bus ride to campus; 9 minutes by car)</td>
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<td>Woodlyn Apartments</td>
<td>210 E. Jefferson Street, Media, PA 19063</td>
<td>One and Two Bedrooms Available; Some with balconies</td>
<td>Walk (.1 miles, 2 minutes) to bus stop at Baltimore Pike &amp; Edgmont Street. Take 110 bus to Penn State University. (About 28 minute bus ride to campus; 12 minutes by car)</td>
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<td>407-409 West State Street</td>
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<td>Studio Apartments</td>
<td>Walk (.1 miles, 2 minutes) to bus stop at Baltimore Pike &amp; Lemon Street. Take 110 bus to Penn State University. (About 26 minute bus ride to campus; 10 minutes by car)</td>
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<td>Monticello Apartments</td>
<td>400 S. Orange Street, Media PA 19063</td>
<td>Variety of Apartment styles including: ground floor, first floor, 2nd floor; 1 bedroom; 2 bedroom plans</td>
<td>Walk (less than .1 miles, 1 minute) to bus stop at Baltimore Pike &amp; Orange Street. Take 110 bus to Penn State University. (About 26 minute bus ride to campus; 11 minutes by car)</td>
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<td>Colonial Terrace</td>
<td>440-444 S. Orange Street, Media, PA 19063</td>
<td>1 bedroom</td>
<td>Walk (.1 Miles, 2 minutes) to bus stop at Baltimore Pike &amp; Orange Street. Take 110 bus to Penn State University. (About 28 minute bus ride to campus; 10 minutes by car)</td>
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There are also one- and two-bedroom apartments in the nearby, safe neighborhood of Brookhaven, PA. Each of these apartment buildings is close to public transportation, and many shopping centers and restaurants are on the bus route (but not in walking distance like in Media). Each is about a 35-minute bus ride (or 13-minute car ride) to campus:

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<th>Stone Hill Apartments</th>
<th>610-876-1228</th>
<th>532 Brookhaven Avenue, Brookhaven, PA 19015</th>
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<td>Bridgewater Apartments</td>
<td>610-876-2373</td>
<td>1100 Albert Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015</td>
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You can also look on apartments.com or craigslist.com to find local apartment listings. It's just very important to make sure that the apartment is close to a bus line. You can enter the apartment's address in maps.google.com, click on the blue arrow icon and get public transportation directions (by clicking on the picture of a bus) to our campus (25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, Pa 19341).

You may find the website walkscore.com helpful for understanding what is nearby each apartment complex and for finding additional housing options.

**UTILITIES**

You may need to set up services to your apartment. You can contact these companies:

- **PECO Energy** (electricity and gas) 1-800-494-4000
- **Comcast/XFinity** (phone, internet, TV) 1-800-934-6489
- **Verizon/FIOS** (phone, internet, TV) 1-800-837-4966

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Public Transportation**

SEPTA's bus routes 110 and 111 serve Penn State Brandywine and provide service to the 69th Street Terminal in Upper Darby. Bus route 117 also serves Penn State Brandywine. Bus fare is $2.25 one-way (cash and exact change only), but tokens can be purchased at the Media Train Station or 69th Street Terminal for $1.80 each, and weekly or monthly transpasses can also be purchased at either location (or online) for a discounted rate.

The 110 also makes a connection with the 101 Trolley and the R3 Rail Line in Media. Call SEPTA at 215-734-1300 or visit www.septa.org for information regarding schedules and routes.

SEPTA is the only public transportation that services the campus. Below are some additional options for local transportation:

- Media Train Station
  610-455-4070
- Main Line Taxi (servicing Wayne and Bryn Mawr area to airport, etc.)
  610-664-0444
- Uber Philadelphia
  www.uber.com/cities/philadelphia

**Driving**

Information on obtaining a Pennsylvania driver’s license can be found here: https://global.psu.edu/info/internationals-psu/students/drivers-license-state-id

Because it can take some time to get a PA driver’s license, we recommend that you get an international driving permit in your home country (if it is offered). It is good for one year.
Car Rental

In most cases, you must be 25 years old to rent a car in the United States. Some cities allow you to rent a car at a younger age (21-24) if you pay an additional fee: http://www.budget.com/budgetWeb/html/en/common/agePopUp.html

FURNISHING YOUR APARTMENT

Some Local Stores

Near the Concordville Best Western:

- The Concordville Town Centre (914 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA, 19320) contains Target, Home Goods, Staples and Five Below.

