Starting a student organization is a great way to meet and support other Penn State World Campus students who share a common interest or goal.

1. Get started
   - Complete the online Intent to Organize form.
   - You will be contacted by a World Campus Student Affairs liaison who will assist you with establishing an interest group to begin recruiting.
   - Review the Information Packet for Student Organizations.

2. Begin recruiting
   - Find at least 10 students who want to join your organization. More than half of them must be registered World Campus students; the rest can be from other Penn State campuses.
   - Enlist a University staff or faculty member to serve as your adviser.

3. Take care of business
   - Create a constitution to serve as the official documentation of your group’s important information, including mission statement, procedures, membership eligibility, and meeting schedule. You’ll find a sample constitution in the Information Packet for Student Organizations.
   - Complete and submit the required forms located in the Information Packet for Student Organizations:
     - officer report form
     - adviser approval form
   - You must fill out these forms to become officially recognized by the University, which allows you to recruit members and access funding, training, and other University resources.

4. Complete the process
   Once your organization has been officially recognized, you’ll be scheduled to attend a New Student Organization Orientation. Email the Student Affairs office with any questions.

Join an existing organization
Not ready to start a new organization? Student groups are always welcoming new members! Browse the list of World Campus student groups for details on joining an existing group.