

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Services and Facilities for Graduate Students

Buffalo State College's impressive research, cultural, academic, athletic, and performing arts facilities offer unlimited learning and social opportunities for those enrolled in graduate studies. In addition, the college's professional staff and offices can assist with career planning, child care, computing, counseling, dining, health care, or living arrangements (on or off campus). Special services are available for minority students, students with disabilities, international students, and veterans.

Barnes & Noble at Buffalo State Bookstore

Campbell Student Union, (716) 878-5509
<http://buffalostate.bkstore.com>

The bookstore carries a wide range of merchandise, including new and used textbooks; trade books; special-order books; emblematic clothing; art, school, and office supplies; greeting cards; gifts; and computer supplies. The store features Java-U Café. The store accepts cash, personal checks, and credit cards. A bookstore deferment program is available. The bookstore is a service of Barnes & Noble College Bookstores Inc.

Burchfield-Penney Art Center

Rockwell Hall, Third Floor, (716) 878-6011
www.burchfield-penney.org

The Burchfield-Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College is the only museum dedicated exclusively to the art and design of Western New York. It serves as a resource for students, faculty, and the community. The center holds the world's largest collection of work by renowned American watercolorist Charles E. Burchfield (1893–1967) and more than 7,000 works by other important Western New York artists. The center is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is part of the Elmwood Museum District. Admission is free to students, faculty, and staff of the college.

Campbell Student Union

Student Life Office
Campbell Student Union 400, (716) 878-4631
www.buffalostate.edu/studentlife

The Campbell Student Union, located in the center of campus, houses an eclectic blend of student services, activities, and recreation. The bookstore and Information Center are located in the union, as are the Offices of the Associate

Vice President and Dean of Students, the Associate Vice President for Campus Life, Campus Dining Services, United Students Government, International Student Affairs Office, Student Life Office, and the campus radio station, WBNY-FM 91.3. The union offers a variety of programming space, dining services, Internet access, Java-U Café, ATM machines, and several informal lounge and study areas, as well as the USG game room.

Campus Dining Services

Campbell Student Union 223, (716) 878-5214
www.bengaldining.com

Campus Dining Services, located in the Student Union, provides students with a variety of food choices. Meal plans are available for both resident and commuter students. Meal plans are convenient, flexible, and economical, and they are tax free and deferrable against financial aid. Vending machines are located throughout the campus.

Career Development Center

Cleveland Hall 306, (716) 878-5811
www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc

The Career Development Center (CDC) provides a full range of services for graduate students, including comprehensive career planning and job-search assistance. In addition to a Web site listing full-time, part-time, and summer jobs and internships, the CDC sponsors annual recruitment events, hosts on-campus interviewing, presents job search workshops, and maintains reference files. The CDC also houses the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, where students can find community volunteer opportunities and can identify service-learning coursework options.

Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

South Wing 510, (716) 878-3292
www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/castl

Buffalo State is one of 12 international institutions selected as leaders in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL). CASTL is a network of campuses around the world that provide structure and support for faculty and staff to identify ways to enrich teaching and learning in higher education. The work of faculty involved in CASTL leads to relevant, meaningful, and educational experiences for students.

Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education

Caudell Hall 107, (716) 878-3610
www.buffalostate.edu/ceure

CEURE—Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education—is committed to the enhancement of high-need urban and rural schools through the recruitment, retention, and continuing education of highly qualified teachers, as well as the support of reform efforts and research about effective schools. To support educational reform and school improvement, CEURE partners with schools, community groups, foundations, and other institutions of higher education across Western New York.

CEURE offers a variety of programs and services to school partners and campus colleagues. Partnerships are developed in conjunction with our undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs and include such collaborative efforts as:

- Recruitment incentives for high-need areas and underrepresented constituencies.
- Specialized staff-development programs for teachers and administrators.
- Alternative certification opportunities for high-need subject-area teachers.
- Internship opportunities.
- Future and nascent teacher mentorship and support programs.
- School partnership projects that employ teacher education majors as tutors.
- Grant submission and program implementation.

Child Care Center (Buffalo State College Child Care Center)

Buckham Campus School, (716) 878-5335
www.buffalostate.edu/childcarecenter

The campus child-care center is open to the children of Buffalo State students, faculty, and staff. Accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the center accepts children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years on a first-come, first-served basis. A summer school-age program is also available for children (up to age 12). The center is committed to providing developmentally appropriate programs in a safe, predictable environment, where children can develop socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically. Tuition is based on a sliding scale.

