Penn State Harrisburg, The Capital College

About the College
John M. Mason Jr., Chancellor, Penn State Harrisburg

Penn State Harrisburg is an undergraduate college and graduate school of the University. The Harrisburg campus enrolls nearly 5,000 students and offers more than 65 associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs. The college has nationally accredited programs, award-winning faculty who are accomplished teachers and scholars, and the resources of a world-class research university. The college also offers all four years of study in 35 of its baccalaureate programs as well as the first two years of study leading to more than 160 baccalaureate majors offered throughout the University. The college serves students from all campuses of Penn State, as well as transfer students from community colleges and other accredited colleges and universities. Penn State Harrisburg is located on a suburban campus in Middletown, Pennsylvania, eight miles east of Harrisburg.

Mission and Goals
The mission of Penn State Harrisburg is to provide an integrated and responsive approach to education that benefits society. As the largest and most comprehensive of the University’s Commonwealth Campuses, we strive to achieve national and international standing in academic quality and impact upon the progress of society.

Departments and Schools

School of Behavioral Sciences and Education
The School of Behavioral Sciences and Education’s programs promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities and society through education, physical and mental health research, treatment, and prevention. BSED courses are taught by faculty who are active researchers, scholars, and practitioners, resulting in evidence-based course content and applied training.

School of Business Administration
The School of Business Administration is the leading business education center in the region. Its business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the premier accrediting body for business schools, and a distinction earned by only 4.5% of business programs worldwide.

School of Humanities
The School of Humanities offers majors in American studies, communications, English, and humanities, with courses in American studies, studio art, art history, communications, English, foreign languages, history, Jewish studies, media and film studies, music, museum studies, philosophy, religious studies, theatre, women’s studies, and writing.

School of Public Affairs
The School of Public Affairs is Penn State’s flagship for public affairs education, offering high quality undergraduate and graduate education in six disciplines. Its programs are grounded in applied research and an interdisciplinary approach, foster public service, and provide students with the knowledge and skills to solve society’s complex problems.

School of Science, Engineering, and Technology
The School of Science, Engineering, and Technology offers multiple Bachelor of Science degrees, with all of its engineering and engineering technology programs ABET-accredited. The school also offers master’s degree study in Civil, Electrical, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering; Computer Science; Engineering Science; Engineering Management; and Environmental Pollution Control.

Baccalaureate Degrees
- Accounting, B.S. (Capital)
- American Studies, B.A. (Capital)
- Biobehavioral Health, B.S. (Capital)
- Biology, B.S. (Capital)
- Civil Engineering, B.S. (Capital)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S. (Capital)
- Communications, B.A. (Capital)
- Computer Science, B.S. (Capital)
- Criminal Justice, B.S. (Capital)
- Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S. (Capital)
- Electrical Engineering Technology, B.S. (Capital)
- Electrical Engineering, B.S. (Capital)
- Elementary Education, B.El.Ed.
- English, B.Hum.
- Finance, B.S. (Capital)
- Health Policy and Administration, B.S. (Capital)
- Human Development and Family Studies, B.S. (Capital)
- Human-Centered Design and Development, B.S. (Capital)
- Humanities, B.A.
- Information Sciences and Technology, B.S. (Capital)
- Information Systems, B.S.
- Kinesiology, B.S. (Capital)
- Management, B.S. (Capital)
• Marketing, B.S. (Capital)
• Mathematical Sciences, B.S.
• Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S. (Capital)
• Mechanical Engineering, B.S. (Capital)
• Political Science, B.A. (Capital)
• Project and Supply Chain Management, B.S. (Capital)
• Psychology, B.S. (Capital)
• Public Policy, B.S.
• Science, B.S. (Capital)
• Secondary Education Social Studies, B.SOSC.
• Security and Risk Analysis, B.S. (Capital)
• Sociology, B.S. (Capital)
• Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology, B.S.

Associate Degrees
• Business Administration, A.S. (Capital)
• Criminal Justice, A.S. (Capital)
• Letters, Arts, and Sciences, A.A. (Capital)

Minor
• American Studies, Minor
• Business Administration, Minor
• Communications, Minor (Capital)
• Computer Science, Minor (Capital)
• Homeland Security, Minor
• Human Resource Management, Minor
• Information Sciences and Technology for Accounting, Minor
• Information Sciences and Technology/Finance, Minor
• International Business Administration, Minor
• Materials Science and Engineering, Minor
• Mechatronics Technology, Minor
• Mechatronics, Minor
• Sales, Minor
• Writing, Minor

College Procedures

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

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGE OF CAMPUS (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/registrar/change-campus/)

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. A student wishing to pursue simultaneous (concurrent) degrees or multiple majors must submit a request to the appropriate Program Coordinator through their faculty adviser. The student must await approval of the academic plan and the majors before enrolling in the second major. Review the full policy below.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONCURRENT MAJORS (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/policy/concurrent-degrees/)

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)

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 (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/registrar/academic-warning/)

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.)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC SUSPENSION (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/registrar/academic-warning/)

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

Resources

Advising Center
The Lambert Undergraduate Advising Center coordinates academic advising for all lower division students and is home to the Division of Undergraduate Studies, an enrollment unit for students who want to explore the University’s academic opportunities before selecting a field of study.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVISING CENTER (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/advising-center/)

Athletics (Intercollegiate)
The college offers students exemplary athletic programs that help develop quality standards of academic achievement, athletic performance, leadership, community service, and a high level of sportsmanship.

