19:05:53 from Tom Weber, IT Director
If you have questions, please type them into the Chat window.

19:06:36 from Antonios Stylianides
Thank you

19:06:36 from lindsaymichaelson
Are you given a regular admissions decision before the Schreyer decision?

19:07:48 from Bella Scotti
Is it advised to not declare a major prior to applying to SHC?

19:07:54 from CORY N STEINLE
Lindsey - Yes. In most cases, Penn State returns a decision before Schreyer does. Note that you need to be admitted to Penn State in order to attend the honors college - if you get into Schreyer but not Penn State, you cannot be a student in the Schreyer Honors College.

19:08:36 from lindsaymichaelson
Thank you!

19:08:58 from Peiqi Su
what are the requirements for students to participate, or apply for it?

19:09:06 from Jake Hracho
When does Penn State generally send out decisions? I submitted my application within the first day of them being open.

19:09:19 from CORY N STEINLE
@Bell Scotti it depends on who you ask - we have a Division of Undergraduate Studies program at Penn State that allows you to take classes in all academic colleges to help you decide. No specific major is preferred when applying to Penn State. So, if you are undecided when you are applying to Penn State, you can apply to the Division of Undergraduate Studies as “undecided.”

19:09:30 from Jenna
What is the advantage of applying by the priority admissions? Is it just an alumni interview?

19:09:38 from sarahweisgal
Are the alumni interviews usually with recent alumni?

19:09:39 from CORY N STEINLE
@Peiqi what requirements are you specifically referring to? Schreyer requirments?
19:09:47 from Bella Scotti
Thank you!!

19:09:54 from Peiqi Su
or sorry, for SHC

19:10:17 from CORY N STEINLE
@Jake Penn State does rolling admissions, so it depends. Some individuals will hear back within a month of applying - others receive their decisions as late as March. A lot of it depends on the individual applicants.

19:10:36 from RWarburton
Will it be assumed that the applicant will be doing an interview if they submit the SHC app. before November 30?

19:10:48 from CORY N STEINLE
@Jenna - applying by the priority admissions deadlines qualifies you an alumni interview, which I recommend because it helps you learn more about the college, and it helps us learn a little more about you.

19:11:07 from Jake Hracho
Thank you so much!

19:11:16 from CORY N STEINLE
@Sarah it depends - my interview was with a recent alumni, but I have friends who interviewed with distinguished alumni (older alumni).

19:11:18 from Jenna
Thank you!

19:11:30 from sarahweisgal
Awesome! Thanks!

19:11:56 from CORY N STEINLE
@peiqi - you can find them on the website, but generally, the biggest requirements are to complete 35 honors credits (21 freshman/sophomore year, 14 junior senior year), an academic thesis.

19:12:16 from CORY N STEINLE
@RWarburton you will still need to sign up for an interview. More details will be released after that date (to my knowledge).

19:12:34 from Peiqi Su
Thank you!

19:13:08 from Jessica Strait
I’ve noticed that the essay portion on the application has neither a minimum nor maximum number of words- what is an appropriate essay length?

19:13:25 from RWarburton
Thank you!
19:13:40 from Daria
What have you enjoyed most about the Schreyer program?

19:13:42 from Jenna
Why did you choose Schreyer over other schools? @currentscholars

19:13:52 from Devon Stein
For the interview, how will that be set up?

19:13:59 from Cory N Steinle
@Jessica this is a great question for our current scholars - I’ve seen essays of all lengths. I’m sure they’ll be able to elaborate!

19:14:09 from Nathan Latimer
How would participation in the Schreyer program benefit a business student in Smeal?

19:14:28 from Sarahweisgal
How has being in SHC given you an advantage in getting internships and job opportunities in general?

19:15:26 from AmandaSheehan
Does staying in the Honors Dorms change your college experience compared to other students at Penn State?

19:15:29 from Mikaela Richardson
Have you all lived in the Honors housing and also what did you like or dislike about it?

19:16:17 from Westongardner
One of the advantages you mentioned earlier about SHC was Honor’s Advising. Going off of that, how many students does each advisor advise?

19:17:36 from LindsayMichaelson
About how many applications does SHC receive and how many are accepted?

19:17:45 from Luke Bustamante
How many opportunities have you been given through the honors college, for example, internships?

19:17:54 from Taliagallo
You mentioned study abroad, what opportunities have you has to study abroad in your time at Schreyer?

19:17:55 from Daria
Can you be in more than one special program at Penn State? Is that difficult or more challenging?

