Welcome to Campus!

Penn State Harrisburg is situated on a 218-acre, suburban campus eight miles east of the capital city of Harrisburg and is easily accessible by interstate highways, train, bus, and plane. The college’s proximity to the state capital and other metropolitan areas offers access to career-building, research, networking, cultural, and other out-of-classroom opportunities.

The Educational Experience

Penn State Harrisburg brings you the resources of a world-class research institution, with award-winning faculty and nationally accredited programs. Comprehensive and convenient, the college offers more than 60 associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral programs, with flexible scheduling, day and evening classes, and online options. Students of all ages and backgrounds — part-time and full-time, resident and commuter — study side-by-side with highly respected faculty experts, participate in internships, and access the region’s business and commerce opportunities.

We are Penn State in the Capital Region.

Olmsted Building

Olmsted Building houses the majority of the campus classrooms and is the college’s academic and administrative hub. The building features study lounges, computer labs, food services, and an executive board room. Ziegler Commons, adjacent to the building, provides outdoor space for dining, socializing, and performances.

Food Service Facilities

Stacks Market, a full-service food court, offers an extensive menu, with a pizza station, grilled specialties, fresh pasta, soups and subs, healthy entrees, salads, daily specials, desserts, and grab-and-go items. Biscotti’s Coffee Bar, just off the main lobby, is great for a quick snack or beverage.

Town Square

The Town Square on the first floor of the Olmsted Building includes offices for student government and clubs, housing and food services, student activities, the campus radio station, and a performance area.

Student Housing

Apartment-style housing for 330 students includes single-, double-, or triple-occupancy rooms; a living room; and a washer and dryer. Additional housing for 100 first-year students includes double-occupancy rooms, a central lounge on each floor, and a central laundry facility. This residence hall was the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified residential building within Penn State.

Library

The three-story, 115,000-square-foot, technologically advanced, academic research library includes 300,000 volumes, more than 1,250 journals, and 1.2 million microfilms. The library also includes computer labs, multimedia production studios, classrooms, and a variety of study spaces. As part of the Penn State University Libraries, the Penn State Harrisburg library provides access to almost 400 databases, over 117,000 online journals, and over 5.8 million print volumes.

Swatara Building

The Swatara Building houses the Admissions, Bursar, Counseling and Disabilities Services, Financial Aid, Multicultural Recruitment and Community Affairs, and Registrar offices.
Science and Technology Building
The Science and Technology Building is home to the college’s undergraduate majors in environmental engineering and science and master’s degree programs in environmental engineering and environmental pollution control.

Central Pennsylvania Research and Teaching Laboratory for Biofuels
The lab serves as a research center and education training site for the study of second- and third-generation biofuels, with the goal of bringing environmentally friendly energy alternatives to the marketplace. The lab also focuses on the development of plants that can positively influence human health and well-being. Located on the west side of campus, the center provides biotechnology equipment and greenhouse space for science and engineering classes and student and faculty research at Penn State Harrisburg, and accommodates partnerships with other higher education institutions, schools, and organizations.

Church Hall
The Institute of State and Regional Affairs and four of its centers — the State Data Center, Center for Survey Research, Center for Geographic Information Services, and the Economic Development Research and Training Center — are located in Church Hall, also home to Continuing Education and the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center.

Childcare Center
The Penn State Harrisburg Child Learning Center is operated by Hildebrandt Learning Centers. The center provides high-quality early education for approximately 65 children ages six weeks through five years. The center is open to children of Penn State faculty, staff, and students as well as families from the surrounding community.