Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

About the College

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Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, gives undergraduate and graduate students the best of two worlds: The friendly, student-centered environment of a smaller college with the academic resources of a major research university. We offer an academically rigorous, globally respected Penn State education in a setting where students can have close interaction with faculty and meaningful out-of-classroom experiences. With more than 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students, 80-plus academic programs, and an inspiring 854-acre campus, Penn State Behrend is among the largest campuses in the Penn State system. We’re one of the top public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania for student-to-faculty ratio, SAT scores, first-year student retention rate, and graduation rate, based on U.S. News & World Report data. Penn State Behrend’s faculty-student ratio is 1:16, and the average class size is 26.

Mission and Goals

There are six hallmarks of the Penn State Behrend experience:

- High Quality: Excellence in academics, research, and outreach
- Student-Centeredness
- Advanced Technology: State-of-the-art classrooms and labs.
- Inspiring Campus Environment
- Diversity: Behrend is a laboratory for ideas, and the more perspectives that can be brought to bear, the greater the learning
- Land-Grant Commitment: We are an economic, social, and cultural catalyst in northwestern Pennsylvania and beyond

Departments and Schools

Black School of Business

The Black School of Business is the only institution in northwestern Pennsylvania accredited by AACSB International, the premier accrediting agency for management education. A technology-rich environment and unique learning opportunities are made possible by a $20 million endowment from the late insurance executive Samuel P. Black Jr. and his wife, Irene.

School of Engineering

The School of Engineering is ranked among the top 40 undergraduate engineering programs nationwide. Why? State-of-the-art facilities, award-winning faculty, ABET-accredited programs in both engineering and engineering technology, small class sizes, emphasis on meaningful student design and research experiences, and superior internship and job placement.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The School offers diverse four-year degree programs that develop both intellect and practical skills. Our students are tomorrow’s historians, writers, communicators, and educators, exploring and reflecting on our society and the larger world beyond. Highly accomplished faculty are scholars, writers, and skilled teachers with years of practical professional experiences.

School of Science

The School of Science programs is the opportunity to conduct substantive research not typically offered at the undergraduate level.

Baccalaureate Degrees

- Accounting, B.S. (Behrend)
- Arts Administration, B.A. (Behrend)
- Biology, B.S. (Behrend)
- Business Economics, B.S.
- Chemistry, B.S. (Behrend)
- Communication, B.A.
- Computer Engineering, B.S. (Behrend)
- Computer Science, B.S. (Behrend)
- Creative Writing, B.F.A.
- Digital Media, Arts, and Technology, B.A.
- Economics, B.A. (Behrend)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology, B.S.
- Electrical Engineering, B.S. (Behrend)
- English, B.A. (Behrend)
- Environmental Science, B.S.
- Finance, B.S. (Behrend)
- General Arts and Sciences, B.A.
- History, B.A. (Behrend)
- Industrial Engineering, B.S. (Behrend)
- Interdisciplinary Business with Engineering Studies, B.S.
- International Business, B.S.
- Management Information Systems, B.S. (Behrend)
- Marketing, B.S. (Behrend)
- Mathematics, B.S. (Behrend)
- Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S. (Behrend)
- Mechanical Engineering, B.S. (Behrend)
- Physics, B.S. (Behrend)
- Plastics Engineering Technology, B.S.
- Political Science, B.A. (Behrend)
• Project and Supply Chain Management, B.S. (Behrend)
• Psychology, B.A. (Behrend)
• Psychology, B.S. (Behrend)
• Science, B.S. (Behrend)
• Secondary Education, B.S. (Behrend)
• Software Engineering, B.S.

