

Useful links and resources for ITAs

Welcome, International TAs! Here are a few links that you might find useful during your stay here at Penn State. It might help in making your life easier as a student, as an instructor as well as a member of the State College community.

Language and Intercultural Communication:

On and off campus programs

http://www.international.psu.edu/iss/pdf/english_language_services.pdf

You will find an extensive list of all the ESL and ITA programs offered on campus and within the State College area.

Online resources:

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cft/resources/teaching_resources/specific_audiences/itap_language_resources.htm

This website provides resources and help on English as a Second Language (ESL).

<http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/consulting/itafluency1.html>

Useful tools on developing English fluency.

<http://www.edupass.org/culture>

<http://www.salisbury.edu/intled/iss/intlhdbk/customs.html>

Information on social customs and cultural differences.

Academic support:

Division of Undergraduate Studies

<http://admissions.psu.edu/academics/colleges/dus/>

The Division of Undergraduate Studies assists students in choosing their major, students wishing to change their major and students who are considering majors in more than one academic college.

University Learning Centers

<http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/ulc/index.php>

The University Learning Centers provide a variety of free academic support services for students. Services of the University Learning Centers include: The Math Center, The CEW Undergraduate Writing Center, The Language Center, The Learning Skills Center, The Supplemental Instruction Program, The Teamwork Center, The Technology Center, and The Tutoring Center.

Services and Cultural programs:

Directorate of International Student Advising (DISA)

http://www.global.psu.edu/international_students/

International Student Advising will be your point of reference here at Penn State. They will assist you with various administrative needs such as visa, required driver's license letters, financial information, employment authorization, etc.

Paul Robeson Cultural Center

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/prcc/>

021 HUB-Robeson Center

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The Paul Robeson Cultural Center provides programs and services to encourage the appreciation of individuals, cultures, and communities which comprise the population of the Penn State University community.

The International Students' council (ISC)

<http://www.clubs.psu.edu/up/isc/>

211 HUB Robeson Center

The International Students' council represents international students on the Penn State University Park Campus. Its main goal is to facilitate and encourage inter-cultural relationships on campus.

International Students' groups on campus

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/studentactivities/searchresults.asp?orgcat=International/Multicultural>

Religious services

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/cera/>

Local news online

<http://www.collegian.psu.edu/>

<http://www.centredaily.com/>

<http://www.statecollege.com/news/>

<http://wearecentralpa.com/>

Housing help:

Residence Life

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/rl/>

Residence Life provides living-learning environments, programs and services to support Penn State students.

Student events and exhibitions:

Union and Student Activities

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/>

Union and Student Activities supports events and exhibitions to enhance student life at Penn State.

Books for International Teaching Assistants/Instructors

Ross, C. and Dunphy, J. Eds. (2007). *Strategies for Teaching Assistant and International Teaching Assistant Development: Beyond Micro Teaching*. Jossey-Bass.

Fowler, S. and Mumford, M. Eds. (1999). *Intercultural Sourcebook: Cross-Cultural Training Methods*. Intercultural Press.

State College Community links:

International cultural venues

State College Theater

<http://www.thestatetheatre.org/>

Offers a variety of films, operas and performances from all over the world. A great venue in State College.

Eisenhower Auditorium

University Park, PA 16802

<http://www.cpa.psu.edu/venues/eisenhower.html>

The Eisenhower Auditorium hosts many events such as operas, dance performances, musicals at a discounted rate for Penn State students.

International food stores

Gemelli Bakers

129 S Pugh Street, State College

If you like good bread this is the place to go. Tony, the owner, makes all sorts of breads and pastries which could easily compete with the best European breads!

The East European Market

2110 N Atherton St, State College

This great local store offers the best food from Eastern Europe. You would not believe all the things you can find there.

The International Market

328 S Allen St, State College

The International Market is nestled in a house and offers a wide variety of international foods they have section for foods from the Middle East, Africa, South America, Turkey, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Korea and Japan.

Krishan Indian Grocery Store

230 A W College Av, State College

At the Krishan Indian Grocery store you will find specialties and packaged food from South Asia.

Far Corners Oriental Market

1101 N Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803

This is a store that you can find foods from East Asia such as Chinese, Korean, and Japanese foods.

Dragon Land Grocery

2081 S Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801

This store carries mostly foods from China and Taiwan.

International restaurant

http://www.happyvalley.com/posts.php?cat=International&cat2=Where_To_Eat

You will find a list of restaurants in State College offering food from India, Austria, Italy, China and many other countries.