An Introduction to Penn State World Campus
“Innovations in online learning technologies are making it easier than ever for adults to continue their education for career advancement or to prepare for a new career. Penn State can help.

“Through the World Campus, Penn State offers a wide range of convenient online certificates and associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees designed to equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need for career success.

“The World Campus works closely with Penn State’s academic colleges to bring high-quality academic education programs to learners worldwide. These online programs incorporate the latest learning technologies to provide learners with an enriching and engaging learning environment. Adults who want to excel in their profession should consider a Penn State World Campus program.”

—Craig Weidemann,
Vice President for Outreach and Vice Provost for Online Education
Welcome

We believe that knowledge empowers people to do great things. And you should not have to put your life on hold to gain that knowledge. The idea of distance education is not a new concept for us; we have offered Penn State courses at a distance for more than 100 years.

Our mission is making sure you have access to a quality academic and student experience—even when you are busy with a job and family obligations. When you cannot come to one of our brick-and-mortar campuses, we bring our campus to you.

Penn State World Campus Is Penn State—Online

Our online courses are the same academically challenging courses that are taught on campus. Yet they give you the flexibility and convenience to study wherever you are, at times that suit your own schedule. The courses are taught by the same faculty who teach on campus; they are well-respected leaders in their fields and renowned as experts in the subjects they teach. And they are committed to ensuring that you receive a quality academic experience in your online courses.

Once you complete the requirements for your degree, you will be awarded a diploma that is identical to the one received by any Penn State student. There is no mention on your diploma that you earned your degree online.
Why Penn State?

Proven Leadership in Online Delivery: The World Campus has served students from all 50 states, more than 40 countries, and all 7 continents. Our students comprise a global learning community of adult learners, interacting with faculty and exchanging ideas and expertise with one another as they strive to meet their personal and professional goals.

Academic Reputation: Penn State is nationally recognized for its outstanding degree programs. Putting a Penn State degree or certificate on your résumé is an excellent way to broaden your career options and prove to current and potential employers that you are a well-educated professional.

Online Experience: Since 1998, we have offered degrees and certificates entirely online—more than 90 programs, designed around best practices in online delivery, taught by faculty who have experience teaching in an online environment. We use technology to support learning outcomes—not just for convenience. You will interact with your faculty and the other students, providing even greater opportunities to share insights and reinforce what you are learning. Your courses do have fixed start and end dates, with assignment deadlines; however, you can decide when to do your course work to meet those deadlines.

Accreditation: Penn State is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and has an outstanding reputation as a research and teaching university. Many of our individual programs have additional accreditations through governing bodies in those particular fields of study. Our courses are accepted by most other colleges and universities in fulfillment of their requirements.

Penn State was ranked the No. 1 institution in the nation for producing the best prepared, most well-rounded graduates who are most able to succeed after being hired. —The Wall Street Journal

Amy Yohe
Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Business
Student Support Services

At Penn State World Campus, we are committed to your academic success, and we provide a full range of services designed to help you achieve your goals. Our academic advising and student services staff have extended work hours so they can be available when you need them most. And they are easy to access by email, phone, and instant messaging.

**We can help you:**

- **get started** by walking you through the application process, including transferring credits; getting transcripts; finding financial aid, scholarships, and other types of financial support; and preparing you for learning in an online environment
- **use our University systems** to access course syllabi and assignments; interact with your professors and peers; make tuition payments; get textbooks and software through the online bookstore; and use our extensive University Libraries system with more than 200,000 e-books
- **link with communities and special services** for military members and veterans, international students, alumni, corporate education, students with disabilities, and those transferring from other universities and colleges
- **stay connected** by keeping you up-to-date with events, important dates, and Penn State news
- **plan your career path** so that you can determine how to fulfill your professional goals

From your first inquiry, to application, to graduation, we are committed to helping you reach your goals. When you become a World Campus student, you are a Penn State student—and we believe in making sure that you feel every bit a “Penn Stater” as any student on campus.

