Training Officer

FAQs
Is This the Real Penn State?

Penn State World Campus is one of Penn State’s 25 campuses, and its classes are taught completely online. World Campus students are held to the same rigorous standards as students taking courses on campus. As World Campus students, their transcripts and their diplomas look the same as any other Penn State student’s. There will be no indication that they studied online.
How Is the Tuition Reduction Applied?

There is nothing you need to do to ensure that those who are eligible receive the tuition reduction.

As part of the Penn State World Campus educational alliance with the Federal Government, Federal employees, their spouses, and legal dependents are eligible for a 5% tuition reduction of Penn State World Campus tuition rates. Penn State's tuition rates vary by student level, program, residency, and primary campus location. If your primary campus location is not Penn State World Campus, the tuition reduction for World Campus courses will be calculated based on the World Campus tuition rate and not on your primary campus tuition rate.

The student simply needs to submit the [Federal Government Tuition Reduction form](https://www.psu.edu/federal-tuition-reduction-form), downloadable from the [Federal Employee, Spouse, and Dependent landing page](https://www.psu.edu/federal-employee-spouse-dependent-landing-page).
Tuition Reduction Eligibility

1. To qualify for the tuition reduction, the student must be an current employee of the Federal Government or the spouse or legal dependent of a Federal employee (at the time of enrollment).

2. Dependent eligibility: The sponsoring federal employee must be entitled to claim an exemption for a legal dependent on their federal tax return and that dependent cannot claim a personal exemption on his or her own tax return.

3. Students already receiving similar Penn State institutional scholarships or grants may not be eligible for the tuition reduction.

4. A Tuition Reduction Form must be completed and submitted to Penn State World Campus each semester that the student wishes to receive the reduction.

5. The Pennsylvania State University must be notified within 14 days of any change in employee or spousal/dependent status.

6. Government contractors are not eligible for the tuition reduction.
How Does Penn State Help?

We want to work with you to ensure that you have all the tools that you need to help you, your agency, and its employees learn about the alliance with Penn State World Campus.

This alliance is backed by a team of marketing, business development, and client services staff members who are experts in supporting Penn State alliances and partnerships throughout the United States. We can help with promotion, analysis, reporting, and more.
Communication

Will Penn State World Campus attend or create events?

We will be happy to attend events to promote the alliance or to support your agency. Your liaisons are available to attend or create education fairs or table-top events anywhere in Washington, D.C., northern Virginia, and Maryland, or the surrounding states.

The entire team is ready to support the alliance and, with a small amount of planning and lead-time, we would be very interested in assisting with events that support you, your agency, and the alliance.
Reporting

How will I know if my agency employees are taking advantage of the program?

Agency-level reporting by state for head count, degrees, and majors will be made available to you.
What Student Services Are Available?

- Tutoring
- Scholarships
- University Libraries
- Advising
- Financial Aid
- Technology Support
- Student Clubs
- Disability Services
Are There Programs for Military Students?

**Serving Our Military and Veteran Students**

Designated military staff
- Admissions
- Student aid
- Advising career services
- Disability services

**Military student support**

Office of Veterans Programs
How Does Online Learning Work?

Course structure:

Asynchronous learning
  • Specified due dates
  • Log in at convenient times

Each course will be different but similar
  • Example: Some courses require proctors
  • Example: Some require textbooks

10–12 hours per week
How Does Online Learning Work?

Important student systems:

**LionPath** – self-service, web-based system for students, advisers, and faculty

**WebMail** – Penn State email account

**Online Course Management System** – You will manage all course work within this environment.
When Are Undergraduate Admission Deadlines?

Fall 2016 semester application deadline: June 30
Courses run August–December

Spring 2017 semester application deadline:
October 31
Courses run January–April

Summer 2017 semester application deadline:
March 15
Courses run May–August

Based on availability, undeclared students can register for courses right up to the day before those classes begin.

Prerequisites and application requirements for admission to our Graduate Schools vary by program. For help with admissions, email wdadmissions@outreach.psu.edu or call 814-863-5386.
Programs: Cybersecurity

Can Penn State World Campus help me build Mission-Critical Occupations (MCO) skills?

