ABOUT PENN STATE

University Structure

Undergraduate Campuses

Penn State has more than twenty campuses across Pennsylvania that serve undergraduate students and communities through teaching, research, and service. Through its network of undergraduate campuses and World Campus, Penn State provides students the opportunity to begin and complete a Penn State degree at one campus, transition to complete a degree at another campus or complete a program completely online—this is the hallmark of Penn State’s unique one University concept.

The University Park campus, the administrative and research hub of the University is the largest of Penn State’s campuses. Across Pennsylvania, Penn State campuses play a critical role in the land-grant mission of the University, by providing access and opportunity—a commitment that remains at the core of each campus’s mission. In addition to providing the first two years of more than 160 Penn State majors, campuses confer nearly 5,000 Penn State degrees annually to students who complete their academic programs at a Penn State campus.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUSES (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/campuses/)

Graduate and Professional Campuses

Penn State’s wide range of graduate programs includes traditional residential Ph.D. research programs through part-time degree programs aimed at working professionals. Penn State offers graduate programs at six campuses: Penn State Erie, Penn State Great Valley, Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State College of Medicine, Penn State University Park, and Penn State World Campus. Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, PA offers a complete medical education program leading to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree. Penn State has two separately accredited Law Schools: Dickinson Law in Carlisle, PA and Penn State Law at University Park.

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Colleges

Penn State’s undergraduate majors are divided among academic colleges, which are the units from which students receive their degrees. Examples of colleges are Arts and Architecture, Eberly College of Science, and Education, among others. Academic colleges offer graduate programs as well; however, graduate degrees are awarded by the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School. In addition to the 12 academic colleges at the University Park campus, Penn State has six academic colleges across Pennsylvania that allow students to finish their undergraduate degrees at a campus other than University Park.

With the exception of a few specialized programs, undergraduate students interested in majors offered by the above academic colleges can start their education at any Penn State campus and then transition to University Park following their second year to complete their degree as part of the 2+2 Plan.

In addition, the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport offers undergraduate enrollments in selected degree programs.