“I don’t think I would have graduated without the constant support from my advising team at Penn State. My adviser was a pillar who pulled me along and literally stopped everything to take my calls and address all my concerns. She certainly is one of the most important and meaningful people that I have ever met in my entire life.”

—Barbara Caruso, Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Online Education for Today’s Working Adult

With more than 90 degrees and certificates to choose from, Penn State World Campus has something for just about everyone. Our goal is to make it possible for you to study where and when it’s most convenient for you—whether that’s at work, home, or in the late evening or early morning. We deliver the type of convenience, reliability, and name recognition you can only get from a fully supported, fully accredited university such as Penn State.

Degrees and Certificates

Graduate Degrees
- Master of Applied Statistics
- Master of Business Administration (iMBA)
- Master of Education in Adult Education
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction—Children’s Literature
- Master of Education in Earth Sciences
- Master of Education in Educational Leadership—Teacher Leadership
- Master of Education in Learning, Design, and Technology—Educational Technology
- Master of Engineering Management
- Master of Engineering in Nuclear Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering
- Master of Finance
- Master of Geographic Information Systems
- Master of Health Administration in Health Policy and Administration
- Master of Professional Studies in Art Education
- Master of Professional Studies in Community and Economic Development
- Master of Professional Studies in Enterprise Architecture
- Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security
- Master of Professional Studies in Human Resources and Employment Relations
- Master of Professional Studies in Information Sciences
- Master of Professional Studies in Renewable Energy and Sustainability Systems
- Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management
- Master of Professional Studies in Turfgrass Management
- Master of Project Management
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Software Engineering
- Master of Finance
- Master of Geographic Information Systems
- Master of Health Administration in Health Policy and Administration

Graduate or Postbaccalaureate Certificates
- Agricultural Biosecurity and Food Defense
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Applied Statistics
- Bioenergy
- Children’s Literature
- Community and Economic Development
- Distance Education
- Educating Individuals with Autism
- Educational Technology Integration
- Enterprise Architecture
- Family Literacy
- Geodesign
- Geographic Information Systems
- Geospatial Intelligence Analytics
- Geospatial Intelligence Applications
- Geriatric Nursing Education
- Homeland Security and Defense
- Human Factors Engineering and Ergonomics
- Information Systems Security
- Institutional Research
I truly felt like I was not only a World Campus student, but a Penn State student who happened to be taking courses online.”

—Justin Guadagno, Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership

Undergraduate Degrees
- B.A. in Advertising/Public Relations
- B.A. in Economics
- B.A. in Energy and Sustainability Policy
- B.A. in Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- B.A. in Law and Society
- B.A. in Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- B.A. in Organizational Leadership
- B.A. in Political Science
- B.A. in Psychology
- B.S. in Criminal Justice
- B.S. in Economics
- B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies
- B.S. in Information Sciences and Technology
- B.S. in Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- B.S. in Nursing (RN to B.S.)
- B.S. in Organizational Leadership
- B.S. in Psychology
- B.S. in Security and Risk Analysis
- B.S. in Turfgrass Science
- Associate in Arts in Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- Associate in Science in Business Administration
- Associate in Science in Human Development and Family Studies
- Associate in Science in Information Sciences and Technology
- Associate in Science in Turfgrass Science and Management

Undergraduate Minors
- Energy Business and Finance
- Finance

Undergraduate Certificates
- Adult Development and Aging Services
- Children, Youth, and Family Services
- Digital Arts
- ERP Certificate with SAP
- Financial Planning
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- Nursing Forensics
- Nursing Informatics
- Nursing Management
- Organizational Communication
- Turfgrass Management
- Turfgrass Management, Advanced
- Weather Forecasting

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You know that furthering your education can provide you with additional earning power, better marketability, more self-confidence, and increased respect as a professional. When you make the decision to return to school, you are making a solid investment in your future. And we can help you explore the many options you have to finance your education.

