

1. General Information

Institutional Summary

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, a public, four-year institution, is one of 14 members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Founded in 1839 as the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, the university currently enrolls approximately 7,700 undergraduate students in the Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Science and Technology and approximately 700 students in graduate programs, including a doctoral program in clinical audiology (AUD) and a doctor of nursing practice (DNP).

Approximately ninety-two percent of the university's students are Pennsylvania residents and approximately five percent hail from neighboring New Jersey. Popular undergraduate majors are accounting, business administration, communication studies, criminal justice, early childhood education, health sciences, mass communications, nursing, psychology, and special education.

In fall 2020, there were 371 full-time faculty and 96 part-time faculty. With an average Ninety-six percent of the tenured and tenured track faculty have earned a terminal degree Eighty seven percent (86.7%) of faculty identify as White, Non-Hispanic.

Bloomsburg University offers a wide array of student activities and programs, modern residence halls, a well-equipped Student Recreation Center and restaurant-quality dining, including Chick-fil-A, Qdoba, Subway, Steak 'n Shake, and Starbucks locations. The university has twenty intercollegiate athletic programs, more than 250 organizations to provide opportunities for leadership and growth and thirteen Learning Communities that foster an inclusive residential environment where students with similar majors, interests and goals are afforded rich and varied student learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

The university actively supports an atmosphere of civic engagement, encouraging students to get involved through political and volunteer activities. Students also may take advantage of support offerings provided through Academic Advisement, Academic Enrichment, Act 101/Educational Opportunity Program, Equity and Accommodations, Professional U, TRiO Student Support Services, University Tutorial Services and other programs.

History

An academy "to teach youth the elements of a classical education" was established in Bloomsburg in 1839. The academy continued with varied fortunes until 1856 when a charter was prepared and stock issued to reorganize it as the **Bloomsburg Literary Institute**. Institute Hall, later renamed Carver Hall after Henry Carver, an early principal, architect, and teacher, was erected in 1867. Today, the gold-domed, red brick building is the university's landmark.

Largely through the efforts of J.P. Wickersham, superintendent of public instruction, the **Bloomsburg Literary Institute** became the **Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School** in 1869; it continued under this name and organization until 1916 when it was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and named **Bloomsburg State Normal School**.

The emphasis at the Normal School changed during the early 1920s from secondary and college-preparatory courses for special teachers to full-time teacher education. In May 1927, the institutional name was changed to **Bloomsburg State Teachers College** and the school was authorized to grant the Bachelor of Science in education for teachers in elementary and secondary schools.

Under the administration of President Francis B. Haas (1927-1939), great progress was made in the teacher education program, and a new degree program in business education was initiated. Upon the naming of Dr. Haas as state superintendent of public instruction, Dr. Harvey A. Andrus, then dean of instruction and a former director of the Business Education Department, was appointed president, a position he held until his retirement in 1969. During World War II, the U.S. Navy V-12 Office Training Program was conducted on the Bloomsburg campus. As a result, a campus building was renamed Navy Hall. In 1957, a division of special education was instituted, and today, Navy Hall still houses that program. Major expansion in facilities, faculty, and student body followed. Undergraduate full-time enrollment rose from 1,743 in 1960 to 6,812 undergraduates in 1996.

In 1960, the institution's name was changed to **Bloomsburg State College**. Authorization soon followed to grant baccalaureate degrees for liberal arts programs in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Graduate study, leading to the Master of Education, was inaugurated. In 1968, approval was received for the Master of Arts, in 1970 for the Master of Science, in 1976 for the Master of Business Administration, and in 1982 for the Master of Science in Nursing. A cooperative doctoral program in elementary education began in 1982.

Commonwealth legislation enacted on July 1, 1983, established the State System of Higher Education, and Bloomsburg State College became **Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**. Bloomsburg's president, Dr. James H. McCormick, became the system's interim chancellor and later its first permanent chancellor.

In fall of 2002, the Department of Audiology/ Speech Pathology opened a clinical doctorate program in Audiology; the first class graduating in Spring 2006. In 2016, the College of Business was renamed the Ziegler College of Business in recognition of the generous \$5 million gift and unwavering support from Terry and JoAnn Zeigler.

