INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Slippery Rock University attracts high-achieving students like you from around the world.

Think about all of the success you hope to build in life – work, family, friends, community. In many ways, it all rests on your university experience. Each year, Slippery Rock University welcomes students from countries around the world. They come to SRU for the unlimited opportunities that a highly recognized public university can offer. Once here, they find accomplished faculty, exceptional facilities, life-long friends and a safe, friendly community.

We can’t wait for you to Experience the Difference at The Rock!
BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

With more than 80 challenging academic programs to choose from, taught by our accomplished professors in small class sizes (20:1 student-faculty ratio), you’ll receive individualized academic and career advisement. SRU offers a comprehensive learning experience that purposefully combines academic instruction with hands-on learning, preparing you for not only your first job, but also for lifelong career and personal success.

A reputation for caring

Time and again, students and visitors to SRU agree they have never experienced a more caring and friendly University. For international students, support begins with the Office for Global Engagement from the application and enrollment process, to graduation and beyond. But it doesn’t stop there. From the clerks in the dining halls, to our faculty and highest levels of administration, you’ll find that students are number one at SRU.
Located in western Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock is a small, welcoming college town. SRU is located 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, the second largest city in the state. Many popular destinations are within an easy day’s drive, including Niagara Falls, New York City, Philadelphia, Toronto and Washington, D.C.

An affordable education

Did you know you can study at SRU for less than half the price of private universities? All new undergraduate international students qualify for a reduced tuition rate upon admission and will be considered for scholarships. Students can also apply for on-campus employment. Additional scholarship funding is available for subsequent years including scholarships reserved specifically for international students. Additionally, you will find a lower cost of living in Slippery Rock than at larger universities and more urban environments.
One of America’s safest campuses

Slippery Rock University is consistently ranked as one of the safest universities in the United States. SRU strives to maintain a safe campus with a University Police Department available 24/7. Across campus there are several security/safety measures in place that include emergency call boxes and well lit parking lots and roads.

Get involved

There are more than 160 student organizations available, with focus on culture, academics, performing arts, journalism, sororities/fraternities and governance. If you can’t find an activity to match your interest, student life staff can assist you in creating one to meet your needs.

SRU is an active campus, with 17 NCAA Division II men’s and women’s sports teams such as basketball, soccer and tennis for our most competitive students. There are also more than 30 clubs and intramural sports programs such as badminton, ice hockey, martial arts, soccer and volleyball, as well as adventure activities allowing you to explore the outdoors including kayaking, canoeing, hiking, camping, caving and skiing.
Housing
SRU is a great place to live and learn. Whether you’re from a big city or a small town, SRU offers a close-knit community that feels like home. On-campus housing at SRU gives you a fun, friendly, and safe living environment - you know your neighbors, it’s easy to get around, and you feel comfortable in your surroundings. From our Residence Halls to our Rock Apartments, SRU provides several different options to meet your housing needs. Not only do you get convenient access to campus and its awesome resources, you get to meet new people and explore all that SRU has to offer.
Global Engagement

The Office for Global Engagement serves as a resource center for students, faculty, researchers and scholars. Staff help support international students from the application and enrollment process, to graduation and beyond! International students also receive advisement on topics related to Visa requirements, culture and personal matters. Special events and activities with an international focus are organized throughout the year.

Global Ambassador Program

The Global Ambassador Program is designed to assist new international students in their transition to the U.S. and SRU. All new international students are assigned a specially selected global ambassador to serve as their mentor for the first semester. International students and their mentors meet throughout the first semester, attend campus events and take trips off campus to places such as the Pittsburgh Zoo and Niagara Falls.

Tutoring Center

Highly qualified students from various academic departments offer free individual and group tutoring to students enrolled in one of more than 90 introductory courses. The primary goals of tutoring are to develop study skills and to support the classroom experience.

