A Rock Solid Education is more than a degree; it’s understanding the connections between many disciplines. Your career may take you places and require skills that you can’t even imagine right now. The goal of your college education should be to prepare you to adapt to whatever happens in your life. You need to learn how to adapt to change, and how to put the knowledge you’ve gained in one field to use in another.

At Slippery Rock University, we don’t just stamp out biologists, accountants, or teachers. You’ll earn a Rock Solid Education here that fosters curiosity and wonderment, that demonstrates connections between the arts and the sciences, and that builds lasting relationships with your mentors and with your friends.

Best of all, your Rock Solid Education will provide you with the intellectual and emotional tools you’ll need to successfully meet all the challenges that life will bring.

Come see why the prestigious academic honorary Phi Kappa Phi recently extended membership to Slippery Rock University and why Princeton Review ranked us as “One of 98 Great Schools to Consider” in the mid-Atlantic region. Rock Solid!
At Slippery Rock University, you'll find liberal arts study at the heart of your academic career. Why do we ask marketing majors to study art history, or dance majors to study English composition? Because more than learning any one subject, your college experience should teach you how to learn, solve problems, find information and put that information to good use. A Rock Solid liberal arts education teaches you just that: how to adapt to new systems by educating yourself in their mechanics and cultures. It makes you a creative problem solver. Your major may prepare you for a career, but the liberal arts core, combined with your major, prepares you for life. Our liberal arts core will teach you to understand:

• The creative process
• Other cultures
• Yourself and the people around you
• A full spectrum of today’s issues—the opportunities and the challenges
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PRE-PROFESSIONAL AREAS OF STUDY*:
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Podiatry
- Pre-Physical Therapy

PRE-PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION PROGRAMS*:
- Pre-Chiropractic (Logan College)
- Physics Pre-engineering 3+2 (Penn State or Youngstown State)
- Pre-Osteopathy 3+4 (LECOM)**
- Pre-Pharmacy 2+3 / 3+3 (LECOM)*
- Pre-Physical Therapy 3+3 (SRU)

* For new freshmen only
** Must meet Phase 1 requirements to be a part of accelerated programs with LECOM
Diversity
- 13.2 percent of faculty are minority
- 44 percent are women

Service Learning
You don’t have to wait until graduation to put your Rock Solid Education to work, or to feel the satisfaction that comes with making an important contribution to society. Through the Rock’s Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership, Slippery Rock students volunteer hours of service to thousands of people in the U.S. and many other countries. In some cases, they receive college credit for their work, and in many cases what they learn will lead to published research or professional presentations. There are opportunities to serve no matter what major or degree you pursue—all that’s necessary is a desire to change the world.

A Passion for Knowledge
If you want classes that encourage writing and critical thinking skills, are student-centered and discussion-based, and generally more rigorous but not overwhelming, then you want to be part of the Honors Program.

Benefits of being a member of the Slippery Rock Honors Program include:
- Honors distinction noted on your transcripts and diploma
- 30 Honors Program scholarships are available, worth $4,000 each
- Smaller classes (with enrollments of 12 to 25) with a seminar setting
- Participation in symposia, colloquia, extracurricular learning activities such as trips to museums and theaters, and attendance at the International Poetry Forum
- An annual honors seminar abroad with a faculty member and other honors students
- Honors housing in Bard Hall (optional)
- Access to the honors lounge in Bard Hall, which offers a comfortable setting for study and collaboration as well as two computers available only for honors students
- Use of the honors program computer lab in Bard Hall for those honors students living there
- Early registration benefits

To be eligible for the program you need one of the following:
1. An SAT score of 1100 or higher (or an ACT score of 25 or higher):
2. As high school GPA of 3.8 or higher; or
3. To be in the top 10% of your high school graduating class.

SRU Profile and Enrollment
- Average class size is 23 students
- 19:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Neither graduate assistants nor teaching assistants teach classes
- More than 150 academic programs, 60 majors
- More than 100 clubs and organizations on campus
- Numerous recreational opportunities

SRU Profile

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Employers increasingly seek graduates who have a global outlook, understand diversity and are confident in their ability to accept other cultures. Slippery Rock University has a long history of international initiatives, offering 20 international educational experiences around the world.

You can travel abroad as early as your freshman year, spend a semester or year studying abroad, accept a paid or unpaid professional internship or travel with other students on a course with an international study component.

