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Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Located on Penn State’s University Park campus, Penn State Law offers all of the resources of a world-class, public research institution while also featuring a student-centered academic environment. With a curriculum taught by renowned legal experts, interdisciplinary study opportunities across Penn State’s largest campus, ample clinical and experiential learning opportunities, and a dedicated Career Services team, the Penn State Law J.D. Program is designed to give students the capacity to accomplish all of their professional goals.

The J.D. program at Penn State Law is a three-year, six-semester course of study offered in University Park, Pennsylvania. To earn a J.D. degree at Penn State Law a student must:

1. Earn at least 88 credits, including all first-year required courses. The maximum number of credits permitted per semester is 17.

2. Be in residence for six semesters. To be in residence, the student must enroll in at least 12 credits, at full tuition, and not work more than 20 hours per week during the semester. Credits earned through the Semester in Washington Program, the Semester in Harrisburg Program, the Externships Everywhere Program, and authorized Penn State Law semester-long study abroad programs may be used to fulfill this requirement. Credits earned during the summer months may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

3. A first-year student who receives an F in Applied Legal Analysis and Writing I may not enroll in Applied Legal Analysis Writing II and must repeat Applied Legal Analysis and Writing I the following academic year. A first-year student who receives an F in Applied Legal Analysis and Writing II loses credit for Applied Legal Analysis and Writing I, irrespective of his or her grade in that course, and must repeat Applied Legal Analysis Writing I and II the following academic year.

4. Complete with a grade of at least C one course designated as an Upper Level Writing Seminar course. All courses coded as ULWR and AULWR satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Seminar Requirement. In addition, students may work with a faculty member on an individual research and writing project to satisfy this degree requirement. More Information (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/current-students/student-academic-handbook/required-seminar-course)

5. Complete with a grade of at least C the course in Professional Responsibility.

6. Experiential Learning Credit. Complete with a grade of at least a C one or more experiential course(s) totaling at least six credit hours. All courses coded as EXPR, as well as Field Placements (Externships), In-House Clinics and Practicum satisfy the Experiential Credits graduation requirement. More Information (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/required-experiential-learning-credits)

7. Each student is responsible for fulfilling the above graduation requirements. Students should track their academic record and progress using their Academic Requirements report in LionPATH, and should seek clarification as needed from the faculty, deans, Penn State Law registrar and other administrative personnel.

Curriculum

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Admissions

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MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/penn-state-law-jd-admissions)

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

The LL.M. program at Penn State Law prepares students for a diverse range of careers, offering the intimacy of a small-classroom environment with the expert faculty and diverse learning opportunities of a world-class institution.

The LL.M. program requires two semesters of study and a minimum of 24 credit hours of course work. The LL.M. is designed to provide lawyers
trained outside of the United States with a high-level understanding of the U.S. legal system that will enhance their legal career.

**Curriculum**

Foreign-trained LL.M. students are required to take the following courses:

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**Admissions**

The LLM. program at Penn State Law will prepare you for a diverse range of careers, offering the intimacy of a small-classroom environment with the expert faculty and diverse learning opportunities of a world-class institution.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/admissions/llm-admissions)

**Pre-LL.M. One-Year Certificate Program**

Penn State Law’s Pre-LL.M. One-Year Certificate Program for foreign-trained lawyers is designed exclusively for international attorneys. The rigorous one-year certificate program is intended for pre-LL.M. studies, with the opportunity to apply to the Penn State Law LL.M. Program or any other LL.M. program in the United States. The certificate program will assist students in developing reading comprehension skills, case briefing skills, legal analysis, and synthesis skills in the U.S. common law system, increased proficiency in legal English, basic research and citation skills and exam-writing skills.

**Curriculum**

Students will be required to complete all certificate courses. The certificate program has an established curriculum; there are no elective courses.