Near Media, PA:

- Springfield Park Shopping Center (857 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064) contains a Target and a Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- The Springfield Mall (1200 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19063) contains a Target.
- Granite Run Mall (1067 W Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063) contains a Sears and a Boscov’s. (The rest of the mall is closed.)
- A Best Buy is located at 642 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA, and a Staples is located at 751 Sproul Road, Springfield, PA.
- The Mattress Factory (which is actually a store, not a factory!) is located at 730 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064.

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<th>Lamps &amp; Rugs (microwave, coffee maker...)</th>
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An IKEA is located at 400 Alan Wood Rd, Conshohocken, PA 19428, about a 25-minute drive from Media, PA and at 2206 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA, which is also a 25-minute drive.
Googling a store name plus the words “coupon” or “printable coupon” will often help you find discounts you can use at the store. Prices on store websites sometimes do not match the prices in the physical stores, but sometimes physical stores will agree to match online prices. Best Buy will match prices found on Amazon.com, Staples.com, and other websites.

**Tax-Free Shopping**

The state of Delaware does not charge sales tax. (Pennsylvania charges a 6% sales tax, but does not tax clothing or groceries.) Media and Concord are both in Delaware County, Pennsylvania (NOT in the state of Delaware). The state of Delaware is less than 10 minutes from Concord, PA and about 25 minutes from Media, PA.

You can save money by shopping in the state of Delaware. However, chain stores in Delaware are often required to charge Pennsylvania sales tax if they ship or deliver items to Pennsylvania. Check with individual stores for more information.

Many stores can be found on route 202 (Concord Pike) in Delaware, near the PA border.
- **Target** 1050 Brandywine Pkwy, Wilmington, DE 19803
- **Best Buy** Concord Mall, 4807 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
- **Staples** 3640 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
- **Boscov’s** Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
- **Sears** Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803

**Free and Inexpensive Ways to Furnish Your Apartment**

The **Media Free Store** is located at 350 West State Street in downtown Media. It allows you to take up to 5 donated household items and/or small pieces of furniture for FREE. Check the website for hours and use the “What’s New” link to get a sample of what the store carries. It also posts offers for free or cheap larger pieces of furniture on the bulletin board in store. (It is also part of Transition Town Media – transitiontownmedia.org – which offers a “time bank” for free services.)

The **Riddle Thrift Shop** is located at 1068 West Baltimore Pike, Media 19063 (near Riddle Hospital) and offers used furniture and household items at reasonable prices. Check the website for hours.

You can find many other inexpensive thrift stores and consignment stores by looking online. **Goodwill** and the **Salvation Army** are two popular chains of thrift stores.

**Furniture Rental**

**Cort Furniture Rental** offers student furniture. Furniture for 3 rooms starts at $99/month. Be sure to click on “student.”
Chain Stores You May Find Convenient

**Target** is an inexpensive source of groceries, personal care items, and a wide variety of products (from electronics to furniture to stationary) as listed in the chart on page 8. It carries over-the-counter medication and also often has a pharmacy (for prescription medication) on site.

**Wawa** convenience stores offer some healthy (and also not-so-healthy) meal choices, fruit, snacks, drinks, fee-free ATMs, public restrooms, and often gas stations.

**CELL PHONES**

You may need to obtain cell phone service in the U.S. Some popular plans are [simplemobile.com](http://simplemobile.com), [t-mobile.com](http://t-mobile.com), [verizonwireless.com](http://verizonwireless.com), [att.com](http://att.com), and [sprint.com](http://sprint.com).

Many cell phone companies offer discounts to Penn State students. You may need to wait until you have a Penn State email address to activate your discount: [its.psu.edu/cellular/student-accounts.html](http://its.psu.edu/cellular/student-accounts.html). An AT&T representative will be on campus during International Student Orientation.

**BANKING**

You will need to have a bank account to conduct financial transactions while attending Penn State Brandywine. A PNC bank representative will be on campus during International Student Orientation to assist students with setting up an account. You should bring your passport and your Penn State student ID card.

There are also several banks in the Media area. You may be asked for your Social Security Number (SSN) when opening a bank account. Most local banks understand that international students do not have a SSN. You should bring other forms of identification including your passport and your Penn State student ID card to open an account without a SSN.

The most common types of bank accounts are checking accounts and saving accounts. Below is a description of some banking terms.

