

ACCEPTANCE PACKAGE

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Enrollment Information for
Undergraduate Students

SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE



at
**BUFFALO
STATE...**

We *believe* in you.

Our campus will
inspire you to do
great things every day.

You will *achieve* a
life-changing degree.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE!

PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS BROCHURE CAREFULLY.

IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING:

- Confirming Your Intention to Enroll
- Immunization Requirements
- Transfer Credits
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Students with Disabilities
- Orientation
- Living on Campus
- Meal Plans

NEW STUDENT *checklist.*

Here is a checklist to help you plan for a smooth transition into Buffalo State.

Please visit buffalostate.edu/admissions/accepted for full details.

Next steps for New Students

- Submit Your Tuition Deposit and Admissions Reply Form
(EOP students automatically have their tuition deposit waived.)
buffalostate.edu/admissions/submit-deposit
buffalostate.edu/admissions/submit-reply
- Submit Final, Official High School and/or College Transcripts
- Submit Your Health Requirements

- Register for Orientation
- Apply for Scholarships and Financial Aid
financialaid.buffalostate.edu/apply-aid
- Apply for Resident Housing and Meal Plans
- Set Up Online Accounts
it.buffalostate.edu

Additional steps for Transfer Students

- Transfer Pre-Registration Tutorial
- Register for Transfer Orientation

CONFIRMING YOUR INTENTION TO ENROLL

Congratulations on your acceptance to Buffalo State. To confirm your intention to enroll, please submit your **online Admissions Reply Form and Tuition Deposit** (\$125). Please refer to your acceptance letter for instructions. Students who are accepted into the EOP program will need to submit the **Admissions Reply Form**, but are not required to pay the tuition deposit. Unless otherwise noted, priority deadlines are May 1 for fall enrollment, and November 1 for spring enrollment. Your deposit is applied to tuition charges for your first semester of enrollment. The tuition deposit is not refundable after May 1 for fall, after November 1 for spring, or 30 days after date of acceptance—whichever comes later.

SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNTS

You have been assigned a Buffalo State student e-mail address. It is imperative that you check your e-mail regularly as it is the official form of communication for students enrolled at the campus, including the distribution of student billing statements. To learn how to access e-mail, as well as your other computer accounts, please visit the New Student Setup section at it.buffalostate.edu.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

New York State Public Health Law and Buffalo State require that all college students show proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. (If you were born before January 1, 1957, you are exempt from this requirement but must provide proof of age.) The law also requires that all college students read the information on meningitis and complete the response form or show proof of immunization within the last five years. This documentation is contained on the enclosed **New Student Health Form**, which must be completed and filed with the Buffalo State Weigel Wellness Center. Once the form is completed, it can be mailed to the Weigel Health Center. You may also e-mail the form to weigel@buffalostate.edu or fax the form to (716) 878-6727.

Don't wait. We strongly recommend that you complete this requirement now. You will not be allowed to register without proper proof of immunizations on file with the wellness center.

Refer to the New Student Health Form for the exact immunizations required by law.

Immunization records may be obtained from a health-care provider, high school,

or previous college. Transfer students should obtain their health records from their previous school and arrange to have them sent to the Weigel Wellness Center. Forms to request immunization records are available on the wellness center website. If you attended Buffalo State within the past seven years, it is your responsibility to reactivate your health file by calling the wellness center during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Visit weigel.buffalostate.edu or call us at (716) 878-6711 for more information.

FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS AND PROOF OF GRADUATION

Federal law requires that colleges receive verification of high school graduation from all entering freshmen and transfers. Without the required verification of graduation, Buffalo State will be unable by law to grant you a degree or offer you any federal or state financial aid. This includes all Pell and TAP grants, work study, and loans. Once you have graduated, please have your high school send a final official transcript with the date of graduation posted to our Admissions Office.

RETURN THE
NEW STUDENT
HEALTH FORM
IN THE ENVELOPE
PROVIDED TO:



Buffalo State
Weigel Wellness Center
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222-1095
Fax: (716) 878-6727



STUDENTS WITH TRANSFER OR ADVANCED CREDITS

If you have taken courses at another college or university, you must arrange to have all final, official transcripts sent to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. Transfer students who have been admitted must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher after additional course-work has been calculated. **Transfer students will receive credit only for coursework reflected in the application process.** If you plan to take additional courses before enrolling at Buffalo State, you should notify the college in writing. These policies also apply to students who have been offered readmission to the college. All students with advanced credit (e.g., AP, IB) should have official score reports sent to the college. Questions about transfer credits? E-mail our transfer team at transfer@buffalostate.edu or text us at (716) 322-2058.

