Online Programs in Enterprise Architecture
“In today’s challenging and rapidly changing economic and competitive environment, the need for greater efficiency, effectiveness, and agility is crucial for organizations of all types and sizes. Enterprise architecture (EA) professionals are at the forefront of this movement. They strive to align the enterprise information system and technology with business strategy and goals—to enable the most effective use of enterprise information technology that supports and grows an organization and produces measurable business value.

“Over the last four years I have developed the Center for Enterprise Architecture at Penn State. Part of the educational mission of the center consists of a new graduate certificate and master’s degree program delivered entirely online. This is unique in terms of topic area and the manner in which it was initially formed. I invite you to learn more about Penn State’s online graduate certificate, master’s degree, and the Center for Enterprise Architecture.”

—Brian H. Cameron, Ph.D. Executive Director, Center for Enterprise Architecture Program Director, Master of Professional Studies in Enterprise Architecture
Why Penn State

Beginning in 1998, the World Campus has grown into one of the nation’s leading providers of online education. Our mission is to deliver Penn State degrees, certificates, and courses in a convenient online format so that you—the adult student—can balance work, family, and your educational pursuits.

Penn State World Campus is the real Penn State. In partnership with colleges across the Penn State system, the World Campus has served students from all fifty states, more than forty countries, and from all seven continents. These students are part of our global learning community, interacting with the faculty and exchanging ideas and expertise with one another as they strive to meet their personal and professional goals.

We invite you to explore our EA websites to learn how you can accomplish your educational goals.

www.worldcampus.psu.edu/PSUEA

A Respected, High-Quality Education

In 1892, Penn State founded one of our nation’s first correspondence courses; in 1998, we were one of the first major accredited universities to provide online education. We are committed to ensuring that you have access to a quality academic experience, even when you have job and family obligations to fulfill. Our EA programs have been developed through a partnership between Penn State’s College of Information Sciences and Technology and Penn State’s World Campus, a pioneer in providing global online access to a real university education.

Your online courses are the same academically challenging courses that are taught on campus. Yet they give you the flexibility and convenience to study wherever you are, at times that suit your own schedule.

Through education, research, and outreach, Penn State continues to respond to the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world’s changing economic and social needs. Our faculty and course designers develop our degrees and certificates specifically for the online adult learner, and you can expect our high-quality courses to fit into your busy schedule, providing immediate value to your career.

Faculty

The courses in the graduate certificate and the master’s degree in enterprise architecture are designed and taught by full-time Penn State professors whose teaching and research interests combine academic expertise and industry experience. They are leaders in their fields and experts in the subjects they teach, and they are committed to making sure you get a quality academic experience in your online programs.

Employer Recognized and Accepted

The online graduate certificate and master’s degree in EA programs will carry the same Penn State commitment to high quality respected by employers everywhere. And when you graduate, your diploma will be the same as any other awarded by Penn State. Penn State World Campus is the real Penn State. The only difference is the way in which the courses are delivered to you.
Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Architecture

Penn State’s 9-credit graduate certificate in EA is designed to give you a solid foundation of knowledge as you explore how to integrate strategic, business, and technology planning methods and best practices. The certificate was designed for professionals already working in enterprise architecture who want to formalize their current skills, or for individuals who are newly interested in the profession.

In addition to its practical applications, the graduate certificate can be used as a first step in your education or as a stand-alone credential. The credits that you earn in the certificate can be applied to the requirements for the master’s degree in enterprise architecture, if you are accepted into the master’s program.

Required Courses

**EA 871**—Enterprise Architecture Foundations (3 credits)

**EA 872**—Enterprise Architecture Foundations II (3 credits)

Elective Courses (choose one of the following):

**EA 873**—Enterprise Modeling (3 credits)

or

**MANGT 510**—Project Management (3 credits)

Enterprise Architecture’s Role in Bridging Strategy and Execution

Source: Gartner
Master of Professional Studies in Enterprise Architecture

The successful EA professional requires a unique combination of skills and perspectives. He or she needs to integrate a variety of planning methods with an ability to understand, analyze, justify, and communicate the solution of enterprise architecture problems. These unique skills and perspectives position the EA professional for a wide variety of leadership roles within the enterprise. Not surprisingly, such people are in high demand in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. However, the supply of experts with the needed breadth of knowledge in both enterprise technology and business is scarce.

