

Accepted Student Reception



University at Buffalo

Office of International Education



Welcome to UB Class of 2024!



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Tudini**

Assistant Vice
Provost and
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International
Student
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**Ambassador
Shreya**

International
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Ambassador



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Assistant Director
Communications,
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Congratulation!

Your Success Starts here!



Here **IS HOW.**

A world-class university with worldwide impact

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RECEPTION AGENDA

Introductions

Powerpoint Presentation

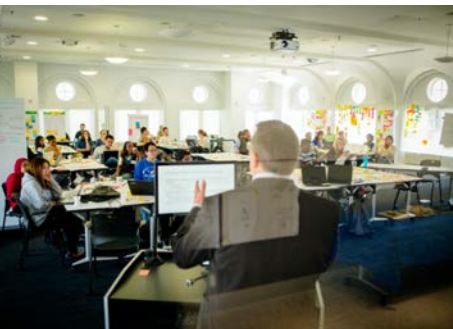
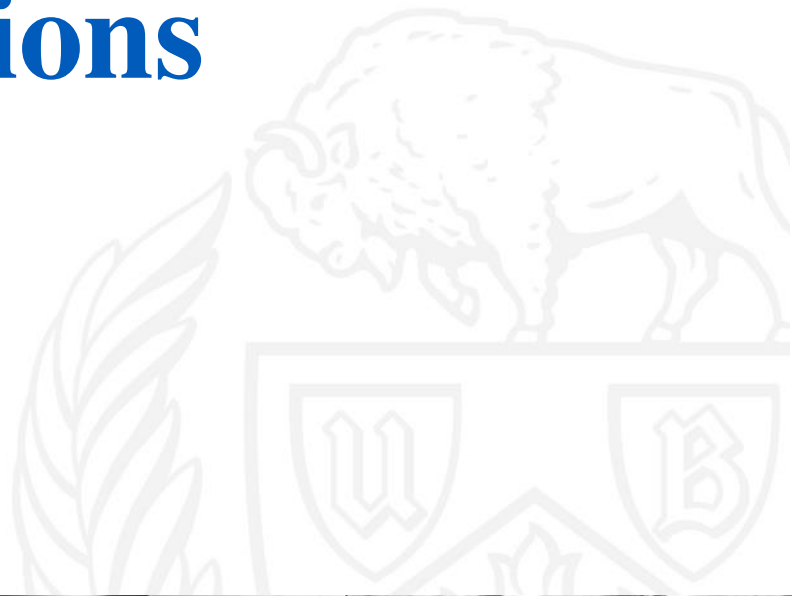
- About UB, Program Highlights, Living in Buffalo
- Immigration documents/ I-20 process & Next Steps

Question and Answer

Meet the Class of 2024 (Optional Participation)



Introductions



Question & Answer Session

Use Zoom Chat to ask questions to Jessica, Katie, Shreya, Joshua and Peter directly and NOT everyone.

To: ~~Everyone~~ ▼

Type message here...

More ▼

Students may start sending questions during presentation.

Jessica Kane – Admissions – Final Document Submission, I-20 Status

Katie Tudini – International Student Services – Orientation, Arrival

Shreya – International Ambassador – Life at UB, Student Experience

Joshua Ong or Peter Pranata – Anything else?

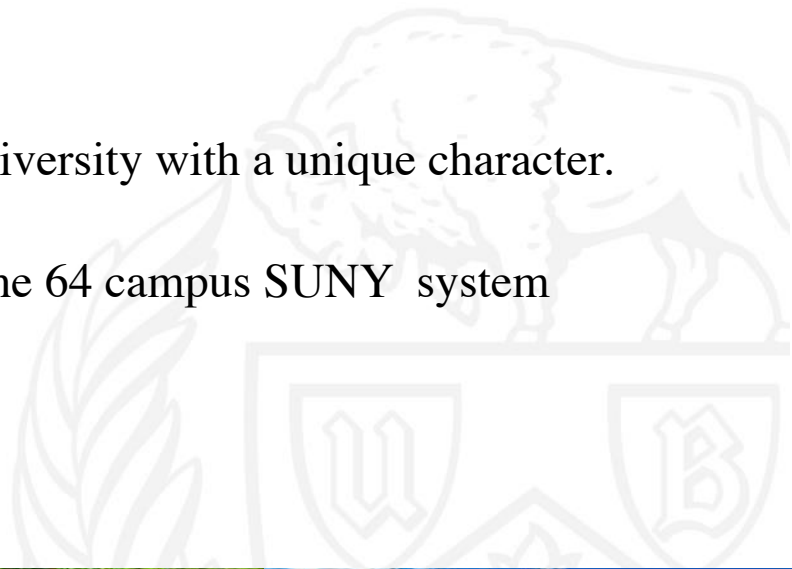




About UB -An Academic Powerhouse

This private -public heritage has endowed the University with a unique character.

The largest and most comprehensive campus in the 64 campus SUNY system



Campus Profile

TOP **25** among U.S. institutions enrolling the largest number of international students

31,503
total students

21,607
undergrads

9,896
grads

54%
men

46%
women

45
states represented on campus

101
countries represented on campus



5,000 international students from more than 100 countries!



