WELCOME

Studying in the United States is an exciting experience and Buffalo State—the largest comprehensive institution in the State University of New York (SUNY) system—offers outstanding academic and extracurricular opportunities in America’s best-designed city, Buffalo, New York.

This guide will answer your initial questions about studying at Buffalo State. It provides an introduction to the university and the city of Buffalo as well as information about admissions and the many services available to international students.

If you need additional information regarding the application process or international student services, please contact the Admissions Office or the International Student and Scholar Services Office.

We look forward to your arrival at Buffalo State!
FAST FACTS  (Fall 2016)

- Total Enrollment: 9,475
- Total Enrollment by Gender: 58% female; 42% male
- Graduate Enrollment: 993
- Undergraduate Enrollment: 8,482
- International Students: More than 400 international students from 83 different countries

ACADEMICS

- 88% of classes have fewer than 40 students
- Student-to-faculty ratio is 16:1

TOP REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Canada
- India
- Saudi Arabia
- Vietnam
ACADEMICS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR AND MINOR PROGRAMS

African and African American Studies*
Anthropology**
Apparel Construction and Patternmaking*
Applied Mathematics
Art
Art Education
Art History**
Art Therapy*
Arts and Letters
Asian Studies*
Astronomy*
Biology**
Biology Education
Business Administration
Business and Marketing Education
Business Economics*
Career and Technical Education
Chemistry
Chemistry Education**
Childhood Education
Coaching*
Communication Design
Communication Studies
Computer Information Systems**
Creative Studies*
Criminal Justice**
Dance*
Design (Ceramic, Fiber, Furniture, Jewelry)*
Deviance*
Dietetics: Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics
Dietetics: Dietitian Education Program
Digital Music Production*
Drafting Technologies for Interior Design*
Drawing*
Early Childhood and Childhood Education
Early Childhood Education
Earth Science Education
Earth Sciences
Economic Policy Analysis*
Economics
Electrical Engineering Technology: Electronics
Electrical Engineering Technology: Smart Grid
Energy Systems*
English
English Education**
Environmental Science*
Environment and Society*
Ethics*
Exceptional Education
Exercise Science*
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Fashion and Textile Technology
Fashion Design*
Fashion Design (3+1)
Fashion Merchandising (3+1)
Fibers
Film Studies*
Forensic Anthropology*
Forensic Chemistry
French
French Education
French Francophone and Culture*
Geographic Information Systems*
Geography**
Geology**
German*
Gerontology*
Global Studies*
Health and Wellness
History**
Hospitality Administration**
Indigenous Studies*
Individualized Studies
Industrial Technology
Intelligence Analysis*
Interior Design
Interior Design Studies*
International Economics*
International Relations**
Italian*
Journalism
Leadership*
Legal Studies*
Literary Studies*
Mathematics**
Mathematics Education
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Media Production
Medieval Studies*
Buffalo State offers more than 170 undergraduate academic programs (majors, minors, dual majors, concentration, specializations, emphases, certificates, and combined or accelerated degrees) and more than 60 graduate academic programs.

**Undergraduate Programs**

- Metals/Jewelry
- Meteorology and Climatology*
- Museum Studies*
- Music
- Music Education
- Painting**
- Philosophy**
- Photography**
- Physics**
- Physics Education
- Physics-Engineering, 3-2 Cooperative Program
- Political Science**
- Printmaking**
- Professional French*
- Psychology**
- Public Administration and Nonprofit Management*
- Public Communication
- Quality*
- Religious Studies*
- Safety Studies*
- Sculpture**
- Social Studies Education
- Social Welfare*
- Social Work
- Sociology**
- Spanish**
- Spanish Education
- Speech*
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Community, Diversity, and Peace*
- Technology Education
- Television and Film Arts
- Theater**
- Urban Civic Education*
- Urban and Regional Planning**
- Wood/Furniture
- Women and Gender Studies*
- Writing**
- * minor program
- ** available as major or minor program

**Graduate Programs**

- Adult Education
- Applied Economics
- Art Conservation
- Art Education (K–12)
- Biology
- Biology Education (7–12)
- Business and Marketing Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Chemistry Education (7–12)
- Childhood and Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction
- Childhood and Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 6), including Initial Certification
- Creative Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Earth Science Education (7–12)
- English
- English Education (7–12)
- Foreign Language Education (Grades 7–12; 1–6 Extension)
- Forensic Science
- Great Lakes Ecosystem Science
- Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration
- History
- Industrial Technology
- Learning Design and Educational Technology
- Literacy Specialist (Birth–Grade 12)
- Mathematics Education (7–12)
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Museum Studies
- Music Education
- Physics Education (7–12)
- Physics Education (7–12) with Alternative Certification
- Professional Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management
- Public Relations
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education (7–12)
- Special Education: Childhood
- Special Education: Early Childhood
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Students with Disabilities 7–12 Generalist and Students with Disabilities 7–12 Subject Extensions
- Technology Education
- Urban Education
STUDENT LIFE

Beyond academic life, Buffalo State offers a wide range of opportunities to engage in new activities, meet new people, and enjoy the exciting and friendly atmosphere on campus. For more information about student life, please visit studentlife.buffalostate.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES OFFICE

The International Student and Scholar Services Office serves more than 200 international students/scholars each year, assisting them in making a successful transition to Buffalo State and the United States.

