As a major research and teaching institution with an emphasis on undergraduate education, Penn seeks students who will avail themselves of the rich intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities of the academic community.

Penn prides itself on its enormous diversity—not only in the great wealth of our undergraduate and graduate programs, but in the wide variety of students and talents that such programs attract. The student who flourishes in the Penn community possesses a demonstrated record of academic excellence, self-motivation, and a well-developed interest and involvement in his or her community.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the University of Pennsylvania and look forward to getting to know you through your application.
APPLICATION PLANS

Early Decision Plan
For applicants who have decided that the University of Pennsylvania is their first-choice college and who agree to matriculate if accepted, we encourage application under the Early Decision agreement.

Early Decision applications represent a serious commitment and are binding. If accepted, the student will withdraw applications from all other schools. Early Decision applications supersede any non-binding Early Action applications. **A student may apply Early Decision to only one institution.** Accordingly, if an applicant for Early Decision to the University of Pennsylvania also applies for Early Decision to another school, the Early Decision application to the University of Pennsylvania will be withdrawn.

Early Decision candidates who are denied admission in December may not reapply for Regular Decision in the same academic year.

Regular Decision Plan
If any Regular Decision applicant to the University of Pennsylvania is accepted by any other school under a College Board-approved, binding Early Decision plan, the applicant must inform the Office of Admissions and the application to the University of Pennsylvania will be withdrawn.

Transfer Applications
See page 4.

FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS

FRESHMAN TIMETABLES

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*While you are able to take the October ACT and the November SAT for Early Decision—and the December ACT and January SAT for Regular Decision—please make sure when you register for the test that you have the scores sent directly to the University of Pennsylvania. **Do not wait** to send the testing until after you receive your scores.
FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS

- **Common Application**
  - See www.commonapp.org for complete information.

- **Penn Supplement to the Common Application**
  - You are not an applicant until you submit BOTH the Common Application and the Penn Supplement to the Common Application. The Common Application requires that you submit the Penn Supplement *first* and then submit the Common Application.

- **SAT and 2 SAT Subject Tests OR ACT Plus Writing**
  - All applicants must submit results of either a) the SAT and 2 SAT Subject Tests or b) the ACT Plus Writing.
  - SAT: Penn’s code is 2926.
  - ACT: Penn’s code is 3732.
  - It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that official score reports are released and submitted to the University of Pennsylvania for all tests taken.
  - Candidates to the School of Engineering and Applied Science are strongly encouraged to take both a Mathematics (either Level 1 or Level 2) and Physics Subject Test. Candidates to the Wharton School are strongly encouraged to take a Mathematics Subject Test (either Level 1 or Level 2). Candidates to the School of Nursing are strongly encouraged to take a science Subject Test, preferably Chemistry.

- **All Official Secondary School Transcripts**
  - Letters of recommendation from two teachers of your junior- or senior-year classes.

- **Two Teacher Recommendation Letters**
  - Available through the Common Application.

- **Secondary School Report and Counselor Letter**
  - Required of Regular Decision applicants and Early Decision applicants whose decisions are deferred by the Office of Admissions. Should be submitted through the Common Application.

- **Mid-Year Report**
  - Required of those applying to certain programs and majors (the form is included in the Penn Supplement to the Common Application).

REQUIRED OF SOME APPLICANTS

- **Form for Coordinated Dual-Degree, Accelerated, and Specialized Programs**
  - Required of applicants studying outside the United States.

- **International Supplement to the School Report**
  - Students whose native language is not English should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service. Results should be forwarded directly to the Office of Admissions.

- **TOEFL**
  - Penn’s code is 2926.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- **Art or Music Portfolio**
  - Strongly suggested for prospective Digital Media Design, Music, and Fine Arts majors. Applicants to the Digital Media Design major in the School of Engineering and Applied Science should send their portfolio to Ms. Amy Calhoun, Digital Media Design, 170 Moore Building, 200 South 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6389. All other portfolios should be sent to the Office of Admissions. Portfolio deadlines are the same as the application plan (Early or Regular) deadline.