International students who come from every continent also enrich SRU’s campus. The Office of International Initiatives, housed in the remodeled Paul and Carolyn Carruth Rizza Hall, serves as a hub for learning, clubs and social events.
The latest addition to campus is the $14.5 million Science and Technology Building (below). The 87,000-square-foot building includes fully wired classrooms, labs and a 350-seat auditorium.
The next generation of SRU students will benefit from one of the largest new residence hall construction projects in the U.S. The Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., is building the 2,197-bed housing complex. Phase one will be completed by fall 2006, with phase two set for completion by fall 2008. The replacement project will offer students individual bedrooms with a small-group common area for on-campus living. They are suite-style apartments. The project is being undertaken as student demand for individual bedroom/apartment-style living quarters increases.
Clubs and Activities
Slippery Rock University offers 120 student organizations, including Greek and academic honorary fraternities and sororities.

Entertainment
Slippery Rock University offers more than 50 student plays, concerts and dance recitals each year. In addition, performance and lecture events bring nationally prominent individuals to campus.

Recreation
Students have full access to the Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center (The ARC). The facility includes an indoor pool, weight room, track, climbing wall and gymnasium areas for basketball, volleyball, badminton, dek hockey, indoor soccer and aerobics. An extensive intramural program is also coordinated through the ARC. Morrow Field House houses a second pool, indoor track and wrestling pads. Outdoor tennis courts and aerobic centers provide additional fitness options.

See www.SRU.edu for a complete listing of student organizations and activities.
Intercollegiate Athletics

Slippery Rock University’s athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division II level. The University is a member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference’s (PSAC) Western Division. Students interested in exploring athletic scholarships at SRU should contact the SRU Athletic Office at 724-738-2021.

INTERCOLLEGIATE PROGRAMS

Baseball (m)
Basketball (m & w)
Cheerleading (m & w)
Cross Country (m & w)
Field Hockey (w)
Football (m)
Golf (m)
Soccer (m & w)
Softball (w)
Swimming (m & w)
Tennis (m & w)
Track & Field (m & w)
Volleyball (w)
Water Polo (m & w)

*Wrestling (m)

CLUB SPORTS

Bicycling
Dance (SHU Express)
Equestrian
Ice Hockey
Judo
Lacrosse
Men’s Volleyball
Rugby
Weight lifting

* = Wrestling competes at the NCAA Division I level.
88 percent of teaching faculty hold a doctorate or terminal degree.

276 of SRU’s 313 full-time instructional faculty have earned doctorate degrees.

Faculty, not graduate students, teach all classes at Slippery Rock University.

Recent Honors and Accomplishments

- **Dr. Cindy M. LaCom**, professor of English, received the SRU President’s Award for Teaching Excellence. Cited for mentoring, numerous publications and enthusiasm.

- **Bob Ogoreuc**, assistant professor of physical education, was named one of the 25 most powerful people in the world of aquatics by International Aquatics Magazine; asked to help revise the American Red Cross’ swimming and water safety manual.

- **Dr. Ramona Nelson**, professor of nursing, named a Fellow by the American Academy of Nursing for her leadership in promoting the use of computers in nursing education.

- **Dr. Jack Layne**, professor of biology, recognized as a national expert on the freeze-thaw cycle of gray treefrogs, which he studies for possible application to human organ transplants. National Geographic and The Washington Post interviewed Layne.

- **Susan Kushner**, associate professor School of Physical Therapy, named Volunteer of the Year by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

- **Dr. Bernard Freydberg**, professor of philosophy, received the Charles A. Zuzak Award as the top professor in the College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts. An expert in classical Greek thought, he has published three books and 22 articles.

- **Dr. Doris O’Shea**, professor of special education, received the President’s Award from the Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children for her 33 years of service.
Taking Your FYRST Steps

Slippery Rock University’s Learning Community Clusters and FYRST Seminar programs help first-year students transition to the University environment. Students connect, make friends, address concerns, form study groups and learn to manage their time so that they succeed academically and socially. Think of the programs as on-going orientations, led by faculty, upper-class students and advisors.

First-year students double their chance of success by participating.

Learning Community Clusters

Your transition to college life can be challenging and even stressful. The academic and social advantages provided by joining a Learning Community Cluster (LCC) can help reduce that stress.

In a LCC, you will attend three classes with the same group of students, which will enable you to meet and make new friends easily, form study groups, participate in class discussions, and better acquaint yourself with your professor. Research has shown that the more students connect to the university, the more successful they are in their college experience.