19:18:06 from Bella Scotti
How flexible is SHC with extracurriculars?

19:18:37 from Cory N Steinle
@lindsay michaelson in the last few years, we’ve received around 4,000 applications each year, and will usually accept between 650-750 students for class sizes of 300-350 students.
19:18:44 from Stephen Sabo
Can you still be involved in athletics, clubs, other extracurricular activities in SHC?

19:18:44 from AmandaSheehan
How are the Honors classes different from the regular learning classes other than the amount of students per class?

19:19:31 from Devon Stein
How do the honors teachers conduct the classes? Interactive or textbook?

19:19:31 from CORY N STEINLE
@Daria - to answer your first question, you absolutely can. I am a Paterno Fellow (liberal arts) and Presidential Leadership Academy member. Other academic colleges also have similar honors programs, such as Smeal’s Sapphire program. I recommend the larger group speaks to this experience as well!

19:20:40 from Jenna
Does Schreyer offer service abroad?

19:21:56 from Shelice’s iPhone
what do you consider to be the most important part of a students application to you honors college

19:22:26 from CORY N STEINLE
@Jenna Schreyer offers some study-abroad programs specifically for Schreyer scholars. There are also many, many options for study abroad within the greater Penn State - around 40% of scholars choose to study abroad at some point in their undergraduate careers.

19:23:04 from pamisc
Is it correct that Schreyer is available at other PSU campuses in addition to University Park?

19:23:29 from Mikaela Richardson
Have you all lived in the Honors housing and also what did you like or dislike about it?

19:23:41 from CORY N STEINLE
@pamisc yes! You can start as a scholar at any campus!

19:23:53 from Curtis
The optional interview can only help, not hurt, your application, correct?

19:24:08 from lindsaymichaelson
Do you have a range of GPAs and test scores that are suggested and helpful for admission to SHC or is it more of a holistic evaluation (more emphasis on essays)?

19:24:46 from AmandaSheehan
You mentioned Honors Credits. Can you expand on those? Are they separate from the credits you need to graduate?

19:25:02 from CORY N STEINLE
@Amanda Dean Johnson is right now! Thanks, Dean Johnson!
@Amadinda Honors credits are not add-ons to the academic credits, some of your academic credits will be honors either from honors course or regular courses taken as an honors option.

Are you required to live in the honors housing dorms as an honors student?

Is there anything you have not liked about Schreyer?

@michael no! You can choose where to live your freshman year.

Thanks!

Is it more beneficial to give 3 or 4 recommenders than the required 2?

Besides studying, how do you spend your time. What do you enjoy doing?

What does everyone think are the key factors in selecting a SHC applicant?

Regarding Schreyers dorm, is there any single dorm? Additionally, is there a kitchen on each floor?

Do you have a range of GPAs and test scores that are suggested and helpful for admission to SHC or is it more of a holistic evaluation (more emphasis on essays)?

are any of you in internships

@Yen there are “single” dorms, but they aren’t typical, especially for freshman. There are kitchens in each housing complex (Simmons and Atherton) that are REALLY nice. A lot of scholars will choose to cook dinner with friends once a month, or will bake in the kitchens.

Is there a broad range of majors among Schreyer scholars or some that are more prevalent?

@Yen your sophomore year you can elect to choose a “single” room (I am living in one now), but not everyone who wants one gets one because there aren’t a ton of single rooms available.

are there any particular research opportunities just for SHC students?
19:32:41 from lindsaymichaelson
Are there a lot of scholarship opportunities through SHC other than the $5,000/yr?

19:32:56 from AmandaSheehan
Can research or lab classes be taken at the Honors Level in order to jumpstart research opportunities?

19:33:12 from Steven Budzinski
To me, Schreyer is more of a liberal arts sect of Penn State, with an outlet for more motivated students to excel. Is there still room for STEM based students to excel in their specific fields?

19:34:19 from CORY N STEINLE
@Lindsay There are lots of academic scholarships offered through your particular academic college or department! I have many friends particularly with scholars through liberal arts, and a few with scholarships through other colleges (Eberly, Engineering, Education, etc.). Schreyer scholars are typically the best scholars in their respective departments, so that helps as well.

19:34:32 from CORY N STEINLE
scholarships*

19:34:47 from lindsaymichaelson
Thank you!

19:35:02 from westongardner
One of the advantages you mentioned earlier about SHC was Honor’s Advising. Going off that could you please speak on your relationships with your advisors: how they’ve helped you in college, how they’ve helped you with your future, and their general availability.

