# Estimate / calculate Tuition costs

<https://cce.ais.psu.edu/tuition-calculator-ui/#/>

# Where the tuition money goes

**Summary**

Tuition is the primary income source for the university’s general funds budget. The general funds budget, representing approximately one-half of Penn State's total operating budget, covers the core of the University's teaching, research, and service efforts. General funds also encompass academic and administrative support and maintenance of the physical plant. Income to support the general funds budget comes from: tuition and fees paid by the student; state appropriations; and other income including facilities administration, investment income, and sales and services of departments.

**Instruction**   
Includes all activities that are part of the instruction program. This category excludes expenditures for academic administration when the primary assignment is administration.

**Research**  
Includes all activities specifically organized to produce research outcomes, whether commissioned by an agency external to the institution or separately budgeted by an organizational unit within the institution.

**Public Service**  
Includes funds expended for credit and non-credit distance education courses; non-instructional services beneficial to individuals and groups external to the institution such as community service programs, cooperative extension services, conferences, institutes, references bureaus, radio and television, consulting, and similar non-instructional services to particular sectors of the community.

**Institutional Support**

Institutional Support includes:

* central executive - level activities concerned with management and long-range planning of the entire institution
* fiscal operations
* personnel administration
* logistical activities that provide procurement, storerooms, safety, and security
* support services to faculty and staff that are not operated as auxiliary enterprises
* activities concerned with community and alumni relations including development and fund-raising

**Academic Support**  
Provides support to the institution’s primary missions - instruction, research and public service – and includes:

* academic administration (including academic deans but not department chairmen) and personnel development providing administrative support and management direction to the three primary missions
* the retention, preservation and display of educational materials - for example, libraries, museums, and galleries
* media, such as audio visual services and technology such as computation services
* separately budgeted support for course and curriculum development

**Student Services**  
Includes offices of admissions and registrar and those activities whose primary purpose is to contribute to the student’s emotional and physical well-being and to his intellectual, cultural, and social development outside the context of the formal instruction program.

**Student Aid**   
Includes scholarships and fellowships in the form of out-right grants to students selected by the institution and financed from current funds, restricted or unrestricted.

**Physical Plant Operations**  
Includes the operation and maintenance of the physical plant relating to grounds and facilities. Also included are fuel, utilities, fire protection, property insurance, and similar items.

# Engineering Ranking

College of Engineering overall tied for #32

Petroleum Engineering, #6

Industrial/Manufacturing/Systems Engineering, tied for #8

Nuclear Engineering, #8

Biological/Agricultural Engineering, #9

# Student Mail Services

Mail Services is conveniently located in the center of campus, in the Reed Union Building.  In addition to mailing letters and packages, we provide mailboxes to on-campus students and offer a web-based package tracking system for incoming parcels.

Need postage stamps?  You can purchase these at the RUB Information Desk in Reed.

# Contact Mail Services

814-898-6494

bd-mailservice@lists.psu.edu

Reed Union Building

4701 College Drive

Erie, PA 16563

Semester Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

Saturday

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Summer Hours:

Monday-Friday

10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **Assignment of Mailboxes**

Student mailboxes are only for on-campus, resident students. (Commuter students are not given mailboxes to assure availability for resident students.) All new students residing on campus will be assigned a mailbox. Students will be notified by email that a mailbox has been assigned.

Mailboxes are generally assigned a few weeks before the start of each semester by the Operations Department. One student is assigned per mailbox.  While living on campus, you will retain the same box for all your semesters here at Behrend.  Whenever your status with the University changes to that of a commuter student, or you leave the Behrend campus, your mailbox is terminated and you must change your address with the USPS to receive your mail.

Mail is returned to the sender after 10 days of not being picked up by the recipient. If the mailbox is too full, check at the window for your mail, it will be held in the mailroom for pickup, then returned to sender after the 10 days. Newspapers are picked up at the Mail Service window, because they take up too much space in the box.

Please make sure you visit your mailbox frequently during the semester, as they are small and fill quickly.

All students are obligated to follow USPS regulations, making it a felony to tamper with mail that is not theirs.

You can find your mailbox assignment on the[Student Mailbox List](https://intranet.bd.psu.edu/intranet/mail-room/student-mailbox-list) (https://intranet.bd.psu.edu/intranet/mail-room/student-mailbox-list).

# **Forwarding Your Mail**

Students with Penn State Behrend mailboxes will have to submit a change of address form to have all mail properly forwarded for the summer months, **ONLY** if they want their mail sent somewhere other than their home address, which we already have in our files. Be sure to inform the Mail Services if your home address has changed during your stay on campus. All mail is removed at the end of the Spring semester; and only first class mail is forwarded, not "junk" mail or magazines.