

**Intensive English Program (IEP)
English Language Institute (ELI)
Summer 2017
Pre-arrival Information**

Read the following schedule and information. Write to elibuffalo@buffalo.edu with questions.

Important: The Health Background Form needs to be returned before June 19. IEP registration cannot be processed until the HBF has been 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. See **Keep in Mind** section at the end of the Pre-arrival Information.

Monday, June 19

Background Forms (HB) deadline

Tuesday, June 27

Arrival Day

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

Students Living Off Campus

Report to ELI, UB's North Campus,
Baldy Hall room 320

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

Students Living On Campus

Report to the residence hall, UB's South Campus,
Goodyear Hall room 119

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shopping trip for students living in Goodyear Hall to buy
cooking supplies, bed linen, pillow, etc.

Wednesday, June 28

Information Day

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

ELI and UB Orientation, ID cards processed, UBIT accounts
activated and North Campus tour.

Thursday, June 29

Placement Testing, T-Mobile & Bank of America Day

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

Grammar, reading, vocabulary and listening
comprehension placement tests, UB North Campus

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

T-Mobile information and account processing and
Bank of America information and account processing
(optional), UB North Campus

Friday, June 30

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

Speaking Assessment Day

Speaking and listening interviews, UB North Campus

Monday, July 3

9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Classes begin

First day of IEP classes

Important Dates**Monday, May 29*****Memorial Day Holiday*** UB will be closed**Tuesday, July 4*****Independence Day Holiday*** UB will be closed**Wednesday, August 9*****Classes end*****Thursday, August 10**

Institutional TOEFL (paper-based)

Friday, August 11

Closing Ceremony & Farewell Reception

Sunday, August 13

Goodyear Hall Closes @ 12 p.m. except for those students with Fall 2017 on campus room reservations.

Students with on campus room reservations for the 2017/18 academic year will be permitted to remain in their summer rooms until August 18. Students with academic year reservations will be able to immediately move into their new rooms. Students will be expected to pay the per night room charge until the start of the fall semester contract. The fall semester contract will begin on August 24

On campus housing during the fall semester will be very limited. Apply Early!

SEVIS FEE AND APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA

The majority of 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 the 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://buffalo.edu/eli/iep_faq.htm "How Do I Apply to the Intensive Program?" or http://buffalo.edu/eli/iep_apply.htm "How To Obtain Your Visa and Pay The SEVIS Fee." Write to Kathy Curtis at curtiskl@buffalo.edu if you have questions.

SEVIS FEE AND APPLYING FOR OUR VISA

Students, who will enter in any other visa status, should contact Kathy Curtis at curtiskl@buffalo.edu for further information. Students planning to enter the U.S. in F-2 or B-2 visa status will not be permitted to enroll for IEP study.

WELCOME TO BUFFALO! We hope you will have a safe and enjoyable trip!

STUDENTS WITH OFF CAMPUS HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Report to ELI, Baldy Hall room 320, North Campus for an Information Folder any time on June 27 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students living off campus: Look for Program Expenses section.

STUDENTS WITH ON CAMPUS HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Summer students will be housed in Goodyear Hall, South Campus. Goodyear Hall will open on Tuesday, June 27. ELI staff will be at Goodyear Hall, South Campus on June 27 to help with check in until 6:30 p.m. The Area Office located in room 119 Goodyear Hall will remain open until 11 p.m.

The Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BNIA)

UB's South Campus is about 6 miles (9.65 km) from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. ELI does not offer airport pick up service. Students will need to take an Airport Taxi Service cab to Goodyear Hall, South Campus. An Airport Taxi Service cab will cost approximately \$25 not including a tip to the South Campus from BNIA.

Delayed Baggage

Delayed baggage must be reported before leaving the airport. Goodyear Hall residents should use the following as a delivery address: **UB, Area Office, Goodyear Hall room 119, Buffalo, NY 14214, phone (716) 829-3144.** The Area Office will close nightly at 11 p.m.

Early or Late Arrival Instructions

Students arriving in Buffalo before or after June 27 should send an email message to elibuffalo@buffalo.edu at least one (1) week before departing for further instructions.