In the fall semester, students will enroll in:

- Pre-Writing Process for Lawyers (3 credits)
- Criminal Law (3 credits, course will be taken as audit)
- U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Law (3 credits)
- An English as Second Language course (3 credits)

In the spring semester, students will enroll in:

- U.S. Common Law Analysis and Skills (3 credits)
- Constitutional Law or Criminal Procedure (3 credits, course will be taken as audit)
- U.S. Common Law Methods for Constitutional Law or U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- An English as Second Language course (3 credits)

**Admissions**

Students seeking admission to the certificate program must meet all of Penn State Law’s LL.M. admission standards, except the language proficiency. Students with a 78 TOEFL or 5.5 IELTS score will be considered for admission into the certificate program. The application deadline is June 1. No more than 10 students will be accepted for admission into the program. Applications received after June 1 will only be considered in the event of seat availability.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/two-year-llm-program/certificate)

**Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)**

The Penn State Law S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science) is intended for lawyers practicing outside of the U.S. who seek advanced and specialized knowledge in a particular area of law. It is also recommended for those who seek a career in academic law or in other scholarly, research, policy, or professional enterprises, or career advancement through the acquisition of a doctorate in law. The course of study required for the degree offers students with outstanding academic or professional credentials an opportunity to pursue sustained, supervised study, and research and writing leading to the production of a dissertation that makes an original and valuable contribution to legal scholarship. S.J.D. candidates are required to be physically resident at Penn State Law, on the University Park campus, for two academic years (excluding summer session), as full-time students.

**Curriculum**

During the required two academic years of residency, the candidate should expect to do the following: conduct research on, or off site from, Penn State Law, as required by the candidate’s research proposal; prepare a candidacy paper; and, complete annually a Self-Evaluation report that explains progress toward completion of the degree requirements. In addition, the following are course requirements for all S.J.D. candidates:

- During the first fall semester, enroll in SJD 902 Research Methods Seminar (2 cr.). This seminar introduces S.J.D. candidates to social science and legal research methodologies and provides them an opportunity to present their work to faculty and others.
- First academic year, during fall or spring semester, S.J.D. candidates that are not holders of an LL.M. degree from Penn State Law, or another ABA-accredited American law school, must enroll in, and pass, LLM 901 LL.M. Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (2 cr.). The course will be taken on a pass-fail basis.
- During the required two academic years of residency at Penn State Law, S.J.D. candidates will register for SJD 904 (SJD Candidacy) and must enroll in and pass two law school courses of at least 3-credits each that are related to their field of S.J.D. research and are recommended and approved by their lead supervisor.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/admissions/sjd-admissions/sjd-degree-requirements-students-entering-and-after-fall-2016)

**Admissions**

To be eligible for admission:

- An applicant must hold an LL.B. or B.A. in law from a law school outside the U.S. and an LL.M. from Penn State Law; or another U.S. ABA-accredited law school; or, a foreign university LL.M. degree program, provided that the university maintains academic standards substantially equivalent to Penn State Law for conferral of the LL.M. degree.
• The applicant's professional objectives and proposed course of study must align with the expertise and capacity of a Penn State Law faculty member who is willing to serve as an S.J.D. candidate faculty adviser.
• The applicant must demonstrate English language proficiency sufficient for the advanced study of law in English.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/admissions/sjd-admissions)

Joint Degrees
As part of a great research university, Penn State Law collaborates with the University's Graduate School to offer joint degree programs.

International Affairs (M.I.A.)
Penn State Law and the School of International Affairs (SIA), which is co-located with the law school in the Lewis Katz Building, offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.).

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-international-affairs-mia)

Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Penn State Law and the Smeal College of Business (Smeal) offer a joint degree leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). We live in a global society where complex legal structures interact with dynamic and powerful market forces. Individuals with backgrounds in both business and law have a distinct advantage in understanding this interaction and are uniquely positioned for success in our modern society. The Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (J.D./M.B.A.) joint degree program provides outstanding, highly motivated students the opportunity to combine a Juris Doctor degree from Penn State Law with an M.B.A. degree from Penn State's internationally ranked Smeal MBA Program (Smeal).

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-business-administration-mba-2)

Educational Theory and Policy (M.A and Ph.D.)
Penn State Law and the Educational Theory and Policy Program (EDTHP) offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.); and a Master of Arts (M.A.), or a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Theory and Policy.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-arts-ma-educational-theory-and-policy)

Higher Education (M.Ed. and Ph.D./D.ED.)
Penn State Law and the Higher Education Program (HI ED) offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.); a Doctor of Education (D.Ed.), a Doctor of Education (D.Ed.), or a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Higher Education.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-education-med-higher-education)

Educational Leadership (M.Ed. and Ph.D./D.ED.)
Penn State Law and the Educational Leadership Program (EDLDR) offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.); and a Master of Education (M.Ed.), a Doctor of Education (D.Ed.), or a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-educational-leadership-med-ms)

Health Policy and Administration (M.H.A.)
Penn State Law and Health Policy and Administration Program (HPA) offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.).