**Associate Degrees**

• Electrical Engineering Technology, A.ENGT. (Behrend)
• General Business, A.S.
• Letters, Arts, and Sciences, A.A. (Behrend)
• Mechanical Engineering Technology, A.ENGT. (Behrend)

**Minors**

• Accounting, Minor
• Applied Economics, Minor
• Biology, Minor (Behrend)
• Communication Arts and Mass Media, Minor
• Computer Engineering, Minor
• Computer Science, Minor (Behrend)
• Crime, Law, and Psychology, Minor
• English, Minor (Behrend)
• Finance, Minor
• Game Development, Minor
• History, Minor (Behrend)
• Management Information Systems, Minor
• Management, Minor
• Marketing, Minor
• Mathematics, Minor (Behrend)
• Media Production, Minor
• Operations and Supply Chain Management, Minor
• Politics and Government, Minor
• Project and Supply Chain Management, Minor
• Psychological Science, Minor
• Statistics, Minor (Behrend)
• Technical Sales, Minor
• Transnational Perspectives, Minor

**Certificates**

• Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics, Certificate
• Advertising, Certificate
• Behavioral Health and Counseling Psychology, Certificate
• Child Development, Certificate
• Crime, Psychology, and Public Policy, Certificate
• Enterprise Resource Planning with Oracle, Certificate
• Enterprise Resource Planning with SAP, Certificate
• Financial Controllership, Certificate
• Financial Planning, Certificate
• Financial Risk Management, Certificate
• Financial Services Sales, Certificate
• German Studies, Certificate
• Global Awareness, Certificate
• Human Factors, Certificate
• Legal Studies, Certificate
• Medical Plastics, Certificate
• Oracle eBusiness Suite, Certificate
• Plastics Processing, Certificate
• Premedical Sciences, Certificate
• Public Relations, Certificate
• Systems, Applications, and Products in Data Processing, Certificate
• Trauma Studies, Certificate

**College Procedures**

**Academic Warning**

A student who fails to earn a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average will be placed on academic warning. A student placed on academic warning will have a hold placed on registration and will be required to meet with an academic adviser in order for this registration hold to be removed. To remove academic warning, the cumulative grade-point average must be 2.00 or higher.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC WARNING](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/academic-resources/academic-help/academic-warning-suspension-dismissal)

[READ SENATE POLICY 54-20: ACADEMIC WARNING](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/54-00-academic-progress/#54-20)

**Academic Suspension**

A student in academic warning who fails to maintain a semester grade-point average of 2.00 or higher will be academically suspended. A student who has been academically suspended may not schedule courses at the University for two consecutive semesters. (Note: Summer session is equal to one semester.) Students wishing to re-enroll at Penn State Behrend after Academic Suspension must prepare a written statement requesting re-enrollment and submit an Undergraduate Re-Enrollment Form.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC SUSPENSION](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/college-registrar/forms-and-requests/returning-suspension)

[READ SENATE POLICY 54-40: ACADEMIC SUSPENSION](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/54-00-academic-progress/#54-40)

**Administrative Enrollment Control**

Behrend’s B.S. in Mechanical Engineering program is under Administrative Enrollment Control. To apply for entrance to this major, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.40, have earned 40-59 graded Penn State credits, and have completed four prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENROLLMENT CONTROL OF THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-engineering/academic-programs/mechanical-engineering/curriculum/entrance-to-major-requirements)

**Change of Campus**

The University admits first-semester baccalaureate degree students to a campus that can provide at least two semesters of normal progress.
toward the program they have selected. Generally, students are expected to complete two full years of academic work at their initial campus.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGE OF CAMPUS (http://www.registrar.psu.edu/change_campus/change_campus.cfm)

Concurrent Majors
A Concurrent Majors Program is one in which students take courses to concurrently meet the requirements of at least two majors, with graduation for all majors in the program occurring during the same semester. At the baccalaureate- or associate-degree level, students may be approved for admission to more than one major under the Concurrent Majors Program.

READ SENATE POLICY 60-00: COMPLETING MORE THAN ONE UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR PROGRAM (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/60-00-completing-more-than-one-undergraduate-program/#60-00)

Resources
Academic and Career Planning Center
Having a solid academic plan and preparation for the internship and job search is vital for success in a competitive world. The Academic and Career Planning Center can assist you with both the big picture ("Which career is right for me?") and the details ("How do I create a resume?").

