

**Intensive English Program  
English Language Institute**

**Summer 2018  
Pre-arrival Information**

We are looking forward to meeting you on June 26! Please read the following and contact us with any questions.

**Important:** Your Intensive English Program (IEP) registration cannot be completed until your Health Background Form (HBF) is received and approved by the UB's Student Health Services. <http://www.buffalo.edu/studentlife/who-we-are/forms/health-background-form.html>

**Release of Information:** Make sure you understand about authorization to release or obtain information. If you are 17, have your parents sign the HBF consent form. See the “**Keep in Mind**” section for more information.

**Program Calendar**

**Tuesday, June 19**

***Health Background Forms (HBF) deadline***

**Tuesday, June 26**

***Arrival Day***

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***Students Living Off Campus***

Check-in at English Language Institute (ELI),  
Baldy Hall, Room 320, North Campus

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

***Students Living On-Campus***

Check-in at residence hall on South Campus, Goodyear  
Hall, Room 119, South Campus

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shopping trip to Wal-Mart for students living on-campus  
to buy cooking supplies, bed linen, pillow, etc.

**Wednesday, June 27**

***Orientation Day***

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ELI and UB Information, ID cards processed, IT accounts  
activated, Campus Tour, Baldy Hall, North Campus

**Thursday, June 28**

***Placement Testing & Bank of America (BOA) Day***

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Grammar, reading, vocabulary and listening  
comprehension placement tests, Baldy Hall, North Campus

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**OPTIONAL**

Bank of America (BOA) information and accounts  
processing, Baldy Hall, North Campus

**Friday, June 29**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***Speaking Assessment Day***

Speaking and listening comprehension interviews, Baldy Hall, North Campus

**Monday, July 2**

**Classes begin**

**Wednesday, July 4**

**No classes: Independence Day Holiday**

**Wednesday, August 8**

**Classes end**

**Thursday, August 9**

**Institutional TOEFL (paper-based)**

**Friday, August 10**

**Closing Ceremony & Farewell Reception**

**Sunday, August 12**

**Goodyear Hall Closes at 12 p.m.**

Except for those students with fall semester on-campus room reservations.

Summer students with on-campus room reservations for the 2018/19 academic year will be permitted to remain in their summer rooms until August 17. Students will pay the per night room charge until their fall semester contract begins on August 23.

**On-campus housing during the fall semester is very limited. Apply Early!**

**SEVIS FEE AND APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA**

Most students admitted to the IEP will enter the U.S. in F-1, student visa status. Students who have been issued an I-20 form should follow instructions given in their acceptance letter. Additional information about paying the SEVIS I-901 fee and applying for an F-1 visa can be found on ELI's website: <http://www.buffalo.edu/english-language-institute/intensive-english-program-iep/apply-to-the-iep.html>

Email ELI at [elibuffalo@buffalo.edu](mailto:elibuffalo@buffalo.edu) , if you have further questions.

## **ENTERING THE U.S.**

Students entering the U.S. in any other visa status other than F-1 will need to contact Kathy Curtis at [elibuffalo@buffalo.edu](mailto:elibuffalo@buffalo.edu) for further information. F-2 or B-2 visa holders are not permitted to enroll for full-time study.

## **STUDENTS WITH OFF CAMPUS HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS**

*Please disregard the on-campus housing section. Continue reading from Program Expenses.*

## **STUDENTS WITH ON-CAMPUS HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS**

Students living on-campus will be housed on the South Campus. ELI staff will be at Goodyear Hall only on Arrival Day, Tuesday, June 26 to help with check-in.

### **The Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)**

UB's South Campus is about 6 miles (9.65 km) from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF). ELI does not offer airport pick up service. Students will need to take an Airport Taxi Service cab to Goodyear Hall, South Campus. The taxi fare will cost approximately \$25 plus a tip. Uber and Lyft are also available.

### **Delayed Baggage**

Report delayed baggage before leaving the airport. Goodyear Hall residents should request delivery to: **UB, Area Office, Goodyear Hall room 119, Buffalo, NY 14214, Phone (716) 829-3144.**

### **Early or Late Arrival Instructions**

Students arriving in Buffalo before or after June 26 should send an email message to [elibuffalo@buffalo.edu](mailto:elibuffalo@buffalo.edu) at least one (1) week in advance for further instructions. It is not necessary to arrive too early. There are six days from June 26 to start of classes to take care of personal arrangements.

### **Residence Hall**

During the school year UB houses over 7,500 students on-campus. However, approximately 100 students will live on-campus during the summer semester. IEP students will be housed in double rooms in Goodyear Hall, South Campus. Roommate matches will be made based upon (1) age and (2) different language.