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-health-administration-mha)

Human Resources and Employment Relations (M.S.)
Penn State Law and the Human Resources and Employment Relations Program (HRER) offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) in Human Resources and Employment Relations.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/joint-degrees/jdmaster-science-ms-human-resources-and-employment-relations)

Media Studies (M.A.)
Penn State Law and the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications offer a joint degree leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.); and a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Media Studies.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/jdmaster-arts-ma-media-studies)

Specialized Fields of Study
The scholarly and teaching expertise of the faculty can be organized into fields of study. J.D. students gain core knowledge and basic skills in the first year curriculum. LL.M. students and J.D. students in the second and third year may concentrate their studies in one or more of the specialized fields. Students are not required to select a specialized field of study; the fields simply illustrate the possible areas of law that students can focus on.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/llm-program/specialized-fields-study)

Experiential Learning Opportunities
Field Placement (Externships)
Under the guidance of an experienced supervisor, second- and third-year students can step out of the classroom and gain practical experience working in a legal office in one of Penn State Law's externship programs. General externships allow students to continue taking courses while working with federal judges, state or federal government agencies, and public interest or nonprofit organizations. Additionally, Penn
State Law’s exclusive Externships Everywhere program (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/practice-skills/externships/externships-everywhere), provides law students with the ability to spend a semester working in an approved externship in practically any location around the world, without interrupting their studies or delaying graduation.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/jd-program/externships)

**Clinics and Practicum**

Students learn by experience in Penn State Law’s legal clinics and practicum. Under the guidance of clinical faculty, second- and third-year students earn academic credit while engaging in all aspects of the legal process, from legislative advocacy to client representation. Corresponding skills training courses give students a knowledge base on which to build their professional experiences.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/jd-program/clinics1)

**Practice-Oriented Courses**

In addition to clinics and externships a significant number of Penn State Law upper-level courses are all about acquiring the knowledge and practicing the skills necessary to excel in a host of cutting edge and traditional practice areas. Teachers of these courses are accomplished lawyers and jurists at the top of their games.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/practice-skills/practice-oriented-courses)

**Legal Research and Writing**

Successful communication is essential to professional life, and Penn State Law students prepare to address the court, opposing parties, clients, and colleagues from the first semester of legal education. Students learn about effective writing and research from experienced litigators, writers, and teachers who use a problem-based approach to teach students the realities of legal practice. From year one through graduation, J.D. students get hands on practical writing experience.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/practice-skills/legal-research-and-writing)

**Extracurricular Experiences**

To provide students with a strong experience base in research, writing, and advocacy skills, Penn State Law offers a range of extracurricular opportunities. Our faculty is augmented by judges, attorneys, and other litigation experts who volunteer their time to mentor and coach students in appellate moot court and national trial competitions. Completed in 2010, the $150 million investment in new and renovated facilities created a cutting-edge courtroom experience for students who participate in trial advocacy course work and moot court competition. Penn State Law courtrooms feature state-of-the-art video technology and digital evidence presentation equipment and have hosted actual circuit court arguments. In addition, students staff three journals published by Penn State Law.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/practice-skills/extracurricular-advocacy)

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**International Opportunities**

Penn State Law and its partners have developed specialized off-campus international study programs to prepare students for the complexity of international issues that practitioners face in an increasingly interconnected world. Participants will enhance their understanding of language, culture, and legal systems to be effective practitioners in the United States and abroad.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/international/education-abroad)

**Learning Outcomes**

The governing council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the accrediting body for U.S. law schools, requires that accredited law schools establish learning outcomes for its J.D. program (Standard 302). Penn State Law’s compliance with Standard 302 is available on its website (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/jd-program).
ARCHIVE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The eight General Information sections in the Penn State Law Bulletin are designed to give you an overview of Penn State Law's structure, academic offices, and resources. In addition to the information found in this area, the Academics section (p. 3) includes more details about the academic opportunities available to students enrolled at Penn State Law.

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Using this Bulletin

This Bulletin provides academic information and program requirements for Penn State Law in University Park. In addition to the courses listed in this Bulletin, Penn State Law students can complement their legal studies by applying up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in Penn State's internationally ranked graduate programs toward their J.D. degree requirements.

