# People That Finish Degrees

Among those Penn State Behrend students who go on to graduate with Penn State degrees, **nearly three-quarters complete their degrees here** at the college.

# Academic Areas of Study / Four Schools

Academic areas of study are organized within four schools: the Black School of Business, School of Engineering, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and School of Science.

# Number of Faculty

Penn State Behrend has nearly 700 employees, including more than 330 faculty members.

# Alumni of Penn State Behrend

Penn State Behrend has nearly 33,000 alumni. Graduates are involved in the Penn State Behrend Alumni Society and the Lake Erie Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, both of which develop programs to encourage campus involvement, community outreach, and social interaction.

# Students on Campus

More than 1,750 students live on campus in three traditional-style residence halls, six suite-style halls, and nine apartment buildings, including housing specifically for honors students.

# Knowledge Park

The college is also home to [Knowledge Park](http://knowledgepark.psu.edu/), a 200-acre research and development complex on the eastern edge of campus that gives companies housed there access to the college’s strengths in applied research and technology transfer, while providing  internship and employment opportunities for students and graduates.

# What Makes Penn State Behrend Unique?

Penn State Behrend ranks **among the top public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania for student-to-faculty ratio, SAT scores, first-year student retention rate, and graduation rate**—according to data published by U.S. News & World Report.

We're **part of the University ranked first by U.S. corporate recruiters** for producing graduates prepared to succeed, according to a [Wall Street Journal survey](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704358904575477643369663352.html#printMode).

We were the first Penn State location outside University Park to gain four-year college status and today **more than 70 percent of our students start and finish their Penn State degrees at Behrend.**

**Ninety-five percent of our graduating seniors would recommend** us to friends or family members considering college (based on annual student survey data).

We have a **student-to-faculty ratio of 16:1**, an average class size of 26, and 95 percent of seniors call the opportunities to interact with faculty "exceptional."

Our [School of Engineering](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-engineering) has been **ranked among the top 50 undergraduate engineering programs in the country** by U.S. News & World Report.

Our [MBA program](http://behrend.psu.edu/admissions-financial-aid/graduate-admissions/master-of-business-administration) in the [Black School of Business](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-business) is **consistently ranked among the best MBA programs in the country** by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review.

We have **the only MBA program in the Erie area accredited by AACSB International**, the premier accrediting agency for schools of business worldwide.

We were the first academic institution in the country to bring its **schools of business and engineering together under a single roof** for [collaborative learning](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-business/academic-programs/interdisciplinary-business-engineering-studies).

Our [School of Science](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-science) annually produces **more graduates with American Chemical Society certification** than other comparably sized institutions.

Degree offerings in our [School of Humanities and Social Sciences](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/hss) include **one of the few creative writing programs in the country to offer the**[**B.F.A. degree**](http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs-1/creative-writing) with intensive study in poetry and prose writing.

We annually award nearly $350,000 in [**undergraduate research opportunities**](http://behrend.psu.edu/research-and-outreach). Our undergraduate research and creative accomplishments conference has become a model for institutions across the country.

We are a partner in [Knowledge Park](http://knowledgepark.psu.edu/), a 200-acre research and development area on the eastern edge of campus, that provides **internships for students in business, engineering, and information technology companies**.

Penn State Behrend has won the [Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) President’s Cup](http://www.amccsports.org/awards/2014-15/Releases/PCup_Spring_Release) for eleven consecutive years and for fourteen of the fifteen years it has been awarded. The cup is given annually to the **AMCC member school with the strongest overall athletic program**.

# Director, Black School of Business

Dr. Greg Filbeck

# Penn State Behrend Vision

* A premier destination, known nationally and internationally, for innovative teaching, research, and outreach;
* A transformative partner in the region and within the Penn State system; and
* A recognized model for an engaged 21st century land-grant educational institution.

# Penn State Behrend Mission

* To provide high-quality innovative educational, research, and outreach/service programs in a student-centered learning environment;
* To equip students with the competitive skills, knowledge, and diverse perspectives to thrive in a 21st century global economy;
* To focus college strengths on disciplines, interdisciplinary programs, and expertise clusters that fit existing and developing strengths of the region and eventually broader geographic regions; and
* To collaborate with others to advance student learning, applied research, and economic development.

# Penn State Behrend Hallmarks

***High Quality:***Excellence in academic, research, and outreach endeavors is the ultimate hallmark of Penn State Behrend. We seek to achieve the highest academic standards, always striving to be better, never settling for being just ‘good enough.’ Measures of our success include our challenging academic environment and our strong record of accomplishment in teaching, research, and outreach.

