

Helpful contacts

Whether you need to buy books, figure out how to connect to wireless, or pay your bill, our staff is available to help. Here's a list of phone numbers and email address of people who can help.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

724-773-3571
lkg5@psu.edu

ATHLETICS

724-773-3857
ack121@psu.edu
psubeaverathletics.com

BOOKSTORE

724-773-3651
psu.bncollege.com

FINANCE/BUSINESS

724-773-3519
jlr613@psu.edu

HOUSING

724-773-3778
housingbr@psu.edu
liveon.psu.edu/beaver

Other links

AFTER ADMISSION: beaver.psu.edu/admissions/after
ORIENTATION: beaver.psu.edu/nso

beaver.psu.edu

br-admissions@psu.edu

724-773-3800

This publication is available in alternative media on request. Penn State encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Jill Tress at 724-773-3867 or jmt31@psu.edu in advance of your visit. Penn State is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and other protected groups. Nondiscrimination policy: <https://policy.psu.edu/policies/AD85>. U.Ed. BRO 23-70

WHAT'S NEXT?

YOUR **PENN STATE STORY**
IS JUST BEGINNING



IT'S OFFICIAL! YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE PENN STATE FAMILY

So, you may wonder, why is it that nothing seems to be happening right now?

Don't let this momentary silence fool you. It's just the pause before your Penn State story begins, and a great deal is going on to make sure everything goes just the way it should.

Right now, a number of people are setting things up for you — people who work on advising, placement, academic planning, faculty schedules, course materials, campus activities,

athletics, financial aid, orientation, and registration. And before long, you'll be hearing from some of them.

In the meantime, we thought you might appreciate a look at what to expect over the next few months. We're just as excited as you to get your story started.



PennState
Beaver

SCHEDULE YOUR ORIENTATION DATE

Beginning in March, Penn State will email invitations to participate in New Student Orientation. The invitation will include a link to your Pre-Orientation Task List that will tell you the steps you need to complete before participating in orientation. At the top of the list is registering for an in-person orientation date in June or July. You can easily schedule your date online (and even reschedule online if your plans change).

At New Student Orientation, you will meet with counselors and advisors, schedule your classes, meet other students, and explore Penn State. At the end of orientation, you'll know what classes you'll be taking. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate, too. Call 724-773-3789 if you have any questions, or visit orientation.psu.edu/nso for more information.

TESTING ... ONE, TWO

All first-year students who have not taken calculus in high school are required to take the ALEKS Math Assessment. This helps you and your advisor decide which math course suits you best. Here's how it goes:

ONE: Beginning in March, check your Pre-Orientation Task List to see if you need to complete ALEKS. Even if it's not required, you can still take it to confirm your readiness.

TWO: If you need to complete ALEKS, you'll take the assessment online by following the instructions in your Pre-Orientation Task List. Be sure to complete ALEKS as soon as you can, but no later than a week before your orientation date.

Test results have no bearing on your Penn State admission, and if you don't like the results you receive, you'll have the opportunity to complete a review module and take it again. Learn more about ALEKS at orientation.psu.edu/testing.

WHAT ABOUT BOOKS?

The on-campus Penn State Bookstore recommends that you purchase your textbooks a week prior to the start of the semester, though you can reserve your books online as soon as you get your schedule.

For many courses, you even have the option of renting your textbooks instead of buying them, thereby further reducing the cost of books.



2023 KEY DATES

- **Now through May:** Take the ALEKS math placement test if required.
- **June or July:** Attend New Student Orientation and schedule your classes.
- **After orientation:** Buy your books. Your first tuition payment due for fall semester.
- **August 14-17:** Move-in week.
- **August 18:** Welcome Week Kickoff.
- **August 21:** Classes start.

How do you know which books to buy? It's easy. Take your class schedule to the bookstore in the lower level of the Student Union Building, and they'll know which books are required. Or, open your class schedule on LionPath (lionpath.psu.edu) and click "View Books."

WHEN DO CLASSES START?

Remember to mark your calendar, because the first day of classes will be here before you know it! This fall's classes begin on **Monday, August 21**. Plan to arrive about five minutes before each class is scheduled, and bring a pen, notebook, and your textbook.

WHAT ABOUT WELCOME WEEK?

Welcome Week starts the Friday before classes begin and continues through the first week of classes. This year, new students will come together on **Friday, August 18**, to kick off their Penn State experience. The new student program, which is required, prepares you for the academic challenges that lie ahead and offers resources that will enhance your success at Penn State. You'll receive information about it during the summer New Student Orientation programs and through the mail. Call 724-773-3959 for additional information.

WHERE'S MY ROOM?

If you are interested in living on campus, you should have submitted a request for a housing contract when you accepted your offer of admission. Housing-contract offers are sent electronically and must be submitted online via LiveOn Beaver (liveon.psu.edu/beaver) before the deadline. If you submitted it on time, you're guaranteed on-campus housing. Not sure of your status? Call 724-773-3775 or log on to Beaver Campus Living. Move-in week is **Monday, August 14, through Thursday, August 17**. Students will be assigned a move-in date in advance. More information will be provided at New Student Orientation and via email.

WHEN DO WE EAT?

If you are requesting to live on campus, you will choose a Campus Meal Plan when you submit your housing contract online via LiveOn Beaver (liveon.psu.edu/beaver). There are three meal plan options, allowing you to choose the one that best fits your needs. Points can be added throughout the semester. Commuter students can use LionCash+ as a debit account to pay for purchases in the Brodhead Bistro and get a 10 percent discount on prepared food purchases.

More information about meal plans is available at liveon.psu.edu/beaver/meal-plans.

HOW GOOD IS THE FOOD?

We may not be able to cook some dishes like your family, but we get pretty close! We offer a large variety of menu options, including vegetarian and low-fat entrees. The Brodhead Bistro offers a deli bar, grilled specialties, pizza, entree station, fresh salads, grab-and-go, and many other items. Contact Food Services at 724-773-3775 for further information.

WHEN DO I PAY?

Did you have to bring that up? Yes, it's inevitable. Penn State no longer sends paper bills. Bill notices are sent to your Penn State email address on the first of each month beginning in August and are due on the 22nd of that month. Payment options are explained online, and any financial aid awards received are shown as a credit.

Bottom line: A minimum 25% payment on your balance will be due three weeks after the billing date.

YOU'RE NOT IN THIS ALONE

Here at Penn State Beaver, there's help for any problem, question, or confusion you may have. Once you're on campus, you'll become familiar with all the resources available to you. In the meantime, it's our job to help you make a smooth transition to Penn State.

If you have a question or concern that doesn't fit the resources listed here, call us in the Admissions Office at 724-773-3800. If we don't know the answer, we'll know where to find it. You can also search our website at beaver.psu.edu.

See you on campus!