

Is upenn.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

upenn.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

upenn.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official University of Pennsylvania news and events page (Penn Today) providing articles, campus news, event listings, and institutional resources. No financial solicitations or credential-harvesting forms detected.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	40 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.upenn.edu/>



What upenn.edu served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is Penn Today, an institutional news and events portal associated with the University of Pennsylvania. It presents university news, research, academic content, campus events, and institutional resources for students, faculty, staff, alumni, visitors, and media, with an apparent communications function rather than a commercial or financial-services business model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site content, institutional navigation, University of Pennsylvania branding, linked social presence, and informational purpose are mutually consistent, while the available external reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, phishing indication, or brand-impersonation pattern. The real-world operator identity is not independently proven by this assessment, but the available evidence is consistent with an established institutional website rather than a scam or impersonation site.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “Penn Today — University of Pennsylvania” and presents university news, events, research, academics, health and medicine, and community content.
- The domain was registered on 1986-06-02 and is 40.24 years old.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no blacklist or phishing finding.
- The site links to five established social platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Twitter, as part of its institutional presence.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The observed business model is informational and university-funded, with no user deposits, investment returns, financial solicitations, or regulated services presented. No licensing claim or license number is disclosed, but that omission is not materially adverse for the news and communications activity observed. The page-level identity is apparently institutional and supported by the site’s University of Pennsylvania references; nevertheless, the operator’s real-world identity remains likely rather than independently verified. No broker-dataset match was identified, and the site’s page authority is mid-range, which is contextual evidence rather than a regulatory determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes news, events, and communications from the University of Pennsylvania and provides institutional navigation to academics, admissions, research, policies, and university resources.
- The page contains no financial solicitation, deposit request, return promise, or regulated-service offering.
- Hosting infrastructure is identified as AS54113, FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US.
- The site’s TLS certificate is issued by YR2, uses DV validation, and is valid through 2026-11-06 18:21:08 UTC.

What to Verify Next

Before any future interaction that requests credentials, payment, donations, or sensitive personal information, confirm that the destination is reached through the university’s independently established communications channels and that the request aligns with the relevant university department or service. For transactions, confirm the applicable payment-protection, refund, and institutional contact procedures through independently sourced university information rather than relying solely on a page-provided instruction.

EVIDENCE

- The captured page contains 0 forms and no sensitive form fields.
- No login form, hidden form, password-exfiltration destination, wallet connection, or credential-harvesting behavior was detected.
- The site provides internal links to `/about`, `/contact`, `/news`, `/academics`, and `/admissions`, offering institutional routes for cross-checking context.
- Two observed behavioral runs completed successfully, with no cloaking, suspicious inline scripts, clipboard hijacking, or wallet-drainer activity detected.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university communications website and supports a low-risk, high-trust posture. The classification is strong, while the connection between the website and a specific real-world operator should remain described as likely rather than proven independently.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Fastly's CDN/WAF architecture, and all observed addresses were CDN edge addresses rather than directly exposed origin candidates. This reduces direct origin exposure and provides a meaningful infrastructure-mitigation signal, although protective hosting alone does not establish legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Three observed edge addresses were associated with the Fastly CDN/WAF layer; 0 likely origin addresses were identified.
- The observed IPv4 edge address was 23.185.0.4, with IPv6 edge addresses 2620:12a:8000::4 and 2620:12a:8001::4.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence. Independent institutional-channel and payment-protection checks should be completed if a future interaction extends beyond ordinary browsing into credentials, personal data, or financial activity.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of upenn.edu.

- The request stayed on upenn.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2620:12a:8000::4
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-11-06
Domain age	40.24 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about upenn.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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