- **Alumni Interview**
  - An alumni volunteer who is a member of the Penn Alumni Interview Program may contact you to arrange an interview if you are a freshman candidate and have submitted your application. Typically, Early Decision applicants are offered interviews in November, while Regular Decision applicants are offered interviews in January and February. Some local alumni committees may be unable to accommodate all students who desire interviews. The Office of Admissions does not offer individual on-campus interviews. Candidates who have questions about the alumni interview may contact the Penn Alumni Interview Program at (215) 898-6903.
TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

Transfer Academic Requirements
Transfer applications have various curricular requirements based on years of completed coursework and the undergraduate school to which you are applying.

For complete information, please download Guide for Transfer Applicants at: http://www.admissions.upenn.edu/info/Penn_Transfer_Guide.pdf.

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- **SAT OR ACT Plus Writing**
  - All applicants must submit results of either the SAT OR the ACT Plus Writing.
  - SAT: Penn’s code is 2926.
  - ACT: Penn’s code is 3732.

- **All College or University Transcripts**
  - All official current and previous college and university transcripts.

- **Secondary School Transcripts**
  - Official transcripts from all secondary schools attended or Certificate of General Educational Development (GED).

- **Two Teacher Recommendation Letters**
  - Letters of recommendation from two professors at your current institution.

- **College Official’s Report**
  - Available through the Common Application.

**REQUIRED OF SOME APPLICANTS**

- **Mid-Term Report**
  - Required of sophomore transfer applicants, but not of junior applicants. Should be submitted through the Common Application.

- **TOEFL**
  - Penn’s code is 2926.
  - Students whose native language is not English should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service. Results should be forwarded directly to the Office of Admissions.

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Financial Aid at the University of Pennsylvania

Need-Blind Admissions
Penn's need-blind admissions policy ensures that no citizen or permanent resident of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico is denied admission because of financial constraints. In accordance with this policy, admissions decisions are not affected by a family's ability to pay, or by your decision to apply for financial aid.

Meet 100% of Demonstrated Need For 4 Years
Aid is based solely on financial need and Penn will meet 100% of your family’s need, as determined by Student Financial Services (SFS). Penn and other institutions that compose the Ivy League do not award any merit-based or athletic scholarships.

No-Loan Packages
Penn is one of the few schools in the country that has a no-loan policy. No loans will be included in your financial aid package if you are a dependent undergraduate pursuing your first degree. The no-loan policy makes it possible for you to graduate debt-free.

How to Apply for Financial Aid
Select “Apply for Financial Aid” on the SFS website at www.sfs.upenn.edu. Be sure to submit required documents by the stated deadlines.

Notification of Eligibility
If you complete your financial aid application by the deadline, you will receive notification of your aid package from SFS at the time of your admission decision through PennPlan online. SFS will also mail you a paper notification.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION CHECKLIST AND TIMETABLE
The chart below lists the forms you need when applying for Penn financial aid and their submission deadlines.

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* Note to Regular Decision Applicants: if your and your parents’ 2012 tax returns will be available by March 1, you do not need to submit your 2011 tax returns.
## MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

### The College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in 56 majors with multiple concentrations in and across its 27 academic departments.

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**

**Majors (the College only)**

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### The School of Engineering and Applied Science

The School of Engineering and Applied Science offers two undergraduate degree programs: the Bachelor of Science in Engineering, our flagship professional degree with accredited programs, and the Bachelor of Applied Science, with programs that combine core engineering studies and applied science-related coursework.

**Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE)**

- Bioengineering
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Digital Media Design**†
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering (choice of field deferred to sophomore year)*
- Market and Social Systems Engineering**†
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics
- Systems Science and Engineering

**Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)**

- Biomedical Science
- Cognitive Science
- Computational Biology
- Computer Science

### Coordinated Dual-Degree Programs**†

Penn’s coordinated dual-degree programs offer students the opportunity to pursue coordinated curricula jointly offered by two schools within the University. Students receive two degrees upon completion of the interdisciplinary coursework. Applicants should be aware that size limitations within these special programs result in more competitive admissions policies.

