Penn State York

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Take a Closer Look.
New Degrees
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Business

Expanded Programs
Accounting Option in Business
The Graham Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies

Ready in Fall 2016
Penn State York’s newly renovated Joe and Rosie Ruhl Student Community Center (The Ruhl Center) is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016. The more than 28,000 square foot project includes renovations and an addition, with much-needed kinesiology, intramural and athletic spaces in the form of a multi-activity court. The space will also allow for off-season athletic team practice for sports such as baseball, soccer and intramural activities, as well as badminton and ballroom dancing. In addition, a group fitness room, for classes such as yoga and spinning, will be included. This $13.5 million project will add approximately 14,000 square feet to the building, an increase of 38 percent in size.
You might think that Penn State York is just a small college campus of Penn State University. **LOOK CLOSER ...**

**Degree programs:**

**Baccalaureate degree programs:**
- Business
- Communication Arts and Sciences
- Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology
- English
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Letters, Arts and Sciences: Liberal Studies option
- Science

**FIRST TWO YEARS OF MORE THAN 160 MAJORS.**

**Associate degree programs:**
- Business Administration
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering Technology

**Graduate degree program:**
- Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum

**Facts:**

**Location:**
South-central Pennsylvania in York, near Harrisburg, one hour north of Baltimore, Maryland.

**Number of students:** 1,500

**Average class size:** 23

**Housing:**
Privately owned, located near campus

**Setting:** Suburban

**Sports:**
Six varsity sports
Intramurals
... WE ARE SO MUCH MORE—A big-name college with small classes, award-winning programs, and Penn State degrees recognized across the world. We may be small, but we have a global perspective: While 90 percent of our students come from within thirty miles of our campus, the number of international students at Penn State York has quadrupled in recent years because our increased support services are helping them feel at home. We are a suburban campus with big-league facilities— the Edward M. Elias Science Building and the Ralph G. and Madeline B. Swenson Engineering Center, new facilities brimming with state-of-the-art technology and rare opportunities for undergraduates to participate in research with top-level faculty; and the Pullo Family Performing Arts Center, which hosts nationally known shows, concerts, and performances.
I LOVE THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT. PENN STATE YORK MAKES ME FEEL WELCOME AND I KNOW I BELONG. YOU RECEIVE THE ATTENTION YOU NEED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.

MaryBeth Beaton '11, Human Development and Family Studies
Penn State York is part of a Penn State tradition of excellence that spans the globe, including more than 164,000 members of the Penn State Alumni Association, the largest dues-paying alumni association in the country.

The Campus

Our fifty-one-acre campus sits on a hillside overlooking the historic city of York. Located in south-central Pennsylvania, we’re just a short drive from Baltimore, Maryland, and less than two hours from Washington, D.C.

Penn State York is home to more than 1,500 commuting students—both recent high school graduates and returning adults. Students at York range in age from 17 to over 60, and adult students make up 32 percent of the population. Our student body is a rich mix of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences. Your classmates will include those who stayed close to home to attend college and those who hail from sixteen countries across the globe. In fact, Penn State York has the highest percentage of international students of any of the Penn State campuses, besides University Park. You’ll find that meeting people of varying ages and from different cultures is an education in itself.

One of the first things you’ll notice on campus is that we fly the flags that represent the nationalities of our students, faculty, and staff. That’s just one way we show our pride in the ethnic heritage represented on our campus and our commitment to creating an environment of acceptance and respect. That pride is also obvious every spring when the campus comes together for Unity Week—a celebration of the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the people who make up Penn State York.
Biology is a subject that Saryet really enjoys and the new Edward M. Elias Science Building on campus is one of the places she likes best. “It is a really nice place to work in because it is spacious, clean, and equipped with modern laboratory equipment.” An honors student, Saryet enjoys working on numerous research projects with faculty members and getting real-world experience in the labs. “Doing undergraduate research has allowed me to interact one-on-one with my professors. The experiences helped me develop critical thinking and analytical skills that will be very beneficial for me in the future.”

As part of her research experience, Saryet analyzed the effect of novel anti-tumor compounds on protein cancer cells. She also conducted research on the relationship between wellness and customer satisfaction in dental health care and presented her findings at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Conference.

A member of the Biology Club and a tutor in the Nittany Success Center, Saryet plans to attend graduate school to study biology.
Degree Programs

Penn State York offers six associate and eight bachelor’s degrees, as well as the first two years of more than 160 Penn State majors. About 11 percent of our first-year students are working on an associate degree, and about 89 percent of our students are working on bachelor’s degrees that can be completed here, at University Park, or another Penn State campus. We call that our 2 + 2 program, and it’s a common path to a Penn State degree.

Many students also choose to begin and stay at York to complete one of our four-year degree programs. Students looking for a challenge can also take an honors course and participate in the honors program.