FINANCIAL AID

A significant percentage of Buffalo State students are eligible for some kind of financial assistance. Students who have applied for financial aid and have been accepted to the college will receive an e-mail notifying them of their SUNY Award Letter upon receipt of a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you need help, contact Buffalo State's Financial Aid Office. The office is open Monday through Friday all year. You may discuss financial aid options, including grants, loans, employment, and scholarships, in person or by telephone. Please call for an appointment. Financial Aid can be reached by e-mail at finaid@buffalostate.edu or by phone at

(716) 878-4902. Visit financialaid.buffalostate.edu for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Buffalo State administers more than 100 scholarships for students demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities, academic abilities, and/or financial need. Freshman merit-based scholarships include Muriel A. Howard Honors, Presidential, and Provost Scholarships. Many other scholarships are available; visit financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

If you are a student with a documented disability, we encourage you to contact the Student Accessibility Services Office to discuss specific accommodations you may need. The office coordinates classroom and testing accommodations and makes referrals to appropriate support resources. A meeting to help plan the support services you may need should be done before classes start so that you will have access to the resources to do your best work. Appointments can be scheduled throughout the year as well. The Student Accessibility Services Office's contact information can be found on the last page of this brochure. Visit sas.buffalostate.edu for more information.

ORIENTATION

First-year and transfer students interact with faculty, confirm course schedules, learn about student and academic services, and engage in a variety of social activities during Orientation. First-year students attend an Orientation session in the summer prior to the start of the fall semester. Transfer students are able to connect with their academic department for advisement throughout the spring and summer (for fall) and attend a one-day Orientation session prior to the start of classes. Orientation allows students to meet faculty, staff, upper-class students, and other incoming peers inside and outside their academic major. Attendance is mandatory and a program fee will be placed on the student's bill. After submitting your deposit, you will receive an e-mail invitation to register for Orientation online (you must first submit your online Admissions Reply Form and Tuition Deposit). An optional parent/family member session is offered, at an additional cost, and runs concurrently with new student Orientations. For more information on first-year (Class of 2025), transfer, and family orientations, visit <https://sle.buffalostate.edu/orientation>. The Orientation Office can be reached by e-mail at sle@buffalostate.edu, by phone at (716) 878-4361, or by text at (716) 281-5571.

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REGISTRATION

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS: Academic advisers work with incoming first-year students to create fall and spring schedules regardless of major. Advisement and registration is generally done in the summer (for fall semester) and the winter (for spring semester), after completing new student Orientation. Once you have been registered for your courses, your academic adviser will send a confirmation e-mail to your Buffalo State e-mail address, so please start checking that e-mail account regularly. You'll be able to view your schedule in our Banner system, using the Banner ID included with your offer of admission letter. Students will be billed for all courses for which they are registered, so it is imperative that you notify the Admissions Office if your plans change and you no longer wish to attend the college. If you have questions about getting registered for courses, visit <https://academiccommons.buffalostate.edu/advising>. Academic Commons can be reached by e-mail at advise@buffalostate.edu or by phone at (716) 878-5223.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: As a transfer student, you will register yourself for courses. Upon admission, a degree audit will be generated so you can see how your classes have transferred and what classes you have left to take at Buffalo State. Banner is the system you will use to register for your courses. Banner tutorials (How to Search for Classes, How to Register for Classes, How to View/Print Class schedule, etc.) are available to assist you with registration. In addition, an online "Transfer

Pre-Registration Tutorial" will explain institutional policies, how to read DegreeWorks (your degree audit), general education requirements, and how to use Banner in more detail. Buffalo State strongly recommends you meet with an academic adviser prior to starting your first semester. Information is available on the [Accepted Student](#) website.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus can enhance your total college experience and be an important component to your success. There are many advantages to living on campus. National studies show that resident students tend to have higher grade point averages, persist and graduate with higher frequency, become more involved with campus clubs, and express more satisfaction with their undergraduate education. You are able to submit your [residence hall and meal plan application](#) through Banner. Residence Life can be reached by e-mail at reslife@buffalostate.edu or by phone at (716) 878-3000.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The Bengal Learning Community is designed for students who want to

explore, discover, engage, connect, and be empowered in their first semester of college. A community at Buffalo State consists of a cluster of courses designed around a common theme (e.g., One Green Planet). Faculty members plan the curriculum to address the theme through learning experiences inside and outside the classroom.