UB's top-notch facilities make our academic programs more dynamic and prepare our students for the future.

125+ UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS → **40+** COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS → **205+** MASTER'S PROGRAMS → **90+** DOCTORAL PROGRAMS



Member of Association of American Universities (AAU)



Most comprehensive campus in the State University of New York (SUNY) system



13 schools and colleges, including SUNY's only schools of architecture and law



Student-faculty ratio: 14 to 1



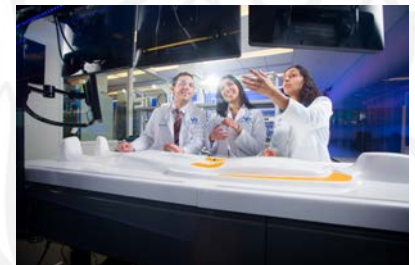
Libraries and special collections with more than 3.8 million volumes



More than 200 faculty members awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching—the most of any SUNY institution

Undergraduate Academic Programs

- Major (ex: Computer Science)
- Major + Minor (ex: Business + Media Study)
- Double Major (ex: Biology + Mathematics)
- Double Degree (ex: Economics + Engineering)
- Combined Degree (ex: Civil Engineering, BS + Business Administration, MBA)



-----> Our innovative, student-centered approach to general education for all students.



UB CURRICULUM



UB Curriculum

Redefining General Education



UB Seminar

The entryway to your UB education.



Foundations

The building blocks of academic inquiry and lifelong learning.



Pathways

A series of courses linked together by a broad topic of interest.



Capstone
(UBC 399)

The culmination of your UB Curriculum program.

For more information, Visit: <http://www.buffalo.edu/ubcurriculum.html>

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UB Seminar

The entryway to your UB education.

UB Seminar:

- The UB Seminar is the entryway to your UB education.
 - Small in size and centered around critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and reflective discussion, you learn from distinguished faculty how to meet and manage the rigorous academic demands of our world-class university.

How will a UB Seminar benefit you?

- Develop a personal relationship with a faculty member in your first semester through the small setting of the UB Seminar.
- Immersed in big ideas and grand challenges, learning how to think critically about them.
- Develop the skills to help you to meet the demands of future coursework.



FINISH IN

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*Our commitment to your
graduation.*

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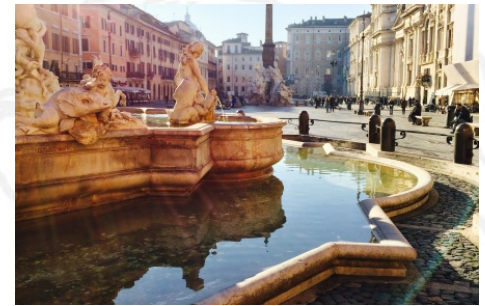
Finish in 4

- UB's commitment to you that you can complete your Bachelor's degree in 4 years ... or UB will pay for the subsequent tuition and fees.
- The "Finish in 4" program is optional.
- If you join, you will sign a pledge at the start of your studies to make an academic plan with your advisor and stick to it, meet with your advisor regularly, and meet all of the academic success criteria.



Enrichment Opportunities

- University Honors College
- CURCA: Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities
- Blackstone Launchpad
- Experiential Learning Network
- Internships & Co-Op Programs
- Study Abroad



Pride Points



Top 1% Universities in the World

31 among all public universities in the U.S.

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School of Engineering - #67

among nation's best engineering programs



School of Management - #79

among the nation's best business programs
(highest of all SUNY schools)



Who hires UB grads?

Getting your foot in the door is simpler when you have UB alumni to open it for you. Graduate from UB, and you'll have a degree that opens up possibilities and connects you with enough fellow alumni to earn a warm welcome everywhere.



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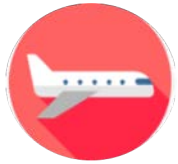


Welcome to **No. 1 Public** University in New York State



1.5-hour drive
to Toronto

20-minute
drive to
Niagara Falls



1 hour flight:

NYC, Boston,
Washington, Chicago,
Montreal, Quebec.



Our Campuses

Located in the Buffalo – Niagara region of upstate New York, UB has three distinct but closely connected campuses.



North Campus: Suburban Academic Center Amherst, New York

- 1,192 Acres (482.38 Hectares)
- 118 Buildings
- Housing for 6,000 students



South Campus: Classic Neighborhood Setting Buffalo, New York

- 154 Acres (62.32 Hectares)
- 53 Buildings
- Housing for 1,200 students

Downtown Campus: Dynamic Urban Presence Buffalo, New York

- Buffalo Niagara Medical Research Center



Buffalo Niagara: Our Hometown

Buffalo-Niagara is a globally-focused region.

- The second largest city in New York State.
- Positioned on the US – Canada border, Buffalo is a truly international city.
- The most affordable places to live in the United States.



