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 with instructors.

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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 manage a team. 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 Member
Penn State’s Online Programs in Project Management

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 projects with regard to:

- planning, cost, and value management
- project control
- human issues in 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. The programs focus on the common elements that apply to any project, no matter what the industry. In addition, our partnerships with major corporations have driven the development of a curriculum that can give you skills and techniques that you can immediately apply to the real-world projects in your organization.

“I am certain that the education I have received from this degree is of the highest caliber. Each professor on the MPM team utilized the latest technology and integrated the most cutting-edge management techniques from industry.”

—Lieutenant Commander Jon Rowe, U.S. Navy; MPM graduate
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 student
Network with the Best

**The Benefits of Our Partnerships**
The online project management programs were originally 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 ensure that the material presented was topical, timely, and relevant to the demands of the project management field. Project management faculty leaders at Penn State and the University of Manchester further developed the content to best align it with the knowledge bases used by the Project Management Institute® (PMI) and the United Kingdom 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 health care, engineering, psychology, heavy manufacturing, oil and natural gas exploration, automotive, marketing, banking, insurance, and many other growing industries—all of whom are well-engaged in projects.

As a student in the online project management programs you will have the opportunity to network with individuals from across the country and even around the globe. In addition to learning the real-life application from case studies provided in the course work, you can also gather information from other top project managers in the field and learn what project management strategies they are implementing in their industries that may work for your projects as well.

“There’s a lot of knowledge that comes here, and it’s great to be able to see different people from different industries and also be able to just pick their brain when you need a question answered or you have a problem at work. I feel I can go to any of them and be able to get a good answer.”

—Julie Starzynski, Interior Designer Administrator, The TJX Companies, Inc.; MPM student
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, students must complete:

- MANGT 510 Project Management

And then choose 3 more courses from the following list:

- 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

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 continue your studies.
Master of Project Management Curriculum

The 30-credit online master of project management degree uses problem-based learning to provide you with 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 of project management degree, students must complete:

- 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
- 2 courses of supporting course work (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 two courses in the master’s degree program, you have the opportunity to select which supporting courses best match your professional focus and career goals.

To complete your degree, choose at least 6 credits of:
- additional course work in advanced project management
- additional course work in supply chain management
- additional course work in SAP software
- independent study for a creative or research project, based on a current project management issue in your organization

Two Credentials, One Degree Program
Because the 12-credit graduate certificate in project management is embedded in the master of project management degree program, students in the master’s degree program will also receive the graduate certificate upon successful completion of the first four courses of the degree program. This will allow you to add a quality credential to your résumé even before completing the full master’s degree program.

Pascale Malouin, MPM Graduate, and Dr. Jeffrey K. Pinto, MPM Lead Faculty Member

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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 unique experience will provide 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. These events serve as an orientation for new students to the program, 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 event 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 that it provides for them.

For more information about the dates and agenda topics of past and upcoming Community of Practice Conference events, please visit our website.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Penn State the best choice for me?

*Flexibility and convenience:* Penn State knows that adults need flexible and convenient learning options in order to continue meeting their professional and personal commitments. You can take courses when and where you please, earning your degree at your own pace.

*Reputation:* Penn State is universally regarded as one of the finest educational institutions in the United States. Putting a Penn State degree or certificate on your résumé is a great way to broaden your career options and prove to current and potential employers that you are a well-educated professional.

*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. Our courses are also accepted by most other colleges and universities in fulfillment of their requirements.

Is this the real Penn State?

Yes. Penn State values online education as highly as it does resident instruction. No distinction will be made on your official Penn State transcript or diploma that your courses were completed at a distance. The credits you receive are exactly the same as those awarded to on-campus students.

Can I obtain financial aid to pay for my courses?

Penn State realizes that one of the biggest challenges of returning to school is the cost. That’s why our advisers have been trained to help you make the most of the financial aid options and opportunities available to you.

What types of student support are available?

As a distance education pioneer, Penn State has developed a nationally recognized support system for students who are geographically removed from campus. With our amazing team of academic advisers, technical support experts, customer service representatives, and Penn State instructors, we’ll help you get where you want to go—successfully—through distance education.

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

Admissions decisions for the master of project management degree program and the graduate certificate in project management 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.

Begin Your Application Today

A student applying to the master’s degree program or graduate certificate program must include the following in his/her application portfolio:

- online application form and application fee
- statement of purpose
- three recommendations
- official transcripts from all institutions attended
- official GMAT score report
- TOEFL score, if applicable

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