



PENN STATE

NEW STUDENT GUIDE



Congratulations on your offer of admission to Penn State! Before you start your Penn State experience, there are a few steps you need to take. We have compiled a checklist to ensure you meet all the requirements and deadlines before your start at the University.

If you have questions, [visit the Penn State admissions website](#) or contact them directly at admissions@psu.edu or 814-865-5471.

Let's get started!

Accept your offer of admission

[Login to your MyPennState account](#) and click on "Accept your offer of admission." Read your letter closely as it outlines your intended area of study, start term, and starting campus. You will be asked to submit a non-refundable enrollment deposit online. *Please note the reply date on the Acceptance Notification from Penn State; replying after that date may void your offer of admission.

Review your information in LionPATH

LionPATH is where you will review your financial aid package, review transfer credits, schedule courses, pay your tuition bill, and conduct other University business. LionPATH uses the same username and password as your MyPennState account.

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Penn State's priority filing date is December 1, and our school code is 003329. [Visit the Office of Student Aid website](#) for more information. We will begin making student aid awards to first-year students in February. You can review your award when you login to your LionPATH account.

Complete the ALEKS Math Assessment

This online placement exam will open in early March and remain accessible through the summer. If required to take ALEKS, you will need to finish the assessment prior to scheduling your New Student Orientation and selecting your courses.

Attend an Accepted Student Program

The best way to see if Penn State is the right fit for you is to attend one of our Accepted Student Programs. These programs are open to all students accepted and committed to campus. They fill up quickly and registration is required.

Submit your immunization forms

Penn State requires all students to have the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) immunization. If you are living in a University-owned residence hall, you must have the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccination as well. Immunization forms must be submitted prior to your New Student Orientation date. [Visit the immunization website](#) for more information.

Register for New Student Orientation (NSO)

NSO is required for all first-year students at Penn State. You will meet with an academic adviser who will talk with you about your educational plans and help you select your first-semester courses.

**You will receive additional information about placement tests and registering for NSO after accepting your offer of admission.*

Submit your final high school transcript

Ask your high school counselor to [submit your final high school transcript](#), which includes your final grades and graduation date, by July 1. Your admission to Penn State is contingent upon our receipt and review of your final high school transcript, so finish strong!

Transfer your credits to Penn State

Whether you have taken an AP test, earned dual enrollment credit, or were enrolled in courses at another college or university, you may be able to earn Penn State credit. [Visit the Academic Credit website](#) for more information about transferring credits to Penn State.

Pay your semester bill

Tuition bills are generated by the [Office of the Bursar](#) on June 1 for the summer session and on August 1 for the fall semester. Bills can be paid online through your LionPATH Student Services Center. Please check your Penn State email address for an email with instructions to complete payment.

Arrive on campus—Welcome to Penn State!



Resources

Academic Calendar

View important dates for the academic year by [visiting the academic calendar](#).

Disability Services

For information about services for students with disabilities, [visit the Penn State Student Disability Resources website](#), or call 814-863-1807.

Virtual Tour

Discover Penn State, schedule a visit, and [get to know your campus through a virtual tour](#).

International Students

International students who accept their offer of admission will be contacted by [Penn State Global](#) to begin the I-20 process.

Housing

[View our on-campus housing options](#) which include dormitory-style residence halls and apartment complexes available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to [contact your campus](#) for additional information regarding your housing options.

Contact Us

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Conditions of Our Offer of Admission

Completion of High School

After graduation, your high school counselor must send us an official high school transcript verifying your high school graduation. You may also submit satisfactory scores from the General Educational Development (GED) test or high school equivalency diploma in place of a high school diploma.

World Language

Two units in a single world language other than English are required. American Sign Language can be used to satisfy this requirement. You may be admitted with fewer than two units but must correct this deficiency by the time you graduate from Penn State. This deficiency may be corrected by passing one three- or four-credit college-level world language course, by earning transferable credits from another institution, or by demonstrating proficiency equivalent to two units of high school world language study.

Statement of Academic Integrity

Penn State students and faculty are committed to scholarly principles that respect and acknowledge individual achievement. At Penn State, certain behaviors are viewed as unacceptable, including cheating, plagiarism, falsifying or fabricating information, and aiding and abetting academic dishonesty. Students who violate these principles are subject to penalties, including course failure and dismissal from Penn State. By accepting the offer of admission, you agree to observe all rules and regulations of The Pennsylvania State University.

Statement of Personal Responsibility

Penn State students are expected to uphold the principles of the University and adhere to the University Code of Conduct on or off campus. For more information and to access the Code of Conduct, please [visit our Office of Student Conduct website](#).

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