Enjoy 4 Seasons

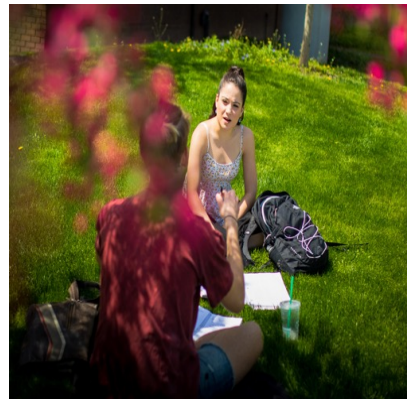
Buffalo was actually the 7th snowiest city in the country during the 2016-17 season behind Syracuse, NY, Rochester, NY, Anchorage, AL, Erie, PA, Worcester, MA & and Manchester, MA.



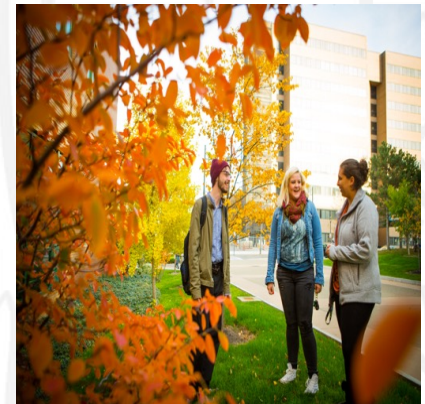
Buffalo gets, on average 157 days of sunshine per year! That is almost half the year spent enjoying sunny days.



Buffalo enjoys the sunniest and the driest summers of any major city in the Northeast.



Western New York is known for its fall foliage and temperature averaging 65-75 degrees. It's easy to get out and enjoy what Buffalo has to offer.



Campus Life

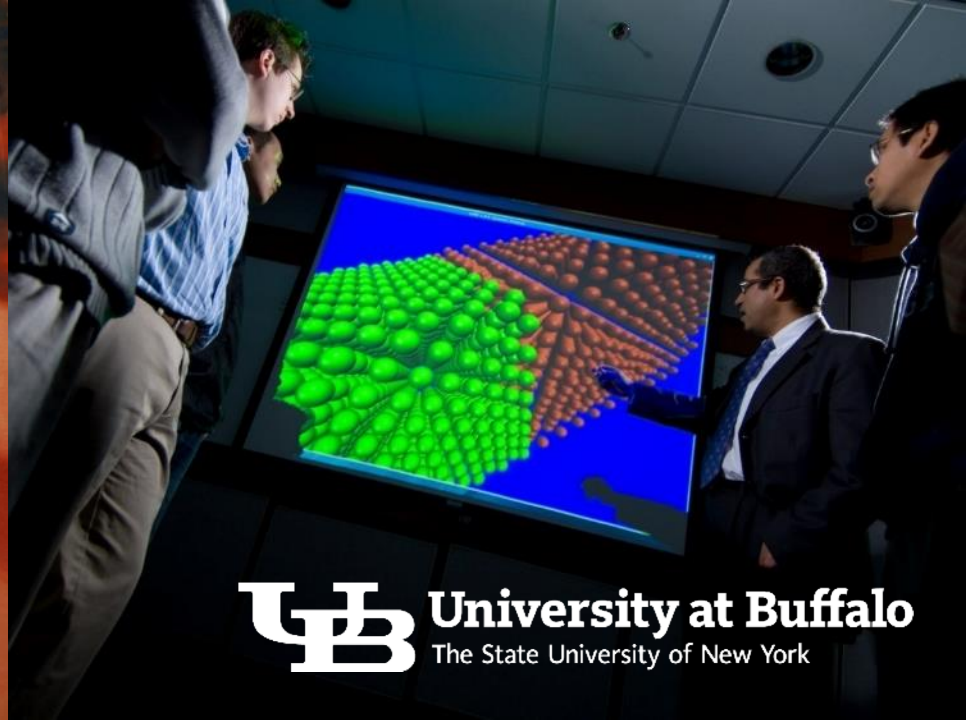
“UB has an excellent reputation overseas, and is highly regarded for strong academics, exceptional research and experiential learning opportunities, and a welcoming, supportive campus community.”

John J. Wood, Interim Vice Provost for International Education

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300+
organizations and clubs for academics, culture, sports and more





Distinguished Speaker Series



Vice President Joe Biden (47th Vice President of the United States from 2009-17)



President Barack Obama (44th President of the United States from 2009 to 2017)



Hillary Rodham Clinton - Former Secretary of State and Former U.S. Senator from New York



Steve Wozniak - Cofounder of Apple Computer, Inc. and Chief Scientist of Primary Data

UB Amenities



Spice Bazaar is situated close to North Campus and sells a variety of fresh ingredients i.e. vegetables! (7 minutes Uber)

International Halal Market is also situated close to North Campus. It specializes in halal meats. (7 minute Uber)



UB Amenities



Multiple Indian restaurants surrounding UB!

- Bollywood Bistro (On-Campus)
- Nellai Banana Leaf (15 minute Uber)
- Many more!



Why Live on Campus?