***Student-Centeredness:***We value close faculty member-student interaction, small classes, high standards for students, and a supportive living-learning environment. Here, student success is the most important outcome. Faculty and staff members practice a variant of the golden rule: Treat students the way you would want your own family members to be treated, supporting them, guiding them in their goals and aspirations, taking a keen interest in their success, and showing them the wonders of a comprehensive education.

***Advanced Technology:***We provide a state-of-the-art teaching and learning environment in our classrooms, labs, and library, giving students the tools and resources to grow and develop in ways that enable them to contribute immediately in the workplace and in graduate programs.

***Inspiring Environment:***The beauty of our 850-plus acre campus provides an inspirational environment for the entire college community. Its attractiveness is a matter of special pride. The campus will always be a work in progress, and we are forever responsible for the creation and maintenance of a safe, beautiful, inspiring place to study, work, live, and visit.

***Diversity:***Penn State Behrend is a laboratory for ideas, and the more backgrounds and perspectives that can be brought to bear, the better the ideas, and the greater the learning. We ask students to investigate new worlds and to look at familiar problems from fresh perspectives.

***Land-Grant Commitment:***As part of a nationally recognized land-grant and research university, our mission is to be an economic, social, and cultural catalyst in northwestern Pennsylvania and beyond. We integrate teaching, research, and outreach to benefit our students and the region we serve. For our friends and supporters, an investment in the college is an investment in the future of northwestern Pennsylvania and the nation.

# Penn State Behrend History

Since it opened its doors in 1948, Penn State Behrend has grown from 146 students on a former farm estate into a thriving academic institution with more than 4,700 students, 50 buildings, and 33,000 alumni.

The Penn State Behrend campus was donated to the University in 1948 by Mary Behrend in memory of her husband, Ernst, co-founder (with his father and brother) of the Hammermill Paper Company, later acquired by International Paper. In donating her family's Glenhill Farm estate to Penn State, Mrs. Behrend was responding to the need, expressed by a committee of prominent Erie residents, for a public, co-educational, non-sectarian university presence in Erie.

The first students to enroll at what was then known as The Behrend Center could complete only their freshman year at the center. When Penn State reorganized in 1959, the Commonwealth campus system was established and The Behrend Center became the Behrend campus of Penn State. Both the enrollments and the physical expanse of the campus grew throughout the 1960s and early 1970s and, by 1971, more than 1,200 students were enrolled.

On January 20, 1973, the Penn State Board of Trustees granted four-year college and graduate status to Penn State Behrend, making it the first Penn State location outside of University Park to achieve such status. Today, the college is a dynamic and growing institution, and in recent years has added a number of impressive facilities, including a $10.2 million athletics and recreation center, chapel and carillon, observatory, three residence halls, Knowledge Park at Penn State Erie, and a baseball and softball complex. The $30 million Jack Burke Research and Economic Development Center, formerly known as the Research and Economic Development Center, which houses the Black School of Business and the School of Engineering, opened in 2006.

The college is now led by Dr. Ralph Ford, chancellor, named to the position in January 2016.

# **Location**

Erie, Pennsylvania.

# Enrollment On Campus

4,600

# Safety of Campus

We take campus safety seriously. Penn State Behrend is committed to providing a safe living, learning, and working environment for students, faculty, and staff with [police and safety](http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/police) officers on the job around the clock, 365 days a year. [Emergency call boxes](http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/police/safety-services/emergency-phone-locations) are located throughout the campus and a [safety escort service](http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/police/safety-services/escort-service) is available upon request. Our residence halls require students to use their [university ID cards](http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/police/safety-services/keys-1) to gain access, and each residential area is supervised by a live-in professional staff member.

# Emergency Phone Locations

* Almy Hall - north sidewalk; south sidewalk
* Behrend Athletic Fields - near steel bridge; Bayfront Highway bridge
* Ohio Hall Parking Lot - east end; west end
* Ohio Hall /Behrend Science Walkway
* Erie Hall Parking Lot - west sidewalk; tennis court
* Junker Center - north walkway
* Junker Center Parking Lot
* Smith Chapel Walkway
* Apartment Lot South

# Resume Example

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/resume%2520examples%2520updated1.pdf>

# How to build a Resume

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/Resume%2520%2520Building.pdf>

# How to write a cover letter

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/1%2520Cover%2520Letter%2520Format%2520and%2520Purpose%2520final%2520copy.pdf>

# Sample / Example Cover Letters

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/2%2520Sample%2520Cover%2520Letters%2520final%2520copy.docx.pdf>