### Goodyear Hall HAS

- \* Double room with two single beds, desks, dressers and closets
- \* Room bathroom with one toilet, shower, and two sinks shared by a total of four (4) students
- \* Fresh water, electricity, central heat
- \* Elevators
- \* Wireless
- \* Public telephones with free local service
- \* Free laundry machines
- \* Shared kitchen to prepare meals
- \* Floor lounge
- \* Resident Advisor (RA) for assistance
- \* Online room repair service
- \* Exercise room
- \* Quiet hours, no drinking and no smoking rules
- \* Secured entrances
- \* Male and female students housed on the same floor

### Goodyear Hall Does NOT Have

- \* Cafeteria service
- \* Single rooms
- \* Bathtubs
- \* Linen, towels, pillow, blanket
- \* Air conditioning
- \* Refrigerators, cooking utensils
- \* Cleaning supplies for shared kitchens
- \* In room telephone service
- \* In room cleaning staff
- \* Clothing iron, vacuum cleaners
- \* Desk Lamp
- \* Smoking area

**The summer contract will begin on June 26 and end on August 12. This means students will not be able to move out of the residence hall at anytime during the summer semester and pay for only nights stayed. SPECIAL OFFER: students living in Goodyear Hall for a minimum of 39 nights Campus Living receive a 20% room discount or pay \$25 per night.**

### Mailing Address

ELI residents living in Goodyear Hall can use the ELI address, c/o 320 Baldy Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260, for all mail delivery. However, large and heavy packages should be sent to Goodyear Hall at c/o UB, Area Office, Goodyear Hall room 119, Buffalo, NY 14214.

<http://www.buffalo.edu/campusliving/find-your-home/where-can-i-live/residence-halls/south-campus-halls.html>

### Dining Service

The residence hall cafeteria will be closed during the summer. This means that students living on-campus will be responsible to prepare their own meals or buy from nearby restaurants. There is a small kitchen with a sink, stove and microwave on each floor in Goodyear Hall. Kitchens are shared by all floor residents. ***Cooking utensils or refrigerators are not provided.***

There is a supermarket directly across the street from Goodyear Hall. UB also operates weekly bus service on Friday afternoons to shopping centers and markets.

## **PROGRAM EXPENSES**

Tuition, fees, and residence hall costs cannot be paid until the HBF has been approved and registration has been processed. Payment is accepted by VISA, MasterCard, Discover, cash, bank check or wire transfer. The payment deadline is **Wednesday, July 11**. Failure to pay by **July 11** will result in a late payment charge of \$50.00.

Tuition	\$2,050.00	(less \$150 deposit = \$1,900.)
Institutional (paper based) TOEFL	\$ 30.00	
Comprehensive Fees	\$ 495.00	
Medical Insurance	\$ 236.00	(6/15 – 8/14/18)
Residence hall room	\$ 1,175.00	(47 nights x \$25. with discount)*
UB ID Card	\$ 25.00	
Textbooks	\$ 140.00	(estimated) **

\* Without the 20% discount the nightly rate is \$31.25 or \$1,469.00 for 47 nights. An estimated food budget of \$25/day or \$175/week is recommended. Goodyear Hall's cafeteria will be closed during the summer semester.

\*\*Textbooks must be purchased at the UB Bookstore.

**All costs are subject to change.**

**Resignation Deadline: The last day to resign without tuition and fee charges is July 9.**

## **UB COMPREHENSIVE FEES**

UB charges all students a Comprehensive Fee that covers for the following services: Campus Life, College Fee, Student Health Service Fee, Technology, Transportation and Parking, and the Academic Excellence and Success Fee. The UB Comprehensive Fee is mandatory.

## **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

The State of New York requires all F-1 or J-1 visa holders studying at any one of the 64 State University of New York (SUNY) schools to buy GeoBlue Worldwide Insurance Services ([www.geobluestudents.com](http://www.geobluestudents.com)). ***There is no need to buy any other insurance policy.*** The coverage dates are from June 15 to August 14. Additional coverage from August 15 to September 14 can be purchased for an estimated cost of \$110.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks will be prepared and sold only at UB University Bookstore. UB Bookstore will accept cash, VISA, Discover, and MasterCard payments. **The estimated cost for textbooks is \$140.**

## **PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF STUDY**

Based upon placement testing scores, students will be placed in one of three (3) levels of study: Intermediate, High Intermediate or Advanced. There are a total of 27 days of instruction from the first day on July 2 to the last day on August 8.

The daily schedule for **Intermediate & High Intermediate** levels include:

- 1 hour of Reading
- 2 hours of Grammar and Writing
- 2 hours of Speaking and Listening

The daily schedule for **Advanced** level will include:

- 1 hour of Speaking and Listening
- 2 hours of Grammar and Writing
- 2 hours of Reading and Discussion

### **Monday – Thursday**

- Course #1: 9:00 – 10:50 a.m.
- Course #2: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.
- Course #3: 1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

### **Friday**

- Course #1: 9:00 – 10:50 a.m.
- Course #2: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.
- Course #3: Does not meet on Friday.

