New Student Checklist

Use this checklist to get ready for taking courses online and to connect with the Penn State World Campus community.

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

☐ Check your Penn State email.
   You will receive a Penn State email account before course registration begins for your first semester, and this is where official University communications will be sent going forward. You will receive an email to your personal email address when you have access to your Penn State email account. Please log in to your Penn State email and check it regularly.

☐ Participate in our Penn State World Campus New Student Orientation.
   You will receive an email notifying you of Orientation details.

☐ Enroll in two-factor authentication (2FA).
   Using 2FA will help to secure your personal information and ensure that the only person logging in to Penn State systems with your account is you.

☐ Explore LionPATH.
   Speak with your adviser before scheduling your first course in LionPATH.

☐ Take your math and statistics placement assessment.
   We recommend that you speak with your adviser prior to taking this assessment, which is required before registering for MATH 004, MATH 021, MATH 022, MATH 034, MATH 110, and STAT 200.

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

☐ Register for Tech Camp, an introduction to the technology you will use during your time at Penn State World Campus.

☐ If you’re using military or veteran educational benefits, contact your adviser.

☐ If you have a documented disability of any kind, visit our course accommodations web page.

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