**Financing Your Education**
There are many ways you can pay your World Campus tuition, which is due when you register for classes. However, a deferred payment plan is available for some programs. Visit our website to learn more about the following payment options for World Campus:

- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Tuition Assistance
- Third-Party Payments
- Military Payment Options

We have dedicated financial aid counselors who can help you explore your financial aid options, or answer any other questions you may have. We will provide you with the guidance you need to make your education experience at Penn State a success.
Military and Veteran Students

Penn State is proud to be designated a Military Friendly university, an honor we first received in 2008. Whether you now serve in the military, or are a veteran or military family member, we are committed to helping you meet your education goals.

Your Dedicated Admissions and Academic Advising Team

Our military admissions and advising team can guide you every step of the way, from helping you fill out your World Campus application, to choosing courses and exploring your options for obtaining financial aid. To learn more about how we can assist you, visit: www.worldcampus.psu.edu/military

Helping You Finance Your World Campus Education

Penn State World Campus understands that as a military or veteran student, you may encounter financial challenges in reaching your education goals. We are proud to honor the Montgomery GI Bill, Post-9/11 GI Bill, and the Yellow Ribbon program, and we also accept several types of military tuition assistance benefits.

In addition, we:
- award credit for MOS/Rating/AFSC, Military Training, and Tests from CLEP®, DANTES, and USAFI courses
- are a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges
- have an agreement with DANTES Distance Learning School
- participate in GoArmyEd, AeX, AI, and AutoDP
- give a 100 percent tuition refund for military withdrawal
- participate in the MyCAA program
- offer military grant-in-aid to those who qualify

“I wanted a quality education that would make a difference in my career. The Penn State master’s program was the perfect avenue to fulfill my own interests and to help the USAF improve its acquisition processes.”


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When You Graduate

A Time for Celebration
When it is time for you to graduate, we invite you and your family to participate in a special World Campus celebration as well as the same on-campus commencement ceremony that any Penn State student attends. Often, this is the first time that our students set foot on campus, and it is an emotional and memorable experience. If you cannot attend commencement in person, we will send your diploma to you by mail.

Worldwide Network of Alumni
When you graduate from Penn State World Campus, you become part of a worldwide network of more than 500,000 alumni and can choose to join the Penn State Alumni Association, the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world. There are many advantages to joining the Penn State Alumni Association, and, to recognize your academic achievement, your first year of membership after graduation is free.

“I wanted an online program that would give me an excellent education—something I could be proud of. And I knew that my diploma would look exactly the same as that of a student who walked up and got a diploma at graduation. I earned it as much as they have—and now I can say, ‘Yes, I have a degree from Penn State!’”

—Jennifer Rush, Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership

Roger Williams, executive director of the Penn State Alumni Association, congratulates graduating Penn State World Campus student Robert Thomas at the World Campus and Continuing Education Graduation Open House.
The Penn State Difference

_experience in Distance Education_
As one of the first universities to offer distance education, Penn State has extensive experience in providing online instruction that is backed by a renowned support system for our World Campus students. Our offerings have received high satisfaction ratings from students in terms of course content and student services.

/connect with Classmates_
Interact with dedicated, goal-oriented peers from across the nation, creating a network of great ideas. As you communicate daily with other professionals, you can gain insights that you can apply to your job immediately.

/library Services_
You will be able to access one of the leading university research libraries in North America—Penn State’s University Libraries system, which holds more than 5 million volumes and 102,000 serials. You can search the online catalog and review databases as if you were sitting at a terminal in any Penn State library.

/learner and Technical Support_
Without having to set foot on campus, you will have access to many of the same support services that residential students enjoy. Additionally, services such as advising, course scheduling, registration, and the HelpDesk are available through World Campus.

Did you know?

/Penn State certificates and degrees earned through distance education are identical to those earned on campus./

/Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all 50 states and all 7 continents./

/World Campus courses involve frequent interactions among students and with instructors./

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