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 Public university established in 1855, became coed in 1871.
 Full-time undergraduates: 20,817 Men, 18,504 Women.
 Part-time undergraduates: 665 Men, 377 Women.
 Graduate enrollment: 3,503 Men, 2,944 Women.
 Total campus enrollment: 46,810.
 FICE #6965, FAFSA #003329, SAT #2660, ACT #3656,
 OPEID #332900, IPEDS #214777.

ADMISSIONS

Requirements

Graduation from secondary school required; GED accepted. General college-preparatory program required. 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 3 units of science, 2 units of foreign language, and 3 units of social studies required. 3 units of foreign language recommended. Portfolio required of art program applicants. Audition required of music, dance, and theatre program applicants. Honors Coll requires separate application. EOP, College Assistance Migrant Program, and conditional admissions for applicants not normally admissible. SAT Reasoning or ACT required. TOEFL required of international applicants. Campus visit recommended. Admissions interview required of some applicants. Off-campus interviews not available. Admission may be deferred up to one year. Application fee \$65 (may be waived in cases of financial need), nonrefundable.

Basis for Candidate Selection

Academic: Standardized test scores very important. Secondary school record important. Essay considered.

Non-academic: Extracurricular activities, particular talent/ability, character/personal qualities, alumni/ae relationship, geographical residence, state residence, minority affiliation, volunteer work, and work experience considered.

Admissions Procedure

Normal sequence: SAT Reasoning or ACT scores accepted on a rolling basis. Suggest filing application by November 30. Notification of admission is sent on a rolling basis beginning October 1. Reply is required by May 1 or within two weeks if notified thereafter. \$200 tuition deposit, nonrefundable. \$100 room deposit, nonrefundable. Freshmen may enter in terms other than fall. Admissions process is need-blind.

Special programs: Early action program. Early admission program.

Transfers: Transfer students are accepted. In fall 2018, 1,973 transfer applications were received, 913 were accepted. Application deadline is rolling for fall, spring, and summer. Minimum 18 semester hours required to apply as a transfer. Secondary school transcript and college transcript required. Minimum 2.0 college GPA required. Lowest course grade accepted is "C." Unlimited number of semester hours may be transferred. At least 18 semester hours must be completed at the school to earn an associate degree; 36 to earn a bachelor's degree.

International Students: 4,819 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled. Minimum 550 TOEFL (80 Internet-based) score required. Application deadline is February 1 for fall and summer; October 1 for spring.

Learning Disabled Students: Diagnostic test and personal interview required. Support services available. Lighter course load permitted.

Placement Options: Placement may be granted for home school portfolio. Credit and placement may be granted for CLEP general exams, CLEP subject exams, DANTES exams, challenge exams, military experience, life experience, and International Baccalaureate.

Freshman Class Profile

For fall 2018, 56% of 52,742 applicants were offered admission. 27% of those accepted matriculated. 105 applicants were put on a waiting list. Secondary school class rank of freshmen (fall 2018): 43% in the top tenth, 76% in the top quarter, 96% in the top half, 4% in the bottom half. 48% of freshmen submitted class rank. 74% of accepted applicants submitted SAT Reasoning; 22% submitted ACT.

SAT Reasoning scores of freshmen (fall 2018):

	EBRW %	Math %
700-800	12	25
600-699	57	43
500-599	29	30
400-499	2	2
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Range of SAT Reasoning scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2018):

EBRW: 580-660 Math: 580-700

ACT scores of freshmen (fall 2018):

	English %	Math %	Composite %
30-36	44	31	34
24-29	43	54	55
18-23	12	14	10
12-17	1	1	1
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Range of ACT scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2018):

English: 25-33 Math: 25-30

Student Body Characteristics

34% are from out of state. Average age of full-time undergraduates is 20. 99% of undergraduates are degree-seeking.

Composition of student body (fall 2018):

	Undergraduate	Freshman
Non-resident aliens	12.0	9.7
Hispanic/Latino	6.7	7.2
Black	4.3	4.0
White	65.6	68.2
Native American	0.1	0.0
Asian American	6.1	5.7
Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Two or more races	3.4	3.3
Unknown	1.7	1.8
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

FINANCIAL

Expenses

Tuition (2019-20): \$18,454 per year (state residents), \$34,480 (out-of-state). Room & Board: \$11,570. Required fees: \$1,034. Books/misc. expenses (school's estimate): \$6,628. (Tuition and fees vary by year of study. Room and board cost is estimated.)

