New Student Checklist
Are you ready to start learning?

Use this checklist to prepare to take courses online, connect with the Penn State World Campus community, and be a successful online learner.

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the main application for financial aid at Penn State. Penn State's Federal School Code is 003329.

Check your Penn State email. You will receive a Penn State email account before course registration for your first semester. This is where you will receive all official University communications. Watch your personal email address for a notification when you can first log in to your Penn State email account.

Participate in Penn State World Campus New Student Orientation. You will receive an email with more information.

Complete your SmarterMeasure Online Readiness Assessment to determine which skills you can focus on to help improve your readiness for online learning.

Explore LionPATH, and speak with your adviser before scheduling your first course.

Take your math and statistics placement assessment. Consider speaking with your adviser prior to taking this assessment, which is required before registering for MATH 004, MATH 021, MATH 022, MATH 34, MATH 110, and STAT 200.

Learn more about Canvas, Penn State's course management system, where you will complete most of your class work.

If you're using military or veteran educational benefits, review our Financial Aid for Military and Veteran Students web page.

If you have a documented disability of any kind, make sure you understand our course accommodations.

Make sure your computer is optimized for online learning. Review the minimum technical requirements for Penn State World Campus courses.

Get a Penn State id+ card. Penn State World Campus students are eligible to receive Penn State student identification cards, which can be used wherever student discounts are offered. You must submit a request to receive your id+ card, and you can upload your own photo.