Online Programs in Project Management
A World of Projects

In an increasingly complex global marketplace, effective project managers are in demand. Organizations in virtually every industry rely on project managers to ensure that timelines, scope, and budget goals are met and that each project flows seamlessly.

“Rarely in the business world do you find a discipline that is so diverse in terms of the demands it places on people. You have to be technically proficient, but you have to excel in people skills while keeping an eye on schedules and budgets. You have to understand the technology of the project, but you have to deal with motivation and leadership and understanding how to get a team to work best together. So where else do you find a discipline or a career option that really requires you almost to become a miniature CEO? This is the only place, short of being an executive, where you actually have to understand the entire breadth of a business challenge, and that’s the nature of project management.”

—Dr. Jeffrey K. Pinto, The Andrew Morrow and Elizabeth Lee Black Chair in the Management of Technology, Master of Project Management Lead Faculty
If you are involved in project-based work, Penn State’s online programs in project management give you the opportunity to develop the technical, leadership, and management skills you need to be a more effective project manager.

As a student in these graduate-level programs, you can learn how to better manage your project regarding:

- planning, cost, and value management
- project control
- team and human dimensions of project management
- strategic issues in project management
- commercial and procurement law

Decades of experience across several industries went into the design of Penn State’s online project management programs, which focus on the common elements that apply to any project, no matter what industry. In addition, our partnerships with major corporations have driven the development of a curriculum that teaches you skills and techniques that can be immediately applied to the real-world projects in your organization.
When I first thought about doing online classes, I really didn’t know what to expect. Much to my surprise, you really get to know your teachers by name. They remember you when you actually meet them face-to-face. It’s surprising to me that there’s such a connection there.”

—Dana Aldrich, Implementation Manager for SAP and Purchasing, Rolls-Royce; MPM graduate
Partnerships Enhance the Programs

The online project management programs were developed in a unique partnership between Penn State, two international corporations, and the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Each course was designed with the input of corporate practitioners to make sure that the material presented was topical, timely, and relevant to the demands of the project management field. Project management faculty at Penn State and the University of Manchester developed the curriculum to align it with A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) Fifth Edition, Project Management Institute, Inc. (2013), and the UK Association for Project Management (APM).

The Diversity of Your Peers

One of the unique aspects of the project management field is that it applies to a wide array of industries. Because of these diverse industry applications, Penn State’s project management programs bring together high-caliber students from many growing industries.

As a student in the online project management programs you will have the opportunity to network with individuals from across the country and around the globe. In addition to learning real-life applications provided through case studies, you can also gather information from top project managers to learn what strategies they are implementing in their industries.
Penn State’s online Graduate Certificate in Project Management is an interdisciplinary, 12-credit program that uses problem-based learning to provide a strong foundation in project management theory and practice. To earn the graduate certificate, you must complete the following 3-credit courses:

**MANGT 510**—Project Management

**Choose three additional courses:**

**MANGT 515**—Cost and Value Management

**MANGT 520**—Planning and Resource Management

**MANGT 525**—Commercial Law and Project Procurement

**MANGT 531**—Organizations

**MANGT 535**—Interpersonal and Group Behavior

**MANGT 540**—Strategy: Corporate, Business, and Project

In addition to being an excellent stand-alone credential, all of the courses in the Graduate Certificate in Project Management can be applied toward course requirements for the Master of Project Management degree, if you choose to apply and are accepted to the degree program.
The 30-credit online Master of Project Management degree uses problem-based learning to provide a thorough understanding of all aspects of project management. While overarching project management theory is incorporated into the curriculum, the main focus of these programs is heavily grounded in real-world project examples and applications. To earn the master’s degree, students must complete the following 3-credit courses.