Financial Aid

Needs analysis based on federal methodology. FAFSA: Priority filing date is February 15. Notification of awards begins in March. In 2017, the average aid package of full-time undergraduates with financial need was \$11,007; \$9,737 for full-time freshmen. School participates in Federal Work-Study Program. 53% of 2017 graduates incurred an average debt of \$38,695. Of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid, an average of 64% of need was met.

Scholarships and Grants

Need-based Federal Pell, SEOG, state, college/university, private, and UNCF scholarships/grants. Non-need-based academic merit, special characteristics, athletic, and ROTC scholarships/grants. On average, 620 non-need-based athletic scholarships are awarded with an average amount of \$29,663. In 2017, \$113,374,128 in need-based scholarships/grants and \$34,146,562 in non-need-based scholarships/grants was awarded.

Loans

Direct subsidized Stafford, direct unsubsidized Stafford, direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, college/university, and private/alternative loans. Tuition Management Systems and deferred payment plan. In 2017, \$189,372,259 in need-based self-help aid was awarded, including \$188,563,000 in student loans.

Student Employment

Institutional employment. Students may expect to earn an average of \$10 an hour.

ACADEMIC

Accreditation

Accredited by MSCHE.

Instructional Faculty

Full-time: 1,800 men, 1,195 women; part-time: 216 men, 254 women.

Doctorates/Terminal	78%	Masters	13%
Bachelors	3%	Other	6%

FTE Student-Faculty ratio: 14 to 1.

Degree Offerings

Associate: A.A., A.S. *Baccalaureate:* B.A., B.Arch., B.Arch.Eng., B.Des., B.Ed., B.F.A., B.Humanities, B.L.A., B.M.A., B.Mus., B.Mus.Ed., B.Phil., B.S., B.S.N., B.Soc.Sci. *Master's:* LL.M., M.A.E., M.A.S., M.Acc., M.Agr., M.Arch., M.B.A., M.Biotech, M.E.P.C., M.Ed., M.Eng., M.F.A., M.Forestry Res., M.H.A., M.Intl.Aff., M.L.A., M.Mus., M.Mus.Ed., M.P.P., M.P.S., M.S. *Doctoral:* D.Ed., J.D., Ph.D., S.J.D.

Majors Leading to Bachelor's Degree

Accounting, Acting, Actuarial Science, Administration of Justice, Advertising/Public Relations, African-American Studies, African Studies, Agribusiness Management, Agriculture (three areas), Agroecology, American Studies, Animal Studies (two areas), Anthropological Sciences, Anthropology, Archaeological Science, Architecture, Art (five areas), Asian Studies, Astronomy/Astrophysics, Athletic Training, Biobehavioral Health, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Biological Anthropology, Biorenewable Systems, Biotechnology, Business (four areas), Chemistry, Chinese, Classics/Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Communication (four areas), Community/Environment/Development, Comparative Literature, Computer Science, Corporate Science, Creative Writing, Crime/Law/Justice, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Cybersecurity Analytics/Operations, Dance, Data Science, Digital Media/Arts/Technology, Earth Science (two areas), East Asian Studies, Economics, Education (14 areas), Energy Business/Finance, Engineering (29 areas), English, Environmental Studies (three areas), Film/Video, Finance, Food Science, Forensic Science, Forest Science (two areas), French/Franco-phone Studies, General Arts/Sciences, Geobiology, Geography, Geosciences, German, Global Studies (two areas), Graphic Design, Health (two areas), History, Horticulture, Hospitality Management, Hotel/Restaurant/Institutional Management, Human Development/Family Studies, Humanities, Immunology/Infectious Disease, Industrial Health/Safety, Information Science/Technology, Information Systems, Integrative Arts, Interdisciplinary Digital Studio, International (Business, Politics, Studies), Italian, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Journalism, Kinesiology, Labor/Employment Relations, Landscaping (two areas), Latin American Studies, Letters/Arts/Sciences, Liberal Arts, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Mathematical Sciences, Mathematics, Media Studies, Medieval Studies, Meteorology/Atmospheric Science, Microbiology, Music (four areas), Nursing, Nutritional Sciences, Organizational Leadership, Philosophy, Physics, Planetary Science/Astronomy, Plant Sciences, Political Science, Pre-Medical/Medical Science, Pre-Medicine, Professional (Photography, Writing), Project/Supply Chain Management, Psychology (three areas), Public Policy, Recreation/Park/Tourism Management, Rehabilitation/Human Services, Religious Studies, Risk Management, Russian (two areas), Science, Security/Risk Analysis, Social Data Analytics, Sociology, Spanish, Statistics, Supply Chain/Information Systems, Telecommunications, Theatre, Toxicology, Turfgrass Science, Undecided/Exploratory Studies, Veterinary/Biomedical Sciences, Visual Art Studies, Wildlife/Fisheries Science, Women's Studies, Wood Products.

