BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE to: PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY

Transfer Facts

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General Information

1. Is on-campus housing available for transfer students? No, but off-campus housing is available. More info: www.lv.psu.edu/StudentLife/offcampushousing.htm or contact Stephanie Friday at 610-285-5217, snf120@psu.edu. Cost? Varies

2. Full-time tuition: Pennsylvania residents: PSU-LV: $12,730/year (plus mandatory fees), University Park: $15,250 (plus mandatory fees)  
Part-time tuition: $495-$532, depending on semester standing and program of enrollment.  
Is evening tuition different? No

NOTE: Costs change each year. Use these numbers only as an estimate. To input your individual factors, use the Penn State Tuition Calculator at tuition.psu.edu/costestimate.aspx.

3. Scholarship availability for transfer students: All students who are offered admission and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Penn State are considered for scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid. Some academic colleges, campuses, and administrative units require separate applications.

We also encourage students to pursue outside scholarships awarded by high schools, community organizations, or other private philanthropies.  
Penn State Lehigh Valley’s federal school code is 003329.

For more information about Penn State and outside scholarship opportunities, loans, and grants, visit http://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid. For scholarship questions, contact Maryann Hubick, Student Aid Coordinator, at 610-285-5033 or mxh61@psu.edu.

4. Can a transfer student with an associate degree normally expect to receive the baccalaureate degree in two years? It depends on what courses the student has taken and which program they are hoping to complete. For the best information, set up an appointment with Elena Douvanis, Recruitment Coordinator, at 610-285-5262 or emd5000@psu.edu.

5. Can a transfer student complete baccalaureate programs on an evening schedule? Penn State Lehigh Valley offers some evening classes, but there are no completely evening-based degree programs.

If so, in what programs? Business and Information Sciences and Technology classes are typically held at night, while Psychology and Childhood and Early Adolescent Education classes are often held during the day. For questions about scheduling, contact one of our academic advisers: Karen Paddock, 610-285-5074, kap184@psu.edu; or Barb Long, 610-285-5044, hjl10@psu.edu.

Transfer Requirements

1. Best time(s) to apply? Penn State uses a modified rolling admission process for most programs. Recommended priority dates for transfer students are below. Applications received later than June or November will be considered on a space-available basis.

   Fall admission: By June 30  
   Spring admission: By November 30

2. What grade point average (4.0 scale) do you consider? Minimum 2.0 GPA, though some majors have higher requirements. Prefer?

3. If different averages are required for different curricula, please specify: 3.0 GPA is required for the Childhood and Early Adolescent Education program, as mandated by the state of Pennsylvania.

4. Do you accept GPA as calculated by previous college or do you re-calculate? When we evaluate your transcript(s), we will recalculate your GPA as we calculate it for Penn State students. This means we count all grades with a C- or below in the GPA calculation, even if you’ve retaken a course.

5. Maximum number of credits accepted in transfer: For a bachelor's degree 36 of the last 60 credits must be completed at Penn State. For an associate's degree 18 of the last 30 credits must be completed at Penn State.
6. When does the applicant learn which credits will be accepted in transfer? Once a student is accepted to the University, the student will receive an evaluation of credits along with the offer letter. The academic unit to which the student has been admitted will determine how credits will be used to fulfill degree requirements in a student's program of study. Prior to admission, a student can use the Transferring Credits Tool (https://www.admissions.psu.edu/my_admissions/tas/) or contact Elena Douvanis at 610-285-5262 or emd5000@psu.edu to discuss how credits might transfer.

7. Must the SAT or ACT scores be submitted by transfer students? SAT or ACT scores are not required if you have completed more than one semester of full-time college coursework after your high school graduation.

8. Must high school transcripts or GED be submitted by students with an associate degree? Yes. Penn State requires transfer applicants to submit their official high school transcript(s) or GED (regardless of age or time since high school). All transcripts must be sent directly from the high school (educational institution of origin) to Penn State to be considered official. Without the degree but with 30 credits or more? Yes, Penn State always requires a high school transcript. With less than 30 credits? Yes, Penn State always requires a high school transcript.

9. Is the transfer student required to have had the same high school courses (e.g. foreign language, math) as entering freshman? Yes. If yes, can these be satisfied by college courses? Yes. Will these courses also be credited toward the baccalaureate? Yes, if the courses have direct equivalents at Penn State and if the courses can be used toward the degree program of interest.

10. Are D’s transferable? No. With an AA degree? No. Without an AA degree? No. Explain. The grade received in the course must be equivalent to a C (2.0) or higher at Penn State.

11. Do you accept Prior Learning Assessment (AP, CLEP, credit by certifications or portfolio, etc.) which may appear on the Bucks transcript? Yes. Consult the following website to see how Penn State awards credit for prior learning: http://admissions.psu.edu/academics/credit/.

**Programs**

1. Which programs, if any, are closed to transfer students? All programs at Penn State Lehigh Valley are open to qualified transfer students. Because of high demand, some majors at University Park and other campuses are not open to transfer students. For questions, please check http://admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility/4year/ or contact Elena Douvanis at 610-285-5262, emd5000@psu.edu.

2. Popular majors: Business (B.S.), Childhood and Early Adolescent Education (B.S.), Psychology (B.A. or B.S.), Information Sciences and Technology (B.S.)

3. New or distinctive majors: New majors are coming to Penn State Lehigh Valley for Fall 2012. Check www.lv.psu.edu or contact Elena Douvanis (610-285-5262 or emd5000@psu.edu) for the most up-to-date information.

**Additional Information**

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