**MANGT 510**—Project Management  
**MANGT 515**—Cost and Value Management  
**MANGT 520**—Planning and Resource Management  
**MANGT 525**—Commercial Law and Project Procurement  
**MANGT 531**—Organizations  
**MANGT 535**—Interpersonal and Group Behavior  
**MANGT 540**—Strategy: Corporate, Business, and Project  
**MANGT 575**—Management of Projects

Choose at least 6 credits of supporting course work to customize and complete your degree (see page 8).

“The project management courses cover everything from contracts, to people and culture, to strategy and resources management. They are all very distinct, and each one covers a different area that you will run into in corporate America. I’m learning new tools and new ideas that can be pulled from each course and applied to the real world. I’m studying courses that are all wrapped in a project management framework, which is what I do every day.”

—Rich Sinks, Rolls-Royce Learning and Development Award recipient; MPM graduate
Customize Your Degree

For the final 6 credits in the master’s degree program, you have the opportunity to select supporting courses to tailor your degree to your professional focus and career goals. Choose at least 6 credits from additional course work in:

- advanced project management
- supply chain management
- enterprise architecture
- SAP Enterprise Resource Planning software
- independent study for a creative or research project based on a current project management issue in your organization

Two Credentials, One Degree
Because the 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Project Management consists of seven courses from the Master of Project Management program, you can begin by pursuing the certificate, and then choose to continue and apply to the degree program. This will allow you to add a quality credential to your résumé even before completing the full master’s program.

“My main objective was to be able to maintain my productivity at work while also learning outside of work on my own time. This program allowed me to choose my courses so that I could best balance my work and school responsibilities.”

—Stephanie Smith; MPM graduate
Residency Experience

**Community of Practice Conference**
Each August, a two-day Community of Practice Conference will be held at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. This experience provides students in the graduate certificate or master’s degree programs with an opportunity to network face-to-face with their peers, the program faculty, and other leaders in the project management field. The event serves as an orientation for new students, as well as an opportunity for current students to attend presentations and receive in-class instruction on the latest research in the field and case studies on project management themes.

The Community of Practice Conference is mandatory for first-year students and optional for students as they continue in their degree or certificate program. Many of our students come each year that they are enrolled in their project management program because of the excellent networking and educational opportunities it provides.

For more information about the dates and agenda topics of the Community of Practice Conference, please visit our website:

[www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pm](http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pm)

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Proven Leadership in Quality Online Delivery

➤ Flexibility and Convenience
Penn State knows that as an adult student, you need flexible and convenient learning options. The online learning format offered by Penn State World Campus makes it possible to fit a graduate education into your life. Though courses have fixed start and end dates with assignment deadlines, you decide when to do your course work to meet those deadlines.

➤ Learner and Technical Support
Without having to set foot on campus, you will have access to an array of support services, including course scheduling assistance and academic advising, technical support offered by the friendly World Campus HelpDesk staff, and career counseling with a Licensed Professional Counselor.

➤ Library Services
As a World Campus student, you will have access to the eighth largest research library collection in North America, including more than 662 online research databases, 105,000 scholarly journals, and 386,000 electronic books. Search the online catalog and review databases as if you were sitting at a terminal in any Penn State library.

➤ Networking Opportunities
Interact with dedicated, goal-oriented peers from across the nation, creating a network of great ideas. As you communicate regularly with classmates and faculty members, you will gain insights that you can apply to your career immediately.
Admissions decisions for the Master of Project Management and the Graduate Certificate in Project Management programs are based on the quality of the applicant’s credentials relative to those of other applicants. The decisions are based on a review of a complete application portfolio.

**Your application portfolio for the Master of Project Management should include:**

- completed graduate school application
- statement of purpose
- three professional or academic recommendations
- official transcripts from all institutions attended
- official GMAT score report
- TOEFL or IELTS score, if applicable

**For application deadlines and more information about the programs, please visit** [www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pm](http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pm)

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**Did you know?**

- Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all 50 states and all 7 continents.
- Our online courses involve frequent interactions between students and instructors.

- The PMI® Project Management Survey — Seventh Edition found the median annual base salary of project managers in the United States to be $105,000.
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