Features

Course Bubble
When a course link is clicked, a course bubble will appear with important course information including, but not limited to:

- course title, description, and credits;
- prerequisites.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

The University is committed to equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment for all persons. It is the policy of the University to maintain an environment free of harassment and free of discrimination against any person because of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, physical or mental disability, gender, perceived gender, gender identity, genetic information, or political ideas. Discriminatory conduct and harassment, as well as sexual misconduct and relationship violence, violates the dignity of individuals, impedes the realization of the University's educational mission, and will not be tolerated. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action Office, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901; Email: kfl2@psu.edu; Tel 814-863-0471.

Penn State encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Office for Disability Services, 814-863-1807, in advance of your participation or visit.

Academic Authority

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About Us

Hari M. Osofsky, Dean, Penn State Law

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From orientation day to commencement day, the Penn State Law faculty guides students as they learn the law, refine analytical, writing, and communication skills, and apply new knowledge in clinics, externships, and problem-based courses.

From the time they commit to Penn State Law, incoming students are matched with mentors in the legal field so they can immediately begin making professional connections and learning from successful practitioners—before they even begin their law school careers. The Mentorship Program also matches mentors and mentees later in students' law school experience so they can connect with professionals working in the practice areas and cities where the students want to work.

Penn State Law is deeply connected to the greater University Park campus and works together with the rest of the internationally ranked University to provide a vast array of interdisciplinary opportunities to prepare law students to contribute to solving real-world problems. The law school creates integrated learning opportunities by partnering on University-wide initiatives.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/we-are-penn-state-law)

Accreditation

Penn State Law is approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

ABA Required Disclosures

The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, the accrediting body for U.S. law schools, requires each approved law school to publicly disclose on its website specific data and information as set forth in Standard 509 of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. Penn State Law's compliance with Standard 509 is available on its website (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/admissions/aba-required-disclosures).
# Academic Calendar
Penn State Law’s academic calendar differs from that of the rest of the University. The law school’s academic calendar can be accessed on the Penn State Law website (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/information-current-students/registrar/academic-calendars).

# Financial Aid
The Penn State Law Financial Aid Office works with admitted students to identify resources and obtain the necessary funds to finance their legal education.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-office)

# Law School Bursar
The Penn State Law Bursar is responsible for processing student financial records as well as answering questions on student bursar accounts, collections, and making adjustments to accounts.

MORE INFORMATION (https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/current-students/bursar)

# About Penn State
## This is Penn State
Penn State is in the top 1 percent of universities worldwide and has the largest alumni network in the nation. Founded in 1855, the University combines academic rigor with a vibrant campus life as it carries out its mission of teaching, research, and service with pride and focuses on the future throughout Pennsylvania and the world. Granted the highest rating for research universities by the Carnegie Foundation, Penn State teaches students to be leaders with a global perspective.

Our leadership in administration, faculty, and staff make our mission come alive every day. The Board of Trustees reviews and approves the budget of the University and guides general goals, policies, and procedures from a big-picture perspective. The President’s office ensures that all aspects of the University are running smoothly and promotes overall principles that students, faculty, and staff abide by for the long term. The University Faculty Senate represents the Penn State faculty with legislative authority on all matters regarding the University’s educational interests.

Penn State strives to celebrate diversity in all aspects of its educational and operational activities and the University’s strategic plans are designed to result in ongoing improvements that help prepare future generations of leaders.

## Board of Trustees
The Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University is the corporate body established by the charter with complete responsibility for the government and welfare of the University and all the interests pertaining thereto including students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

In the exercise of this responsibility, the Board is guided by the following policies:

1. The authority for day-to-day management and control of the University, and the establishment of policies and procedures for the educational program and other operations of the University, shall be delegated to the President, and by him/her, either by delegation or consultation with the faculty and the student body in accordance with a general directive of the Board.

This delegation of authority requires that the Board rely on the judgment and decisions of those who operate under its authority. However, this reliance of the Board must be based upon its continuing awareness of the operations of the University. Therefore, the Board shall receive and consider thorough and forthright reports on the affairs of the University by the President or those designated by the President. It has a continuing obligation to require information or answers on any University matter with which it is concerned.

Finally, upon request, the Board shall advise the President on any University matter of concern to him/her.