Freshman Seminar

The FYRST Seminar is a one-credit course designed specifically for first-year students. The goal of the FYRST Seminar is to assist students in their adjustment to college life.

The FYRST Seminar provides students with an opportunity to participate in the University community by utilizing campus programs, services and technology. Students also enhance their academic skills and learning strategies. Students are introduced to their major if they are enrolled in a FYRST Seminar related to their major.
It’s not enough these days to go into the job market with just your degree in your pocket. Employers demand that job candidates have real-world experience as well. Every major at The Rock includes some form of practical experience, through internships, work-study, practicums, or volunteerism. Our students may work within walking distance of the campus, or they may work on the other side of the planet, but by the time they graduate, every single SRU student will have had the opportunity to build an impressive professional resume.

Among recent internships by SRU students:

- Adelphia Business Solutions
- American Red Cross
- Banker’s Life & Casualty
- BAYER USA
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Carnegie Science Center
- College Directory Publishing, Inc.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Estée Lauder
- Famous Footwear
- First Federal Savings
- First National Bank of Slippery Rock
- Girl Scouts of America
- Global Science & Technology, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kaufmann’s Department Stores
- Ladbrooke Racing
- Merck Pharmaceuticals
- Merrill Lynch
- Microsoft Corporation
- NASA
- National City Bank
- Nike Factory Outlet Store
- Nortel Networks
- Northwest Savings Bank
- Norwest Financial Services
- Nova Chemical
- Packard Electric
- Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Pittsburgh Business Times
- Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club
- PNC Financial Services
- Prima Marketing
- Sheraton Hotels
- State Farm Insurance
- USX Corp.
- Vector Marketing
- YMCA
Our 600-acre campus is less than an hour north of Pittsburgh, in a safe, small-town community. Students walk to classes, athletic events and the newly revitalized downtown. Historic and modern buildings blend a sense of tradition with the latest technologies. Recreational opportunities abound, on and off campus. They include two state parks nearby and an on-campus recreation center with indoor pool, basketball, weights and a climbing wall. Slippery Rock University’s ideal atmosphere provides the perfect setting to pursue your academic goals, make lifelong friends and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
How to apply to SRU

FRESHMEN STUDENTS

The following credentials are required to apply for admission as a new freshman:

• Application for Admission (apply online at www.sru.edu).
• $25.00 non-refundable application fee (check or money order made payable to “SRU”)
• SAT or ACT scores (Slippery Rock University code numbers – ACT: 3716 SAT: 2658)
• Official High School Transcripts and a copy of the student’s 12th grade schedule.

AUTOMATIC ADMISSION CRITERIA

• 930 SAT / 20 ACT
• 2.75 QPA

Students who do not meet this criteria will be placed on the waiting list. Applications will be reviewed regularly and offers of admission will be awarded on a space-by-space basis to those who are closest to criteria noted above.

Please submit application materials to:

Slippery Rock University
Office of Admissions
North Hall Welcome Center
1 Morrow Way
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Telephone: 800-929-4778

With nearly 106,000 students, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth. The 14 PASSHE universities offer more than 250 degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. More than 400,000 PASSHE alumni live and work in Pennsylvania. The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. PASSHE also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Kittanning, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.
TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students are those who attempted and/or completed coursework at an accredited institution beyond a high school diploma. Students who have earned college credits while still in high school are considered Advanced Standing Freshmen.

The following credentials are required to apply for admission as a new transfer student:

- **Application for Admission** (apply online at www.sru.edu).
- **$25.00 non-refundable application fee** (check or money order made payable to “SRU”)
- **Official transcripts from all previous attended institutions**
- **Official High School Transcripts** (If less than 60 credits have been earned at the time of enrollment at SRU)

Generally, students who have completed 12 or more credits at a post-secondary institution and have earned a cumulative QPA of 2.0 or higher will be considered for admission to the University.

To guarantee the best transition to SRU, we suggest the following application deadlines:

- **Fall/Summer sessions**: apply the previous January
- **Spring session**: apply the previous late September–early October

Please be advised that, depending on course availability, some academic programs may close early. Adhering to the above schedule is highly recommended.
Rock Solid Value

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

• The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA*) must be completed in order to apply for financial aid available at SRU. Students are able to complete the FAFSA beginning January 1 of the year preceding their enrollment in college. We recommend that the application is completed after January 1 and before May 1. *The SRU Federal School Code is 003327

• The scholarship application deadline is February 15.