Living on campus provides ways to meet new people, make friends, succeed academically and receive social support. Here are just a few reasons to live on campus.

Convenient



Safe



Fun



Academic Support



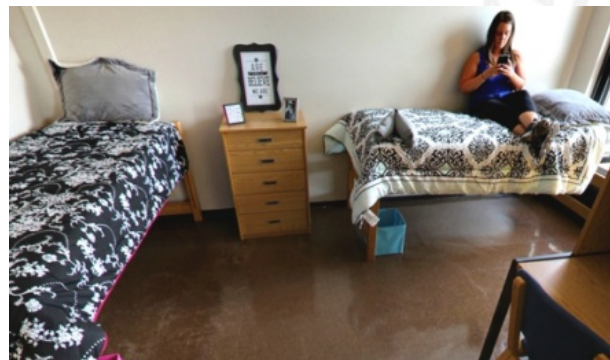
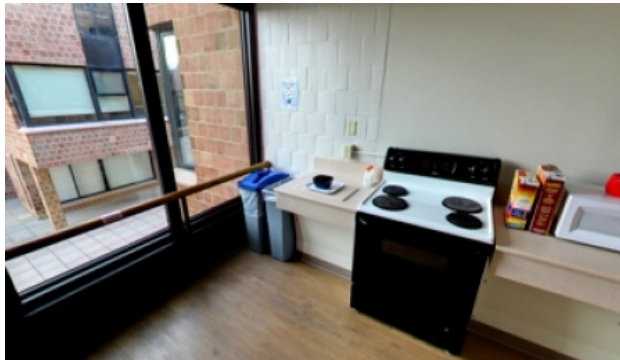
Your Home Away from Home

- Nearly 7,500 live in on-campus housing.
- It's SAFE and friendly.
- Students who live on campus have higher Grade Point Averages than those who live off-campus.
- Students who live on campus adjust better and are more satisfied with their school experience.
- On-Campus residents have easy access to a multitude of services and transportation.



Your Living Communities

- Included in on-campus housing:
- Double, Triple and Quad rooms
- Shared and semi-private bathrooms
- Security access (with student card and cameras)
- Communal meeting areas
- Study areas
- Fitness areas
- Laundry facilities



On-Campus Housing

- Mentoring programs
- Leadership programs
- Intercultural programs
- Living & Learning Communities
- Full-time professional staff as well as student Resident Assistants (RA's)



Campus Safety

- UB is a safe campus in a safe city!
- North Campus is located in Amherst, one of the safest cities in America.
- UB has its own University Police system.
- There are security cameras and “blue light” emergency stations throughout the campus.
- On-campus “night patrols” who will escort you if you’re alone.
- Door-to-door service for late night travelers.



UB Campus Tour

<https://youtu.be/OdfH47O9dJo>



A UB Campus Tour



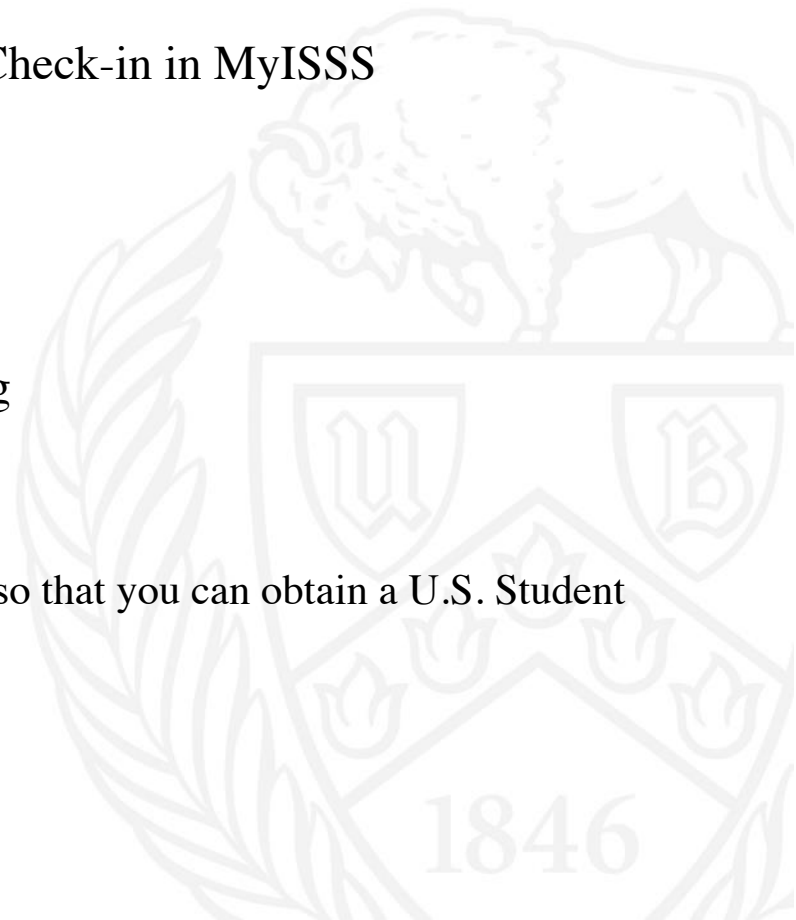
International Student Services (ISS)

- Serve as a resource and advocate for international students at UB.
- Monitor government regulations as they relate to international students and are responsible for UB's institutional compliance.
- Facilitate training and programming that espouses our ideals of diversity and inclusion. We empower international students to be active participants with regards to maintaining their status so that they can be successful in their academic pursuits at UB.



