

# FINANCES

Students are required to pay tuition and fees upon receipt of invoice with cash or credit card, or through a deferred payment plan. Deductions will be made under various financial aid programs if the student attaches a copy of the award notice with payment.

Room and board charges must be paid prior to arrival on campus. These charges are usually included in the bill covering tuition and fees. **The rates listed below are subject to review and may change without prior notice.**

Further information concerning payment is available in the Student Accounts Office, Moot Hall 260, (716) 878-4121, [www.buffalostate.edu/studentaccounts](http://www.buffalostate.edu/studentaccounts).

## Explanation of Terms

**Full-time**—A student registered for 12 or more credit hours a semester is considered a full-time student.

**Part-time**—A student registered for 1 to 11 credit hours a semester is considered a part-time student.

**Semester**—An academic year at the college consists of a fall semester and a spring semester. Yearly expenses are twice the semester rate.

**Resident (for tuition purposes)**—As established by the State University Board of Trustees, an individual university registrant is considered a New York State resident and is charged in-state tuition rates when that individual is determined to have a permanent and principal home in New York State for 12 months prior to registration. Those who do not meet this requirement are presumed to be out-of-state residents and are charged out-of-state tuition rates unless satisfactory proof is presented to show that domicile in New York State has, in fact, been established.

## Tuition

Tuition for full-time Buffalo State undergraduate students is \$2,175 per semester for New York State residents and \$5,305 per semester for out-of-state students. Tuition for part-time undergraduate students is \$181 per credit hour for New York State residents and \$442 per credit hour for out-of-state residents.

## College Fee

A mandatory college fee of \$12.50 per semester for full-time students and \$.85 per credit hour for part-time students is collected by all units of the state university system to finance the operating budget.

## Activity Fee

A mandatory activity fee of \$100 per semester for full-time students and \$8.35 per credit hour for part-time students is collected to support the activities of more than 80 student groups on campus.

## Health Fee

All full-time students are required to pay a \$115-per-semester health fee; part-time students pay \$9.60 per credit hour per semester. This fee provides basic medical assistance to students on campus through the Weigel Health Center. A mandatory health fee is collected by all units of the State University system.

## Waiver for Off-Site Distance-Education Students

Students enrolled exclusively in off-campus or distance learning courses with no on-campus meetings are eligible for a waiver or refund of the student health fee (not the mandatory health insurance), provided they are not concurrently enrolled in on-campus courses. If a student is enrolled in both on-campus and off-campus or distance learning courses, the health fee applies to all courses for which the student is registered. More information and refund forms are available at [www.buffalostate.edu/weigel](http://www.buffalostate.edu/weigel) or from the Weigel Health Center at (716) 878-6711.

## Athletic Fee

A mandatory athletic fee of \$125 per semester for full-time students and \$10.50 per credit hour for part-time students is collected to support intercollegiate athletics.

## Technology Fee

A mandatory technology fee of \$160 per semester for full-time students and \$13.50 per credit hour for part-time students is collected to provide enhancements to campus technology.

## Parking Fee

Students who wish to park on campus pay \$70 per academic year and \$10 for summer-only permits.

## Room and Board

Residence hall room rates are \$2,514 per semester for a double occupancy room. Room rental does not include telephone service, which students arrange with the telephone company. Some single rooms are available, but the college cannot guarantee these accommodations. Meal plan rates vary, starting at \$1,643 per semester.

## Miscellaneous Expenses

Miscellaneous expenses will vary depending on the academic program, personal spending habits, and commute distance.

## Mandatory Student Health Insurance

The Buffalo State College student health insurance plan has been developed especially for Buffalo State College students. The plan provides coverage for sickness and injuries that occur on and off campus and includes cost-saving features to keep the coverage as affordable as possible.

All full-time domestic undergraduate and graduate students who attend Buffalo State College are eligible and automatically enrolled in the Buffalo State College student health insurance plan unless an online waiver verifying proof of health insurance coverage is completed by the applicable deadline. Part-time domestic students are eligible to purchase this coverage, however they are not automatically enrolled in the plan. Spouse and dependent coverage is available. Please visit [www.buffalostate.edu/weigel](http://www.buffalostate.edu/weigel) for enrollment information or a waiver form, or contact the Weigel Health Center at (716) 878-6711. International students must purchase SUNY International Health Insurance or have comparable coverage.

## International Student Health Insurance

All international students must enroll in a group health insurance plan available through the college. If they carry a health insurance policy that provides coverage comparable to the SUNY-mandated health insurance, it may be accepted as an alternative, if approved by the medical director of the Weigel Health Center. The premium was \$849 per year for August 2006 through August 2007. There also are rates for coverage during any semester. The premium is subject to change each year. All American students studying abroad also must carry this insurance.

## Summer Session Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are charged at the credit-hour rate for all courses taken during summer session.

