Focused on Academics

We offer our 6,800 undergraduate students a comprehensive curriculum with the breadth and depth of knowledge that makes classes rigorous, challenging, and invigorating.

Shippensburg University has three colleges—Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education and Human Services—that offer more than 100 majors and concentrations. There is also an Office of Undeclared Students for those who are undecided about a specific field of study.

In every degree program, you'll find an emphasis on individual attention, practical applications, and exposure to the latest ideas and methods. At Ship, education is not just what happens in the classroom. Ship students learn through study abroad, service-learning projects, and internship experiences.

Open House Programs

September 13, October 18, and November 22, 2014
March 21 and April 11, 2015

You'll have the opportunity to meet with professors, deans, coaches, and students. These Saturday programs feature a campus tour (including a look at the residence halls), faculty and student presentations, and a financial aid seminar. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. in ShipRec.

Visit Our Campus

Daily visits are available. (Schedule at ship.edu/visit)

10:00 a.m. / Admissions Information Presentation and Tour
Noon / Lunch in one of our dining halls. (Meal tickets are available for purchase.)
1:00–3:00 p.m. / Attend classes, meet with faculty, visit with coaches. (Must be pre-arranged.)

Helping Your Student Succeed

As the parent or guardian of a college-bound student, you play an important role in your student’s college decision process. More than half of our students tell us a parent was the most influential person in their decision to attend Shippensburg University. You care about your student’s success ... and so do we.

Everything we do is focused on helping the student acquire the skills and gain the knowledge necessary to succeed in the world. We do this by offering classes that are small, faculty who are experts in their fields, technology that is state-of-the-art, and programs that are nationally recognized.

We give students room to grow outside the classroom with opportunities for research with faculty, internships with area businesses and agencies, and leadership roles in clubs and organizations.

We know you have concerns about the college your student chooses. Does it provide a quality education? Is it safe? Can you afford it? Will your student find a job after graduation?

We invite you to visit Shippensburg with your son or daughter and ask these questions of staff, faculty, administration, and students.

To schedule a campus visit, go online to www.ship.edu/visit or call our admissions staff at (717) 477-1231.

At Ship, students can put their learning into practice working side-by-side with faculty on research projects. Most universities reserve this privilege for graduate students. As a result, Ship students have an edge both at graduate school and in the job market.

At the annual Celebration of Student Research Day, hundreds of Ship students present their projects.
More than just room and board
Visitors will tell you our campus is beautiful. Classic buildings are set on green lawns across 200 acres. Groves of mature trees and beds of flowers garnish the campus and the Blue Ridge Mountains rise up at the horizon.

The Borough of Shippensburg offers students and visitors a small town atmosphere with plenty of places to shop and dine. For suburban conveniences such as hospitals and shopping malls, Chambersburg is 10 miles away.

On campus, our nine student residence halls are staffed by professionally trained resident assistants and directors who live in the hall and are on call 24 hours a day. They make sure the halls are safe, clean, and provide a healthy environment.

Your student can choose to live in a Living-Learning Community with others who share common academic, social, or service interests. Details are available at www.ship.edu/housing.

You may be pleasantly surprised at the food selections offered to your student. Most students eat on campus because there are so many choices and the food is good! Ship dining services are provided by Chartwell's, a worldwide leader in the food services industry. Students can select between two "all-you-care-to-eat" plans that provide up to 19 meals per week or open a Flex account that allows students to use their I.D. card instead of cash to purchase food. Details are available at www.dineoncampus.com/ship.

Outside the classroom — college life
A well-rounded student gets involved in extracurricular activities in addition to academics. The combination of academics, activities, and interaction with peers can enhance the overall college experience.

Ship offers a wide variety of challenging and worthwhile activities to satisfy every taste. Ship boasts more than 150 clubs and organizations, which include 20 NCAA Division II intercollegiate sports, intramural sports, musical and theatrical performing groups, fraternities and sororities, academic and honorary societies, and many more. College life is what your student makes of it. So encourage your student to get involved!

Safety first
Because of its location, Shippensburg University enjoys a low crime rate. Your student’s safety is important to us. Each residence hall is equipped with a card-access system. The campus is well lit and an escort service is available. The campus police force has 16 armed, commissioned officers with arrest powers who patrol the campus and residence halls by car and foot around the clock. Outdoor emergency telephones, connected directly to the university police, are strategically located throughout the campus. Learn more about campus safety and security, including crime statistics, at www.ship.edu/Police.

Prepared for life after Ship
Ship graduates are successful in finding employment in their field or acceptance into graduate school. Just ask our 60,000 living and working around the world.

Students, from first-year through seniors, can find resources in Ship’s Career Center. The staff can help them explore personal values, interests, and abilities and match them to career choices. Your student can also take advantage of the career and internship fairs offered on campus through the Career Center. Services are detailed online at www.ship.edu/career and include:

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- Career Self-Assessment Tools
- Web-Based Listings for Jobs and Internships
- Workshops and Networking Events
- On-Campus Recruitment
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Live on care, comfort, community.
9 student residence halls provide co-ed living accommodations including:
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- Apartment-style residences.
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