



BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

ACCEPTANCE PACKAGE

Enrollment Information for
Undergraduate Students



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WELCOME TO BUFFALO STATE

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY is a place where ideas flourish, passion and purpose drive our students, and transformative education shapes future leaders.

Enroll today and start your journey towards academic excellence.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY!

We are here to assist you and answer any questions as you prepare for the semester ahead.

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 Accessibility Needs
- 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 or scan the QR code for full details.



Next steps for New Students

- ☐ Submit Your Admissions Reply Form and Tuition Deposit
- ☐ Apply for Scholarships and Financial Aid
- ☐ Submit Final, Official High School and/or College Transcripts

- ☐ Submit Your Health Requirements
- ☐ Register for Orientation
- ☐ Apply for Resident Housing and Meal Plans
- ☐ Set Up Online Accounts

Additional steps for Transfer Students

- ☐ Complete Transfer Tutorial Modules Found in Your Applicant Portal
- ☐ Register for Transfer Orientation
- ☐ Review Transfer Credit Evaluation in DegreeWorks

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 important that you check your e-mail regularly as it is the official form of communication for students with all campus offices, including your academic adviser, residence life, financial aid, and your student bill. To learn how to access e-mail, as well as your other computer accounts, please visit the For Students section at it.buffalostate.edu.



SCAN CODE
TO VIEW NEW
STUDENT
LOGIN
ORIENTATION
VIDEO

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. 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 Wellness 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 first-year and transfer students. Without the required verification of graduation, Buffalo State will be legally unable 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.

STUDENTS WITH TRANSFER OR ADVANCED CREDITS

All students with advanced credit (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, or military credits) should have official score reports sent to the university. If you have taken courses at one or more



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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 coursework has been calculated. If you plan to take additional courses before enrolling at Buffalo State, you must notify the university in writing. These policies also apply to students who have been offered readmission to the university. Questions about transfer credits? E-mail our transfer team at transfer@buffalostate.edu.

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 university 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. Buffalo State University school codes FAFSA: 002842 • TAP: 0905

SCHOLARSHIPS

Buffalo State offers scholarships for students demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities, academic abilities, and/or financial need. First-year and transfer students are reviewed for academic merit scholarships. Students must secure their spot before they are eligible to apply for scholarships. Many other scholarships are available; visit financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

If you are a student with a disability, IEP plan, or 504 plan, we encourage you to contact the Student Accessibility Services Office to discuss accommodations you may need at Buffalo State. 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 and staff, learn about student and academic engagement, and engage in a variety of social activities during New Bengal Orientation. All incoming students are required to attend an Orientation session prior to the start of their first semester at Buffalo State. 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 Bengal Orientations. For more information on first-year, transfer, and family orientations visit orientation.buffalostate.edu.

The Orientation, Transition, and Family Programs Office can be reached by e-mail at orientation@buffalostate.edu or by phone at (716) 878-5533.



All students with advanced credit (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, or military credits) should have official score reports sent to the university. Visit buffalostate.edu/admissions/coursecredits for more information.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS: Professional Academic Advisors work with incoming first-year and transfer students to create your fall and spring schedules. After signing up for new student Orientation, you can expect to work with a Professional Academic Advisor to discuss your class schedule. Advisement and registration are generally completed in the summer (for fall semester) and winter (for spring semester). You'll be able to view your schedule in Banner, using the Banner ID included with your offer of admission. If you have questions about getting registered for courses, email advise@buffalostate.edu or call (716) 878-5223.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: You can review your transfer credit evaluation in Degree

Works so you can see how your classes have transferred and what you have left to take at Buffalo State. In order to receive your advising pin to register for classes, you must complete the Transfer Tutorial Modules in your applicant portal. These modules will explain policies, how to read DegreeWorks (your degree audit), general education requirements, and how to use Banner in more detail. Banner is the system you will use to register for your courses. Information is available on the [Accepted Student](#) and [transfer student advising](#) websites.

Students will be billed for all courses for which they are registered, so you must notify the Admissions Office if your plans change and you no longer wish to attend the university.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Make Buffalo State University your home away from home and sign up to live on campus. Enjoy easy access to your professors, classrooms, Campbell Student Union, and athletic facilities when you choose to live in the residence halls. Students whose parents live more than 35 miles away from campus must follow the On-Campus Housing Residency Requirement and live on campus for their first two years away from home. However, many students whose home is in or around Buffalo also choose to live in this vibrant campus community. After you submit your tuition deposit, you will have access to the My Housing portal. Log into that portal and submit your Housing Application to secure your space on campus next fall.



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

For more information, visit
residencelife.buffalostate.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL PROFILES

HOUSING STYLE	COMMUNITIES	DESCRIPTION
Traditional Style	Bengal, Bishop, Neumann, and Perry Halls	Single or double bedrooms that share floor lounges, bathrooms, and kitchen areas within the community.
Suite Style	North Wing, Tower 1, Tower 2, Tower 3, and Tower 4	3-4 single or double bedrooms that share a semi-private common area and bathroom within a suite.
Apartment Style	Moore Complex and Student Apartment Complex (STAC)	2-4 single or double bedrooms that share a bathroom, common room, kitchen, and dining space; all within one apartment.