BENEFITS OF JOINING A LEARNING COMMUNITY INCLUDE:

- class size within a community is limited to 30 students per class
- meet new friends with shared interests
- connect and engage with faculty and staff
- create study groups within your courses
- explore a major/minor
- get connected with campus resources
- become engaged in contemporary and global issues
- both resident and commuter students can participate

Visit [learningcommunities.buffalostate.edu](#) for more information.

TO APPLY FOR HOUSING, complete the online Residence Hall and Meal Plan Application and pay the housing application fee by June 1.

For more information, visit residencelife.buffalostate.edu.



RESIDENCE HALL PROFILES

HALL	STUDENTS	BUILDING STYLE	FEATURES
Bengal, Neumann, Perry, Cassety, Tower 2	First-year students	Corridor	First-year mentors, study rooms, kitchens, computer labs
Tower 1, Tower 3 Tower 4	Upper-division students	Suites	Study lounges, computer areas, kitchens
North Wing	Upper-division students	Suites	Study lounge
Moore Complex	Upper-division students, transfer students	Apartments—medical singles available. Single and double bedrooms.	Family College (students with children)
Student Apartment Complex	Upper-division students, transfer students	Apartments—all single rooms	4-bedroom, 2-bath apartments
Bishop (reopened in 2018 after \$16 million renovation)	Honors students, high academic-achieving students	Corridor	Honors classroom

SCAN TO VIEW FULL RESIDENCE LIFE BROCHURE >>>



PREFERENCES AND ROOMMATES

You may indicate a hall preference on your **Residence Hall and Meal Plan Application**, provided you fit the criteria for the requested hall. You will need to log into your **Banner** account to submit the application. Almost all students who live on campus share a room (except those in the Student Apartment Complex, which offers all single bedrooms). We can't guarantee that all your preferences will be met, but the residence hall staff will do its best to accommodate your needs. For more information, please refer to the Residence Life website at residencelife.buffalostate.edu.

INTERNET/CABLE TELEVISION ACCESS FROM CAMPUS HOUSING

Cable television and wireless internet services are available in all residence halls at no additional cost. You must provide all cable wire connections for your television (preferably 25 feet in length). Your computer must meet campus system requirements in order to connect to the residence hall system provided by Apogee. For more information, please refer to the Residence Life website at residencelife.buffalostate.edu.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

All full-time freshmen and sophomore students whose permanent residency is beyond a 35-mile radius of Buffalo State are required to reside on campus for four consecutive semesters or until you earn 60 credits at Buffalo State, whichever comes first. Students who are married, single parents, veterans, transfer students, age 21 or older, or reside with a parent(s) or relative (aunt, uncle, brother, sister, etc.) are exempt from this policy. If you do not meet the requirements for these exemptions but still wish to apply for an exemption from the policy, contact the Residence Life Office.

MEAL PLANS

Buffalo State Dining offers a variety of meal plans designed to fit the needs of Buffalo State's diverse student population. Meal plans are available for both commuter and resident students. Freshmen and sophomores living on campus are required to select a meal plan. Meal plans are tax-free and may be covered by financial aid. To purchase a meal plan and for more information, please refer to the Buffalo State Dining website at dineoncampus.com/bsc.

When it comes to product variety, Buffalo State Dining offers various dining venues throughout campus to make dining easy and convenient for students. The Bengal Kitchen is the all-you-care-to-eat dining facility located in the Campbell Student Union, with menus and hours designed from student feedback. The retail food court, also located in the Campbell Student Union, offers nine different concepts, including Subway, New York Waffle & Grill, Market 1300, Sushi Do, Sushi Do Hot Bar, SPoT Coffee, Create Smoothies & Bubble Tea, pizzas from 2.mato, and wings and fingers from The Chicken Spot. Dining also offers additional satellite locations across campus, including a Proudly Brewed Starbucks at the Tech Café in the Technology Building, a new PlanetariYUM in the Science and Mathematics Complex, and a new fully licensed Starbucks in the E. H. Butler Library.

While food is at the forefront of dining, the focus is on guest experience. With different events and rotating menus, we are constantly changing to meet student requests when we can, while addressing the topics of nutrition and health to create an atmosphere of relaxation and education.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs offers advisement, academic support, and student-learning opportunities for all Buffalo State students. It's also the academic home for first-year and undecided students. If you're not sure about what you want to major in, the faculty and staff members in Academic Affairs can help. Several offices within Academic Affairs are listed below.