**Checking Accounts** - in some countries this is also known as “current accounts.” Banks offer different types of checking account types with different fees and costs. The type of account you choose should depend on the number of checks you will write each month and/or the amount of money retained. Some banks require minimum balances that affect the fee charged.

**Saving Accounts** - this type of account (unlike a checking account) earns interest. If you have extra money above your routine living expenses, a savings account is a safe way to invest it. You can withdraw any amount from a regular savings account whenever it is necessary. If you have checking and savings accounts in the same bank, you can transfer funds from your savings to your checking account.
Debit Card - this card works in conjunction with your checking account. You can use this card at ATM’s to withdraw money, or at many stores to make purchases. The money is directly deducted from your checking account.

Checks - you can receive a checkbook when you open a checking account for a small fee. You may make a purchase writing a check at some locations. Make sure to learn how to write a check to avoid fraud.

**You may automatically become eligible for card banking (debit or credit card) at no additional charge when you open a personal checking or savings account with some banks. Check around before you choose which service is right for you. Some banks may charge small fees for each automatic transaction or a fee each time you use their automatic teller.

Foreign Currency - Many banks exchange foreign currency if you have an account with them, but will often charge a fee. If you are exchanging U.S. dollars for other currency, it may take a few business days to receive the money.

ATM FEES: Some automated teller machines (ATMs) charge a service fee (usually $2-3 per withdraw) if you do not belong to their bank. WAWA convenience stores offer no-fee ATMs at all their locations. The ATM machine on our campus is from PNC Bank, so PNC members do not get charged a service fee to use it.

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

- Report lost or stolen cards, license, credit cards, and personal information immediately.
- Never share your personal identification number (PIN) with others.
- Change your online passwords regularly.
- Monitor your account information on a regular basis.

Banks in the Media Area:

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**GROCERY STORES**

The Media area provides a variety of grocery and shopping options for your convenience, including:

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<td><strong>Acme Markets</strong></td>
<td>527 E Baltimore Pike</td>
<td>Media, PA 19065 (downtown Media)</td>
<td>(610) 565-5072</td>
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<td>1067 W. Baltimore Pike (Granite Run Mall)</td>
<td>Media PA 19063</td>
<td>610-565-5072</td>
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<td><strong>Burman’s Natural Foods</strong></td>
<td>3409 Edgmont Avenue</td>
<td>Brookhaven PA 19015</td>
<td>610-874-8418</td>
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<td><strong>Giant Food Store</strong></td>
<td>4801 Edgmont Ave.</td>
<td>Brookhaven PA 19015</td>
<td>610-876-6445</td>
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<td><strong>Pathmark Supermarket</strong></td>
<td>5005 Edgmont Ave.</td>
<td>Brookhaven PA 19015</td>
<td>610-872-8855</td>
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<td><strong>Olde Sproul Shopping Village</strong></td>
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES
Please visit the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of Multilingual Student Programs for a comprehensive list of local religious resources.

RESTAURANTS
For a partial list of restaurants in the Media area, visit http://visitmediapa.com/dining.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
The Academic Commons is located in the back left corner of the campus library. It includes the STEM Lab (for tutoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), the Writing Studio (for assistance with writing in any class), and Brandywine Learning (for tutoring in another other subject). You don’t need to be failing a class to visit Academic Commons! In fact, most students use these centers to simply do their best in their courses, and starting early in the semester is encouraged. All three offer one-credit tutorials that you can register for at the start of the semester.

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Student clubs and organizations are wonderful ways to meet other students and become involved in activities that interest you. Penn State Brandywine currently has 28 clubs that you can become involved in. They are listed at http://www.bw.psu.edu/StudentLife/ClubsAndOrganizations/clubs.htm, and you can learn more about them during the activity fair during the first week of classes.

In addition, you can contact Student Affairs to learn how to create a new campus club.

TRAVEL SIGNATURES
A valid travel signature is required on your I-20 in order for you to travel outside the United States. The signature is valid for one year and must be requested on iStart. It can take a week or more to get a travel signature, so please plan accordingly. A representative from DISSA will be on our campus in October to sign your I-20 in person. Otherwise, you must use the iStart process which involves intercampus mail with University Park. See Mrs. Ousey for more information.

MORE INFORMATION
More useful information for international students can be found at global.psu.edu and brandywine.psu.edu/international-students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Debbie Ousey, Coordinator of Multilingual Student Programs, at dlo4@psu.edu or 610-892-1263. Her office is in the back left corner of the library, near Brandywine Learning and the STEM Lab.