

FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Academic Opportunities Cluster

University College
South Wing 510, (716) 878-3093

All College Honors Program

The All College Honors Program, a special admissions program, rewards students with opportunities for applied internships, scholarships, and research. Participants engage in special seminars and have access to their own residence hall and lounge.

Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL)

Buffalo State is a participant in the Teaching Academy Campus Program, designed to foster a network of campuses that provides the structure and support for promoting the scholarship of teaching and learning. Both faculty and staff benefit from the research conducted at Buffalo State. The work of faculty who study the improvement of college teaching is reflected in relevant, meaningful learning experiences for students.

Undergraduate Research Office

The Undergraduate Research Office coordinates campus efforts to encourage and support undergraduate research and creativity in ways that build on scholarly and creative interaction between students and faculty.

Academic Standards and Intervention

University College
Twin Rise 100, (716) 878-5222

Academic Intervention

South Wing 110, (716) 878-3734

The Academic Intervention program provides guidance and support to undeclared students who have been placed on academic probation (GPA below 2.0).

Academic Standards Office

The Academic Standards Office assists in upholding the academic policies of Buffalo State and maintaining the academic integrity of the college. The office provides assistance to students in interpreting academic policies and compliance standards that may affect their academic status or financial aid eligibility. Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact the Academic Standards Office for assistance in resolving academic appeals and probationary student issues.

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 a 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 is the only museum dedicated exclusively to the art and design of Western New York. It serves as a resource for students, faculty, staff, 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 Dean of Students, the Associate Vice President for Campus Life, Campus Dining Services, United Students Government (USG), International Student Affairs Office, Student Life Office, and the campus radio station, WBNY 91.3 FM. The union offers a variety of programming space, dining services, the Underground Café, Internet access, Java-U Café, ATM machines, and several informal lounge and study areas, as well as the recently renovated USG game room.

Campus Dining Services

Campbell Student Union 223, (716) 878-5214

www.buffalostate.edu/offices/dining

Campus Dining Services, located in the Student Union, provides students with a variety of food choices, from home-cooked meals to pizza and tacos. Meal plans are available for both residents and commuter students. Meal plans are convenient, flexible, and economical, as they are tax free and deferrable against financial aid. Meal plans are required for resident students who have not reached junior status (57 credit hours). 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, including comprehensive career counseling, to help students choose a major, plan a career, apply to a graduate program, and identify internship and employment opportunities. A career information center, career assessment programs, career education programs, and an online forum and blog are among the resources available to help students explore careers and majors. In addition to a Web site with full-time, summer, and part-time 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.

Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education

Caudell Hall 107, (716) 878-3610

www.buffalostate.edu/centers/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/offices/bscchild

The Buffalo State College 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 six weeks and five years on a first-come, first-served basis. A summer schoolage 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-fee schedule.

College and Community Partnerships Office

Cleveland Hall 211A, (716) 878-4132

www.buffalostate.edu/partnerships

The College and Community Partnerships Office provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to form collaborations with the community that leverage resources and support the region as well as the mission of Buffalo State College. The college has centers, service learning, internships, and many connections in the community that contribute to the educational, economic, and cultural vitality of the region. The office's Web site elaborates on this civic engagement, lists current events in the community, and lists opportunities in which to get involved. Mini-grants are available to encourage faculty members to apply the latest knowledge and techniques to issues and trends analysis, using their expertise to develop better understanding of community problems and their solutions.

College Writing Program

South Wing 130, (716) 878-5451

www.buffalostate.edu/writingprogram

The College Writing Program provides oversight for the writing courses required of all Buffalo State students, CWP 101 and CWP 102, as well as the noncredit-bearing CWP 099 sometimes required to prepare students for those writing courses. The College Writing Program also provides support for the Intellectual Foundations Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

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 labs are available for students in many locations across campus, while department specific labs are available for students registered in their respective departments. A list of computer labs for general student use is available on the E.H. Butler Library Web site. Computer labs provide access to more than 50 instructional applications, including MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, and AutoCAD. Wireless Internet access is available in several campus locations, listed on the E. H. Butler Library Web site.