The campus also offers programs at Penn State, The Lancaster Center, designed to meet the business, professional, and educational needs of the Lancaster region. Visit the center online at www.lancastercenter.psu.edu.

Graduate Study

Penn State York offers a master of education in Teaching and Curriculum (through a partnership with Penn State Harrisburg) and other graduate courses and professional development programs for educators.

THE SIZE OF THE CAMPUS ENABLES STUDENTS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE LARGER UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS.

Hunter Bryce Schenck ’11, Political Science

Did you know?

Penn State York is home to faculty members who involve students in undergraduate research in areas ranging from biology, chemistry, and physics to communication arts and sciences to engineering and psychology.
Your Learning Environment

Class Size

An average class has about twenty-three students. And you will quickly find that small classes equal big opportunities. In this kind of setting, instructors can get to know you and your peers, and can give you individual attention and consultation. Small class size also allows for numerous opportunities for undergraduates to work with award-winning faculty on research projects and gain experience that most students don’t have until they reach graduate school.

Innovative Classrooms

At Penn State York, teaching isn’t synonymous with “lecture.” Instructors bring subjects to life in the classroom using the latest technology, including Internet-based classes and participatory classroom simulations.

Video Learning Network

In addition to regular classroom settings, adult learners and others have easy access to a Penn State degree through courses on the Video Learning Network (VLN). Most courses are offered in an accelerated seven-week format courses combine fact-to-face sessions with video conferences and online instruction in classrooms equipped with current technology and are taught in a convenient format combining face-to-face sessions with video conferences and online instruction by Penn State instructors. VLN classrooms are equipped with high-definition viewing screens, document cameras, and other technologies for live interaction among faculty and students at the course origination site and up to three other sites.

PROFESSORS REALLY GET TO KNOW THEIR STUDENTS. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED.
Claire Vadas, Chemistry
If anyone at Penn State York bleeds blue and white, it is Matt. He is the first person in his family to attend Penn State and he is Penn State proud.

“My father and grandfather wanted to be Penn State students, but, unfortunately, they weren’t given that opportunity. I’ve taken great pride in being able to come here. It is a great honor in my family to be able to attend Penn State.”

An active student on campus, Matt loves being the Penn State York Nittany Lion and has been involved in numerous clubs and organizations, from the Student Government Association and Lion Ambassadors to Drama Club. Matt has also had the opportunity to do an internship at the Pullo Family Performing Arts Center on campus through his CAS major. As part of his experience, he wrote press releases, designed flyers, and worked as a backstage hand. He also had the opportunity to see Broadway shows load-in, build sets, and rehearse. “To see the performing arts center from both sides, the educational aspects and the business end, has been a tremendous experience.”

Matt has participated in numerous Drama Club performances, and thanks to the many friendships he has made and the relationships he has built at the campus, he is part of a local television series, *Jones the Series*, which is now shooting its second season.
Learning Outside the Classroom

At Penn State York, you’ll not only have traditional classroom experiences for learning, you’ll also have the opportunity to learn through real-world experiences with businesses and companies in the York area and beyond.

Students have developed marketing plans for local small businesses, created websites for nonprofit organizations, developed a virtual business expo for the chamber of commerce, created an online registration system for America’s oldest fair, and have offered advice on operation systems to companies on the other side of the world. The York Fair, the York County Chamber of Commerce, The Wolf Organization, The Children’s Home of York, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the York County Area Agency on Aging, and India-based UNISYS Inc., are just some of the groups that have benefitted from the work of York students.

You’ll find that at Penn State York, learning takes many forms. Our students have a commitment to volunteering and making a difference. They have built homes for Habitat for Humanity, collected food for a local after school program, raised funds to buy livestock for third world countries, worked with local agencies to curb domestic violence, and participated in the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), raising money to battle pediatric cancer. Other students have spent their spring break in New Orleans helping victims of Hurricane Katrina.
IT’S FANTASTIC TO HAVE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS.
Angela Steco, Journalism

In a recent Wall Street Journal survey, corporate recruiters ranked Penn State first among 100 colleges for its ability to produce the best qualified graduates.
“Our students are intellectually curious as well as pragmatic. Perhaps that is because many students work full-time or have returned to school later in life. Whatever the reasons, my students expect value for their money at Penn State York, and I know they get it.”