19:35:09 from Peiqi Su
Thanks a lot!

19:35:21 from CORY N STEINLE
@Ann is one of those friends that has a scholarship! (lol)

19:35:30 from Yen Nguyen
Thank you!

19:35:45 from Bella Scotti
What does everyone think are the key factors in selecting a SHC applicant?

19:35:57 from DELANEY
On the average day, how many hours do you spend studying for honors classes?

19:35:58 from Dominick J. Vender
Thank you all very much!

19:36:06 from Stephen Sabo
For engineering majors, how does being in SHC help you differently than other students who are not?
19:37:08 from Daria
Is it possible to graduate early while being in Schreyer? Is graduating early a good idea for Schreyer scholars?

19:38:30 from CORY N STEINLE
@Daria - yes, it is possible. The current scholars can speak to this; I’ve considered it myself. However, I personally recommend it - spending all 4 years in college is EXTREMELY valuable for most students. Most advisors and Schreyer staff recommend that you stay all 4 years (or more), and once you get here, I don’t think you’ll want to leave!

19:39:04 from AmandaSheehan
Can you continue as a Schreyer’s student in Graduate school?

19:40:15 from RWarburton
You mentioned you are an senior engineering student, what are your future plans after graduation?

19:40:37 from CORY N STEINLE
@Amanda this depends, but typically the answer is no unless you are completing an IUG program. An IUG (integrated undergraduate-graduate) program is a 5-year program that you can complete to get both your Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at the same time. It is only offered in certain majors and disciplines, but you should be able to search online if an IUG is offered in your field of study/interest at Penn State.

19:41:46 from lindsaymichaelson
Why did you decide to go to Penn State over other college choices?

19:41:48 from Antonios Stylianides
Schreyers seems more of a liberal arts section of Penn State, with an outlet for more motivated students to excel. Is there still room for STEM based students to excel in their specific fields, like math or physics?

19:41:56 from Bella Scotti
If you have a SHC interviewer at your high school, 1) do you interview *at* SHC or do you interview close to home, and 2) is that automatically the person with whom you will be interviewing?

19:42:58 from CORY N STEINLE
@Antonios most of this year’s incoming class is comprised of engineers. STEM, like any other major(s) are given equal value in the eyes of Schreyer

19:43:02 from Ryan Baker
Can an administrator talk about what Schreyer scholars have gone on to do following graduation: for example, where in industry? where for grad school?

19:43:31 from Antonios Stylianides
Thank you!

19:44:03 from CORY N STEINLE
@Bella interviews are dispersed across various localities, with all-day interviews announced at various locations across the state (Philly as an example, where interviews with large amounts of alumni interview applicants all day)
19:44:11 from westongardner
Does information contained within the general Penn State application get taken into account with SHC acceptance?

19:44:40 from Bella Scotti
Thank you so much!

19:44:54 from AmandaSheehan
Thanks!

19:45:04 from CORY N STEINLE
@Bella a link will be sent to your email should you elect to do one. You can choose a time slot and the name of your interviewer along with the location will be sent to you shortly thereafter

19:45:36 from Bella Scotti
Thank you!

19:46:19 from CORY N STEINLE
@Weston Schreyer considers the components of its own application, along with the personal statement and transcripts shared with the Penn State Admissions staff. There are more details on the application tabs of both the Penn State and Schreyer websites

19:46:50 from CORY N STEINLE
@Weston it’s also important to note that Schreyer does not consider SAT scores

19:47:30 from DELANEY
Would you suggest starting early in the summer? Did any of you start early? If so, was it helpful and how so?

19:47:49 from Bella Scotti
Thank you!

19:47:49 from Michael Chan
For the priority deadline, do you need to receive the letters of recommendation before November 30th as well?

19:47:52 from AmandaSheehan
Would lack of AP classes until senior year of HS be considered a downside to your application?

19:48:03 from RWarburton
You mentioned you are a senior engineering student, what are your future plans after graduation?

19:48:47 from CORY N STEINLE
@DELANEY starting in the summer is not something normally something associated with Schreyer. A large number of incoming freshman start in the summer for early classes in order to meet various requirements for their intended majors, but a lot of Schreyer students first arrive on campus for SHOTime - or Schreyer Honors Orientation

19:49:17 from Antonios Stylianides
Thank you for taking the time to interact with us.
19:49:35 from CORY N STEINLE
@Delaney, I misunderstood that question, my apologies

19:50:22 from Tom Weber, IT Director
@Ryan Baker Here is some general info about where scholars go after graduation - https://www.shc.psu.edu/admissions/why/graduates.cfm Maybe the students in the room can let us know what their future plans are.

