Whatever questions you have about campus services, from arugula to zip codes, turn to Panther Central first. Call, stop in, or log on. We’re the place for answers.

Panther Central
Litchfield Towers
412-648-1100
www.pc.pitt.edu

The one card you need
Your Panther Card is the only card you need on campus. It is your photo ID and a whole lot more.

Your smiling face in the photograph on the front of your Panther Card identifies you as a student at the University of Pittsburgh. But the black magnetic strip on the back of the card identifies you in a variety of other ways as well. By swiping the magnetic strip on your card through a card reader, you get access to facilities throughout the University and around Pittsburgh, too.

If you live on campus, your Panther Card gives you access to your residence hall and meal plan. It lets you borrow books from the library and admits you to computer labs and fitness centers. Feeling under the weather? Present your Panther Card at the Student Health Service for high-quality medical care and health education. Transportation around campus and around the city is easy when you present a valid Panther Card. Only students living in a residence hall have card access to that building.

Take care of your Panther Card
Your Panther Card is a very valuable piece of plastic. Be sure to keep it safe and it will serve you well while you are at the University. Punched holes, bends, tears or any disfigurement automatically deactivates the scanning technology within the card and it results in the need to get a new card, for which there is a $20 replacement fee.

Your Panther Card keeps you safe and secure.
Your Panther Card is a key feature of campus security. Your photograph on the front of the card both identifies you as a student at the University of Pittsburgh and ensures that no one else can use your card to access University facilities and services.

All Panther Cards are issued at Panther Central in the Litchfield Towers Lobby. When you come in for your card, we confirm both your identity and that you are currently enrolled at the University before we take your picture and give you your Panther Card.

The magnetic strip on the back of your card is another important security feature. The magnetic strip contains a unique numerical code for every student on campus. When a card reader scans your card, it gives you access to University facilities, including your residence hall. Only students living in a residence hall have card access to that building.

If you report your card lost or stolen or if you are no longer enrolled at the University, the card becomes deactivated so that it can no longer be used.

Your Panther Card also can eliminate the need for you to carry cash on campus by giving you access to your Panther Funds. Panther Funds are a convenient way to purchase books, food and beverages, merchandise, and a variety of services at locations both on and off campus.
Panther Card self service photo upload

Submit your photo in advance and allow us to prepare your Pitt ID for you!

Online photo submission is quick and easy; IDs are typically processed in one day. To obtain a preprinted ID, new students, faculty and staff must submit their photo at least one full business day prior to arrival on campus.

Online Photo Submission is a convenience that Panther Central offers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on photo submission criteria, please visit www.pc.pitt.edu/card/photoid.php.

Access services on campus and around town

Your Panther Card gives you access to many useful services, not only on campus but throughout Pittsburgh, too.

Meal Plans: When you want to eat on campus, simply present your Panther Card at any campus dining location to access your available Dining Passes and Dining Dollars. Each time you use your Dining Passes and Dining Dollars to eat, your remaining balance is shown at the register. You also may access your Dining Dollars usage report online at the Panther Central community at my.pitt.edu.

Computer Labs: Use your Panther Card for access to any of the many self-service printers on campus.

Student Health Service: If you are sick or injured, come to the Student Health Service in the Mark A. Nordenberg Hall with your Panther Card for care.

Fitness Centers: Shape up in one of the many fitness centers on campus. Just swipe your Panther Card for access to the fitness center in your residence hall or to the facilities in the Petersen Events Center, Trees Hall, and Bellefield Hall.

Transportation: Avoid the aggravation and expense of commuting by car. Ride both the campus shuttle and Port Authority buses fare free with your Panther Card.

University Libraries: Your Panther Card also is your library card. Present your card at any University library to borrow books and other materials.

Panther Funds in place of cash

Panther Funds are a convenient alternative to using cash, checks, or credit cards for routine purchases. Every day, students use Panther Funds to buy books, food and beverages, merchandise, and a variety of services at locations both on and off campus.

Your Panther Card gives you access to your Panther Funds. It’s easy to “load” Panther Funds onto your card. Students can go to the Panther Central community at my.pitt.edu. Parents can add funds by going to www.pc.pitt.edu/card/funds.php. You also can use the cash management center (CMC) kiosks in the Litchfield Towers lobby, Cathedral of Learning, Pennsylvania Hall, Victoria Building, Hillman Library, Bevier Engineering Library, Lothrop Hall, or Sutherland Hall to load funds with a cash or a valid MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit card. Or call or stop by Panther Central with cash; a check; or a valid MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit card and funds will be added to your account. Every dollar you load onto your card is available to you. There are no transaction fees or minimum balances with Panther Funds and funds roll over from semester to semester, year to year. Panther Funds are safe and only you can use your Panther Card for a transaction using Panther Funds. If you report your card lost or stolen, it is automatically deactivated and can no longer be used to access your funds.

Panther Funds accepted here

You can use your Panther Funds for purchases at the following campus locations:

- The University Store on Fifth, Dental School Instrument Store, the Student Mail Room, Panther Central service offices, the Pitt Shop, Maggie & Stella’s Cards & Gifts, the Pittsburgh Panthers Team Store, the athletics box office, the O’Hara parking garage, and Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum parking garage
- Campus dining facilities, Einstein Bros Bagels, and Starbucks coffee carts
- At University libraries for photocopies and paying fines
- At the laundry facilities in most residence halls
- At vending machines and copiers across campus
- At the Student Health Service for medical services

* You cannot get cash back.

Accepted off campus, too

Panther Funds also are accepted by a growing number of local off-campus merchants. You can dine at many nearby restaurants, enjoy an ice cream treat, go your grocery shopping, grab a late-night pizza, purchase fitness clothes and shoes, and pick up drugstore supplies—all with Panther Funds! Pick up a complete list of participating merchants at Panther Central in the Litchfield Towers lobby or at www.pc.pitt.edu/card/merchantlist.php.

Oh no! I’ve lost my card!

If you misplace your Panther Card or it is lost or stolen, you can easily get a replacement card at Panther Central. Panther Central issues ID cards 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should immediately report your card missing at the Panther Central community at my.pitt.edu, and it will automatically be deactivated.

You also can report a lost or stolen card by telephone at 412-684-1100 or in person at Panther Central in the Litchfield Towers lobby.

If you think you have only misplaced your card, a temporary ID card will be issued to you after positive identification is provided. Your temporary card will be coded to give you access to your meal plan and your residence hall. Once you find your original Panther Card, you must visit Panther Central in order to reinstate your access to your residence hall and meal plan. Your temporary card must be returned to Panther Central or you will be charged a fee for the card.

If your Panther Card is lost or stolen, you will be issued a new photo ID to replace the original after you provide positive identification. The lost or stolen card will be canceled to prevent anyone from using it to access your Panther Funds or any University facility. Your new card will give you the same privileges as the original, including access to the balance of any Panther Funds that remained on the lost or stolen card at the time you reported it missing.

There is a $20 fee to replace a lost or stolen Panther Card.