Joe Downing, assistant professor of communication arts and sciences, includes students in his research and several of his students have gone on to present their work at the Penn State Undergraduate Research Conference and won awards. In addition, Dr. Downing has encouraged his students to organize campaigns to raise funds for causes that are meaningful to them. One service learning project in a public relations class had students raising money and collecting donations to send supplies to troops stationed in Afghanistan. Inspired by a fellow-student who had served overseas (Eric Hudak is a student featured on page 11) the group raised more than $3,600 and sent sixty-four boxes (332 pounds) of supplies to soldiers.
Campus Resources

Nittany Success Center (Learning Center)

Need to fine-tune your study skills? Have questions about a class? The Nittany Success Center offers free peer tutoring, study-skills workshops, and other services. Sessions are offered for small groups and one-on-one. The Nittany Success Center also provides individualized counseling and support for students with learning disabilities.

The Lee R. Glatfelter Library

You’ll find inviting, comfortable study space and a wealth of resources at the Lee R. Glatfelter Library. There are individual study carrels, soft lounge furniture, and private study rooms for use by groups of two or more students. Each group-study room is equipped with video-viewing equipment, PC workstations, or flat screen, wall-mounted video monitors. Students may also check out laptops and headphones to use within the library.

The library has approximately 65,000 book titles in its collection, more than 2,000 videos, and 125 magazine and journal subscriptions. Through the Penn State University Libraries, students have access to more than 6 million book titles and over 600 electronic databases, many of which contain the entire text of journal, magazine, and newspaper articles. All Libraries’ databases are accessible from any campus and home computer. [www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/york.html](http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/york.html)

Advising and Career Development

Our counselors can help you successfully navigate your way through college. Get answers to your questions about majors, careers, internships, résumés, and more. You can browse the shelves of catalogs and periodicals, check out a video, or explore the variety of resources in the center. Free workshops and seminars are offered throughout the semester.

Multicultural Center

The Multicultural Center supports Penn State’s vision of promoting diversity on our campus through the development and delivery of services and programs that improve our understanding of ourselves and others in a global context. The center is a meeting place for all of our students to relax, share their stories, or just hang out with friends. It also serves as an office for the international student adviser.

Computer Labs

Nine student computer labs and technology in every classroom enhance the learning environment. Wireless “hot spots” are located throughout the campus.

THE BEST THINGS ABOUT PENN STATE YORK ARE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF FACULTY AND THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION STUDENTS GET.

Tom Shelley, Premedicine
Campus Activities

Penn State York may be a commuter campus, but it is packed with a vibrant, active social and cultural life. You can: hang out in the Lion’s Den in the Joe and Rosie Ruhl Student Community Center or at The Bistro in the John T. and Paige S. Smith Atrium; take a walk in the woods; socialize at the weekly international coffee hour; or enjoy the outdoors at a picnic table on the patio. You might choose to: join a student trip; listen to a band in the Lion’s Den on campus; watch an athletic event; or enjoy a concert, lecture, or Broadway show in the campus’ Pullo Family Performing Arts Center. Still have energy to burn? Why not join a club or intramural team? On weekends, take part in our campus service opportunities, such as working with Habitat for Humanity or at a nearby soup kitchen. Get involved in the local community!

Penn State York is student centered. Through the Student Advisory Board (student government), you have a voice and can make a difference. Starting new clubs and organizations, planning how funds are used for programming, or creating new spaces for students on campus—you can be a part of it all. Grow as a student leader and make your Penn State experience count.

Recreational Facilities

Student Community Center

The Joe and Rosie Ruhl Student Community Center houses the gym and fitness center. The campus has lighted tennis courts, more than a mile of wooded trails, and a number of intramural sports. Other recreational options include nearby Ski Roundtop and the York County Rail Trail.

Pullo Family Performing Arts Center

The Pullo Family Performing Arts Center (The Pullo Center) is a state-of-the-art 1,016-seat theatre with full production capabilities. It is the home of several resident youth companies, and the campus Drama Club performs several shows a year on its stage. A variety of free cultural events as well as outstanding ticketed events, including Broadway shows, concerts, dance, and children’s programming, fill the schedule. The Pullo Center has hosted world-famous performers in the entertainment field, from American Idol singer David Cook and two-time Grammy award-winner LeAnn Rimes to popular television celebrities including Jason, Grant, and Steve from SyFy’s Ghost Hunters and Adam Richman, host of the Travel Channel’s Man vs. Food. The facility offers opportunities for students in the Theatre minor and Communication Arts and Sciences major to work hands-on in theatre production, sound, and lighting.
Returning adult student, Army veteran, basketball player, and outstanding student leader are just a few ways to describe Eric. He certainly took his own words to heart.

Eric returned to school at age 28 after two tours of duty in the army, one in Bosnia and the other in Iraq. He served twelve years in the military and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 108 Division. He decided to finish the degree he had started ten years earlier and chose Penn State York because of the small class size. Eric became involved on campus from day one. He served as a senator for the student government, was a member and then president of the Veterans Club, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, worked with numerous other volunteer groups, and also starred on the men’s basketball team. “Army,” as he was known by his teammates, earned numerous athletic awards for his skill on the court, but more important, was honored for his academic abilities. He was a true role model for his younger peers.