# **Internship Process**

* Determine your needs: Internship, summer job, co-op, credit/non-credit, paid/unpaid?
* Consult with your academic department for eligibility requirements, prerequisites, scheduling, and ideas for potential sites.
* Develop leadership skills by joining clubs, professional organizations, athletic teams, associations, etc.
* Develop references--Faculty, former bosses, coaches, co-workers, etc.
* [Make an appointment with the ACPC](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/contact-us) at least one semester before you would like to intern. Discuss potential sites and resources, resumes, application process, interviews, internship expectations, etc.
* Develop a [resume and cover letter](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/career-resources/resumes-and-cover-letters).
* Attend [career fairs](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/career-resources/career-fairs).
* Network. Ask family members, friends of family, old or current employers, other students, and faculty about potential internships. Complete informational interviews/job shadowing.
* Contact potential internship employers through informational interviews, the ACPC, websites, faculty, responding to internship postings, etc.
* Follow-up. Call to inquire if the company has received your resume, and if you can provide additional information.
* Interview. See our [interviewing tips](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/acpc/career-resources/interviewing) and visit the ACPC for tips, ideas, handouts, and to schedule a practice interview.
* Meet with your faculty supervisor to discuss final plans and requirements for the internship. Complete the necessary paperwork/internship proposal with your advisor and site supervisor, and register for academic credit. (Usually with a drop/add form.)
* Notify the ACPC when you have accepted an internship. If problems arise during the internship, make an appointment with the ACPC to discuss the situation.
* Complete all projects, papers, and tasks associated with obtaining credit, and submit to your faculty supervisor.

# Prepare for a Career Fair

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/How%2520to%2520work%2520a%2520Career%2520Fair.pdf>

# Typical Interview Questions

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/Typical%2520Interview%2520Questions.pdf>

# Improve Networking

<http://behrend.psu.edu/sites/default/files/campus/Networking%2520accessible.pdf>

# Parking Map

<http://behrend.psu.edu/files/pdf/26459/2017/01/10/penn-state-behrend-campus-parking-map.pdf>

# Parking Permit Prices

## **Prices for a Single Semester 2016-17**

* Resident:~~$155~~$78.00 (half price)
* Commuter: ~~$155~~$78.00 (half price)
* Commuter Part Time: ~~$78.00~~$39.00 (half price)
* **Evening Only** Full Time: ~~$60.00~~$30.00 (half price)
* **Evening Only**Part Time:~~$30.00~~$15.00 (half price)

## **Prices for Fall and Spring Semesters (**purchased together**)**

* Resident: $280.00 (save $30)
* Commuter: $280.00 (save $30)
* Evening Only **Full Time**: $120

# Temporary Parking Permit Price

Temporary parking permits cost $4.00 per day and are sold in consecutive days only.

# How are permit funds used at Penn State Behrend?

The money generated from selling student, faculty, and staff parking permits is used to:

* Construct new parking lots
* Maintain existing parking lots (repaving, repainting of lines, and upgrading lighting)
* Administer the parking program (purchasing hanging permits, software for tracking permit sales and parking tickets, and handheld computers used to issue parking tickets)

Money generated at the college is only used to support the program at Penn State Behrend; it is not used to support parking at any other Penn State campus. Parking permit sales **DO NOT** support personnel costs within Police Services or any other department.

# How is the money generated from parking tickets used?

Money generated from parking tickets goes to the Student Government Association and is then allocated to student clubs and organizations.

# What if I forget my parking permit?

You must stop by the Police Services office or kiosk to obtain a temporary permit for the day or the length of time you will not have your regular issued parking permit. Please refer to the [Permit Prices](http://behrend.psu.edu/student-life/student-services/police/parking/permit-prices) page for current prices of parking permits.

# Tutoring / Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center provides services at every stage of your college career to support you in achieving your goals—getting a great GPA, [studying abroad](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-programs/study-abroad-1), [preparing for](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/lrc/graduate-school-preparation-1) graduate school and for national [fellowships and scholarships](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/lrc/scholarship). Your success is ours, too!

We offer [tutoring](http://behrend.psu.edu/Academics/academic-services/lrc/tutoring) for most freshmen and sophomore level courses, along with some upper level courses. Exam prep and weekly study sessions in several courses are also offered.

[TutorTrac](http://behrend.psu.edu/tutorappointments) will not be used during the summer 2017 semester. All tutoring will be done by drop-in at the LRC (Room 203 Lilley Library) from Monday, May 15 to Friday, August 9.

# Library Hours

<https://libraries.psu.edu/monthly-hours?library=145>

# BookStore Hours

STORE HOURS

Mon 8am - 4:30pm

Tue 8am - 4:30pm

Wed 8am - 4:30pm

Thu 8am - 4:30pm

Fri 8am - 4:30pm

Sat CLOSED

Sun CLOSED

# Academic Calendar

<http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/calendar_index.cfm>

# Athletics Calendar

<http://psblions.com/composite>

# Events Calendar

<http://behrend.psu.edu/campus-events-calendar>

# Behrend’s Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/psbehrend/>