Continuing Professional Studies

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

Continuing Professional Studies provides information for adult students seeking credit for lifelong learning experiences. Buffalo State College recognizes that mature students bring prior knowledge gained through life experience and skills, and will often credit this knowledge toward a degree. This process is known as recognition of prior learning. Through the Prior Learning Assessment process, students may be eligible to achieve college credit for skills and knowledge they have already gained through work or other life experiences. Prior Learning Assessment is a formal process that enables eligible candidates to demonstrate learning that they believe is equivalent to the learning outcomes of one or more Buffalo State College courses. Credit acquired through this process not only provides recognition for prior learning, but also may reduce the amount of time required to complete a certificate. A fee is assessed for any credits awarded. Continuing Professional Studies also advises summer school and adult-student academic concerns.

Counseling Center

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

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, licensed clinical 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/offices/stuaffr

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. The college's student judicial system is 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
www.buffalostate.edu/offices/disabilityservices

Buffalo State ensures access to its 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.

Educational Opportunity Program

University College
South Wing 710, (716) 878-4225

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) was established in 1967 to fulfill New York State's commitment to access to higher education. The program is for students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds who have the talent and ability to succeed in college but have been placed at a disadvantage for access by financial and academic circumstances. For more information on EOP admission, see page 12.

E. H. Butler Library

(716) 878-6300
www.buffalostate.edu/library

E. H. Butler Library is an ideal place for both the serious researcher and the casual reader. The library serves Buffalo State students and members of the faculty and staff with more than a million research materials, including more than a half million books, and online access to full-text articles from more than 28,000 journals. Visit the library on the Web for access to a wealth of information, including the online library catalog, many full-text databases, and general information about the library, including hours and descriptions of services and resources.

The library's Information Commons provides a variety of services in support of the information needs of the college community. Knowledgeable librarians, circulation staff, and computer student assistants are available to help patrons. Computer labs and wireless hot spots are available in several areas of the library with networked black-and-white and color laser printers. StudyQuad, Butler Library's state-of-the-art study facility, provides a safe, well-lighted area for Buffalo State students to work 24/7 during the fall and spring semesters.

Audiovisual materials and equipment are housed in Media Services. The Curriculum Materials Lab contains elementary- and secondary-level textbooks, children's books, and resources for teachers and others working with children. Archives/Special Collections maintains the official and historic documents of the college dating from the 1860s, as well as a wide range of unique materials. 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. The library's café serves gourmet coffees, teas, pastries, and sandwiches in the library lobby, where students may study or view campus exhibits.

Electronic Learning Office

Instructional Resources
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 provide 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.

First-Year and Academic Support Programs

University College

Assistant Dean for First-Year and Academic Support Programs

Twin Rise 100, (716) 878-5906

www.buffalostate.edu/universitycollege

Academic Advisement Center

South Wing 110, (716) 878-5223

www.buffalostate.edu/academicsupport/x7.xml

The Academic Advisement Center facilitates required academic advisement for undeclared students during the initial orientation program and until a student has been accepted into a major. Advisers encourage students to explore potential majors and guide them in completing courses that fulfill the college's degree requirements.

Academic Skills Center

South Wing 330, (716) 878-4041

www.buffalostate.edu/academicsupport

The Academic Skills Center provides academic assistance and tutoring on a no-cost, one-to-one basis. This assistance is provided by a highly skilled staff of trained professional tutors.

Academic Support Programs

South Wing 310, (716) 878-5303

www.buffalostate.edu/academicsupport

The Academic Support Programs unit offers services that are designed to help ensure successful study at Buffalo State. Units include the Academic Advisement Center, the Academic Skills Center, Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (C-STEP), Credit for Experiential Learning, and Success Track for Academic Readiness (STAR) Program.

Collegiate Science and Technology Entry (C-STEP) Program

South Wing 220A, (716) 878-4197

The Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (C-STEP) seeks to increase access to careers in science and technology for academically superior students who are economically disadvantaged students or members of groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

Credit for Experiential Learning

South Wing 310B, (716) 878-5303

Buffalo State recognizes college-level experiential learning and regards such potential academic credit as similar to transfer credit. Students demonstrate that their experiential learning is comparable to specific Buffalo State credit-bearing courses. Such equivalence can be demonstrated through the course-challenge process or through portfolio preparation. Both options are ultimately reviewed by the appropriate academic department. Students may receive as many as 30 credit hours through experiential learning review. Any credit awarded will be recorded as credit (cr) on students' transcripts, rather than by letter grade. Credit for experiential learning is limited to matriculated students at Buffalo State.