Computing and Technology Services

Twin Rise 206, (716) 878-4611
www.buffalostate.edu/cts

Computing and Technology Services supports computing hardware, software, and networking for instruction, research, and administrative activities on campus. E-mail accounts are provided to all registered students. Access to e-mail, course materials, and library resources is available via the Buffalo State College Web site. Networked computer laboratories are available for the general student population in many locations across campus, while department-specific labs are available for students registered in respective departments. A list of computer labs for general student use is available on the E. H. Butler Library Web site. Campus computer labs provide access to more than 50 instructional applications, including MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, AutoCAD, and others. Wireless Internet access is available in several locations listed on the E. H. Butler Library Web site.

Continuing Professional Studies

Cleveland Hall 210, (716) 878-5907
www.buffalostate.edu/academics/cenc

The Continuing Education Office offers a comprehensive array of learning opportunities to meet the needs of all potential students. Working in partnership with the college's academic and public service units and research centers, the office extends the college's offerings to people of all ages and cultures within Western New York and beyond. A variety of methods is offered, including distance-education programs, workshops, seminars, traditional courses, and credit- and noncredit-bearing certificate programs.

Buffalo State College recognizes that mature students bring prior knowledge gained through life experiences and skills, and often can credit this knowledge toward a degree. This process, known as Prior Learning Assessment, can allow students to be eligible to achieve college credit for skills and knowledge they already have gained through work or other life experiences. A fee is assessed for any credits awarded.

The Continuing Education Office meets the training and development needs of many area employers. The center provides custom-designed courses, seminars, workshops, organizational and training needs analyses, and employee development programs. The center works with each organization to provide individualized programs, either on site or at the college's conference and training facilities.

Counseling Center

Weigel Health Center, Second Floor, (716) 878-4436
www.buffalostate.edu/counselingcenter

The Counseling Center provides professional psychological services to students experiencing developmental or situational difficulties that may interfere with their ability to take advantage of the educational opportunities at Buffalo State. The staff includes licensed psychologists, a substance-abuse counselor, social workers, and a part-time psychiatrist. Information shared in counseling is confidential and is protected to the full extent of the law.

Dean of Students

Campbell Student Union 306, (716) 878-4618
www.buffalostate.edu/deanofstudents

The dean of students works closely with students and student groups to further their intellectual, emotional, and social development. The dean serves as an advocate for the rights of students, and the college's judicial system and mediation services are administered through the dean's office. As a spokesperson for students, the dean helps address important student-life issues and helps foster a positive atmosphere conducive to educational excellence. The dean assists students with their campus needs and promotes high standards of academic performance, social behavior, and citizenship.

Disability Services Office

South Wing 120, (716) 878-4500, fax: (716) 878-3804
www.buffalostate.edu/offices/disabilityservices

Buffalo State ensures access to on-campus academic programs, services, and activities on campus to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with guidelines established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This office provides advocacy and coordinates appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. To receive services, students must contact the office, provide appropriate documentation, and meet with staff. Together, students and staff plan for support before assistance is given.

E. H. Butler Library

(716) 878-6300

www.buffalostate.edu/library

E. H. Butler Library is committed to supporting the scholarship, research, and creativity of the Buffalo State community with more than 530,000 books, 12,000 audiovisual items, subscriptions to hundreds of print periodicals, over 100 databases that provide full-text articles from more than 27,000 serials and journals, and multimedia databases that offer sound files and images. Library databases are accessible both on and off campus, allowing students to conduct research any time of the day or night right from their desktop.

The library Web site includes an online catalog, over 35 subject guides designed by reference librarians, and links to information about support services and resources offered by the library's Information Commons. Services include a Computing Help Desk, Application Support and Training Desk, Writing Help Center, and Equipment Loan. Student proctors provide peer-to-peer computer support. Librarians staff the Reference Desk every day of the week and offer an online chat service and e-mail reference. Graduate students are encouraged to schedule appointments for more in-depth research assistance. Books and articles not available at Butler Library may be requested via ILLiad, an online system for interlibrary loan that provides fast delivery of materials.