Prepare for Arrival

- Activate your UB account (UBIT Name and Password)
- Start your online New International Student Check-in in MyISSS
- Pay your SEVIS Fee
- Apply for on-campus housing by June 1
- Apply for Early Arrival to on-campus housing
- Apply for a U.S. Visa
 - Your initial I-20 will be issued for five years so that you can obtain a U.S. Student Multiple Visa that is valid for 5 years.



Health Background Forms & Proof of Immunizations

- You cannot register for classes until you have submitted the UB Health Background Form and documentation showing that you have all of the required immunizations.
- Submit these documents (to the Student Health Office) **before May 10, 2020 (Recommend submission date or earliest possible).**
- Submit forms via MAIL (express courier) or FAX **only**.
- If you submit the form late, your desired classes may not be available to you.

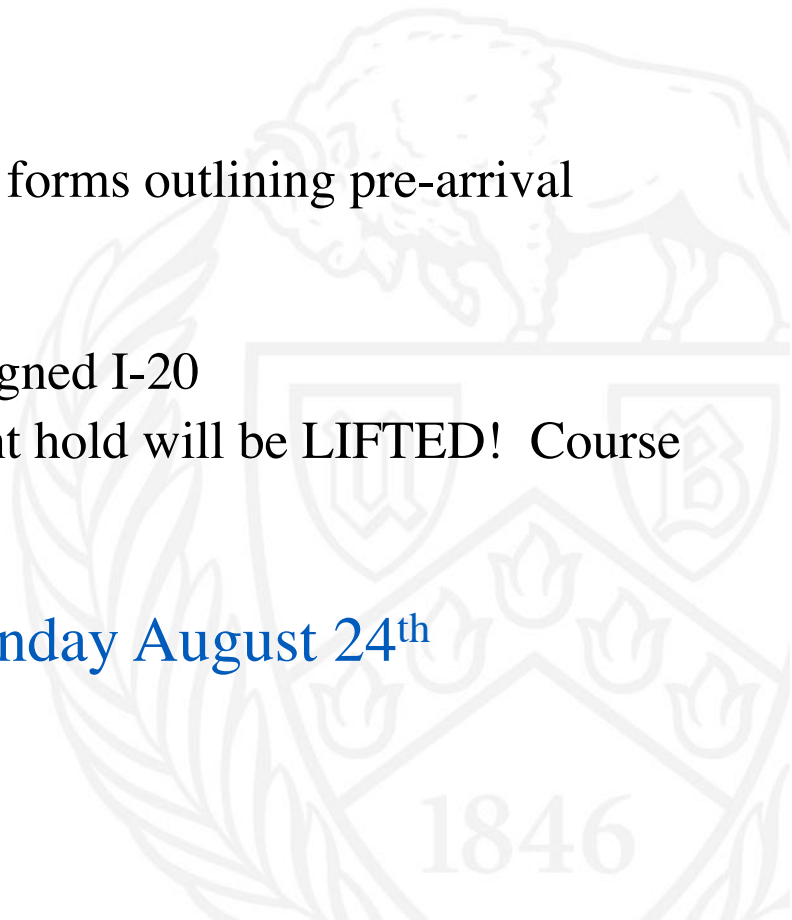
<https://www.buffalo.edu/studentlife/who-we-are/departments/health/immunization.html>

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International Student Check-in: 2 Steps

- **Step 1: Complete your New International Student Check-in Online**
 - Login to MyISSS
 - Online check-in consists of electronic forms outlining pre-arrival tasks. READ carefully!
 - Complete the VZ Orientation Form
 - Upload copies of your passport and signed I-20
 - Upload your visa and your Intl Student hold will be LIFTED! Course Registration becomes available!
- **Step 2: Check-in in person on Monday August 24th**



International Student Orientation and Welcome Series

We welcomes you to campus and provides resources to assist you as your transition to life at the University at Buffalo.

Through communications, programs and events offered both before and after arriving at UB, you will be able to access information and resources in support of your academic, personal and professional success at UB.