For more detailed information about the services provided by the International Student and Scholar Services Office, please visit international.buffalostate.edu.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Buffalo State’s beautiful 125-acre campus is located between the historic Elmwood Village and the 350-acre Delaware Park. We are in the heart of a vibrant museum district, surrounded by magnificent green spaces, trendy cafés, restaurants, shops, and supermarkets. As a Buffalo State student, you can enjoy all the advantages of living in New York State’s second-largest metropolitan area—and with many public transportation and car-share options, getting around the city is easy without needing to own a car!

Off-Campus Activities

- Downtown events and festivals
- Famous and popular local foods (Buffalo chicken wings!)
- Concerts and theatres
- Museums and art galleries
- Buffalo Bills (professional football); Buffalo Sabres (professional hockey); Buffalo Bandits (professional lacrosse); and Buffalo Bisons (minor league baseball)
- Nearby Niagara Falls; Delaware Park; Letchworth State Park; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
APPLYING

International students may apply online to Buffalo State at admissions.buffalostate.edu/international. The step-by-step application process is described on this webpage. The suggested application deadline is June 1 for fall entry (August) and November 1 for spring entry (January).

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Completed Common Application or SUNY Application
- Official high school or college transcripts (with English translation)
- SAT or ACT (not required, but strongly recommended for merit scholarship and Honors Program consideration)
- Proof of English proficiency for non-native English speakers (IELTS, TOEFL)
- Financial statement (FSA-4 form and bank statement)
- Copy of passport biographical page

MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

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INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (IELI)

International students who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements may be admitted to Buffalo State’s Intensive English Language Institute. The IELI is a non-degree, non-credit-bearing program designed to help students with varying levels of English proficiency through coursework, interaction with native speakers of English, and individualized language practice.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR THOSE PREPARING TO ATTEND BUFFALO STATE

After receiving your acceptance letter:

☐ Complete your “Intent to Enroll” form online.
  (International students are not required to pay a tuition deposit.)

☐ Apply online for on-campus housing/pay housing deposit online.

☐ Have a medical examination/vaccinations and submit your completed health form to Buffalo State.

☐ Register for Orientation online.

In addition to the general campus orientation, international students have their own Buffalo State New International Student Orientation session. Attendance at orientation is mandatory. You’ll get help with advisement; register for classes; set up your e-mail account; receive your student I.D.; meet fellow students, faculty, and staff; and engage in social events. This also allows time so that you can recover from jet lag before classes begin.

Before You Leave

☐ Make sure you have a passport that is valid up to 12 months.

☐ Obtain your student visa.

☐ Purchase your airline ticket.

☐ Exchange your currency.

WEIGEL WELLNESS CENTER

International students are required to purchase SUNY-mandated health insurance. Rates are available through Weigel Wellness Center.
COSTS

Costs for International Undergraduate and Graduate Students

All international applicants (graduate and undergraduate) must provide documentation of a minimum of $34,560 in financial support per year. International students also are required to have health insurance, which is mandated by SUNY.

### Annual Cost of Attendance for International Students

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*Approximate costs. Costs are subject to change. Please visit http://studentaccounts.buffalostate.edu/tuition for the most current information.

**FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**International Student Scholarships**

As a public university, Buffalo State offers an elite education at a fraction of the cost of U.S. private schools. Although international students are not eligible for federal or state funding, they are eligible for merit scholarships.

In an effort to recognize outstanding academic achievement, Buffalo State offers an International Student Scholarship to incoming fall freshmen who meet two out of three criteria:

- A. 88% high school average or higher
- B. 1140 or higher (Evidenced-based reading and writing + math) SAT score or 23 or higher composite ACT score
- C. 79 TOEFL iBT/6.5 IELTS score or higher

The award is $1,000 for the year and is non-renewable but stackable with our Merit-based Scholarships.

Incoming fall transfer students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and who have earned a minimum of 30 earned credit hours would receive $1,000 for the year.

In the fall semester, the student would receive $500 and if they earn a 3.25 GPA or higher in their first semester at Buffalo State, they will receive the additional $500 for the spring semester.

**Merit-Based Scholarships**

International students are also eligible for our Presidential and Provost scholarships provided they meet the minimum required high school average and standardized test scores (ACT/SAT), and more scholarship opportunities are available for current and newly accepted first-year and transfer students. These scholarships are based on specific criteria, including academic merit, financial need, field of study, or a combination of criteria. Scholarship funding is made possible through donations from alumni and friends of the college who value a Buffalo State education. For more information, visit financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships.
Traveling to Buffalo, New York, USA

The Buffalo Niagara International Airport is a 20-minute drive from the Buffalo State campus. Your flight to the USA may need to connect to the city of Buffalo from a larger city, such as Chicago or New York City. After arriving at the Buffalo airport, you can take a taxi cab or the NFTA-Metro city bus directly to the campus.

Buffalo Niagara International Airport: www.buffaloairport.com
Bus Services: www.nfta.com
Train Services: www.amtrak.com
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