MURIEL A. HOWARD HONORS PROGRAM

The Muriel A. Howard Honors Program is a community of engaged, inquisitive, and interactive students who are supported by dedicated faculty in small, distinctive classes. Each student has a dynamic, customized curriculum that

fits their academic goals and enhances post-college plans. Internships, study away or abroad, research opportunities, and community service projects are an integral part of the honors experience. Students have the benefits of early registration, unique on- and off-campus experiences, free printing and computer usage, and exclusive study spaces.

All honors students have the option of living in the honors community within Bishop Hall, which contains an honors-only classroom and meeting space. Honors scholarships are offered to highly qualified students and additional scholarships are available by application.

Buffalo State's admissions committee considers your GPA, SAT, and/or ACT scores, the quality and selection of your high school coursework, excellent individual course performance, and demonstrated potential and motivation for success at the college level. The admissions committee will send accepted students who qualify for the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program a letter of invitation. Learn more by visiting honors.buffalostate.edu.

**IF YOU PLAN TO RESIDE ON CAMPUS,
YOU CAN SELECT YOUR MEAL PLAN VIA
THE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS.**

**Contact the Bengal Card Office
(E. H. Butler Library, Room 108) at (716) 878-5152
if you have any meal plan questions. For more
information, visit dineoncampus.com/bsc.**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) offers academic, financial, and social support for students who have the talent and ability to succeed in college but have been placed at a disadvantage for college admission by financial and academic circumstances. New freshmen participate in a three-week mandatory summer program. Learn more by visiting eop.buffalostate.edu.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Academic Support Programs helps students achieve their academic goals through advising and achieve higher academic success through tutoring and other learning assistance. Our newly-renovated Academic Commons is a one-stop shop for tutoring and academic success services. Our free support services include:

- Academic Advisement
- Tutoring For Every Subject Area
- Math Center
- Writing Center

Learn more by visiting academiccommons.buffalostate.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OFFICE

This office promotes research, scholarly, and creative opportunities in all academic disciplines. The office coordinates an annual student research symposium, a summer research fellowship program, a small grants program to support academic year research, travel support for students presenting/performing at professional meetings and conferences, and faculty development opportunities related to undergraduate research. Learn more by visiting undergraduateresearch.buffalostate.edu.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

We're here to help. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following offices. Buffalo's area code is **(716)**.

	PHONE	WEB SITE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	FAX
Academic Affairs Office	878-5901	academicaffairs.buffalostate.edu	martinc@buffalostate.edu	878-5009
Admissions Office	878-4017	suny.buffalostate.edu/admissions	admissions@buffalostate.edu	878-6100
Dean of Students Office	878-4618	deanofstudents.buffalostate.edu	deanofstudents@buffalostate.edu	878-3006
Financial Aid Office	878-4902	financialaid.buffalostate.edu	fnaid@buffalostate.edu	878-4903
Intercollegiate Athletics	878-6533	www.buffalostateathletics.com	venturjm@buffalostate.edu	878-3401
International Student and Scholar Services	878-5331	internationalstudentaffairs.buffalostate.edu	herrittl@buffalostate.edu	878-3054
Registrar's Office	878-4811	registrar.buffalostate.edu	regofc@buffalostate.edu	878-3419
Residence Life Office	878-3000	residencelife.buffalostate.edu	reslife@buffalostate.edu	878-6000
Student Accessibility Services Office	878-4500	sas.buffalostate.edu	sas@buffalostate.edu	878-3804
Student Accounts Office	878-4121	studentaccounts.buffalostate.edu	stuacct@buffalostate.edu	878-4063
Student Leadership and Engagement Office	878-5336	sle.buffalostate.edu	leadengage@buffalostate.edu	878-3821
Student Life Office	878-4631	studentlife.buffalostate.edu	youngsm@buffalostate.edu	878-5600
Weigel Wellness Center	878-6711	weigel.buffalostate.edu	weigel@buffalostate.edu	878-6727

Buffalo State College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution that subscribes to all federal, state, and SUNY legal requirements and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, or marital or veteran status. Any violation of this policy should be reported to the Equity and Campus Diversity Office, Cleveland Hall 415, (716) 878-6210. It is the policy of Buffalo State that no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall, solely by reason of the disability, be excluded from participation in employment or access to programs of the college.

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, information about crime on campus is made publicly accessible through the college's annual security report that can be found at <http://police.buffalostate.edu>

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Visit admissions.buffalostate.edu

Contact an admissions counselor at
(716) 878-4017

Text us at (716) 803-8434

E-mail admissions@buffalostate.edu

Transfer admissions:
transfer@buffalostate.edu

Directions and maps can be found at
buffalostate.edu/admissions/visit

Buffalo State Admissions Office
Moot Hall 110
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222

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