Presidents

Name and Term	
Henry Carver (1866-1871)	Dr. Harvey A. Andruss (1939-1969)
Charles B. Barkley (1871-1872)	Dr. Robert J. Nossen (1969-1972)
Rev. John Hewitt (1872-1873)	Dr. Charles H. Carlson (1972-1973)
Dr. T. L. Griswold (1873-1877)	Dr. James H. McCormick (1973-1983)
Dr. David J. Waller Jr. (1877-1890)	Dr. Larry W. Jones (1983-1985)
Dr. Judson P. Welsh (1890-1906)	Dr. Harry Ausprich (1985-1993)
Dr. David J. Waller (1906-1920)	Dr. Curtis R. English (1993-1994)
Dr. Charles H. Fisher (1920-1923)	Dr. Jessica S. Kozloff (1994-2007)
Dr. G. C. L. Reimer (1923-1927)	Dr. David L. Soltz (2008-2017)
Dr. Francis B. Haas (1927-1939)	Dr. Bashar W. Hanna (2017-Present)

Mission & Values

Mission Statement

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania is an inclusive comprehensive public university that prepares students for personal and professional success in an increasingly complex global environment.

Values

- Collaboration
- Community
- Critical thinking
- Diversity
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Knowledge
- Opportunity
- Personal and professional growth
- Respect

Vision Statement

Bloomsburg University aspires to:

- be a premier public comprehensive university, recognized as a center of thinking, learning and academic excellence
- anticipate and address the changing needs of the Commonwealth
- be a diverse community that produces positive change
- provide resources to maximize opportunities for success
- be a good steward of our resources and the environment
- develop individuals to be contributing citizens

Academic Calendar 2019-20

Fall 2019

Classes Begin	August 26
Labor Day - No class	September 2
Mid-Term	October 15
Reading Day	November 26
Thanksgiving Recess Begins	November 27
Classes Resume	December 2
Classes End	December 6
Finals Begin	December 9
Finals End	December 13
Graduate Commencement	December 13
Undergraduate Commencement	December 14

Spring 2020

Classes Begin	January 21
Spring Break Begins	March 9
Classes Resume	March 16
Mid-Term	March 17
Classes End	May 4
Finals Begin	May 5
Finals End	May 8
Graduate Commencement	May 8
Undergraduate Commencement	May 9

Academic Calendar 2020-21

FALL 2020

Fall Session I:

August 17-
November 24

Classes Begin
Mid-Term
Classes End
Finals Begin
Finals End

August 17
October 6
November 20
November 23
November 24

Fall Session

II: August 17-
October 6

Classes Begin
Mid-Term
Classes End
Finals Begin
Finals End

August 17
September 10
October 2
October 5
October 6

Fall Session III:

October 7-
November 24

Classes Begin
Mid-Term
Classes End
Fall Commencement
Finals Begin
Finals End

October 7
October 30
November 20
November 21
November 23
November 24

Academic Calendar 2020-21

SPRING 2021

Spring Session I:

February 1- May 13	Classes Begin Spring Break Mid-Term Classes End Finals Begin Finals End	February 1 N/A March 23 May 7 May 10 May 13
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Spring Session

II: February 1- March 23	Classes Begin Spring Break Mid-Term Classes End Finals Begin Finals End	February 1 N/A February 25 March 19 March 22 March 23
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Spring Session III:

March 24- May 13	Classes Begin Spring Break Mid-Term Classes End Finals Begin Finals End Spring Commencement	March 24 N/A April 16 May 7 May 10 May 13 May 15
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Academic Calendar 2021-22

Fall 2021

TBA

Classes Begin
Labor Day - No class
Mid-Term
Reading Day
Thanksgiving Recess Begins
Classes Resume
Classes End
Finals Begin
Finals End
Graduate Commencement
Undergraduate Commencement

Spring 2022

TBA

Classes Begin
Spring Break Begins
Classes Resume
Mid-Term
Classes End
Finals Begin
Finals End
Graduate Commencement
Undergraduate Commencement