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**

45+ ASSOCIATE DEGREES, BACHELOR’S DEGREES, AND MINORS

13:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

302 FACULTY MEMBERS

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

2,680 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

AVERAGE AGE 20 YEARS OLD

52% MALE

48% FEMALE

3.3% INTERNATIONAL

7.3% AFRICAN AMERICAN

6.8% HISPANIC AMERICAN

4.0% ASIAN AMERICAN

**ASSOCIATE**

Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Human Development and Family Studies
Letters, Arts, and Sciences
Science

**BACCALAUREATE**

Accounting
Biology (includes general, ecology, and vertebrate physiology options)
Business (includes accounting, individualized, management and marketing, and entrepreneurship options)
Communications
Criminal Justice (includes bachelor of arts and bachelor of science options)
Cybersecurity Analytics & Operations

**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**

DEVORRIS DOWNTOWN CENTER
Continuing Education & Training facility and offices
Classrooms & conference facilities

AARON BUILDING
Business degree program offices
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 Business, Rail Transportation Engineering, and IST programs

**KAZMAIER FAMILY BUILDING**

Development & Alumni Relations Office

**SHEETZ CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE**

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

**UNDERGRADUATE MINORS**

Biology
Chemistry
Communications
Criminal Justice
Dance Studies
Economics
English
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Studies
Global Language and Culture
History
Human Development and Family Studies
Mathematics
Mathematics Applications
Music Technology
Political Science
Professional Writing
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Women’s Studies

**STUDENT LIFE**

874 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 24 COUNTRIES

42,000+ ALTOONIAN ALUMNI

PART OF PENN STATE’S WORLD-WIDE 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 3,000 students and offers 25 majors. There are also 22 minors and 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 programs, and nursing, along with a communications suite and an entrepreneurship center.

**HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES**

Penn State Altoona’s four residence halls provide an on-campus living experience to more than 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. EICHÉ 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 Titleman 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 90 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.