19:51:13 from Stephen Sabo
How can being a SHC student help you get a job after graduation?

19:51:22 from Delaney
No problem! Thank you

19:51:26 from CORY N STEINLE
@Amanda that is a question best answered by Deyo. However, keep in mind that the admissions staff weighs more than just grades, with heavy emphasis put on recommendations and essay answers. Details about the application can be found on the Schreyer website, which goes fairly in-depth with application details and requirements. Personally, I only took a few AP classes starting my junior year.

19:51:54 from CORY N STEINLE
@Stephen the better question is perhaps, “how can being a SHC not help you get a job after graduation?”

19:52:13 from CORY N STEINLE
Schreyer has a tremendous network, which you can get in tune with starting the moment you are accepted.

19:52:45 from Victor Butoi
For an AP credit is 4 accepted or only 5?

19:53:19 from CORY N STEINLE
@Stephen Penn State in general has the largest alumni network in the country, and there are people all over the place that would love to help you. All you have to do is ask for an email or a phone number. Don’t be afraid to reach out to alumni and professors - they want to see you succeed just as much as you do!

19:53:40 from Stephen Sabo
Thank you!

19:53:45 from CORY N STEINLE
@Victor 4 and 5 are the only score eligible to receive AP credit at Penn State.

19:54:06 from Victor Butoi
Thank you!

19:54:48 from Dominick J. Vender
Does being in the Honors College help with getting admitted to graduate school?
19:54:49 from Daria
Thank you all for your time and answers!

19:55:06 from Bella Scotti
Would it be better to take AP tests and receive credits for classes or does it depend on your intended major?

19:55:46 from Yen Nguyen
Are Schreyers scholars allowed to do work study?

19:56:29 from CORY N STEINLE
@Bella generally, try to build up as much AP Credit as possible -- there are so many academic opportunities and you probably don’t want to waste time retaking general education courses that you passed the tests for in high school. However, you can choose which scores to submit and not to submit, and if you feel like you should retake a class to help you down the line -- perhaps a calculus or other math -- you certainly can

19:56:57 from Daria
Are any of you currently working with a professor on a project?

19:57:36 from Dan Cohen
What will the admissions committee be looking for in the short answers section of the application?

19:58:03 from Shelice’s iPhone
Were any of you in IB and if so do you feel it prepared you for the workload that you received in your honors college?

19:58:17 from Ryan Baker
Where do the Schreyer students choose to have their meals?

19:58:52 from CORY N STEINLE
@Dan Deyo will most likely elaborate, but try to answer in your own voice, with your own style, from your own self. Be confident and develop your ideas, and remember to be concise! Every word counts, so emphasize your main ideas or strongest thoughts, perhaps

19:59:40 from CORY N STEINLE
@Ryan Redifer Commons is very close to both honors dorms, and the food is niiicee. So many options, plenty of calories, and limited walking. You can’t beat it

20:00:56 from CORY N STEINLE
@Ryan however, students can eat anywhere on campus -- East and West for example. Don’t think you’re limited to just South! Downtown has a great selection as well, but you’ll pay a higher price and forego use of your meal plan

20:01:21 from Dan Cohen
Thanks!

20:02:31 from Kyle Nicholson
Where do you see the biggest advantages of Schreyers?
20:02:52 from Alexa Tannenbaum
For the person majoring in business, what is your honors thesis topic?

20:03:28 from CORY N STEINLE
@Kyle the advantages are really everywhere. Networking, study groups, the opportunity to write a thesis, and the chance to build honors credits are just a few that come to mind

20:04:11 from Steven Budzinski
Can you apply to SHC as an upperclassman?

20:05:24 from CORY N STEINLE
@Steven various academic colleges offer gateways into Schreyer based on requirements specific to those colleges. Personally, I’m a Paterno Fellow through the College of the Liberal Arts, which offers a gateway to students who aren’t admitted the first time they apply. Smeal also offers a similar program called Sapphire

20:05:25 from WADE
Can you talk about the thesis?

20:05:32 from Peihua Su
Can I attend some researches or academic programs which not linked to my major?

20:05:39 from Ryan Baker
Are the Schreyer dorms well equipped from a tech point of view?

