Entrance to Major (ETM) Procedure

Students are admitted to Penn State in the pre-major (ex: INFST)/“common year” status for their first two years. In the spring semester of student’s sophomore year, he/she will request entrance to the ISTBS or SRA major at the University Park campus for the fall semester. The following procedure is used to determine student’s entry in the major.

**ISTBS and SRA Majors at University Park**

1) Are you a current Penn State student in “common year” status (ex. INFST, DUS, COMM, ENGR, LA, etc.)

   ![Diagram](IF YES: PROCEED TO QUESTION 2, IF NO: YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO EITHER THE ISTBS OR SRA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK)

2) Will you complete required courses* with grades of C or better by the end of spring semester of your sophomore year?

   *Required courses for ISTBS: IST 110S/IST 110, IST 210, and IST 220

   *Required Courses for SRA: IST 110S/IST 110, SRA 111, and SRA 211

   ![Diagram](IF YES: PROCEED TO QUESTION 3, IF NO: YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO EITHER THE ISTBS OR SRA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK)

3) Will you have a 2.00 cumulative grade-point*(GPA) average? *cumulative GPA is determined by the previous fall semester and must be maintained through the spring semester of your ETM pool.

   ![Diagram](IF YES: YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBS MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK, IF NO: YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO EITHER THE ISTBS OR SRA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK)

If a student answers “YES” to all questions above, he/she must still go through the ETM process during the spring semester of their sophomore year. Students are notified by email to confirm their major, option, and campus preference through eLion.
ISTBA Major at University Park

1) Are you a current Penn State student in “common year” status (ex. INFST, DUS, COMM, ENGR, LA, etc.) and at least third semester standing and not greater than fourth semester classification?

IF YES
PROCEED TO QUESTION 2

IF NO
YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

2) Will you complete two of the four required courses* with grades of C or better by the end of spring semester of your sophomore year?

*Required courses for ISTBA: IST 110S/IST 110, IST 130, IST 210, and IST 220

IF YES
PROCEED TO QUESTION 3

IF NO
YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

3) Will you have a 2.00 cumulative grade-point*(GPA) average? *cumulative GPA is determined by the previous fall semester and must be maintained through the spring semester of your ETM pool.

IF YES
PROCEED to QUESTION 4

IF NO
YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

4) Have you met with a member of the IST Advising staff, with the outcome being a workable academic plan selected either from a set of example templates (e.g., pre-law) or developed in consultation with the adviser. This meeting must take place prior to the completion of 60 credits. At campuses other than University Park, students will meet with a local IST adviser to develop their academic plans.

IF YES
PROCEED to QUESTION 5

IF NO
YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

5) Did you submit your Academic Program Proposal by the December 1 deadline?

IF YES
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

IF NO
YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ISTBA MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY PARK

If a student answers “YES” to all questions above, he/she must still go through the ETM process during the spring semester of their sophomore year. Students are notified by email to confirm their major, option, and campus preference through eLion.