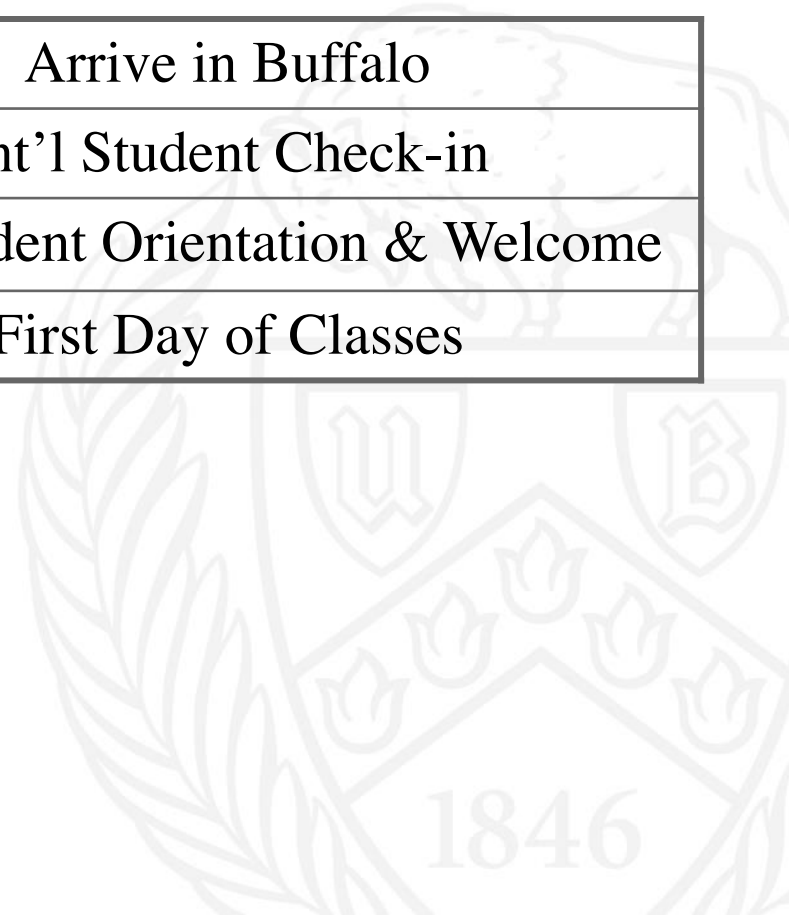
- Campus safety
- UB Card
- Academic Advising
- Academic success tips
- Shopping
- On-campus employment
- Transition to UB
- UB Pride & Traditions



Arrival & Check-in

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday, August 22* | Arrive in Buffalo |
| Monday August 24 | Int'l Student Check-in |
| August 24 through 28 | Int'l Student Orientation & Welcome |
| Monday, August 31 | First Day of Classes |

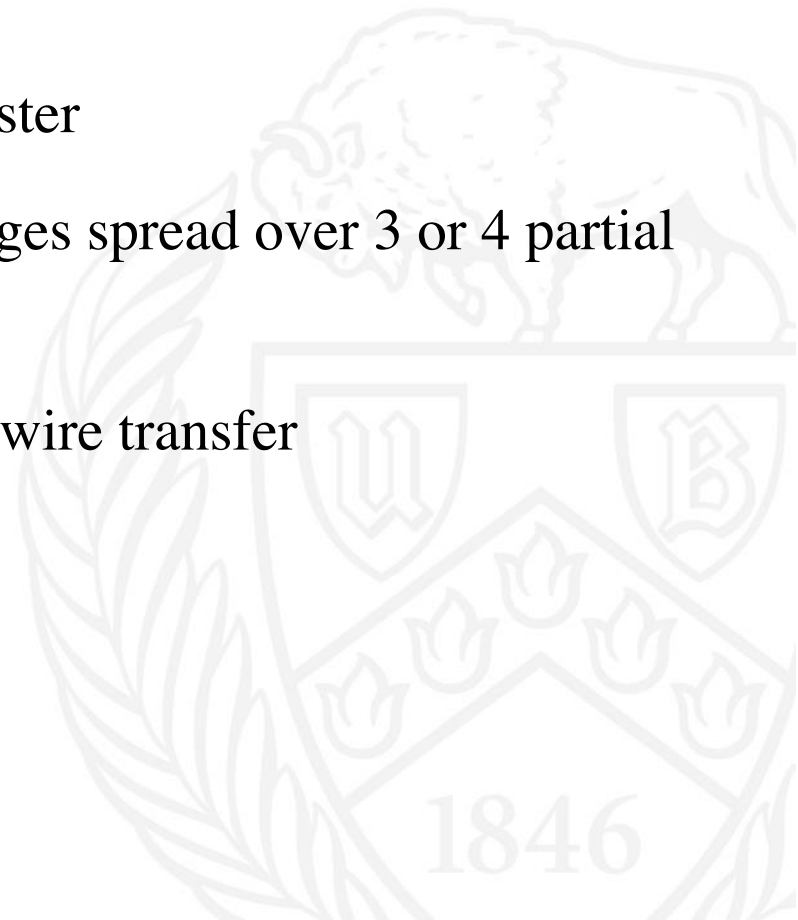
*New international students planning to arrive between Aug. 22 to Aug. 26, you must complete an [Early Arrival](#) request form.



