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.
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 2,600 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 and extensive classroom facilities. The campus also includes a theater, a dance studio, costume and sewing rooms, and individual study spaces.

The Sheetz Fellows Program is where many of our engaged students are mentored and challenged by learning in social and cultural environments very different from those in which they grew up and traditionally study.

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 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 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.

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Outdoor athletic facilities include a softball field, a baseball field, an all-purpose athletic field, tennis courts, and Spring Run Stadium, home to an eight-lane, all-weather track, a soccer field, and a 2,000-seat grandstand.

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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
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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.

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