Academic Advisement

Advisement for international students begins before they even arrive on campus. Accepted students can expect timely communications from the International Student Adviser regarding their first semester class schedules, orientation program and what to expect as a new student studying in the U.S. Students also can get advice on academic majors and course options from the Academic Advisement Center.
Disability Services
Services are available to any student having a documented disability. SRU is committed to accommodating students with disabilities and helping them achieve academic success. Services may include assistive technology, testing accommodations, priority registration and special seating. An individualized appointment shortly after your arrival to SRU will help you get the services you may need.

Counseling Center
We all have challenges in life and it really helps to talk to someone about them. When casual conversation with friends isn’t enough, a visit to the Counseling Center can help. The majority of students who seek counseling services are dealing with normal developmental concerns that accompany the college experience, such as adjusting to their new life, stress, communication, and relationships. Services are provided free in a safe, confidential and non-judgmental environment, by trained and licensed counselors.

Health Services
Good health is about more than just being physically fit. It’s about striking the right balance between mind, body and spirit. All these things contribute to your overall health and happiness and set the stage for academic success. At SRU, we’re committed to enhancing the health and wellness of our students by providing quality services and programs. With dedicated staff, top-notch facilities, and an individual-focused approach to wellness, we provide a comprehensive collection of resources to help you stay healthy and support the diverse needs of our student body. The staff of Student Health Services looks forward to assisting you achieve your best personal health. Student Health Services are available 24/7 - staffed by nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians. All services are confidential.
UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission to Slippery Rock University is a rolling process; you can expect personal and timely updates on admission decisions throughout the year. Consideration for admission is selective and based on your academic record, school leaving exams and English language proficiency. For some majors an audition or portfolio may be required.

Application deadlines
For August enrollment, you should apply early in the preceding academic year and no later than May 1. For January enrollment, the deadline is October 1.

Application fee, essays, and letters of recommendation are not required.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Application Form
- Use our online form at http://www.sru.edu/admissions/apply-now
- We do not participate in the Common Application.

English language proficiency requirement
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency via standardized test results.
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is most frequently submitted. Our required scores are 500 or better on the paper based test or 61 or better on internet based test.
- Applicants may also submit test results from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). 6.0 or higher is required for admission.

Academic credentials
- Undergraduate freshman applicants must submit records from all secondary schools attended. These include transcripts, diploma/degree certificates and external examination results.
- Undergraduate transfer students should submit official transcripts and diploma/degree certificates from all universities attended.
- All documentation must be accompanied by certified English translations if originally issued in another language.
Test results

- Standardized test results from any government or centrally administered national examinations should be forwarded directly to Slippery Rock University.
- SAT/ACT test results are NOT required but are always welcome.

Certification of Finances

- At the time of application to SRU, a financial support statement and an original bank statement are required. This is not used to determine academic qualification for admission but must be satisfactorily documented before we can issue the forms used for obtaining a student visa through the U.S. Consulate.
- When applying for a student visa, you must guarantee to U.S. immigration authorities that funds are available to cover all expenses for up to one full academic year.

Financial Aid:

- Upon admission, all undergraduate international students are awarded the reduced tuition rate (non-need based financial aid) and considered for the Provost Scholarship ($1,500).
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA to retain the reduced tuition rate and a 3.0 GPA for the Provost Scholarship after the first year. Both awards are subject to annual review.
- Undergraduate international students who earn a 3.5 GPA or better will receive both the Provost Scholarship ($1,500) and the Presidential Award ($500).
- On-campus jobs and scholarships, including some reserved specifically for international students, are also available.
International Student Budget: (2016-2017)

- Tuition ....................................................... $14,543
- Fees ............................................................. $2,281
- Orientation fee ................................................ $90
- Room and Meals* ..................................... $10,022
- Health Insurance ......................................... $2,352
- Books/supplies ............................................... $800
- Personal expenses ...................................... $1,700
- Out-of-state tuition reduction ............... $3,500
- Provost Scholarship ............................... $1,500
- Total........................................................... $27,328

*Estimated costs for average on campus housing and meals

Notification of admission

When your application is complete, it will be reviewed by an international admission specialist. Decisions are made on a rolling basis. When approved, the applicant is informed first via email notification and then via airmail which includes forms used to obtain the student visa. To confirm enrollment, a refundable deposit is due within six weeks from the date of offer.

