

Pathway to Success : Summer Start



PennState
Greater Allegheny

What is PaSSS?

The Pathway to Success: Summer Stater Program (PaSSS) is designed to help you prepare for the transition to college life while also saving you money on tuition! This program will give you the skills to be successful at Penn State in both traditional and online courses. The Penn State Greater Allegheny experience is transformative and the PaSSS program is another opportunity to propel you towards your academic and career goals. The 6-week virtual program will allow you to:

- Jump start your college career in a virtual setting
- Take two courses and participate in specialized academies designed to help you acclimate to college
- Become familiar with Penn State, faculty, and staff while learning about resources available on campus and university wide
- Engage with classmates and other Penn State students to develop a wide group of friends
- Build your resume early by working an on-campus job during the fall semester
- Receive a scholarship of \$250 per credit for the summer courses
- Receive a \$400 stipend for books, fees, and supplies

Program Dates

June 12 · New Student Orientation (*recommended date to participate for PaSSS Students*)

July 1 - August 13 · PaSSS Program

August 14 · Final Exams and Program Conclusion



Which courses will I take?

These courses are specifically selected to fulfill general-education requirements for all Penn State majors.

• Video Game Culture (GAME 160: 3 Credits)

This course introduces students to academic discussion on the creative work in new digital forms including hypertexts, video games, cell phone novels, machinima, and more. Students will survey major debates over the meaning and value of video games, and study some of the major theoretical terms and perspectives developed to elaborate the cultural and sociological value of video games.

• Effective Speech (CAS 100A: 3 credits)

This general education course studies the purposeful use of oral communication as a means of addressing practical problems, both professional and civic.

• Academy Sessions (non-credit workshops in various subjects)

Individualized workshops in math and English that are designed to help students work towards their maximum academic preparation for fall 2020.

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Enrollment

In order to be considered for participation in the PaSSS program, students must complete a simple online enrollment form. Applicants must be first year students who have been offered admission to Penn State Greater Allegheny.

Apply online at GREATERALLEGHENY.PSU.EDU/PASSS

Applications will be reviewed and qualified candidates will be contacted by the admissions office with a decision on PaSSS eligibility and next steps. Students offered a spot in the PaSSS program must accept their offer of admission to Penn State Greater Allegheny in order to confirm their participation in the program.

How much will PaSSS cost?

	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition and Fees	\$3,272	\$5,474
Scholarship (\$250 per credit)	- \$1,500	- \$1,500
Total	\$1,772	\$3,974

PLUS: Students receive a \$400 book/fee/supply stipend and can earn up to \$1,000 from an on campus job that will begin during the fall term.

Additional Financial Aid may be available to those who qualify.

We recommend that you submit the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine any grant or loan eligibility that could be applied to any outstanding balance for the summer tuition. Please be sure to submit the 2019-2020 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible and no later than May 1 to guarantee that the financial aid will process in time for this program. This is in addition to the FAFSA you may have already filed for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Housing Options

Due to the frequently changing situation regarding COVID-19, we are still working to determine if on-campus housing will be available this summer during the PaSSS program. If you are interested in living on-campus in McKeesport Hall during the program, please be sure to let us know by selecting this option on the online enrollment form. We will contact you with more details regarding summer housing when they are available.

Admissions Contact

Do you have any questions about the application process? Contact our admissions team at **412-675-9010 or psuga@psu.edu**