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING CENTER (http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc)

Athletics and Recreation
Don't stop playing the sports you love! Penn State Behrend fields twenty-four NCAA DIII athletic teams for men and women, plus offers club sports, intramurals, and recreation programs.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ATHLETICS AND RECREATION (http://www.psblions.com/landing/index)

Division of Undergraduate Studies
Not sure what you want to major in? You're not alone! Most Penn State students begin their college career in the Division of Undergraduate Studies. DUS students pursue their General Education requirements while they explore major options and career interests.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/division-of-undergraduate-studies)

Educational Equity and Diversity Programs
Penn State Behrend is committed to promoting diversity. The Office of Educational Equity and Diversity Programs supports and serves as an advocate for diverse populations within the college community, creating an environment that promotes respect for differences while fostering caring relationships and cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAMS (http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/educational-equity-and-diversity)

English Language Study Center
The English Language Study Center offers classes and support services designed to help multicultural learners develop the reading, writing, and speaking skills needed to succeed on the job or in the university-level classroom.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY CENTER (http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/programs-events-1/the-english-language-study-center)

Health and Wellness Center
Penn State Behrend has two on-campus Health and Wellness Centers that can diagnose and treat most illnesses and minor injuries. The centers also help students to manage chronic health conditions or obtain needed immunizations. Most major insurances are accepted.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER (http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/health)

Learning Resource Center
The Learning Resource Center offers free tutoring for most first- and second-year courses and some advanced courses, plus exam prep and study-skills development workshops. Tutoring is available seven days a week on an appointment, drop-in, and group-study basis.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/lrc)

Open-Lab Learning
Penn State Behrend’s open-lab philosophy creates relevant learning experiences by bringing business and industry together with students and faculty members. Together, these academic-professional teams work to solve business, industry, and community challenges and pursue research and development initiatives.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPEN-LAB LEARNING (http://behrend.psu.edu/academics/academic-programs/open-lab-learning)

Personal Counseling
The Office of Personal Counseling offers free individual counseling, support groups, and psychiatric and crisis intervention services to Penn State Behrend students. All services are free and confidential.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL COUNSELING (http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/personal-counseling)

Special Living Options
Special Living Options, or SLOs, are on-campus intentional communities built around a common interest. There are seven SLOs in Penn State Behrend’s nineteen residence halls: Discovery House, Engineering House, Global Boarders, Honors House, Ally House, Living in a Free Environment, and Tree House.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL LIVING OPTIONS (https://behrendcampusliving.psu.edu/special-living-options)

Study Abroad
The Learning Resource Center helps students to find, schedule, and pay for learning experiences outside of the United States. Can’t commit to a full year abroad? There are many courses that range from ten days to one semester.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES (http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/lrc)
Honors Programs

Schreyer Honors College
The Schreyer Honors College, regarded as one of the nation's top programs of its kind, promotes achieving academic excellence with integrity, building a global perspective, and creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. Schreyer Scholars, including Gateway Scholars admitted after their first or second year of enrollment, are a diverse and motivated group of approximately 2,000 students at University Park and 20 Commonwealth campuses. The College strives to educate students who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, to improve educational practice, and to continue to be recognized as a leading force in honors education nationwide.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE (http://www.shc.psu.edu)

Honors at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
The Penn State Behrend Honors Program offers a richer academic experience to highly qualified first- and second-year students. Benefits to participation include participation in seminar-style Honors classes, greater flexibility for pursuing your personal academic interests, priority scheduling, additional scholarship opportunities, and the ability to live in special Honors housing. Students who complete nine or more Honors credits while maintaining a minimum cumulative grade-point average are awarded an Honors Certificate.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HONORS AT PENN STATE ERIE, THE BEHREND COLLEGE (http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-programs/honors)

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