Visa application process

Included in the official offer of admission packet is the I-20 Form [certificate of eligibility for an F-1 student]. Students apply for the visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate after paying the SEVIS fee (currently $200). Rules vary – check with your nearest U.S. consulate for specific application requirements and procedures.

Consider a visit to The Rock

Prospective students and their families are encouraged to visit Slippery Rock for a campus tour or personal appointment. Please contact the Office for Global Engagement in advance to schedule.

Current students and alumni from around the world repeatedly recommend SRU to their friends and family. They cite the relationships with faculty as the most significant aspect of their studies, one which prepares them well for employment or graduate school. Confirming the academic quality and overall educational experience, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education recently recognized SRU among the very elite in satisfying their expectations and accreditation.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Accounting
Art
Biology
  Bioinformatics
  Cytotechnology
  Medical Technology
Business
Chemistry
  Biochemistry
  Computational Chemistry
  Environmental Chemistry
  Forensics
Communication
  Digital Media Production
  Integrated Marketing
  Communication
  Journalism
  Public Relations
Computer Science
  Bioinformatics
Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dance
Early Childhood Education
Economics
Engineering
  Industrial Systems
  Petroleum and Natural Gas
English Literature
  Language and Literature
  Literary and Cultural Studies
English Writing
  Creative
  Professional
Environmental Geoscience
  Environmental Science
  Geology
Exercise Science
Finance
French
Geography
  Applied Geographic Technology
  Environment and Society
  Environmental Studies
  and Sustainability
Health Care Administration
  and Management
History
Information Systems
Information Technology
Interdisciplinary Studies
Mathematics
  Actuarial Science
  Bioinformatics
  Statistics
Management
Marketing
Music
Music Education
Music Performance
Music Therapy
Park and Resource Management
Philosophy
Physical Education
  Health and Physical Education
  Physical Activity and Fitness
  Management
Physics
  Computational Physics
  Computational Biophysics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Recreational Therapy
Resort, Recreation and Hospitality
  Management
Safety Management
Secondary Education
Social Work
Sport Management
Sustainable Management
Theatre
  Acting
  Arts Administration
  Design and Technology
  Playwriting

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GRADUATE ADMISSION PROCESS

When you think about your future, what do you hope to achieve? At SRU, our masters’ programs are specifically designed to help you meet your goals. Whether you’ve just finished your undergraduate degree or have been working professionally, SRU gives you the flexibility and practical interactions you need to succeed. For details about graduate programs visit www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs.

How to apply
Applicants must apply online at: www.sru.edu/admissions/apply-now. Admission criteria and procedures vary by department.

International students must provide official English-translated copies of all university transcripts, proof of finances and proof of English language proficiency. For a list of all required documents by program go to: www.sru.edu/graduate-programs.

English language proficiency requirement
Non-native English speakers must submit an official score report from one of the following:

- TOEFL (79 iBT)
- IELTS (6.0 band or better)
- STEP Eiken 2A Grade
- ELS school official score report of 112 or higher

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements, SRU offers an English language program. For more information on our ESL program contact esl@sru.edu.
Cost to attend

Costs vary by academic programs. A general total estimated cost for graduate study for the 2016-17 academic year is $32,117.

Graduate International Student estimated budget: (2016-17)

Tuition* .......................................................$13,070
Fees .............................................................$4,083
Orientation fee .............................................$90
Room and Meals** ....................................$10,022
Health Insurance .........................................$2,352
Books/supplies ...............................................$800
Personal expenses ......................................$1,700
Total............................................................$32,117

*Tuition and fees are based upon a minimum of 9 credits per semester
**Estimated costs for average on campus housing and meals

Master in Business Administration estimated budget: (2016-17)

Tuition and fees* ........................................$27,572
Orientation fee .............................................$90
Room and Meals** ....................................$10,564
Health Insurance .........................................$2,352
Books/supplies .............................................$1,495
Personal expenses ......................................$1,700
Total...........................................................$43,773

*Tuition and fees are based upon a minimum of 9 credits per semester
**Estimated costs for average OFF campus housing and meals

All costs are subject to change on an annual basis
Graduate Assistantships

Over 100 graduate assistantships are awarded each academic year to deserving graduate students at Slippery Rock University. A graduate assistantship allows students to receive a $4,000 academic year stipend and a full tuition waiver for up to 9 graduate credits per semester. For a full list of positions and application details visit www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions.