Goodyear Hall Information

The University houses more than 7,500 students during the school year but only a few hundred during the summer semester. All IEP students will be housed in Goodyear Hall, South Campus. Goodyear Hall is a co-educational building meaning both men and women live on the same floors. IEP students will be housed in double rooms. Roommate matches will be made based upon (1) age and then (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 27 and end on August 13. This means summer 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: for those students living in Goodyear Hall for a minimum of 39 nights Campus Living will offer a 20% room discount or the per night charge of \$25.

Mailing Address

Students are encouraged to receive their mail in care of the ELI. However, 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 Information

The residence hall cafeteria will be closed during the summer semester. Students will be responsible to prepare their own meals or buy from nearby South Campus restaurants or North Campus cafeteria and restaurants. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased at a North Campus cafeteria or restaurant. Dinner and weekend meals can be taken at any of the several restaurants within walking distance of the South Campus. There is a supermarket directly across the street from the South Campus. UB also operates weekly bus service to shopping centers and markets near UB.

Dining Service Information

There is a small kitchen (sink, stove and microwave) on each floor in Goodyear Hall shared by all floor residents. ***UB will not provide cooking utensils and refrigerators.***

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Tuition, fees and residence hall room costs can be paid by VISA, MasterCard, Discover, cash, bank check or wire transfer. The summer payment deadline is **Wednesday, July 12**. Failure to pay by **July 12** will result in a late payment charge of an extra \$50.00.

Summer Tuition and Fees

Tuition	\$ 1,975.00 (less \$150 deposit = \$1,825)
Institutional (paper based) TOEFL	\$ 30.00
Comprehensive Fees	\$ 488.00
Medical Insurance	\$ 217.00 (6/15 – 8/14/17)
Residence hall Room	\$ 1,468.75 (47 nights x \$31.25)*
UB ID Card	\$ 25.00**
Textbooks	\$ 225.00 (estimated) **

Withdrawal Deadline: The last day to withdraw without any charges is July 7.

* Campus Living will offer a 20% discounted rate or \$25. per night after a minimum of 39 nights.
47 nights x \$25. = \$1,175

The residence hall cafeteria will be closed. An estimated food budget \$25/day or \$175/week is recommended.

**ID card payment is made at the UB Card Office. Textbooks are purchased at the UB Bookstore. Do not plan on buying textbooks online.

UB COMPREHENSIVE FEES

UB charges all students a user fee. The fee is called the Comprehensive Fee and pays for the following components: Campus Life, College Fee, Student Health Service Fee, Technology, Transportation and Parking, and the Academic Excellence and Success. This fee is mandatory.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

The State of New York requires all F-1 or J-1 visa holders studying at any State University of New York (SUNY) school to buy GeoBlue Worldwide Insurance Services coverage (www.geobluestudents.com). ***Do not buy any other policy.*** The coverage dates are from June 15 to August 14. Additional coverage can be arranged from August 15 to September 14 for an estimated cost of \$110.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are purchased from the University Bookstore. It is not recommended to buy textbooks online. The University Bookstore will accept cash, VISA and MasterCard payments. **The estimated cost for textbooks is \$225.**

PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF STUDY

Based upon placement testing scores, students will be placed in one of three (3) levels of study. Levels of study are expected to be (1) Intermediate, (2) High Intermediate and (3) Advanced. We do not anticipate a High Beginning level during the summer semester. There are a total of 27 days of instruction from July 3 to August 9. August 10 and 11 are Institutional TOEFL and Closing Ceremony days.

Students placed in the **Intermediate & High Intermediate** levels will study:

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

Students placed in the **Advanced** level will study:

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

Monday – Thursday

Course #1: 9 – 10:50 a.m.

Course #2: 11 – 11:50 a.m.

Course #3: 1 – 3:15 p.m.

Friday

Course #1: 9 – 10:50 a.m.

Course #2: 11 – 11:50 a.m.

Course #3: Does not meet on Friday.

Additional Study Opportunity

Students will have the opportunity to go to the listening laboratory to practice listening comprehension and pronunciation.