First-Year Seminars

Twin Rise 100, (716) 878-5906

www.buffalostate.edu/firstyearprograms

Buffalo State offers several courses designed to help new students develop academic skills that will serve as a basis for success. Freshman courses and seminars offer entering students access to small classes.

Learning Communities

Twin Rise 100, (716) 878-5906

www.buffalostate.edu/firstyearprograms

Learning Communities (LC) provides four classes that incoming first-year students take in common around a central theme or concept. In addition, LC students who are campus residents live in a shared residential area. All LC students—residential and commuter—have access to their own gathering places with computers and kitchens. They can meet with other students, faculty, and professional staff members at special LC events.

Success Track for Academic Readiness Program

South Wing 530, (716) 878-4048

The Success Track for Academic Readiness (STAR) Program provides retention-support services for first-time freshmen accepted to the college through a special admissions initiative. STAR Program staff provide academic advisement and monitor students during their first year.

Great Lakes Center

Classroom Building C215 and Porter Avenue, Buffalo, (716) 878-4329

www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/glc

The Great Lakes Center brings together more than 25 affiliated faculty 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 the 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, the 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.

Intellectual Foundations

University College

Twin Rise 100, (716) 878-5906

www.buffalostate.edu/intellectualfoundations

The Intellectual Foundations program is a new liberal arts curriculum that replaced general education in fall 2006. The Intellectual Foundations program promotes an understanding of the continuity of human history, the depth of inherited knowledge, the validity of diverse modes of inquiry, the value of artistic expression, and the richness of our collective experience. Its purpose is to develop the skills and habits of the mind required for a life of intellectual curiosity and civic engagement.

International and Exchange Programs

University College

South Wing 410, (716) 878-4620

www.buffalostate.edu/universitycollege

Center for China Studies

Classroom Building 310, (716) 878-6328

www.buffalostate.edu/centers/ccs

The Center for China Studies promotes and coordinates research, scholarly exchanges, academic programs, and economic development with China. Center activities advance the intellectual, personal, and professional growth of students, faculty, staff, and the general community by providing an international perspective regarding China in the context of an ever-changing and diverse world.

International Education Office

South Wing 410B, (716) 878-4620

www.buffalostate.edu/studyabroad

International study is available in more than 50 countries overseas through Buffalo State and SUNY–sponsored programs. The International Education Office coordinates Buffalo Statesponsored international study in Australia, Canada, England, Italy, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Faculty and staff may develop short-term study sessions in other countries as well.

International Graduate Programs for Educators

South Wing 430, (716) 878-6832

www.buffalostate.edu/ilsc

International Graduate Programs for Educators fosters lifelong academic, intellectual, and personal success through the promotion and dissemination of research, information, publications, and other resources focusing on learning, teaching, and productivity styles. The center delivers overseas master's, graduate, and professional development programs taught by faculty members in the Computer Information Systems, Creative Studies, Educational Foundations, and Elementary Education and Reading Departments. The program's office is an affiliated center of the International Learning Styles Network.

International Student Affairs Office

Campbell Student Union 400, (716) 878-5331

www.buffalostate.edu/internationalstudentaffairs

A variety of services is available to international students through the International Student Affairs Office, including academic advisement and personal counseling. In addition, the office helps students regarding visas, work permits, and regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). A three-day orientation program is provided for new international students at the beginning of each semester. The office distributes numerous publications, including Information for New Students from Abroad, Directory of Faculty and Staff with International Qualifications, Guide to Businesses and Attractions in Western New York, and Newsletter International. The office also administers English-language competency and placement exams. International Student Affairs coordinates the American Host Family and International Friendship programs, pairing international students with American families and college students. It coordinates a Global Perspectives Program in the Western New York community and the college's International Alumni Program. The office organizes international cultural events throughout the year on campus.