Your UB Account

Paying Your UB Bill

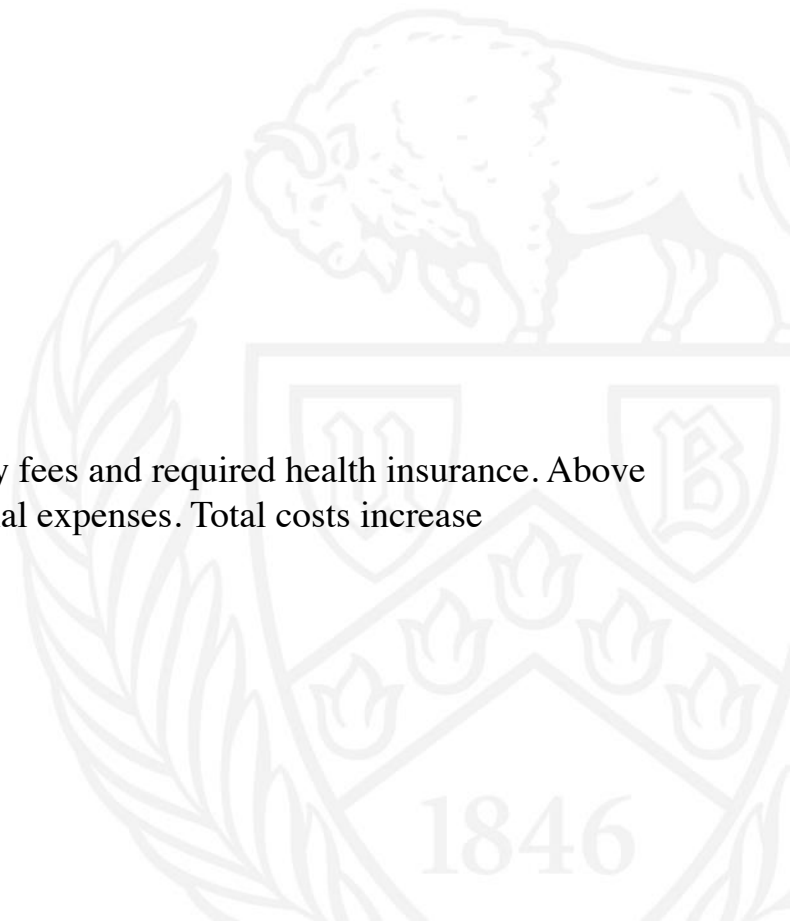
- Payable at beginning of each semester
- Time Payment Plan: semester charges spread over 3 or 4 partial payments
- Payable by credit card (on line) or wire transfer



Tuition and Fees

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| Standard Tuition: | \$24,740 |
| Standard Fees*: | \$ 5,534 |
| Food & Housing: | \$15,363 |
| Total: | \$45,637 |

*Standard Fees do include all required university fees and required health insurance. Above costs do not include books / supplies, nor personal expenses. Total costs increase approximately 4% - 5% annually.



Initial Arrival

- Collect your baggage and take an Uber, Lyft or taxi to your hotel or the campus. Taxis are located directly outside baggage claim area (lower level) and will cost approximately USD \$35 to the hotels near the UB North Campus.
- Students with on-campus housing can move in on Saturday August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd.



Initial Arrival

- Nearby Hotels which are relatively inexpensive include:

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center (Amherst)

Buffalo Niagara Marriott (Amherst)

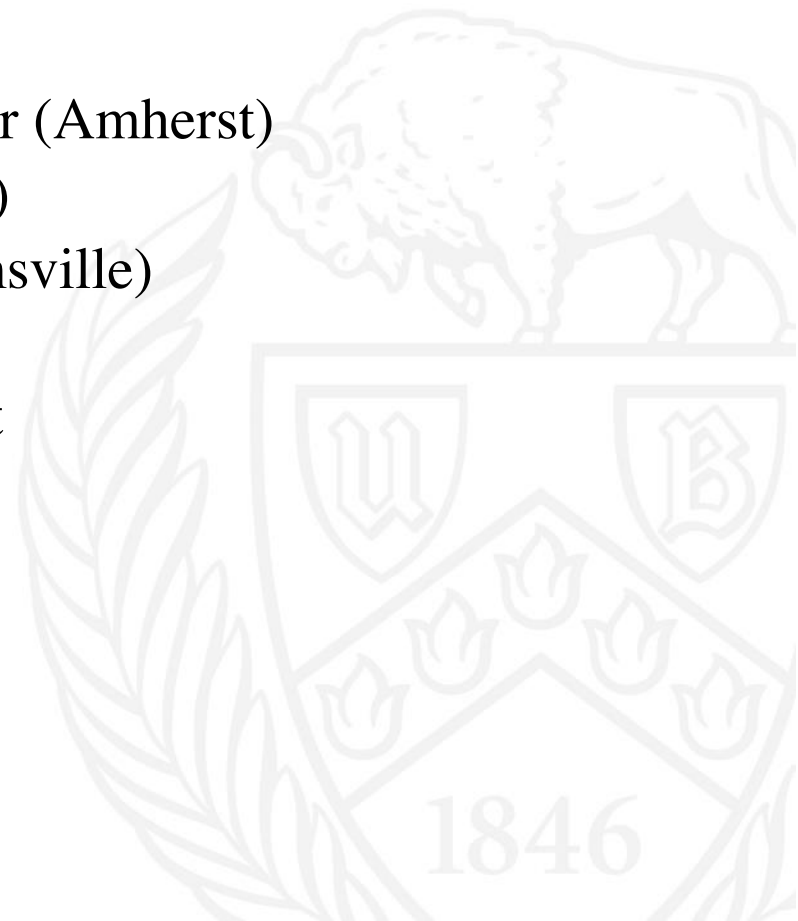
Residence Inn by Marriott (Williamsville)