2. The Board of Trustees shall carry out certain responsibilities as a Board, without delegation. These responsibilities are:
   a. The selection of the President of the University
   b. The determination of the major goals of the University and the approval of the policies and procedures for implementation of such goals.
   c. The review and approval of the operating and capital budget of the University.
   d. Such other responsibilities as law, governmental directives, or custom require the Board to act upon.

3. The Board of Trustees shall inform the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the University’s performance of its role in the education of the youth of Pennsylvania.

4. The Board of Trustees shall assist the President in the development of effective relationships between the University and the various agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America which provide to the University assistance and direction.

MORE INFORMATION (https://trustees.psu.edu)

# President’s Council
- Eric J. Barron, President (http://president.psu.edu)
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- Janine S. Andrews, Director, Office of the Board of Trustees and Associate Secretary (http://www.psu.edu/trustees)
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Mission
The Pennsylvania State University is a multi-campus, land-grant, public research University that educates students from around the world, and supports individuals and communities through integrated programs of teaching, research, and service.

Our instructional mission includes undergraduate, graduate, professional, continuing, and extension education, offered through both resident instruction and distance learning. Our educational programs are enriched by the talent, knowledge, diversity, creativity, and teaching and research acumen of our faculty, students, and staff.

Our discovery-oriented, collaborative, and interdisciplinary research and scholarship promote human and economic development, global understanding, and advancement in professional practice through the expansion of knowledge and its applications in the natural and applied sciences, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, technology, arts and humanities, and myriad professions.

As Pennsylvania's land-grant university, we provide unparalleled access to education and public service to support the citizens of the Commonwealth and beyond. We engage in collaborative activities with private sector, educational, and governmental partners worldwide to generate, integrate, apply, and disseminate knowledge that is valuable to society.

History
As Pennsylvania's only land-grant university, Penn State has a broad mission of teaching, research, and public service. But that mission was not so grandly conceived in 1855, when the Commonwealth chartered it as one of the nation's first colleges of agricultural science, with a goal to apply scientific principles to farming.

Centre County became the site of the new college in response to a gift of 200 acres from gentleman farmer and ironmaster James Irvin of Bellefonte. Founding President Evan Pugh drew on the scientific education he had received in Europe to plan a curriculum that combined theoretical studies with practical applications.

Pugh and similar visionaries in other states championed Congressional passage of the Morrill Land-Grant Act in 1862. The act enabled states to sell federal land, invest the proceeds, and use the income to support colleges "where the leading object shall be, without excluding scientific and classical studies ... to teach agriculture and the mechanic arts [engineering] ... in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in all the pursuits and professions of life." The state legislature designated Penn State the land-grant institution of Pennsylvania.

But not until the 1880s, under the leadership of President George W. Atherton, did the college expand its curriculum to match the Land-Grant Act's broad mandate. From that time onward, curricula in engineering, the sciences, the liberal arts, and more began to flourish. In the early 1900s, Penn State introduced cooperative extension and additional outreach programming, extending the reach of its academic mission.

An even greater segment of the Commonwealth's population had opportunities for engagement in the 1930s when Penn State established a series of undergraduate branch campuses, primarily to meet the needs of students who were location-bound during the Great Depression. Those campuses were predecessors of today's system of 24 Penn State campuses located throughout the Commonwealth.

Penn State began offering systematic advanced-degree work in 1922 with the formation of the Graduate School. Graduate education and research evolved hand in hand. By 1950 the University had won international distinction for investigations in dairy science, building insulation, diesel engines, and acoustics, and other specialized fields.

A college of medicine and teaching hospital were established in 1967 with a $50 million gift from the charitable trusts of renowned chocolate magnate Milton S. Hershey. In 1989 the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport became an affiliate of the University. Penn State's online World Campus graduated its first students in 2000 and now enrolls more than 12,000. Also in 2000, Penn State and the Dickinson School of Law merged. In 2015, two Penn State law schools, Dickinson Law (in Carlisle, Pennsylvania) and Penn State Law (on University Park campus) were established.

MORE INFORMATION (http://www.psu.edu/this-is-penn-state/our-history)

Accreditation Notice
The Pennsylvania State University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The Pennsylvania State University was first accredited in 1921 and accreditation was reaffirmed in June 2015. The next Annual Institutional Update will be submitted in spring 2018. The Midpoint Peer Review will occur in 2020 and the next Self-Study evaluation is scheduled for 2023-2024.

that is reviewed by peer evaluators during an on-site evaluation visit. The self-study and on-site review are used to assess the institution’s compliance with Commission standards and requirements of affiliation, verify compliance with accreditation-relevant federal regulations, and identify areas needing improvement. The review process results in an accreditation decision in accordance with the Commission Policy Accreditation actions. Institutions submit annually an update of institutional data and other information requested by the Commission. In the fourth year following the self-study visit, the Commission conducts an off-site mid-point peer review based on the cumulative information provided by the institution. Institutions are provided a report on the institution’s performance with respect to student achievement and financial sustainability.