International Studies (minor program)

South Wing 420B, (716) 878-6116

The international studies minor is designed to provide students with an international perspective, encouraging the study of issues based around international themes, as well as the advanced study of another language.

Special Programs Office

South Wing 420C, (716) 878-4328

The Special Programs Office administers National Student Exchange and the Visiting Student Program.

National Student Exchange

www.nse.org

National Student Exchange (NSE) is designed to expand the scope and variety of academic, social, and cultural experiences available to students. It enables qualified students to spend a semester or a year at one of more than 175 colleges and universities in the United States, its territories, and Canada. The program, organized through the National Student Exchange Consortium, provides an inexpensive means of studying in another state by paying tuition at Buffalo State or at the host school at the resident rate. To be eligible, a student must be in good academic standing and have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Visiting Student Program

Buffalo State students may attend participating colleges and universities for a semester or a year and transfer credit hours to Buffalo State. Students should consult with their academic advisers about institutions that best meet their educational goals. Departmental approval is required as part of the application process, which is coordinated by the Special Programs Office. Deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. There is no visiting student status during the summer.

Orientation Office

Porter Hall 14J, (716) 878-5336

www.buffalostate.edu/orientation

First-year and transfer students are introduced to many aspects of campus life during orientation sessions, which include everything from academic advisement and course-scheduling assistance to social activities. Orientation offers an opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and upper-division students. Attendance is mandatory, and a program fee is required. All students receive registration materials at orientation.

Performing Arts Center

Rockwell Hall 210, (716) 878-3032

Box Office: (716) 878-3005

www.buffalostate.edu/pac

The Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Rockwell Hall is an 856-seat multipurpose theater that enhances the cultural vitality of the campus and Western New York community. The PAC hosts more than 180 events each year, including a Great Performers Series featuring world-class artists from a wide range of performance genres. The PAC also is home to the Buffalo City Ballet, Buffalo Opera Unlimited, and numerous other community and campus events. A recent \$1.2 million equipment upgrade makes the PAC one of the most technologically advanced theaters in Western New York.

Pre-Medical and Pre-Health Professional Advisement

School of Natural and Social Sciences, Dean's Office
Classroom Building A113, (716) 878-6674

Health professions schools require a strong undergraduate preparation in the sciences. Buffalo State offers all the courses (biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics) required for admission to medical, dental, osteopathic, veterinary, optometry, podiatry, chiropractic, and other health professions schools. Individual schools have their own requirements, and Buffalo State offers a course of study that should meet the requirements of any health professions school. The entrance examinations for medical, dental, and other health professions schools test for mastery of material from these courses.

It is very important that students who are interested in the health professions contact the pre-health adviser as soon as possible (freshman or sophomore year) to begin the advisement process and to plan the application process. The pre-health professions adviser and the Pre-Health Advisory Committee assist students who are interested in entering one of the health professions by providing advice about the application process and preparing supporting materials for students' applications.

Pre-Law Advisement

School of Natural and Social Sciences, Dean's Office
Classroom Building A113, (716) 878-6674

Buffalo State provides pre-law advisement to assist students who plan to attend law school. Faculty members knowledgeable with the legal profession are available for consultation on such matters as recommended undergraduate courses, LSATs, and law school admission practices. Students interested in pre-law advisement should contact the chair of the Pre-Law Advisement Committee early in their Buffalo State studies for consultation and a copy of the pre-law handbook.

Reserve Officer Training Corps

U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) classes are offered at Buffalo State through Niagara College. Military science classes are 1 credit hour each semester and are intended to introduce students to Army leadership principles and basic military concepts. A 2-credit-hour military lab is also available to Buffalo State students. The lab meets once a week at either Niagara College or the University at Buffalo South Campus. Military science classes are offered free of charge to all interested, and no commitment or obligation is required. Students may enroll in any of these courses during the Buffalo State registration period. Contact Major Peter B. Wilson at (716) 286-8235.

Residence Life Office (On-Campus Housing)

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

A variety of on-campus housing options are available at Buffalo State, including traditional-style housing (Neumann, Perry, Porter) for first-year students, suite-style facilities (Towers 1-4, North Wing) for sophomores, juniors, seniors, and international students, and fully furnished apartments (Moore Complex) for juniors and seniors. Several units in the apartment complex are designated for students with dependent children (under the age of 18). Housing options include honors student housing, Native American, Diversity, and all music suites. Year-round housing is provided for students with dependent children (Family College) and for international students, on a space available basis. All residence halls are smoke free.

