Two-Factor Authentication — What You Need to Know

PennState World Campus

All Penn State students are required to use two-factor authentication (2FA) when logging in to Penn State systems. New students must begin using 2FA after accepting their offer of admission to Penn State.

What is 2FA?

2FA is an added layer of security Penn State has instituted to offer an even greater level of protection to your academic records and personal information. Using 2FA requires you to complete a second step when logging in to Penn State systems and services, such as LionPATH, Canvas, your Penn State email in Outlook, and other Office 365 applications.

What does 2FA require me to do?

After entering your login information, you will need to use another device, such as your mobile phone, to verify your identity. When you enroll in 2FA, you can choose the device(s) you prefer to use for two-factor authentication, and you can always add or change devices later.

Why is it important to keep my settings updated?

Keeping your 2FA information up-to-date ensures you can access Penn State resources quickly and easily.

I have one device enrolled. Is that enough?

We strongly recommend having at least one backup device connected to your account, in addition to your primary device(s).

What if I need help?

To add or remove devices or get help with any 2FA issues, visit accounts.psu.edu/2fa.