

Prompt: At Penn, learning and growth happen outside of the classroom, too. How will you explore the community at Penn? Consider how this community will help shape your perspective and identity, and how your identity and perspective will help shape this community. (200 words)

I think the community of the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) is very interesting. Going on the "Life at Penn" page on the institution's website, it was fascinating to read so many original and non-cliche self descriptions of the campus and student life. I could really tell PennU was not like the other universities, and if the descriptions were swapped with any other Ivy League's website, I would definitely be able to distinguish them.

What attracted me most to UC Pennsylvania were the opportunities for learning and growth. There were so many clubs that I definitely browsed through, and the libraries and buildings really felt different from other libraries and buildings and I truly think they will help shape my perspective and identity in a way other buildings cannot.

People ask me all the time: "Hey Aaryan why do you want to go to PennsyIU so bad?" and I always tell them because I feel like I can contribute a lot there. My unique heritage of being Indian combined with my niche interest in STEM means few others on the campus will be like me.

So that's why I want to go to the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, I hope I'll be able to make a real change there.