The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Penn State as a National Center of Academic Excellence in information assurance education.

Undergraduate Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Security and Risk Analysis – Information and Cyber Security Option
- Undergraduate Certificate in Security and Risk Analysis
- Security and Risk Analysis Minor
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- Master of Professional Studies in Information Sciences — Cybersecurity and Information Assurance
- Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Information Systems Cybersecurity
- Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Information and Security Technology Architecture
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The School of LER faculty has an extensive range of expertise in fields such as employment and labor law, international human resources and employment relations, organizational behavior, and workforce diversity.

**Associate**
- Labor and Employment Relations

**Undergraduate**
- Bachelor of Arts in Labor and Employment Relations
- Bachelor of Science in Labor and Employment Relations
- Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Undergraduate Certificate in Labor Studies and Employment Relations

**Graduate**
- Master of Professional Studies in Human Resources and Employment Relations
- Graduate Certificate in International Human Resources and Employment Relations

**Minors**
- Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- Organizational Leadership
Programs: Acquisition

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- Undergraduate Certificate in ERP Certificate with SAP with a focus on acquisition and purchasing
- Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management
- Graduate Certificate in Supply Chain Management
- Supply Chain and Information Systems Minor
Programs: Project Management

Can Penn State World Campus help me build Mission-Critical Occupations (MCO) skills?

- Master of Project Management
- Graduate Certificate in Project Management
Programs: Accounting, Analytics, and Statistics

Can Penn State World Campus help me build Mission-Critical Occupations (MCO) skills?

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Master of Professional Accounting
- Master of Professional Studies in Data Analytics
- Master of Professional Studies in Data Analytics – Business Analytics Option
- Master of Applied Statistics
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics
Programs: Economics and Finance

Can Penn State World Campus help me build Mission-Critical Occupations (MCO) skills?

Economics

Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Bachelor of Science in Economics
Economics Minor

Finance

Bachelor of Science in Finance
Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Planning
Finance Minor
Master of Finance
Can Penn State World Campus help me build Mission-Critical Occupations (MCO) skills? World Campus programs are well aligned with mission-critical skills gap closure.

S–T–E–M and Leadership Competencies

- Energy and Sustainability Studies – 12 programs
- Geospatial – 8 programs
- Technology and Sciences – 16 programs
- Engineering – 7 programs
- Business and Management – 38 programs
- Liberal Arts and Communications – 11 programs
- Law and Public Policy – 14 programs
- Health and Family Services – 9 programs
- Nursing – 9 programs
- Education – 21 programs

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Programs: Homeland Security

Does Penn State World Campus have programs to address skills gaps at my agency?

The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Penn State as a National Center of Academic Excellence in information assurance education.

Undergraduate Programs
- Homeland Security Minor

Graduate Programs
- Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security
- Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security – Geospatial Intelligence Option
Programs: Homeland Security

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Graduate Programs

- **Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security – Public Health Preparedness Option**
- **Graduate Certificate in Agricultural Biosecurity and Food Defense**
- **Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence Analytics**
Programs: Homeland Security

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Graduate Programs

- Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security
- Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Information Systems Cybersecurity
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Preparedness: Disaster and Bioterrorism
Useful Financial Aid Links

Email: financialaid@outreach.psu.edu  Direct: 814-867-4244

Information about Penn State processes, eligibility, types of aid, tutorials for common aid questions, etc.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Notes

Penn State World Campus Scholarships
Direct: 814-867-4244

Financial Literacy Workshops and Webinars

TAA and WIA information

Military Benefits

Military Grant-In-Aid
Useful Links

- How Online Learning Works
- Unofficial Credit Evaluation
- Transferring Credits, Military Credit, CLEP and DSST Testing
- Military Information
- Undergraduate Academic Calendar
- Payment Options
- International Admission Requirements
- Required International Credentials by Country
- Alternative Ways to Earn Penn State Credits (CLEP, etc.)
- Course Management System: Canvas
- New Student Orientation
- Tutoring Services
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