Butler Library houses the only open computer lab on campus, with approximately 200 computers, both PCs and Macs. Wireless hot spots are available in several areas of the library with networked black-and-white and color laser printers. StudyQuad, a state-of-the-art study facility with computers, is open 24/7 during the semester to provide a safe, well-lighted area for Buffalo State students to work.

Media Services houses a diverse array of DVDs and CDs, including a wide selection of boxed music sets and educational videos covering a broad range of subjects. The Curriculum Materials Lab is a special collection of teaching resources offering a variety of preschool, elementary, and secondary level books, textbooks, and award-winning children's literature. The Creative Studies Library, the largest collection of creativity books in the world, is a noncirculating collection that supports the International Center for Studies in Creativity at Buffalo State. Archives/Special Collections maintains the official and historical documents of the college dating from the 1860s, as well as a wide range of unique materials.

Butler Library is in tune with the unique needs of graduate students. Whether it is scheduling individual research appointments, providing quiet study areas, loaning books and laptop computers, maintaining a Web site rich in full-text library resources, or offering coffee, pastries, and sandwiches in the library's café, we have the best of both worlds: real and virtual. Library staff welcomes graduate students to visit in person or on the Web to explore the services and resources that will enhance and improve the academic experience at Buffalo State.

Electronic Learning Office

Bulger Communication Center 113, (716) 878-3877, toll free (866) 411-0779
www.buffalostate.edu/offices/ir/E-Learning

The Electronic Learning Office supports the design and development of credit-bearing online and hybrid courses. Staff provides instructional design and technology training for faculty using ANGEL, the college's Learning Management System, as well as Turnitin.com and other Web-related software programs supported by the college. The office also serves students by providing a list of online and hybrid courses on its Web site. The office will assist students in locating online courses within the SUNY system.

Great Lakes Center

Classroom Building C215 and Porter Avenue, Buffalo, (716) 878-4329
www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter

The Great Lakes Center brings together more than 25 affiliated faculty members from eight academic departments at Buffalo State to conduct research in aquatic ecology, fisheries, environmental toxicology and chemistry, urban ecology, watershed dynamics, and environmental education.

The center consists of a complex of laboratories on the main campus and an aquatic research laboratory on a 4.5-acre site at the junction of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. The Great Lakes Center also maintains the 40-foot research vessel *Aquarius*, and the 46-foot vessel, the *Seneca*. It also has an electroshocking boat, a fleet of smaller craft for near-shore sampling, and a variety of sampling instruments.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Houston Gym 234, (716) 878-3816
www.buffalostate.edu/athletics

The 70,000-square-foot Sports Complex, home to the NCAA Division III Buffalo State Bengals, comprises the Ice Arena; Houston Gymnasium with its pool, dance studios, and basketball, raquetball, and volleyball courts; and the Sports Arena. The Sports Arena boasts a 3,500-seat basketball arena, a one-tenth-mile (160-meter) indoor track, the 1,800-seat Ice Arena (Buffalo's only collegiate ice rink), and the Buffalo State College Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. Surrounding athletics facilities are Coyer Field, a softball field, practice fields, a quarter-mile (400-meter) outdoor track, and tennis courts. Students can sign up for intramural activities (including team and individual sports) or use athletic facilities with a valid Buffalo State ID. There is a membership fee to use the state-of-the-art fitness center located in Houston Gym.

International Center for Studies in Creativity

Chase Hall 244, (716) 878-6223
www.buffalostate.edu/creativity

The International Center for Studies in Creativity is an internationally recognized unit within Buffalo State College. Center faculty conduct research, teach, and work with a variety of groups and organizations to improve the understanding of creativity and creative problem solving.

The history and development of the center are tied to the work of Alex F. Osborn, developer of the brainstorming technique and the creative problem solving (CPS) process. Osborn, director of the New York City-based advertising agency Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn, used his work to encourage innovative thinking among his associates and, later, among young people. His successor, Sidney J. Parnes (professor emeritus), founded the center at Buffalo State in 1967.

The center's programs have a tradition of more than 40 years of research, development, and teaching in the field of creativity studies. Documentation of the program's effectiveness shows positive impact on students' personal and professional growth. The educational program consists of courses that can lead to an undergraduate minor or a master of science degree in creative studies, or a graduate certificate in creativity and change leadership. Courses help students to become better thinkers and problem solvers, and to work more effectively with groups. Skills developed in creative studies courses help improve performance in other classes and provide a competitive edge in the job market. Our alumni work in business and industry, education (all levels), the social sciences, technology, and the arts. Companies or organizations interested in change or change management find creative studies skills to be particularly useful.

