At IST you will enjoy the best of both worlds—a close-knit community set amidst a large university. We create this community by providing you—and every one of your fellow classmates—with the resources and support needed so that you will feel like you belong, know that your contributions matter, and ultimately, achieve success at IST. When you graduate you will have a wealth of knowledge and support that will carry through as you enter the workforce as a leader, poised to achieve great things in your career and in life.

You are vital to the IST community; your diverse skills and background enrich the experience of everyone you work with—fellow students, staff, and faculty. We recognize your uniqueness and celebrate it! And we want to make your time at IST as meaningful for you as possible.

At the heart of it all is IST’s Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), which drives IST’s mission to create a welcome and nurturing climate that fosters diversity with a commitment to Penn State’s statement on anti-discrimination. Through OMA, you’ll have access to unique advising and mentoring experiences, and ample professional development, skill-building, and networking opportunities, tailored to your special talents and aspirations.
OMA SERVICES AT-A-GLANCE:

- Collaboration with student organizations including:
  - Women in IST (WIST)
  - Diversity Network (D-Net)
  - IST Student Government
- “Open Door” policy.
- Social, emotional, and academic support.
- Referrals to other supporting resources:
  - Undergraduate Advising Center
  - Office of Student Aid
  - Office of Disability Services
- Student representation on the IST Diversity Committee.
- Student focus groups to gather feedback on how IST can best meet your needs.

“Penn State has a diverse community and there are many ways to get involved in the community through various clubs and activities. Through D-Net, we embrace diversity and prepare students by providing networking opportunities, career resources, community outreach, mentoring, and professional development.” —Brittany Heath, ’16 IST and SRA, 2013 D-Net president

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

And don’t forget about the wealth of opportunities beyond the walls of IST! As a Penn State student, these are just a few of the many, many resources available to you:

Center for Women Students
studentaffairs.psu.edu/womenscenter

LGBTA Student Resource Center
studentaffairs.psu.edu/lgbta

Multicultural Resource Center
equity.psu.edu/mrc

Office for Disability Services
equity.psu.edu/ods

Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity
equity.psu.edu

Paul Robeson Cultural Center
studentaffairs.psu.edu/cultural

Student Affairs
studentaffairs.psu.edu

University Health Services
studentaffairs.psu.edu/health

Union and Student Activities
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