

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.



100 University Drive
Monaca, PA 16061

beaver.psu.edu
877-JOIN-PSU



PennState
Beaver

TESTING ... ONE, TWO

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

ONE: You'll get an email from Penn State giving you information about placement testing and your deadline for completing testing online.

TWO: If you haven't taken calculus in high school, you'll take the ALEKS math placement test. But don't worry. 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.

ACADEMIC ADVISING/SCHEDULING

After testing, you'll be invited to participate in New Student Orientation in June or July. A counselor will review your test results with you, look at your high school records, and help you decide on the best courses to take in your first semester. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate, too. Call **(724) 773-3789** if you have any questions.

At your orientation session, you will schedule your classes, meet other students, and explore Penn State. At the end of orientation, you'll know what classes you'll be taking.

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.

How do you know which books to buy? It's easy. Just take your class schedule to the bookstore, and they'll know which books are required. Or, go to your student schedule on LionPath (lionpath.psu.edu) and click on "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 23**.



2021 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; first payment due for fall semester.
- **Aug. 16-19:** Move-in week.
- **Aug. 20:** Welcome Week Kickoff.
- **Aug. 23:** Classes start.

Plan to arrive about five minutes before each class is scheduled to begin. Bring a pen or pencil, 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 20**, 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 Beaver Campus Living (beavercampusliving.psu.edu) before the deadline. If you submitted it by the specified due date, you're guaranteed on-campus housing. Not sure of your status? Log on to Beaver Campus Living or call **(724) 773-3775**.

Move-in week is **Monday, August 16, through Thursday, August 19**. 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 Beaver Campus Living (beavercampusliving.psu.edu). 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 beavercampusliving.psu.edu/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 entrées. The Brodhead Bistro offers a deli bar, grilled specialties, pizza, entrée 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!

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 21-46