• Some of our most prestigious scholarships are offered as early as late fall; therefore, students with strong academic records are encouraged to apply for admission to SRU as early as possible (Scholarship information and applications are listed on SRU’s Web site at www.sru.edu.)

ANNUAL COST FOR FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD FOR 2005-06*

Pennsylvania Residents

• Full-time tuition and standard fees for a full-time undergraduate student for the academic year .......... $6,211

• A typical room and food plan for the academic year .................. $4,796

• Total: ..................................................... $11,007

Non-Pennsylvania Residents

• Non-Pennsylvania residents with 3.0 QPA ................................ $13,524*

• Non-Pennsylvania residents without 3.0 QPA .......................... $18,430*

SRU is pleased to offer undergraduate tuition reduction to non-resident full-time undergraduate degree seeking students who possess a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average at the time of graduation. For details, contact the Office of Admissions.

* Totals include room and board.
Welcome and thank you for your interest in Slippery Rock University – an institution defined by academic quality, student centeredness, outstanding teaching, and a beautiful residential environment.

The hallmark of the University is a vibrant curriculum provided by talented and dedicated faculty whose primary vision is to help you achieve your destiny. Our faculty are here to help you succeed both inside and outside the traditional classroom. We are committed to offering programs in fields where you will find fulfillment and a rewarding career.

Slippery Rock University is undergoing rapid change. In the past five years alone, we have earned more than a dozen new academic program accreditations and named one of the “Mid-Atlantic Great Schools to Consider.” Enrollment has increased to an all-time record high while admission standards have tightened. More academically talented students are enrolled and graduating on time. In the last three years, the university has been awarded four national awards for its work to enhance academic quality and recently became the newest chapter for Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary.

As the University looks to the future, a new $14.5 million science and technology building will be open for you. We have launched a $110 million renovation and replacement of student housing expected to be fully completed in 2008, arguably the largest student housing construction project in the United States. The campus continues to undergo renovations including cutting edge technology to remain ranked among the more sophisticated teaching and learning environments in the country.

Slippery Rock University is a place where students succeed and become graduates in demand. Please surf our Website. Request our DVD from the Admissions Office. And, most of all, come and visit us.

You will find there is a reason people say this is a great time to be at Slippery Rock University!

President Robert M. Smith

As the University’s top advocate for technology, President Robert M. Smith often wheels to meetings on his personal high-tech vehicle known as a Segway. He enjoys chatting with students as well.
Ways to Visit The Rock

We want to make sure your visit to The Rock is memorable and that you discover everything you need to know to make your college choice – a life-changing decision. Therefore, we request that you contact us to schedule an appointment.

Campus Visits
Campus visits run year-round on most days – even in the summer. A campus visit consists of a presentation by an admission counselor and a tour led by a “Pride Guide,” one of our students. You’ll be in a very small group as you learn more about Slippery Rock University and tour campus, and you might even meet a future classmate. Afterwards you and your family may ask questions one-on-one. Call Admissions at 800-929-4778 to schedule a tour or see our Web site at www.SRU.edu for more information. Campus visits generally last about two and a half hours and start at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. But the schedule does vary by day, so be sure to make a reservation.

Saturday Showcase Programs
Saturday Showcase Programs are offered on select Saturdays throughout the year. You’ll have the opportunity to meet in a small group with a professor and other prospective students interested in your major, meet with current Slippery Rock University students who will answer your questions about the University and mingle with a host of representatives from student services and campus organizations.

Saturday Showcase Programs start with check in at 9:00 a.m. and wrap up in the afternoon. Reservations are essential.

Call Admissions at 800-929-4778 or go to our Web site at www.SRU.edu to reserve your place or for more information.

Additional Visit Options
Small group appointments are available on select Saturdays throughout the school year. Contact us for details.

Transfer Student Visitation
Transfer students visit campus via individual appointments with a transfer counselor and optional tours. You may schedule an on-campus appointment by phoning the Office of Admissions at 1-800-929-4778. Due to the complexity of transfer credit analysis and the need for individualized attention, our calendars may fill as much as two weeks in advance.

Please plan ahead!
Symbolizing your growth at The Rock

From a natural rough rock to a smoothly polished sphere, a Rock Solid Education awaits...Throughout this publication, we describe in writing and in photos what a Rock Solid Education can do for you! Come visit The Rock and walk The Walk through the center of our campus that symbolizes how we plan to help shape you into the person you dream to be!