**Huntsman**: Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business (BA in International Studies from the College of Arts and Sciences AND BS in Economics from the Wharton School)

**M&T**: Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology (BS in Engineering or BAS from the School of Engineering and Applied Science AND BS in Economics from the Wharton School)

**LSM**: Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management (BA from the College of Arts and Sciences AND BS in Economics from the Wharton School)

**NHCM**: Nursing and Health Care Management (BS in Nursing from the School of Nursing AND BS in Economics from the Wharton School)

**VIPER**: Roy and Diana Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research (BA from the College of Arts and Sciences AND BS in Engineering from the School of Engineering and Applied Science)

### Dual-Degree Program*

Penn’s dual-degree option allows students to pursue concurrent degrees in two schools within the University.

**AI**: Computer and Cognitive Science: Artificial Intelligence (BA from the College of Arts and Sciences AND BS in Engineering or BAS from the School of Engineering and Applied Science)

### Accelerated-Degree Program†

Penn’s accelerated-degree program coordinates pre-dental study in the College of Arts and Sciences with admission requirements for the School of Dental Medicine.

**BIO-DENT**: Seven-Year Bio-Dental Program (BA in Biology AND Doctor of Dental Medicine)

*Freshman applicants only.

**Junior transfers are not eligible for these majors.

*Applicants to this major are strongly encouraged to submit an art portfolio.

▪ Note that these majors fall outside of accreditation.

†Applicants to these majors must complete the Form for Coordinated Dual-Degree, Accelerated, and Specialized Programs (included in the Penn Supplement).
This statement appears in section X-E of the Ivy Manual. The Admissions Committee revised the statement this spring to reflect changes in institutional early action programs, and to clarify the expectation that coaches from other Ivy League institutions may not have contact with students admitted under the Early Decision program.

The Ivy League is an association of eight institutions of higher education, established in 1954 primarily for the purpose of fostering amateurism in athletics. Relations between the member institutions have grown over the years, and representatives of these institutions now meet regularly at a variety of levels to discuss topics which range from the purely academic to the purely athletic and from fundamental educational philosophy to procedures in admissions.

Each member institution has its own identity and character and protects its right to pursue its own educational objectives. Thus, although the Ivy League institutions are similar in many respects, each member institution will continue to make its own independent admission decisions according to its own particular admissions policy. In recent years, however, it has become clear that the transition between secondary school and institutions of higher education has become increasingly complex and that greater efforts should be made to simplify the process through more uniform admissions procedures. It is our hope that by outlining carefully the procedures under which we are operating and by clearly specifying the obligations of both the applicant and the institution, we can help students pursue their college interests free of unnecessary confusion and pressure.

### 1. General Procedures

All contacts with students by representatives of Ivy institutions are intended to provide assistance and information and should be free of any activity that applies undue pressure on the candidate. No information referring to the admission or financial-aid status of an applicant to any Ivy institution may be considered official unless it is received directly from that institution’s admissions or financial aid office.

Ivy institutions mail admission decision letters twice annually, in mid-December and late March/early April. Those who wish a decision in December must apply by November 1. A student may not file more than one early application within the Ivy League.

### 2. December Notification

Under December Notification, an applicant may be notified that he or she has been granted or denied admission or that a final decision has been deferred until the late March/early April notification date. Two plans are offered according to individual institutional policy:

- **a.** The College Board-approved Early Decision Plan, which is offered by Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania, requires a prior commitment to matriculate. Financial aid awards for those qualifying for financial assistance will normally be announced in full detail at the same time as the admission decisions. An applicant receiving admission and an adequate financial aid award under the Early Decision Plan will be required to accept that offer of admission and withdraw all applications to other colleges or universities. All Ivy institutions will honor any required commitment to matriculate that has been made to another college under this plan. Coaches from other Ivy League institutions are prohibited from having any recruiting contact with prospects who have been accepted under this plan.

- **b.** A Single Choice Early Action Plan is offered by Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. This plan does not require a commitment to matriculate, and students may apply to other colleges under those colleges’ regular admissions programs (spring notification of final admission decision) but not to another institution’s Early Action or Early Decision program. Students admitted under Early Action will be sent a financial aid offer when they receive their acceptance decision if they have completed all of the required financial aid forms.