## An Estimated Budget

Estimated college costs can be found in the following table for the 2007–2008 academic year. Costs may vary according to a student's place of residence, academic program, and individual needs. All tuition rates, fees and fines are subject to change without notice as directed by the State University Board of Trustees.

### Estimated Budget for 2007–2008 Fall and Spring Semesters (*New York State Residents*)

	Commuter	Resident
<b>Fixed Costs</b> (per semester)		
Tuition	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00
Fees	<u>\$ 512.50</u>	<u>\$ 512.50</u>
Total Fixed Costs	\$ 2,687.50	\$ 2,687.50
<b>Variable Costs</b> (per semester)		
Books and supplies	\$450.00	\$450.00
Maintenance at home	\$ 1,743.00	
Room	—	\$ 2,514.00
Board	—	\$ 1,743.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00
Transportation	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Variable Costs	\$ 3,243.00	\$ 5,757.00
Estimated Total Costs/Semester	\$ 5,930.50	\$ 8,444.50
<b>Estimated Annual Cost</b> ( <i>two semesters</i> )	\$ 11,861.00	\$16,889.00

## Time Payment Plan

The college has established a time payment plan to assist students and their families in meeting the cost of tuition, fees, room, and board. Payment plan applications may be obtained from the Student Accounts Office, Moot Hall 260, (716) 878-4121, or the Financial Aid Office, Moot Hall 230, (716) 878-4901.

## Refund Policies

All financial refunds are sent to students in the following order:

1. Transferred electronically to the student's bank account if a direct deposit application is on file in the Student Accounts Office.
2. Mailed to the student's local address of record on file in the Registrar's Office if the student is not a resident student.
3. Mailed to the permanent address of record on file in the Registrar's Office. Students are responsible for informing the Registrar's Office of any address change.

## Tuition Refunds

Tuition refunds will be processed only if the student officially withdraws through the Registrar's Office. Students given permission to cancel their registration are responsible for payment of tuition according to the following schedule:

Date of Course Withdrawal	Tuition Liability
<i>Spring and Fall Semesters</i>	
First week of class . . . . .	0
Second week . . . . .	30%
Third week . . . . .	50%
Fourth week . . . . .	70%
After fourth week . . . . .	100%
The first week of class ends on Saturday of the week in which classes are scheduled.	
<i>Summer Sessions</i>	
First two days of Session A, B, or C . . . . .	0%
Third day through end of first week of Session A or B . . . . .	50%
Third day through end of first week of Session C . . . . .	65%
Second week of Session A, B, or C . . . . .	100%

## Room Rental Refunds

During the fall and spring semesters, a refund can be made only if a student withdraws due to circumstances beyond his or her control. Questions covering refunds are addressed in the residence hall license.

## Board Charge Refunds

Refunds are calculated according to college and federal regulations and guidelines, less a \$20 service charge for processing. No refunds are given after the drop/add session at the start of each semester. Contact the Buffalo State Campus Dining Services Office, Campbell Student Union 223, for additional information.

Activity Fee

College Fee

Health Fee

Athletic Fee

Technology Fee

These fees are refunded only when registration is canceled during drop/add period.

## Parking Fee

The Parking Fee is refundable within the first two weeks of class upon surrender of parking permit.

## Service Fees

The following fees are administered to comply with mandatory SUNY policy:

### Late Registration Fee

Registrations on "late registration day" (the first day of classes) or later are charged a mandatory \$40 late registration fee that cannot be waived or deferred. Exceptions are registrations for graduate workshops, independent study, special projects, contracts, and any course requiring performance auditions. Registrations for independent study, special projects, and contracts turned in after the second week of classes that generate the only registration for a student will also be assessed the \$40 late fee.

### Billing Fee

A billing fee of \$30 is assessed to each delinquency notice sent by the college. Late filing of financial aid does not waive this fee. All financial aid should be filed by March 1.

### Late Payment Fee

A \$30 fee is charged if the final semester bill is not paid by the due date.

### Late Drop/Add Fee

A \$20 late drop/add fee is charged for each transaction after the first week of classes. Independent study, special projects, or contracts added after the second week of classes also are charged this fee.

### Academic Transcript Fee

There is a \$5 fee for each transcript request.

### Returned-Check Fee

A \$20 fee is charged for each check returned by the bank or any declined credit card transaction. The fee is nondeferrable and cannot be waived. An additional billing fee is charged on any transaction covering a course and/or room registration. If payment is not received within 10 days from the date of notification, the account is referred to the New York State Attorney General's Office for collection and handling.

## New York State Debt-Collection Mandate

The State University reserves the right to withhold academic records from any student who has not satisfied or made provision to satisfy all obligations incurred in the State University system. Unpaid accounts are, in due course, turned over to an external collection agency. Collection costs are added to the amount of indebtedness.