The residence hall staff help to guide students in their living environment, promote student health and safety, and provide encouragement, support, and assistance when needed.

Buffalo State College Housing Residency Requirement

All full-time students are required to live on campus until they have earned junior-level standing (completion of 57 credit hours). Students who are married, single parents, veterans, age 21 or older, or commuting from the home of a parent or relative (aunt, uncle, brother, sister, etc.) within a 35-mile radius of the Buffalo State campus are exempt from this policy. Verification is required for students who wish to apply for an exemption from this requirement; contact the Residence Life Office.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

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

The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic provides speech, language, and hearing services to individuals of all ages. Services are provided by graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology Department under the direct supervision of 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 aids clinic staff in the diagnosis and remediation of a variety of disorders, including articulation and phonological disorders; language impairments in children; aphasia; hearing, voice, and fluency disorders; and traumatic brain injury. The staff also work with people who wish to modify their accents. Services are free to Buffalo State students.

The Buffalo State College Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic does not discriminate in the delivery of clinical services on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

Student Government (United Students Government)

Campbell Student Union 402, (716) 878-6701
www.usgbuffstate.org

United Students Government (USG) represents the interests of all students and encourages their active participation in educational, recreational, cultural, and social programs and activities. All programs and services are funded through the mandatory student activity fee.

USG consists of three operating branches of governance: the executive branch, responsible for establishing long-term goals for student government; the senate, the legislative branch of USG; and the judicial council. All activity fee-paying students are members of USG and are eligible to run for an elected position in campuswide elections if they meet the GPA and credit-hour requirements.

Student Life Office

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

The Student Life Office encourages student involvement in a variety of extracurricular experiences, contributes to building the campus community, and helps students develop skills. The office serves as the administrative liaison to the United Students Government (USG) and registers student clubs and organizations. The Student Life area includes Leadership Education, programming, Greek Affairs, Commuter Affairs, Minority Student Services, and Campbell Student Union operations. The office coordinates a variety of programs, such as Union Bash, a semi-annual event held in the Campbell Student Union, and the Nurturing Initiative and Achievement (NIA) Mentoring Program.

Transfer Admission Services

Moot Hall 110, (716) 878-4017

www.buffalostate.edu/admissions

Transfer Admission Services assists transfer students in their enrollment and transition to Buffalo State. Services include information regarding enrollment through the Dual Admissions and Joint Teacher Preparation Programs with local community colleges, and assistance with resolving transfer-credit issues. The office also serves as a resource in facilitating transfer articulation agreements between Buffalo State academic departments and programs at other two- and four-year colleges.

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.

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 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, <http://ope.ed.gov/security>, or Buffalo State's Web site, www.buffalostate.edu/offices/police/safety.

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 Parking Services at (716) 878-3041.

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. The attendance form can be found on the Web at www.buffalostate.edu/registrar/documents/vetform.html.

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 diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries, the professional staff promotes health education and preventive medicine. Students are seen on an appointment basis or on a walk-in basis if a clinician is available. There is no charge for most services.

The Outreach Program sponsors professionals and peer educators who present topics 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 the vaccine. Students must be in compliance to register for classes.

The New York State Public Law also requires that all students enrolled for at least 6 credit hours complete and return the Meningitis Information Response Form to Weigel Health Center. This form is available online at www.buffalostate.edu/weigel.

All full-time students are required to have health insurance. Students with their own health coverage must complete an on-line waiver with proof of health insurance coverage by stated deadlines. Students who have not been approved for 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.

Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium

Science Building 118, (716) 878-4911

The Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium is a teaching tool for the college and the community. Students taking astronomy and meteorology courses use the planetarium as a laboratory and assist in maintaining, improving, and operating the equipment and in developing presentations about the planets, stars, constellations, and the earth's atmosphere. The planetarium schedules a number of educational programs and public shows attended by thousands of area schoolchildren and adults annually.