As part of a public relations course, Eric shared his military experiences with his fellow students when they were trying to choose a project to participate in. The class was so inspired by what he had to say, they decided to sell dog tags and use the proceeds to purchase items to send to the troops. The dog tags, which read, “PSY Be Their Hero,” were a huge success, and the class received publicity and numerous donations. Sixty-four care packages were sent to troops in Afghanistan in time for the holidays, thanks to this effort inspired by Eric.

In recognition of all his accomplishments, Eric was named the winner of the Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award, the highest award a student can receive. The award is given to a student who has exhibited outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. He also received the Craig Millar Award for student leadership and service.

ERIC HUDAK ’09
B.A. Letters, Arts, and Sciences
U.S. Army veteran
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Eric’s words of advice:
“If you’re going back to school, get the full college experience and do something for your school and your community.”
When I arrived at Penn State York, I didn’t know anybody,” remembers Joyce. “I came from Canada to a new country, a new town, and a new school.” Joyce remembers getting off to a rough start and questioning whether she had made the right decision to attend Penn State York. She lived off campus and at just 16 years old was a college freshman. Not long after she started classes, a scholarship letter arrived letting her know she was receiving the Fritz Scholarship.

“This scholarship not only helped financially but also psychologically and academically. It is not only about the money. It is about encouragement, hope, and confidence a scholarship brings—it’s like a pat on the back. It encouraged me to work extra hard and get involved on campus.”

Joyce soon became one of the most recognizable students at events of all types. She became involved in the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), Nittany Catwalk Models, Dance Club, the Black Student Union, and the Student Government Association.

Joyce received the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award in 2010 and was recognized for her outstanding service to the campus and community through a variety of projects and for her excellent performance in the classroom. She has continued her involvement at University Park and has served as the Southeast Caucus Director of the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments. She is also a Golden Key International Scholar and a member if Pi Sigma Alpha.

While at Penn State York, Joyce decided to enter the Blue & White Society’s essay contest. She was the winner of the contest and an excerpt from her writing speaks volumes about her Penn State experience.

“I came here myself. I did not follow in my parents’ footsteps. The campus was over ten hours from my home, yet it became my home away from home. Penn State—the place where faculty are my parents and the students are my siblings. It is my big family, and everything from the building structures to the logo, the Nittany Lion, makes me proud and honored to be a part of this family of thousands. While attending a leadership conference this past summer, it dawned on me: It’s my Penn State.”
Clubs and Social Organizations

If you’re interested in it, Penn State York probably has it. If you don’t find the organization or activity you’re looking for, take the lead and start your own!

Adult Student Meetings
Alpha Sigma Lambda
Alternative Spring Break
Any Other World
(literary magazine)
Asian Culture Club
Biology Club
Black Student Union (BSU)
Blue & White Society
Campus Programming Board
Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS) Club
Christian Fellowship Organization (CFO)
Drama Club
Hispanic Students Association (HSA)
Human Development and Family Studies Club (HD FS)
Lion Ambassadors
Nittany Catwalk Modeling Club
Nittany News (campus newspaper)
Optimists International
Penn State Business Association (PSBA)
Powerlifting Club
Rainbow Paws
SCROUNGE
(Students for Computer Recycling to Outfit Underrepresented Groups in Education)
SiSTEMiC
(Sisters in STEM Careers) Club
Southeast Asian Organization
Student Advisory Board (SAB)
THON
(Penn State Dance Marathon)
Visual Arts Club

Varsity Athletic Teams

Penn State York competes in the Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) in six sports, all offering four-year eligibility. You can compete at the intercollegiate level in:

Baseball (men)
Basketball (men, women)
Soccer (men)
Team tennis (coed)
Volleyball (women)

The campus also holds membership in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). Membership provides the opportunity for the PSUAC conference champion and one conference at-large bid to participate in the USCAA national tournament/world series. Additionally, Penn State York student-athletes have the opportunity to be named All American or Academic All American.
Penn State graduates earn an average of $10,000 more per year than other college graduates living in Pennsylvania, according to a recent study.

Did you know?

Small class sizes combined with the prestige of a Penn State education made it a great experience.

Sandra Bush ’10, Communication Arts and Sciences

“Being from India offered me different challenges. But the very friendly people at Penn State York—always ready to help—made for a really great learning experience.”

Krupali Desai ’10, B.S. Information Sciences and Technology

A Welcomed Challenge

Krupali Desai was among the first group of students to take part in the 2+2 program between Penn State and Vidyalankar School of Information Technology, which is affiliated with The University of Mumbai, in India.
Your possibilities are endless at Penn State York. Come visit our campus and discover how special we are, and how great your college experience can be.