

Relocation Overview: Before & After (Johnstown → Pittsburgh)

To relocate to Pittsburgh and have a major in the Department of *Biological Sciences*:

1. Apply for relocation at the UPJ Registrar's Office.

Your relocation application will go to the **Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Student Records Office** (asundergrad.pitt.edu/student-records). They will review your transcript to ensure that you have met the relocation requirements (or are currently enrolled in courses to meet the requirements). Requirements and relocation form here: <https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/academics/office-registrar/relocation>).

While waiting to hear about your relocation application, it is recommended that you contact:

- Panther Central housing office (412-648-1100; panthercentral@pitt.edu)
 - If planning university housing on or off campus)
 - www.pc.pitt.edu/housing-services/housing-process
- The Office of Financial Aid (412-624-7488; finaid@pitt.edu)
 - Please note: UPJ merit scholarships do not transfer to any other Pitt campus.
 - oafa.pitt.edu/financialaid/

2. Student Records will email you to confirm your relocation within 2-3 weeks of receiving your application. The timeline for acceptance is individually based on the students' academic situation. Within in that email, you will find the following:

- a. General Education evaluation. The Office of Student Records will evaluate all of the classes you have taken to date and determine which count toward the Dietrich School of Arts & sciences General Education Requirements (asundergrad.pitt.edu/academic-experience/general-education-requirements). Please note that these requirements are different than the General Education program at UPJ.
- b. Instructions on orientation and on-boarding to the Department of Biological Sciences. You must complete these before you can schedule an advising appointment and have your enrollment hold lifted.
- c. It is important to note that while your intended major is Biology, you will not be officially declared in majors within the Department of Biological Sciences until you have earned grades of "C" or better in the prerequisite courses.

3. Watch Pittsburgh campus orientation video and complete Biological Sciences onboarding survey (instructions found in above email)

4. An advisor from the Department of Biological Sciences will email you to schedule an advising appointment.
 - Your appointment can be by phone, video conference, or potentially in-person
 - Before your appointment, the advisor will send you info about how your UPJ courses transfer for the biological sciences major and your outstanding requirements for the major
 - Before your appointment, you should think about
 - Which classes you plan to take during each of your remaining semesters to fulfill your outstanding degree requirements
 - Any questions you have about classes, extracurriculars, and career goals
 - During your advising meeting, you will go over course requirements, campus resources, balancing your schedule to maximize success and opportunities outside the classroom, and achieving your career goals.
 - At the end of your advising meeting, the advisor will lift your enrollment hold!
5. Enroll for classes any time after your online enrollment appointment time.

Relocation FAQs (Johnstown→ Pittsburgh)

1. *What are the requirements for relocation to the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences?*

- Completion of 45 credits at Johnstown (can be in progress)
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher

2. *When should I apply for relocation?*

Any time after you have completed (or are enrolled in the courses that will complete) the requirements for relocation. Please note that relocations are contingent upon completing the requirements, including maintaining the minimum GPA.

3. *Why should I apply for relocation?*

There is no one right answer to this question. It will certainly depend on what you are looking to get out of your college education – both in and out of the classroom. We recommend that you talk to advisors on both campus as well as your personal support team before making a decision.

4. *When can I enroll for classes on the Pittsburgh campus?*

You must first have an advising appointment with an advisor from the Department of Biological Sciences. After this meeting, your hold will be lifted and you will be able to enroll any time after your online enrollment appointment (see Student Center).

5. *Who will be my advisor on the Pittsburgh campus?*

There are 6 advisors in the Department of Biological Sciences advising office and we do not assign students to advisors. We will arrange your first meeting based on shared availability. After that, you will be able to meet with any of the advisors.

6. *Which classes should I take before I apply for relocation?*

Great question. We have some suggestions on how to prepare on our “UPJ → Pittsburgh 2+2 semester planner” available here: www.biology.pitt.edu/biotransfer

7. *Which classes should I take during my first semester on the Pittsburgh campus?*

- Our best advice is to take a step back and go for a ‘lighter’ semester. The first semester at a new school is always challenging. At most, we would recommend 1-2 science courses and 2-3 gen-ed/minor courses.
- Please also review your acceptance paperwork and adhere to any requirements noted there as well.

8. *Is there a deadline to apply for relocation?*

No. Admissions are rolling and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

9. *Can I apply for the Pitt Honors program?*

Transfer students may apply to join [Pitt Honors](#) after they have been enrolled on the Pittsburgh campus for two semesters.

10. *Can I still get my chemistry minor?*

At least half of the credits for any major or minor must be completed on the Pittsburgh campus. The chemistry minor requires about 19 credits, so 10 would have to be completed on the Pittsburgh campus)

11. *Can I still get my psychology minor?*

No. The Pittsburgh campus does not offer a psychology minor (only the major).

12. *Are there any credit restrictions?*

To receive a University of Pittsburgh degree, you must complete, at a minimum, your last 30 credits at the University of Pittsburgh. A max of 90 credits can transfer from other programs.

13. *Can I graduate with University Honors?*

Students can graduate with University honors providing they earn 60 credits of letter grade at Pitt along with the appropriate GPA required.

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