Academic Requirements

Three semester hours of physical education required. Core curriculum required. Minimum 2.0 GPA must be maintained.

Academic Programs

Many undergraduate and graduate minors and certificates offered. Self-designed majors. Double majors. Dual degrees. Independent study. Accelerated

study. Honors program. Phi Beta Kappa. Pass/fail grading option. Internships. Weekend college. Distance learning. External degree program. Co-operative education programs. Teacher certification programs. Graduate programs offered; qualified undergraduates may take graduate-level classes. Pre-professional programs. Many 2-2, 3-2, and accelerated programs. Many graduate dual degree programs. Coll of Liberal Arts program with several community colleges. M.B.A./J.D., M.B.A./M.M.M., and science B.S./M.B.A. programs. Member of numerous consortiums. Study abroad in many countries. School of International Affairs. College of Information Sciences and Technology. Nittany Lion Fund Program. Homeland security master's degree. American Indian Leadership Program. Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study. AFROTC, NROTC, and ROTC.

Facilities

6,150 microcomputers available to all students. Internet access. E-mail services/accounts. Computer equipment/network access provided in residence halls, library, computer center/labs, and student center. Library of 5,354,645 titles, 88,668 current serials, 6,933,343 microforms, 851,952 audiovisuals, 42,083 e-books. Digital library. Rare books. Manuscripts. Focused and electronic resources. Historical and special collections. Labor and university archives. School is a member of library consortium.

Academic Experience

93% of freshmen return for their sophomore year. 85% of freshmen graduate within six years. 64% of graduates are employed in major field within six months.

Guidance Facilities/Student Services

Remedial learning services. Non-remedial tutoring. Placement service. Health service. Women's center. Day care. Health insurance. Many career, counseling, international, LD, and handicapped student services. 95% of campus is accessible to the physically handicapped.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Intercollegiate baseball, basketball, cross-country, diving, fencing, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball, wrestling for men. Intercollegiate basketball, cross-country, diving, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball for women. Many men's and women's club and intramural/recreational sports. Member of NCAA (Division I), Big Ten Conference.

Student Activities and Organizations

Student government, newspaper (*The Daily Collegian*), literary magazine, yearbook, radio station, television station. 36 honor societies. Many religious, minority, and international student groups. Music, theatre, political, service, and special-interest groups. A total of 753 registered organizations. 56 fraternities, 43 chapter houses; 31 sororities. 17% of men join a fraternity and 20% of women join a sorority.

GENERAL

Housing

Coed and women's dormitories; student apartments; sorority, fraternity, married student, and disabled student housing. 35% of all undergraduates live in school-owned/-operated/-affiliated housing.

Regulations and Policies

Alcohol permitted on campus for students of legal age; additional restrictions apply. Class attendance policies set by individual instructors. Honor code. Hazing and smoking prohibited. Freshmen with fewer than 28 semester hours may not have cars on campus unless covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Environment/Transportation

7,264-acre campus at University Park near State College (population: 42,430), 90 miles northwest of Harrisburg; branch campuses in 23 locations. Served by air and bus; major airport serves Harrisburg; train serves Lewis-town (35 miles). Public transportation serves campus.

Calendar

Semester system; classes begin in late August and mid-January. Two summer sessions of six weeks each. Orientation for new students held in June, August, and January.