Students are urged to consult the admission literature available at each Ivy institution for details concerning its particular December Notification Plan.

### 3. Early Evaluation Procedure

- **a.** As determined by each institution, admissions offices may choose to advise applicants of the probability of admission (e.g., likely, possible, unlikely). Institutions may issue likely letters only in writing, from the office of admission. Likely letters will have the effect of letters of admission, to be confirmed on the common notification date, subject to revocation only on the same terms as letters of admission.

- **b.** Within each institution’s overall admissions process, from October 1 through March 15 an admissions office may issue probabilistic communications, in writing, to applicants who are recruited student-athletes. (Such communications given by coaches, whether orally or in writing, do not constitute binding institutional commitments.) An applicant who receives one or more such written communications and who has made a decision to matriculate at one institution is encouraged (but not required) to notify all other institutions, and to withdraw all other applications, as promptly as possible.

- **c.** A coach may both inquire about a candidate’s level of commitment to an Ivy institution, or interest in attending that Ivy institution, and encourage that interest. However, a candidate may not be required to make a matriculation commitment, to withdraw other applications, or to refrain from visiting another institution, as a condition for receiving a “likely” letter, or an estimate of financial aid eligibility, or a coach’s support in the admissions process. In addition, coaches may not request that candidates not share estimates of financial aid eligibility with other schools.

- **d.** An institution ordinarily may send a “likely” probabilistic communication letter to a candidate (whether or not the applicant is a recruited athlete) only if the applicant has submitted all of the materials which the institution requires in order to make an admissions decision. Infrequently and for compelling reasons, an institution may send such a “likely” communication that does not have “all” of those materials, as provided below, but only if: (i) the other materials in the applicant’s file at that time provide the institution with a clear basis for making a binding positive admissions decision about the applicant, consistent with the institution’s general standards for making such decisions; and (ii) the material in question is submitted before a final letter of admission is issued. In these circumstances, a “likely” communication may be based on a file that includes an official application, an official transcript, the SAT or ACT examination, one essay, and at least one recommendation from the student’s school (either teacher recommendation or administrator recommendation).

- **e.** An Ivy school may respond at any time beginning October 1 should a non-Ivy school offer admission to a recruited student-athlete with a reply date prior to the common Ivy notification date.

### 4. Common Notification Date

On a common date, usually in late March or early April, applicants to the Ivy institutions will be notified of admission decisions and financial aid awards, unless they have been notified under Early Decision Plan or Early Action Plan procedures. (Letters are mailed beginning in February for the Schools of Hotel Administration, and Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell.)

### 5. Financial Aid

All the Ivy institutions follow the common policy that any financial aid for student-athletes will be awarded and renewed on the sole basis of economic need with no differentiation in amount or in kind (e.g., packaging) based on athletic ability or participation, provided that each school shall apply its own standard of economic need. The official award of aid may only be made at or subsequent to the time of admission.

Only the Office of Financial Aid has the authority to award financial aid on behalf of the institution, and applicants should rely only on formal communications from these offices. No suggestion that financial aid may be available that comes from anyone else associated with the institution is binding on the institution.

An applicant should consider or accept an offer of financial aid from a non-Ivy League institution, and any such offer should be reported immediately to the Office of Financial Aid.

### 6. Common Reply Date

Except for those applicants admitted under the College Board-approved Early Decision Plan, which requires a prior commitment to matriculate, no candidate admitted to any of the Ivy institutions will be required to announce his or her decision to accept or decline an offer of admission until the Common Reply Date of May 1. All such candidates may delay their commitment to attend until May 1 without prejudice. By that date all admitted candidates must affirm in writing their single choice.

The preceding paragraph does not preclude students from remaining on active waiting lists and withdrawing promptly from their original college choice upon receiving subsequent waiting list acceptance to another institution. However, the Ivy institutions reserve their right to rescind acceptance decisions from candidates who make commitments to and who hold confirmed places at more than one institution concurrently. Students who choose to remain on an active waiting list after May 1 will receive a final response no later than July 1.

### 7. Participating Institutions

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Princeton University
- Yale University