Penn State Altoona offers the appeal of a small, private college, with the name recognition and prestige of a major research university. Our goal is to help you reach your goals—educational, personal, and professional.

ACADEMICS

26 ASSOCIATE AND BACHELOR’S DEGREES

12:3 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

194 FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

2,421 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

AVERAGE AGE

20 YEARS OLD

54% MALE

46% FEMALE

4.6% INTERNATIONAL

6.4% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

7.7% HISPANIC OR LATINO

4.3% ASIAN

ASSOCIATE

Business Administration

Criminal Justice

Human Development and Family Studies

Multidisciplinary Studies

Science

BACHELOR

Cybersecurity Analytics & Operations

Electrical-Mechanical Engineering Technology

Elementary and Early Childhood Education (elementary teaching option)

English (available concentrations include creative writing and global narratives)

Environmental Studies (includes bachelor of arts and bachelor of science options)

History

Human Development and Family Studies (includes life span human services option)

Information Technology

Kinesiology (includes movement science, exercise science-business emphasis, and exercise science-science emphasis options)

Mechanical Engineering

Multidisciplinary Studies

Nursing

Psychology (includes bachelor of arts, bachelor of science-business, and bachelor of science-science options)

Rail Transportation Engineering

Security and Risk Analysis (includes Information and Cyber Security option)

Visual Art Studies

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

Biology

Chemistry

Communications

Criminal Justice

Dance Studies

Engineering Leadership Development

English

Entrepreneurship

Environmental Studies

Global Language and Culture

History

Human Development and Family Studies

Political Science

Professional Writing

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Women’s Studies

2+2

THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF STUDY FOR NEARLY ALL OF PENN STATE’S 275+ MAJORS

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

IVYSIDE CAMPUS

171.5 acres

Reflecting pond

All-purpose athletic fields

Turf soccer field with eight-lane track

33 buildings

4 residence halls

43 acre seminar forest

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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Continuing Education and Training facility and offices

Classrooms and conference facilities

AARON BUILDING

Accounting and Business faculty

Communications suite

Nursing simulation labs

Dining Car Downtown

William J. Castle Executive Quarters and the Sutter Suites

PENN BUILDING

Offices, classrooms, lab space for the Accounting, Business, Rail Transportation Engineering, and IST programs

KAZMAIER FAMILY BUILDING

Development and Alumni Relations Office

SHEETZ CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE

Entrepreneurship program, Sheetz Fellows, and the Altoona LaunchBox supported by the Hite family

STUDENT LIFE

889 STUDENTS IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING + MORE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LOCALLY

60+ CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

15 NCAA DIVISION III ATHLETIC TEAMS + CLUB TEAMS & INTRAMURALS

STUDENTS FROM 39 STATES AND 43 COUNTRIES

42,000+ ALTOONA ALUMNI

775,338 ALUMNI NETWORK RANKED #1 BY COLLEGE MAGAZINE
**Penn State Altoona** is an undergraduate college of Penn State, one of the nation's largest and most widely recognized academic institutions. The campus enrolls nearly 2,500 students and offers twenty-one bachelor's degrees. There are also five associate degrees along with the first two years of study leading to more than 275 baccalaureate majors offered throughout Penn State.

Penn State Altoona accepts students transferring from all Penn State campuses, community colleges, and other accredited colleges and universities.

Located in beautiful central Pennsylvania, Penn State Altoona's two campuses serve a growing and vibrant region. The 171-acre Ivyside campus includes a number of academic buildings, residence halls, an athletic complex and fields, and a reflecting pond (complete with ducks).

The dynamic Downtown Campus features labs for Rail Transportation Engineering, IST, and Nursing, along with a Communications suite an Entrepreneurship center, classrooms and offices supporting the college's Accounting and Business programs, and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

**HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES**

Penn State Altoona's four residence halls provide an on-campus living experience to nearly 900 students. A variety of off-campus living options are also available.

Port-Sky Café is where hunger is satisfied. The facility contains a food court with dozens of dining options, a coffee and baked goods center, and two spacious dining rooms.

Meal plans are available for students living both on- and off-campus.

**ROBERT E. EICHE LIBRARY**

Eiche Library offers a vast collection of text books, periodicals, leisure reading materials, DVDs, and CDs. There are printers, scanners, computers, and a photocopier available for use, plus electronic equipment such as still and video cameras, laptops, MacBooks, and iPads. There are also plenty of study rooms and individual study spaces.

**OUTREACH**

The Altoona LaunchBox supported by the Hite family is a no-cost accelerator and co-working space designed to provide early-stage startup companies with the support and resources needed to build and sustain a business. The LaunchBox is part of the Invent Penn State initiative.

The Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence is where many of our business and entrepreneurship programs take place. The Center includes a mini-trade show room, a business incubator, classrooms, and conference rooms.

The Sheetz Fellows Program molds students to take on the world through mentoring, community service, internships, study abroad, and research. There are workshops, seminars, and professional development experiences, all designed to prepare students for leadership and citizenship.

The Misciagna Family Center for Performing Arts offers numerous cultural, performing, and visual art programs throughout the year for Penn State Altoona and the community. The Center includes a 400-seat theatre, a dance studio, costume and scene shops, art studios, and Mac computer labs. Additional events are hosted in the McLanahan and Sheetz Art Galleries and the Titelman Study.

The Center for Student and Civic Engagement provides opportunities for students to connect with each other and the community. Through the Center, students can join clubs and organizations, serve and lead the campus, and participate in different forms of civic engagement. Being involved means students actively engage themselves to become better citizens and make a difference.

**OUT-OF-CLASS LEARNING**

**What is ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP?**

Engaged scholarship consists of out-of-classroom academic experiences that complement in-class learning.

**Study Abroad/Study Away**

Study abroad/study away programs provide opportunities for students to be challenged by learning in social and cultural environments very different from those in which they grew up and traditionally study.

**The Center for Community-based Studies**

The Center for Community-based Studies engages students in real-world problem-solving opportunities that tap the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they are developing in their academic studies.

**Internships**

Internships are vitally important for today’s college students. Nine out of ten employers indicate that they are more likely to hire a recent college graduate if they have had a successful internship; more than 40 percent of new college hires come directly from an employer's internship pool.

**Undergraduate Research**

At Penn State Altoona, opportunities abound for students of all majors to participate in undergraduate research; many students begin their research experience in their freshman year.

Through these transformative out-of-the-classroom experiences, students receive personal attention from Penn State Altoona faculty, the opportunity to team with fellow students on short or long-term projects, and the chance to interact with faculty at other campuses, visiting scholars, and graduate/ postdoctoral students. At other institutions of higher education, such personal mentoring from faculty is usually only available to senior graduate students; at Penn State Altoona, it is the norm.