SCAN TO VISIT RESIDENCE LIFE WEBSITE >>>



ROOMMATE AND ROOM SELECTION

When you apply to live on campus, you will have access to browse and select your roommate for the upcoming year. All students are encouraged to browse, meet, and select other students who are expecting to live on campus. Students who match with a roommate will have first choice in where they live on campus during Room Selection. Room Selection takes place in July and allows students to choose their own rooms for the upcoming year. Students are highly encouraged to participate in the room selection process so they have first choice at all the rooms that are available on campus, including single rooms. Any student who doesn't select a room, or applies after room selection closes, will be assigned to a room and roommate based on the student's preferences noted in their application.

ACADEMIC RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES (ARCs)

Students may choose to live in one of several themed communities that bring students who have similar academic or university interests together in one shared living space. These communities are supported by academic and university programs to enhance the living experience. **Academic Residential Communities** are optimal for students who are looking to surround themselves with others who have shared interests. Students sign up for an ARC on their Housing Application.

INTERNET ACCESS FROM CAMPUS HOUSING

Wireless internet services are available in all residence halls at no additional cost. All halls, other than STAC, offer a wired

ethernet connection as well. Your computer must meet campus system requirements in order to connect to the residence hall system provided by Gig Communications. For more information, please refer to the Residence Life website at residencelife.buffalostate.edu.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Buffalo State University requires all first-year and sophomore students whose permanent residency is beyond a 35-mile radius of Buffalo State to reside on campus for four consecutive semesters or until you earn 60 credits, whichever comes first. Learn more about the **On-Campus Housing Residency Requirement** on the Residence Life website.

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 residential 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/bsu.

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, Market 1300, Sushi Do, Tú Taco, KT Caribbean Cuisine, SPoT Coffee, Create Smoothies & Bubble Tea, wings and fingers from Frank & Teresa's Anchor Bar, and more. Dining also offers additional satellite locations across campus, including a Drink the Moment featuring SPoT Coffee in the Technology Building, a new PlanetariYUM in the Science and Mathematics Complex, and a 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 ASSISTANCE

Buffalo State offers advisement, academic support, and student-learning opportunities for all students. If you're not sure about what you want to major in, faculty and staff members can help. For more information, please visit academicsuccess.buffalostate.edu.

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.

First-year honors students are paired with Honors Peer Leaders, who can help them navigate campus and provide support during their college transition.

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, 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/bsu.

ROAR 2 SUCCESS

Roar 2 Success is an admissions-based student support program designed for new first-year students entering Buffalo State University. This program provides students with support for their first four semesters. It stands for Recognizing Opportunities and Achieving Results, with a strategic mission to aid new students in developing the skills and awareness necessary for success in college. The program offers a holistic approach to student success by addressing both academic and non-academic needs.

Enrolled students benefit from various early connection supports such as college onboarding sessions and the Bengal Bound Summer Bridge program that acclimates students to campus life and its resources in order to facilitate a smooth transition to college. Central to student success, all enrolled students are paired with a Success Navigator. Success Navigators are professional staff who act as guides to their assigned students and ensure that they feel supported every step of the way. Student success is also facilitated by employing a variety of student-centered resources such as personalized success planning, financial literacy, book scholarships, cohort courses, private social events,

mentorship, and access to the Bengal Success Center.

Roar 2 Success helps students create long-lasting community by offering engagement with other campus professionals, academic departments, and peers. The program strives to foster a holistic environment that extends beyond the classroom to help students thrive during their college journey at Buffalo State.

Visit roar2success.buffalostate.edu for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is dedicated to fostering student success by providing comprehensive academic, financial, and social support. Designed for students with the talent and determination to succeed, EOP helps overcome barriers created by financial or academic circumstances. Incoming freshmen begin their journey with a mandatory four-week summer program, offering essential preparation, guidance, and community as they transition into college. Learn more about how EOP can support your path to achievement 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
- EOP Academic Center for Excellence

Learn more by visiting academicsuccess.buffalostate.edu.

PARENT AND SUPPORT NETWORK WEBSITE

The Buffalo State Admissions Office has created a parent and support network website that provides you with information and resources to support your student as they start their college journey. Visit buffalostate.edu/admissions/parents for more information and to sign up for personalized updates.



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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	WEBSITE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	FAX
Academic Affairs Office	878-5550	academicaffairs.buffalostate.edu	kingap@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	finaid@buffalostate.edu	878-4903
Intercollegiate Athletics	878-6533	buffalostateathletics.com	venturjm@buffalostate.edu	878-3401
International Student and Scholar Services	878-5331	iss.buffalostate.edu	intl.admissions@buffalostate.edu	878-3054
Orientation	878-4618	orientation.buffalostate.edu	orientation@buffalostate.edu	
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	stuaccts@buffalostate.edu	878-4063
Student Conduct and Community Standards	878-3051	studentconduct.buffalostate.edu	studentconduct@buffalostate.edu	
Weigel Wellness Center	878-6711	weigel.buffalostate.edu	weigel@buffalostate.edu	878-6727

Buffalo State University 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 university.

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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit buffalostate.edu/admissions/accepted

Contact an admissions counselor at
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Text us at (716) 803-8434

General admissions:
admissions@buffalostate.edu

Transfer admissions:
transfer@buffalostate.edu

Directions and maps can be found
at buffalostate.edu/getting-here

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A young woman with long dark hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a light-colored sweatshirt with the Buffalo State University logo. The logo features the words "BUFFALO STATE" in a large, bold, blue-outlined font, with "UNIVERSITY" below it in a similar style. In the center, between the two lines of text, is a small tiger head logo with "EST" to its left and "1871" to its right. The entire image has a blue tint.

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