In conjunction with E. H. Butler Library, the Creative Studies Special Collection comprises the largest collection of materials on creativity in the world. The collection includes print and nonprint resources, including books, curricular materials, software programs, dissertations, research projects, and theses on creative thinking and its cultivation. The Creativity-Based Information Resources (CBIR) database, maintained by the center, includes annotations of periodical literature, chapters, software, assessments, and other resources relating to the study of creativity, invention, and innovation. For more information, visit www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/cbir.

The center's academic program is enhanced by the Alex F. Osborn Visiting Professorship, which has attracted to campus some of the most important minds in creativity research to date.

International and Exchange Office

University College
South Wing 410, (716) 878-4620

This office oversees the functions of several centers and offices:

Center for China Studies

South Wing 420, (716) 878-6328
www.buffalostate.edu/centers/ccs

The center promotes and coordinates research, scholarly exchanges, academic programs, and economic development with China.

International Education Office

South Wing 410B, (716) 878-4620
www.buffalostate.edu/studyabroad

This office coordinates Buffalo State-sponsored international study in Australia, Canada, England, Italy, and Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Faculty and staff may develop short-term study sessions in other countries as well.

International Graduate Programs for Educators Office (Formerly: International Learning Styles Center)

South Wing 430, (716) 878-6832
www.buffalostate.edu/ilsc

The International Graduate Programs for Educators (IGPE) Office assumes the responsibility for the development, management, and delivery of a master of science program in multidisciplinary studies, as well as professional development for education professionals working at American/International Schools. Courses are delivered at the school site, electronically or through a combined approach of on-site/online instruction, depending on the course as well as the needs of the cohort.

International Student Affairs Office

Campbell Student Union 400, (716) 878-5331
www.buffalostate.edu/internationalstudentaffairs

The International Student Affairs Office offers a variety of services to international students, including academic advisement and personal counseling. In addition, the office helps students regarding visas, work permits, and immigration regulations. A three-day orientation program is provided for new international students at the beginning of each semester. The office also administers English-language competency and placement exams in conjunction with the English Department.

Performing Arts Center

Rockwell Hall 210, (716) 878-3032
www.buffalostate.edu/pac

The Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Rockwell Hall, an 856-seat multipurpose theater, hosts more than 180 events each year. Faculty and students of the Theater and Music Departments regularly present concerts here. The PAC is also home to the Buffalo City Ballet, Neglia Ballet, and numerous other community and campus events.

Research Foundation

Bishop Hall B17, (716) 878-6700
<http://rf.buffalostate.edu>

The Research Foundation at Buffalo State College, a nonprofit educational corporation, processes all grant proposals for research, educational projects, training programs, and equipment acquisitions submitted by faculty, staff, and students. Assistance is provided in identifying federal, state, and private support of researchable topics, proposal preparation, fiscal administration of funded grants and contracts, and evaluation of completed projects.

Externally funded research at the college has followed a pattern of steady and substantial growth, with numerous opportunities for graduate and research assistantships. The office works closely with the Research Foundation of the State University of New York's central office in Albany.

Residence Life Office (On-Campus Housing)

Porter Hall, (716) 878-3000
www.buffalostate.edu/residencelife

Graduate students who choose to live on campus generally choose to live in Moore Complex apartments, in which three to four students share a bathroom, living room, and kitchen.

The Residence Life Office supports, complements, and enhances the academic mission of the college through a dynamic residence life program that encourages individual growth and development for a diverse residential student population. Management systems ensure the orderly and effective administration of all aspects of the program, including facility management, housekeeping, and security.

Year-round housing also is provided on a space-available basis in Twin Rise North. Room and board fees must be paid in full before room assignment can be finalized.

Off-campus housing is available near campus.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Caudell Hall 150, (716) 878-3530
www.buffalostate.edu/speech/clinic.xml

The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic provides individual and group speech, language, and hearing services to clients of all ages. Services are provided by graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology Department under the direct supervision of clinical faculty and professional staff members who are licensed by New York State and hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

State-of-the-art equipment is available to aid in the diagnosis and remediation of a variety of disorders, including articulation and phonological disorders; language impairments in children; aphasia; auditory processing disorders; voice and fluency disorders; and traumatic brain injury. Communication enhancement services are available to non-native speakers of English. Services are free to Buffalo State students.