### **Additional Study Opportunity**

Students will have the opportunity to practice listening comprehension and pronunciation at the Listening Lab.

International Tea Time organized by UB for both domestic and international students will meet weekly in the Student Union.

## **CANADIAN TOURIST VISA INFORMATION**

The Canadian border is less than 20 miles away from Buffalo. Nationals of some countries are required to have a Canadian tourist visa before entering the country. The closest Canadian Consulate is located in New York City. Applying for a Canadian tourist visa takes at least one month. The Part A of the application process is online, and Part B will require applicants to send their passport to NYC by express mail. It is recommended that students arrange for a Canadian tourist visa before leaving their countries. Visit the Canadian Consulate's website for complete tourist visa information: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/>

## **AFTER IEP STUDIES & APPLYING TO U.S. COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

Students who plan on applying to a U.S. college or university for academic study should bring the following documents:

- (1) at least 3 transcripts of high school and/or college/university study in home country (certified English translations) and in a sealed envelope.
- (2) at least 3 financial statements from sponsor and their bank.

The deadline for applying to most major colleges/universities for the Fall semester was in May. The application deadline for the Spring semester will be in early November. UB's international admissions website: <http://buffalo.edu/internationaladmissions>

### **KEEP IN MIND!**

***Release of Information: In New York State anyone 17 years old or younger is considered a minor. This means that many services such as medical care, cell phone, bank account arrangements might not be possible. Students who are considered as minors should bring several health release forms signed by their parents. Unless a release form is signed by a parent, medical care cannot be given.***

***Students 18 years old and older need to help their families to understand that hospitals, doctors as well as university officers are prohibited by U.S. law from giving out information – even to parents during a medical emergency. Students can sign a release of information form after they have arrived to permit an official to give information to a family member.***

***Health Background Form:*** Return the Health Background Form (HBF) by June 19. Summer registration cannot be completed until the HBF has been reviewed and approved by UB.

***Dental & Eye Care:*** Dental and eye care in the U.S. is very expensive. Visit the dentist before coming to Buffalo. It is also recommended to bring an extra pair of glasses and/or contact lenses. GeoBlue Health Insurance does not cover eye and dental care.

***New York State (NYS) Driver's License:*** Driver licensing, car registration and road laws are the responsibility of each state in the U.S. For more information visit the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) website: <http://dmv.ny.gov>

International drivers will be permitted to drive in NYS with (1) a valid license from home country and (2) a valid International Driving Permit. The DMV will issue a NYS driver's license to students on F-1 or J-1 visas as long as all of the identification requirements have been submitted, driving course completed, and tests passed.

**Social Security number:** A Social Security number (SSN) is issued by the U.S. Federal government. The number is used for U.S. tax purposes. Only those international students who have been offered an on-campus, part-time job, will be eligible to apply for a SSN.

**Cell Phones:** Without a Social Security number, you may be limited in the type of cell phone service and options. Most pre-paid cell phone providers do not require a SSN.

**Money:** It is best to exchange money into U.S. cash before departing for the U.S. Since it is not safe to carry large amounts of cash, arrange for a credit card before departing for the U.S. Funds can also be electronically received after opening a U.S. bank account.

**NOTE: Union Pay is not available in the Buffalo area.**

**Climate, Clothing & Sports:** Buffalo has a varying climate with four very distinct seasons:

Summer (June - August)	50 to 90F	or	10.0	to	32 C
Fall (September - November)	30 to 80F	or	-2.0	to	25.5 C
Winter (December - March)	0 to 45F	or	-18.0	to	7 C
Spring (April - June)	40 to 70F	or	4.5	to	22 C

**Climate:** Summers can be hot and humid. Only office and classroom buildings are air conditioned. ***Residence halls are not air conditioned!***

**Clothing:** Student dress is casual. Many of the teachers will also dress informally. Jeans and tee-shirts are acceptable for class but consider bringing better clothing for special events. Shorts and light-weight clothing will be necessary during summer months as Buffalo can be very hot and humid especially during the months of July and August. Air conditioning keeps classrooms very cool. Bring a sweater!

**Sports:** UB's Recreation Services offers a variety of sports, exercise, recreational opportunities as well as some equipment rental. <http://www.buffalo.edu/recreation.html>

**Arrival Information:** Send a message to [elibuffalo@buffalo.edu](mailto:elibuffalo@buffalo.edu) with arrival information: name, date and time of arrival in Buffalo.

Let us know if you will not attend the summer program or you are having problems with being approved for a student visa.

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