International Tea Time for both domestic and international students will meet every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

CANADIAN TOURIST VISA INFORMATION

The Canadian border is less than 20 miles away from Buffalo. Citizens 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 application is a combination of online and by mail process. 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 after successful completion of English language training at ELI, should bring with them the following documents:

(1) at least 3 transcripts of your high school and/or college/university study in your home country (certified English translations).

(2) at least 3 financial statements from your sponsor and your sponsor's bank for the duration of your academic study (2, 3 or 4 years).

The deadline for most major colleges/universities for the Fall semester was in May. The deadline for the Spring semester will be in early November. More information about applying to U.S. colleges and universities will be given after your arrival in Buffalo. 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 have 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 family to understand that hospitals, doctors as well as the university are prohibited by U.S. law from giving out information – even to parents. Students can sign a release of information form after they have arrived for UB or a hospital to give information to a family member.*

Health Background Form: Remember to complete and return the Health Background Form (HBF) before the June 19 deadline date. Registration for IEP classes cannot be made until the UB's Student Health Services has reviewed and approved the HBF.

Dental & Eye Care: Dental and eye care in the U.S. is very expensive. GeoBlue will not cover such expenses. Visit the dentist before leaving your country. It is also recommended to bring an extra pair of glasses and/or contact lenses to Buffalo.

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 about driving in NYS and obtaining a driver's license, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) website: <http://dmv.ny.gov>

As an international driver, IEP students will be able to drive in NYS with (1) a valid license from home country and (2) a valid International Driving Permit. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will issue a NYS driver's license to international drivers on F-1 or J-1 visas as long as all of the identification requirements have been met, course work completed and tests passed.

Social Security number: A Social Security number is issued by the U.S. Federal government. The number is used for tax purposes in the U.S. Only those international students who have been offered an on campus, part-time job, will be eligible to apply for a Social Security number. Not having a Social Security number, might prevent students from opening a bank account with some local banks, contracting a cell telephone service or arranging for other services.

Cell Phones: Without a Social Security number, students may be limited in the type of cell phone service and options. Many cell phone providers require a Social Security number in order to arrange for service. Pre-paid cell phone service does not require a Social Security number.

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

Carry some U.S. currency with you while traveling. At least \$300 should be carried in cash and few dollars in coins.

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

Summer (June - September)	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 (March - June)	40 to 70F	or	4.5	to 22 C

In General: It rains frequently during spring and fall. Summers can be hot and humid. Only office and classroom buildings are air conditioned. **Residence halls are not air conditioned!** Snow falls regularly during the winter months.

Climate & Clothing: Student dress is casual. Many of the teachers will also dress informally. It is a good idea to bring seasonal clothing with you or have them shipped. Jeans and tee-shirts are acceptable for class but consider bringing formal clothing for special events and receptions.

During Summer: shorts and light-weight clothing will be necessary as Buffalo can be very hot and humid especially during the months of July and August.

During Fall & Spring: raincoats and jackets are worn outdoors. Days can be warm while nights cool.

During winter: heavy jackets, warm gloves, hats, scarves, and boots are necessary as well as warm clothing of all kinds.

Sports: Students interested in tennis, swimming, soccer, etc. will need to have their own athletic clothing and shoes. UB's Athletic Services offers a variety of sports, exercise, recreational opportunities as well as some equipment rental. www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/recreation. There is an 18-hole public golf course next to the South Campus.

Keep in touch: Send a message to elibuffalo@buffalo.edu with arrival information: name, date and time of arrival in Buffalo. Having this information ahead of time will help us to be better prepared for welcoming students to UB.

Also write to elibuffalo@buffalo.edu to inform us if your plans have changed and you will not enroll or if there are any problems with applying for a student visa.

Dear Student:

The staff of the ELI is happy to assist all students not only in their education but also with any problem they may have while enrolled at ELI as an IEP student. It is our job to see that students' studies are productive and that they are happy during their stay at UB. Please consider us not only your teachers but also your advisors and friends. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Have a pleasant trip. See you in Buffalo in June! <http://UBthissummer.buffalo.edu/>

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