Teacher Certification Office

Caudell Hall 101, (716) 878-6121

www.buffalostate.edu/teachercertification

The Teacher Certification Office recommends Buffalo State graduates to the New York State Department of Education for teacher certification after they have completed an approved program and met all other requirements. It also assists students completing certification-only and postbaccalaureate study leading to teacher certification. The office verifies program completion for graduates applying for out-of-state certification and is a resource for a variety of teacher certification-related topics.

University Police

Chase Hall 100, (716) 878-6333

www.buffalostate.edu/offices/police

The State University Police Department at Buffalo State is the law-enforcement agency responsible for crime prevention and control, criminal investigations, traffic and parking supervision, physical plant security, disaster coordination, community policing, and the maintenance of public order.

The department offers many special services, including personal-safety awareness education, a motorist assistance program, a safety escort service, a property identification system, and a found-property department.

To make arrangements for lectures or special programs, call (716) 878-6332 or (716) 878-6612 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Parking Rules and Regulations

The rules governing motor vehicles on campus are intended to ensure maximum pedestrian and vehicular safety and to establish the most convenient arrangements possible for students, staff, and visitors. Motor vehicles may park in any of the designated areas shown on the campus map. Only vehicles with special permits authorizing them to park in spaces designated for persons with disabilities are allowed to park in such spaces. All vehicles parked on the grounds of Buffalo State must display valid college parking permits. Maps and parking permits are available in the Student Accounts Office, Moot Hall 260.

Parking is prohibited:

- On all roadways
- In all fire lanes
- On lawns, grass, or grounds
- On or over painted lines in parking areas or crosswalks
- In such a way as to interfere with free and proper use of a roadway or pedestrian crossings

The department may authorize towing of any vehicle found to be in violation of the college's rules and regulations. Violations will result in parking fines and/or summonses. The college assumes no responsibility for automobiles and/or their contents. Rules regarding parking for persons with disabilities are strictly enforced. Parking tickets may be paid in the Student Accounts Office, Moot Hall 260. For more information, call the Traffic Office at (716) 878-3041.

Crime Statistics Availability

A copy of the Buffalo State College campus crime statistics as reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education will be provided upon request. Please direct all requests to the Chief of University Police, Chase Hall, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222, (716) 878-6332. Information also can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education Web site at <http://ope.ed.gov/security> or University Police's Web site at www.buffalostate.edu/offices/police/safety.

Veterans Certification Office

Moot Hall 141, (716) 878-5045

The Veterans Certification Office assists current and prospective students who are veterans, servicepersons, or dependents or survivors of veterans with Veterans Affairs educational benefits. Information on current regulations affecting educational benefits, tutorial assistance, and dependency allowance also is provided.

Weigel Health Center

(716) 878-6711

www.buffalostate.edu/weigel

The Weigel Health Center provides health and wellness services for all registered students. In addition to diagnosing and treating illness and injury, the professional staff stresses health education and preventive medicine. Students are seen on a walk-in or appointment basis if a clinician is available. There is no charge for most services.

The Outreach Program sponsors professionals and peer educators who present talks on health issues, such as wellness, stress management, sexuality, violence, and alcohol- and other drug-abuse prevention. Educational resources are available for student research or classroom projects.

All students must be in compliance with New York State law regarding immunizations. Measles, mumps, and rubella immunizations are provided at no charge at the center for those students who need vaccinations. Students must be in compliance to register for classes. New York State Public Law also requires that all students enrolled for at least 6 semester hours complete and return the Meningitis Information Response Form to Weigel Health Center. The form is available at www.buffalostate.edu/weigel.

All full-time students are required to have health insurance. Students with their own health coverage must provide proof of insurance by applying for an insurance waiver [online] by stated deadlines. Student who have not completed waivers will be automatically enrolled in and charged for the Buffalo State College Student Accident and Sickness Plan. Part-time students are not automatically enrolled but may apply for coverage. International students must purchase SUNY international health insurance or have comparable coverage.

Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium

Science Building 118, (716) 878-4911

The Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium is a teaching tool for the college and the community. The planetarium schedules a number of educational programs and public shows attended by thousands of area school children and adults annually.