To meet the increased demand for EA-related professionals, Penn State has developed the Master of Professional Studies in Enterprise Architecture (MPS/EA). This program was created with significant input from leading corporations, industry associations, and the government bodies through our Center for Enterprise Architecture. It is designed for people who aspire to roles with enterprise-wide scope and authority, such as that embodied by an enterprise architect.

This 34-credit master’s degree program was designed to prepare you to address high-level organizational competencies required to integrate strategic-, business-, and technology-planning methods as well as the ability to understand, analyze, justify, and communicate the solution of enterprise architecture problems.

The curriculum blends content from enterprise systems and architecture as well as many areas of business. It includes eight required 3-credit courses, one 1-credit required course, two elective 3-credit courses, plus a required 3-credit capstone course whose objective is for students to integrate and apply the knowledge acquired throughout the course work.

In addition to the core courses, 6 credits of electives are required, concentrated in four areas, available for you to round out your degree—based on your professional and personal interests:

• supply chain management
• enterprise integration
• information security
• project management

Core Courses (28 credits)

EA 870—Scholarship in Enterprise Architecture (1 credit)
EA 871—Enterprise Architecture Foundations I (3 credits)
EA 872—Enterprise Architecture Foundations II (3 credits)
EA 873—Enterprise Modeling (3 credits)
EA 874—Enterprise Information Technology Architecture (3 credits)

EA 875—Enterprise Architecture Leadership (Capstone) (3 credits)
MANGT 510—Project Management (3 credits)
MANGT 515—Cost and Value Management (3 credits)
MANGT 531—Organizations (3 credits)
MANGT 540—Strategy: Corporate, Business, and Project (3 credits)
Frequently Asked Questions

Is this the real Penn State?

Absolutely. Penn State values online education as highly as it does resident instruction. The credits you receive are exactly the same as those awarded to on-campus students. Once you complete the requirements for your degree, you will be awarded a diploma that is identical to the one received by any Penn State student. There is no mention on your diploma that you earned your degree online.

How will I interact with my instructor and other students?

You will be part of a group of students in each course in this program, and we use a variety of means to bring students and instructors together, including asynchronous electronic threaded discussions on the course website and e-mail.

What types of student support are available?

As a distance education pioneer, Penn State has developed a nationally recognized support system for students who are geographically removed from campus. With our amazing team of academic advisers, technical support experts, customer service representatives, and Penn State instructors, we’ll help you get where you want to go—successfully—through distance education.

Why is Penn State the best choice for me?

Flexibility and convenience:
Penn State knows that adults need flexible and convenient learning options to continue meeting their professional and personal commitments. As job responsibilities grow increasingly complex and family schedules become more hectic, online education enables you to study at times and locations that are convenient for you.

Reputation:
Penn State is universally regarded as one of the finest educational institutions in the United States. Putting a Penn State degree or certificate on your résumé is a great way to prove to current and potential employers that you are a well-educated professional, and to broaden your career options.

Accreditation:
Penn State is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and has an outstanding reputation as a research and teaching university. Our courses are also accepted by most other colleges and universities in fulfillment of their requirements.

Begin Your Application Today

Admissions decisions for the Master of Professional Studies in Enterprise Architecture and the Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Architecture are based on the quality of the applicant’s credentials relative to those of other applicants. The decisions are based on a review of the complete application portfolio.

When applying to the master's degree or certificate program, you must include the following:

Degree

- Online application form and fee
- Official GRE/GMAT test scores will be considered if submitted but are not required.
- Statement of purpose
- Résumé
- Names of three recommenders
- Two official transcripts
- TOEFL score, if applicable

Certificate

- Online application form and fee
- Statement of purpose
- Résumé
- One letter of recommendation
- Two official transcripts
- TOEFL score, if applicable

Did you know?

- Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all fifty states and all seven continents.
- Our online courses involve frequent interactions between students and with instructors.
- Penn State has aligned its online programs, student support services, policies, and procedures to support military personnel, veterans, and military family members.
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8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.      Friday
Closed                  Saturday and Sunday

Admissions Counseling Hours
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