Welcome to Slippery Rock University
Expectations of Excellence

Power of Community & Involvement

Expectations of Responsibility & Respect
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Your freshman class is impressive!

- About 1600 students
- HS GPA Average 3.4
- Top 10% HS - 15% of incoming FR class
- Top 25% HS - 45% of incoming FR class
- Average SAT - 1020
Expectations of Excellence
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- 551 high schools
- 63 of 67 counties in PA
- 21 states
- 9 countries
  - Nigeria, Morocco, Ireland, England, Thailand, Germany, Bangladesh, India, and Argentina
- 94 major programs
Academics is not your only area of achievement

- Strong leadership qualities – Student Council, Clubs, Organizations, Honoraries
- Strong community service experiences – schools, churches, community
- Strong team-orientation - athletic experiences, school activities
- Strong social-orientation – Facebook and blogging experiences and social activities
- Talented – Music, Theatre, Dance, and Artistic experiences
We are proud of YOUR accomplishments!

You have high goals, hopes, dreams, aspirations, and expectations for your future.

YOU are why we are here!
We are here to help you with your transition to college.
Power of Community & Involvement

This is not a mere suggestion -- it is a responsibility that is interwoven through our programs, activities, and services that we offer to you... beginning here at orientation.

The power of community is, indeed, among the most important elements of life here.
How will Slippery Rock University support you through this experience?
FYRST
FYRST features a host of academic services designed to support the teaching and learning process.
Successful Learning
A Guide to FYRST

Important information for first year students!
Academic Advisement is perhaps the most important faculty to student relationship outside of the classroom.
FYSRT advisement begins in orientation...

- Academic Transition
- Academic Advisement
- Degree Requirements (Liberal Studies & Major)
- Scheduling
More on Responsibility...

GO TO CLASS!
Making Major Decisions- Choosing a Major

The breadth of the institution provides you with the opportunity to go almost anywhere your journey may lead and the breadth of academic programming provides you with the opportunity to find where your intellectual interests truly lie.
There is similar breadth in our nonacademic activities, whether they be in the performing arts, in athletics, in the visual arts, student leadership, clubs and organizations, or in our residential living-learning experiences, or in community service.

Whatever your academic and extracurricular interests, you will find them well represented at Slippery Rock University.
Respect in Our Community

We expect people in our community to act right.
SRU Degree

- Major Program: 48 credits
- Liberal Studies Program
- Free Electives
Liberal Studies Program

- Basic Requirements
- The Arts
- Global Community
- Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relations
- Science, Technology & Mathematics

Major

Liberal Studies Program
Successful Learning Guide
A Guide to First Year Studies (FYRST)
Placement Tests

English (Letter from English Department)
Modern Languages

Competency Exam

Computer Competency

Course Placement
Math
SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Basic Requirements
+ Major Courses
  (if recommended by advisor)
+ Liberal Studies Courses
+ Free Elective Courses

= 16-17 credits
A small group of new students will share enrollment in several classes:

- Liberal studies/Major program course
- College Writing
- FYRST Seminar

Nearly every first year student will take the FYRST Seminar in the fall semester.
College is a major turning point in your life!

Many questions will fill your mind about your new university experience, including:

- How can I succeed in my courses?
- How do I get involved in campus activities?
- How major should I consider?
- How will I fit everything into my schedule?
- Where do I go for help?
- What courses should I take?
- How will I make friends?

The FYRST Seminar is a one credit hour course designed especially and exclusively to assist first year students adjust to college life at “The Rock.”

Each Learning Community Cluster includes a FYRST Seminar and there are several FYRST Seminars that are offered independently from the clusters so that any student can choose to enroll.

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Summer Reading

New students share a common academic experience

A Student Selected Reading

Theme – Choices
Summer Reading Assignment

THE GOAL of the summer reader is to engage students in discussions, projects and co-curricular activities generated by a one-book experience.

- Read
- Attend WOW & participant
- Engage in fall semester activities and discussion about student transition issues
SRU E-Mail Account

Instructions to activate SRU e-mail account – Successful Learning Guide

Your USER ID is printed on their housing assignment and course schedule.

After Orientation, look for...

Rock Solid Transitions E-Newsletter, Issue 3

Orientation Program Evaluation

Look for Issue 4 in July and Issue 5 in August
Grade Release Policy

FERPA

Affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records.
We’re happy you are here today.

Enjoy the Program
Ask Questions