Comfort Inn University (Amherst)

Homewood Suites Buffalo Amherst

Hotel Indigo (Amherst)

Red Roof Inn (Amherst)



UB International Students

- Make new friends
- Excel in academic studies
- Become more independent
- Improve English language skills
- Experience new cultures
- Excel in research and other academic opportunities
- Share your culture with others
- Become career ready
- Have fun!



Contact Information:

International Admissions

University at Buffalo

115 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260

Tel: (716) 645-6121

e-mail: intadmit@buffalo.edu

website: buffalo.edu/internationaladmissions

International Student Services

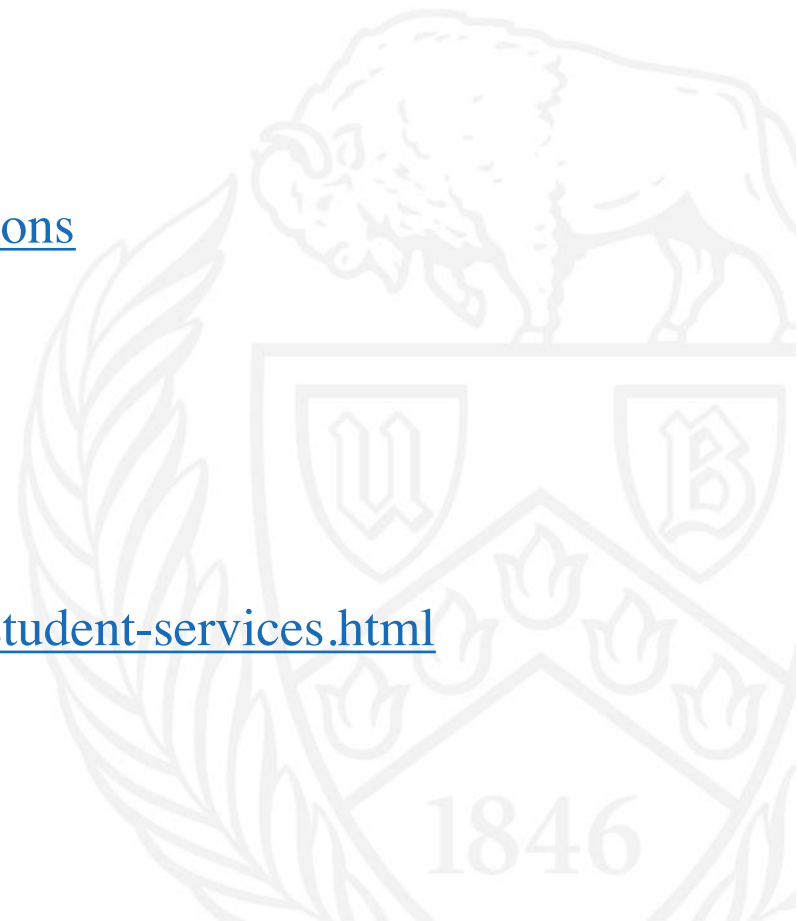
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210 Talbert Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260

Tel: (716) 645-2258

e-mail: iss@buffalo.edu

website: www.buffalo.edu/international-student-services.html





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QUESTIONS



India What's App Group –

Scan with your camera if you would like to be part of this group



I-20s/Visas/Tuition Deposits

Should I pay my tuition deposit?

Yes, we recommend that you pay your tuition deposit to secure your seat in the incoming classes soon as possible. We are excited to welcome you to UB.

Many banks are closed due to COVID-19 situation. I am having issues getting bank documents for I20. What should I do?

Please continue to work to get your bank documents and other I20 documents as soon as possible. We can begin processing your I20 once we receive all of your required documentation.

What is the last date to send documents for I20 processing and tuition deposit?

We encourage you to submit them as soon as possible. There is no specific deadline for submitting immigration documents. However, we encourage you to complete these steps as soon as possible so that when visa appointments do resume, you have your I-20 in hand. You will be prompted to pay your tuition deposit after your I-20 is printed and this does not impact the issuing of your I-20.

COVID-19

What is the current situation at UB regarding COVID-19?

At this time UB is open and fully operational, although classes will be offered online for the remainder of the spring semester. The University at Buffalo has created a COVID-19 FAQs webpage.

How is COVID-19 affecting students' lives who are planning to attend UB?

Please reference the University at Buffalo's COVID-19 FAQs webpage.

Will the fall 2020 semester start date be impacted by COVID-19?

The university is anticipating regular enrollment for fall 2020. These are extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances and we know a lot can change between now and August. If the situation changes and disruptions to enrollment occur, we will be in contact with you regarding enrollment options.

