



PennState

Schreyer Honors College

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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

@Bella 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 requirements?

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 had 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!

19:26:47 from Tom Weber, IT Director

@Amanda 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

19:27:18 from Michael Chan

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

19:27:36 from Daria

Is there anything you have not liked about Schreyer?

19:27:47 from CORY N STEINLE

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

19:28:03 from Michael Chan

Thanks!

19:28:21 from Antonios Stylianides

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

19:28:53 from Devon Stein

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

19:28:59 from Bella Scotti

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

19:29:01 from Yen Nguyen

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

19:29:13 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)?

19:29:15 from Shelice's iPhone

are any of you in internships

19:29:52 from CORY N STEINLE

@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.

19:30:17 from Ryan Baker

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

19:30:30 from CORY N STEINLE

@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.

19:31:40 from Peiqi Su

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 niiece. 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!

20:09:22 from AmandaSheehan

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

20:09:28 from Peihua Su

OK, thank you all!

20:09:48 from RaJ

Thanks for the information...

20:09:48 from Tom Weber, IT Director

@Ryan There are also many opportunities throughout campus, especially the library.

20:09:58 from Bella Scotti

How are roommates decided for SHC?

20:10:02 from Ryan Baker

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

20:10:25 from CORY N STEINLE

@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

20:11:05 from lindsaymichaelson

How is student life at Penn State?

20:11:11 from Ryan Baker

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

20:11:27 from CORY N STEINLE

@Bella roommates are random unless both you and potential roommate 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

20:12:21 from CORY N STEINLE

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

20:12:39 from Bella Scotti

Thank you

20:13:23 from CORY N STEINLE

@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!

20:13:58 from Amanda Bucklew

What do you think stood out the most or set you apart from others within your applications to Schreyers?

20:15:01 from CORY N STEINLE

@lindsay michaelson student life at Penn State is super lively! There are tons of clubs to join and there is always something happening!

20:15:57 from Kyle Nicholson

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

20:16:57 from Amanda Bucklew

Thank you!

20:18:07 from Tom Weber, IT Director

@lindsay michaelson 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.

20:18:08 from CORY N STEINLE

@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.

20:20:19 from Michael Chan

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

20:21:16 from AmandaSheehan

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

20:22:16 from CORY N STEINLE

@michael chan 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.

20:22:20 from Kyle Nicholson

How have you benefitted from alumni network?

20:22:29 from lindsaymichaelson

Has Penn State started to release decisions?

20:22:32 from Ryan Baker

Thanks to all of you for a great webinar!

20:23:01 from Devon Stein

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

20:23:10 from DELANEY

Thank you!

20:23:11 from Bella Scotti

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

20:24:08 from CORY N STEINLE

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

20:24:29 from Daria

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

20:24:50 from CORY N STEINLE

@Daria Yes! 100%

20:25:00 from Daria

Yay!

20:25:01 from Bailey

@daria yesssss

20:25:05 from Tom Weber, IT Director

@Daria Is that a real question? YES!

20:25:07 from Ryan Baker

We are

20:25:33 from Daria

Penn State!

20:26:17 from Dan Cohen

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

20:26:26 from Alexa Tannenbaum

Thank you for your time!

20:26:34 from Peiqi Su

Thanks for all the details and informations!

20:26:35 from Michael Chan

Thank you so much for this webinar!

20:26:36 from Daria

Thanks again!

20:26:38 from Jake Hracho

Thank you for your time!

20:26:45 from jscarlat

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.