20:05:44 from Dominick J. Vender
Thank you so much for this opportunity to learn! I unfortunately have to go and do some work!

20:07:24 from CORY N STEINLE
@Ryan the dorms have an ethernet jack and the cable and wifi work well consistently. I would recommend making your phone a hotspot to connect other devices to the WiFi. However, there are clear instructions specific to devices available on the penn state website. Just google Penn State wifi, or Penn State Tech/IT. Our IT guys are wicked smart, and there are very few problems that go by without being fixed -- don’t hesitate to reach out to them if you need help

20:07:59 from CORY N STEINLE
@Ryan However, I’m not a tech expert, but I also can’t complain. It works well for me and everyone else seems to think and say the same

20:09:02 from Tom Weber, IT Director
@Ryan There is a 36 station computer lab in Atherton Hall available for Atherton & Simmons. There are two small group study rooms in Atherton equipped with large screen monitor (the room we are using as the host site is one of them). We are planning to expand the improve the collaboration spaces in Simmons next summer.

20:09:19 from CORY N STEINLE
Thanks Tom!
As a Schreyer student can you have a major and a minor? Or would it be beneficial to only be focused on your major due to the course load

OK, thank you all!

Thanks for the information...

Thanks very much to Mr. Weber and Mr. Steinle for your responses!

@Amanda multiple majors and minors are very common, and I think most students find balancing a few isn’t too bad! That’s a personal choice, though, but the opportunity to succeed in more than one field of study is certainly available

How are roommates decided for SHC?

Do you currently have computer science majors among the Schreyer scholars?

@Amanda roommates are random unless both you and potential roommates mutually request each other. Housing won’t take your requests late, so make sure to submit your requests on the housing eBoard on time! You’ll get close to twelve thousand emails reminding you, though, so don’t worry

Also, does anyone around the circle with the exception of Dean Johnson or Deyo want to take over the computer duties (Please)

Thank you

@Ryan yes, I’m good friends with a few computer science majors. They’re very satisfied with the support they get in the honors college, and I know there are plenty of honors classes available in this field of study!

What do you think stood out the most or set you apart from others within your applications to Schreyers?
@lindsay michaelson student life at Penn State is super lively! There are tons of clubs to join and there is always something happening!

When did Penn State make you feel most at home? Are there any specific moments?

Thank you!

There are 984 officially recognized student clubs at University Park campus. I’m sure Schreyer scholars are well represented across the clubs and in leadership positions.

@kyle nicholson Penn State feeling like home was more of an immediate feeling for me. I visited during the Blue & White game in April before my freshman year, and it just felt right despite my original hesitation of staying in PA for college. I would highly recommend visiting Schreyer because the honors housing options have a very home-y feel. I felt far more comfortable here than anywhere else.

Outside of academics, what have you enjoyed doing at State College?

Thank you so much everyone for taking the time out of your days to answer our questions and speak about SHC! I appreciate the opportunity to listen in and be a part of the conversation.

I enjoy going to football games, getting dinner with friends downtown, strolling through the beautiful arboretum, getting ice cream at the creamery, and going to club meetings. We also have events and concerts as well as the Dance Marathon (THON) in February, which is unbelievable and inspiring.

How have you benefitted from alumni network?

Has Penn State started to release decisions?

Thanks to all of you for a great webinar!

Thanks again for all your time and I hope to be meeting you in person next year.

Thank you!
Thank you all for taking the time to answer all of the questions (in a lot of detail)!

A lot of interviewers and recruiters that come to campus are alumni, so you immediately have something in common!

Is the Creamery ice cream really as good as they say it is?

@Daria Yes! 100%

Yay!

@daria yessssss

Is that a real question? YES!

We are

Penn State!

Is there a way on the portal to see if you’ve received letters of rec?

Thank you for your time!

Thanks for all the details and informations!

Thank you so much for this webinar!

Thanks again!

Thank you for your time!

Thanks
20:26:46 from Claire Farinha
Thank you!

20:26:48 from Steven Budzinski
Thank you!

20:26:52 from Ryan Baker
Thanks again!

20:26:52 from Peihua Su
Thank ya all

20:27:03 from Dan Cohen
Thanks!! Great information tonight!

20:27:08 from CORY N STEINLE
Thank you all for tuning in! I truly hope you apply to Schreyer. Choosing to come to this honors college was the best decision of my life!

20:27:15 from lindsaymichaelson
Thank you!

20:27:15 from Ryan Baker
Good night.