KEY

SRU = Slippery Rock University
RLA = Regional Learning Alliance Center
C = classroom instruction
Cert. = Certification
O = online instruction
B = blended instruction
MA = Master of Arts
MS = Master of Science
M.Ed. = Master of Education
* = deadline May 1 for Fall start or September 1 for January start
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Online Programs

International students are encouraged to enroll in graduate programs at SRU. However, United States Federal law prohibits F-1 student visa holders from participating in online only programs. International students that enroll in an online program must complete it from outside of the U.S.

PLEASE NOTE:

Classes for the Master of Business Administration are offered at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township, located 25 minutes from Slippery Rock University. Please visit: www.sru.edu/MBA for additional information.

Students entering the M.Ed. in Special Education-autism program will not obtain a teacher certification from Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Classes for the Ed.D. in Special Education are offered exclusively online. There are two required on-campus residences during June or July, in the first and second year of the program.

Students applying for admission to the Physician Assistant Studies program should contact graduate.admissions@sru.edu for application requirements.
For students seeking an English language learning program, SRU’s English as a Second Language Program provides quality intensive English language instruction from specially selected instructors. The program offers courses during the academic year as well as the summer.

Students may receive instruction at the main campus in Slippery Rock or at the Regional Learning Alliance Center in Cranberry Township located near Pittsburgh.
SRU ESL PROGRAM OFFERS THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS

**English for Academic Purposes**

Fifteen-week sessions available during fall or spring term or eight-week sessions during summer term.

Prior to commencing study, students must take a placement exam to determine their level:

- Starting
- Emerging
- Developing
- Expanding
- Bridging

Students typically take six core ESL classes and one tutorial for 20 hours in class per week.

**English, English for Diverse Professionals, Nonnative English teacher training, etc.**

- Flexible schedule
- Daytime or evening class

**English Language camps**

- Two to four week session available during summer or winter terms
- Selection of thematic English courses: writing, math, science, art, computer, etc.
- Individualized ESL tutorial instruction
- Fun activities: playing American sports, visiting American cities and American universities
- Cater to groups of students in grade 6 through 10 with cohort sizes of 10 – 15 students

**English for Specific Purposes**

Customized curriculum: Hospitality English, Business
How to apply
Applicants are highly encouraged to apply online at www.sru.edu/admissions/apply-now. There is NO application fee!

Required documents
• Official secondary school records (in English)
• Official secondary school certificates (in English), diplomas and degrees awarded to confirm completion of secondary school
• Original bank statement indicating sufficient funds for up to one full academic year (in English).
For cost information contact: esl@sru.edu
• Financial Support Statement is only required if bank statement is not in student’s name. Download form from: www.sru.edu/esl
• Copy of biographical page in passport

Certification of Finances
Before applying for a student visa, you must guarantee to U.S. immigration authorities that funds are available to cover all expenses for up to one full academic year. At the time of application to SRU, a financial support statement is required and applicants also need to submit an original bank statement indicating sufficient funds available for the first year. This is not used to determine qualification for admission but must be satisfactorily documented before we can issue the forms used for obtaining a student visa through the U.S. Consulate. For total estimated cost details contact esl@sru.edu.

ESL Program Costs: (2016-2017)

SRU Main Campus*
Fall or spring tuition....... $3,200
Summer tuition ............. $2,200

RLA Center
Fall or spring.................... $3,300

*Optional on campus housing is available for ESL students.

Students receiving instruction at Slippery Rock University’s main campus have full access to facilities, services and activities. For those students attending class at the Regional Learning Alliance Center, special extracurricular activities may be organized on Fridays.
For additional information about Slippery Rock University, please contact:

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