The college is an NCAA Division III school as well as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and sponsors 17 varsity sports.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (http://athletics.hbg.psu.edu)
Career Services
Career Services provides career planning and development services to current students and alumni at no charge.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAREER SERVICES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/career-services/)

Counseling and Psychological Services
Psychologists, counselors, and a drug and alcohol specialist are available to work with any current student to address personal concerns. This office offers evening hours and operates under strict confidentiality guidelines.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/counseling-psychological-services/)

Graduate Studies Office
The Graduate Studies Office offers support for graduate students and represents the Graduate School at Penn State Harrisburg. Additionally, the office sponsors travel grants for grad students, implements academic policies for graduate programs, and works with the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC).
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/graduate-studies/)

Honors Program
Penn State Harrisburg offers two honors programs for students who are highly motivated to achieve academic excellence and want more out of their college education. The two programs are the Capital College Honors Program and the University’s Schreyer Honors College.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HONORS PROGRAM (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/honors-program/)

Housing and Food Services
Housing and Food Services provides student resident services, catering, and operates several dining options on campus.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES (http://harrisburgcampusliving.psu.edu/)

International Programs (Study Abroad)
International Programs provides and facilitates international educational opportunities for faculty and students, including study tours and study abroad.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/international-programs/)

International Student Support Services
Acts as a liaison between Penn State Harrisburg international students and the Office of Global Programs/DISSA at University Park, assisting with immigration issues, hosting employment information sessions, and providing personal development and growth opportunities for students.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/international-student-support-services/)

Learning Center
The Learning Center provides tutoring to undergraduate and graduate students in quantitative courses (mathematics, science, business), writing, speeches and presentations, study skills, American and academic literacy. Our mission is to support students’ self-management of academic and professional goals through collaboration, guidance, and practice in an environment of inclusive excellence.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEARNING CENTER (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/learning-center/)

Library
This technologically advanced, academic research library includes 300,000 volumes and more than 200 print journals. The library also includes computer labs, multimedia production studios, classrooms, and a variety of study spaces.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBRARY (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/harrisburg.html)

Recreation and Aquatics
The campus has a modern fitness facility that includes: a 5,000-square-foot cardio/weight room, a full-size gymnasium, racquetball courts, group exercise rooms, and a variety of equipment that can be signed out. The Aquatics Center offers class and recreational swimming options including lap and open swim hours.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECREATION AND AQUATICS (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/recreation-and-aquatics/)

Research and Outreach
ORO serves as the primary point of contact for external grant submissions, providing assistance with budget preparation, ensuring grants meet sponsor requirements and submitting grants to sponsors on behalf of the University. Additionally, it develops and maintains relationships with individuals and entities from the public, organizations and private sectors.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RESEARCH AND OUTREACH (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/research-and-outreach/)

Residence Life
Residence Life provides resources and activities to enhance the personal, physical, educational, and social development of campus residents.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENCE LIFE (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/disability-services/)

Student Disability Resources
The Student Disability Resources office provides students with disability accommodations to minimize the effects of their disabilities.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/disability-services/)

Student Engagement
The Office of Student Engagement is the place to #getengaged! It coordinates alternative spring break trips, the Multicultural Academic Excellence Program (MAEP), the Chancellors Leadership Access Student Program (CLASP), as well as making connections to organizations in the Capital Area to get students involved in the local community.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/student-engagement/)

Student Health Services
Assesses and treats student illnesses and provides wellness counseling and preventive health services. Clinician services are offered by appointment.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/student-health-services/)

Student Life
More than 100 student clubs and organizations fit any interest, whether you’re looking to get involved in service projects, join a fraternity or sorority, participate in decision-making for the college through Student Government, or join a club that will help you with your major or career goals.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT LIFE (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/office-of-student-life/)

University Police and Public Safety
The Department of University Police and Public Safety is staffed with sworn police officers and civilian personnel charged with the responsibility of providing a safe environment to the campus community. The police officers of the department enforce state laws as well as University rules and regulations.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNIVERSITY POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/safety-police-services/)

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 those 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 Harrisburg
Penn State Harrisburg offers two honors programs for students who are highly motivated to achieve academic excellence and want more out of their college education. The two programs are the Capital College Honors Program and the University's Schreyer Honors College. Both programs provide students with special honors courses in a wide variety of disciplines, supervised research opportunities, and support for international travel and study abroad. The Honors Programs aim to build a learning community that provides unique learning experience for motivated students.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HONORS AT PENN STATE HARRISBURG (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/honors-program/)

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