MORE INFORMATION (http://middlestates.psu.edu)

Research
The Office of the Vice President for Research is responsible for facilitating the $636-million-per-year research enterprise at Penn State by working with a broad range of units across the University.

The mission of the Office of the Vice President for Research is to support a rigorous program of faculty and student research and creative accomplishment by enhancing the environment for scholarly and artistic endeavors, encouraging the highest standards of quality, and fostering ethical conduct in research.

The office is responsible for:

- the effective administration of sponsored programs which provide the financial support for a substantial share of the research activity at the University;
- serving as the University’s advocate and spokesperson on research issues, and as a representative in activities that may produce major new programs and facilities for research;
- facilitating strong programs for interdisciplinary research.

MORE INFORMATION (https://www.research.psu.edu)

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—which 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 some 5,000 Penn State degrees annually to students who complete their academic programs at a Penn State campus.

MORE INFORMATION (http://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.

MORE INFORMATION (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/campuses)

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 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.

For a list of academic colleges, enrollment units, and special academic programs visit the Undergraduate Bulletin Colleges (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/colleges) page.

Academic Colleges at Campuses
Six Penn State colleges, located throughout the state, offer undergraduate majors that are typically completed at campuses other than University Park. These colleges are:

- Abington College, at the Penn State Abington campus
- Altoona College, at the Penn State Altoona campus
- Behrend College, at the Penn State Erie campus
- Berks College, at the Penn State Berks campus
- Capital College, at the Penn State Harrisburg campus
- University College, is comprised of the following 14 campuses:
  - Penn State Beaver
  - Penn State Brandywine
  - Penn State DuBois
  - Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus
  - Penn State Greater Allegheny
  - Penn State Hazleton
  - Penn State Lehigh Valley
  - Penn State Mont Alto
  - Penn State New Kensington
Students interested in undergraduate majors offered by these colleges can typically start at one campus and finish at another through the 2+2 plan, or they can choose to stay at one campus for all four years if their campus of choice offers the major they want. To see the specific undergraduate majors available at each campus, search majors by campus in the Undergraduate Bulletin (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate).

Student Services and Programs
Penn State offers thousands of resources to support students, faculty, staff, and alumni both locally and around the world. This partial list of centers, offices, and programs was developed based on past inquiries from Bulletins users.

To discover additional services explore Penn State's home page (http://www.psu.edu), the Office of Student Affairs (https://studentaffairs.psu.edu), and the Office of Undergraduate Education (http://undergrad.psu.edu), and The Graduate School (http://gradschool.psu.edu).

- Affirmative Action Office (http://www.psu.edu/dept/aaoffice)
- Adult Learner Programs & Services (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/adults)
- Campus Recreation (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/campusrec)
- Career Services (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career)
- Child Care Resources (https://hr.psu.edu/employee-and-family-resources/your-family/child-care-resources)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/counseling)
- Disability Services Resources (http://equity.psu.edu/student-disability-resources)
- Spiritual and Ethical Development, Center for (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/spiritual)
- Financial Literacy and Wellness Center (https://financialliteracy.psu.edu)
- Fraternity and Sorority Life (https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/involvement-student-life/greek-life-penn-state)
- Gender Equity Center (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/genderequity)
- Global Programs, Office of (https://global.psu.edu)
- Graduate Educational Equity Programs, Office of (http://gradschool.psu.edu/diversity)
- Graduate Writing Center (http://gwc.psu.edu)
- Health Services (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/health)
- Honor and Professional Societies
  - Phi Kappa Phi (http://pkp.psu.edu)
  - Phi Eta Sigma (http://phieta siguapsu.weebly.com)
  - Golden Key (http://pennstate.goldenkey.org)
- Penn State Information Technology (https://pennstateit.psu.edu)
- LGBTQ Student Resource Center (http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/lgbtqa)
- Multicultural Resource Center (http://equity.psu.edu/mrc)

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