

# Accepted Student Reception



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# *Welcome to UB Class of 2024!*



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# *Congratulation!*

*Your Success Starts here!*



# *Here* **IS HOW.**



**A world-class university with worldwide impact**

# 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)



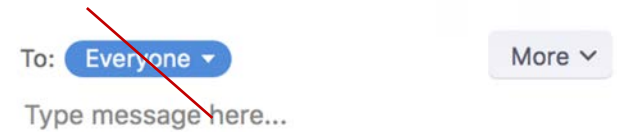
# Introductions





## Question & Answer Session

Use Zoom Chat to ask questions to Kaleigh, Katie, Jim, Brandon, Joshua and Peter directly and NOT everyone.



Students may start sending questions during presentation.

**Kaleigh Kosicki – Admissions – Final Document Submission, I-20 Status**

**Katie Tudini – International Student Services – Orientation, Arrival**

**Jim Zielinski – On campus housing (Campus Living)**

**Brandon – 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



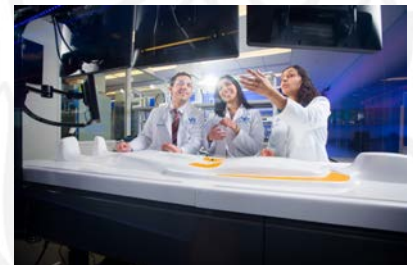
Libraries and special  
collections with more  
than 3.8 million  
volumes



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)







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-----> 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

4

*Our commitment to your  
graduation.*

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# Finish in 4

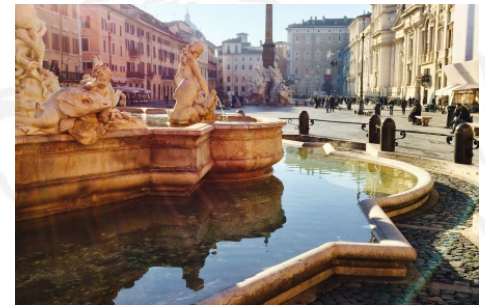
- UB's commitment to you that you can complete your Bachelor's degree in 4 years ... or UB will pay for the subsequent tuition and fees.
- The "Finish in 4" program is optional.
- If you join, you will sign a pledge at the start of your studies to make an academic plan with your advisor and stick to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



Bloomberg



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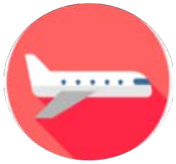




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## Welcome to **No. 1** Public University in New York State



1 hour flight:

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



1.5-hour drive  
to Toronto

20-minute  
drive to  
Niagara Falls





**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

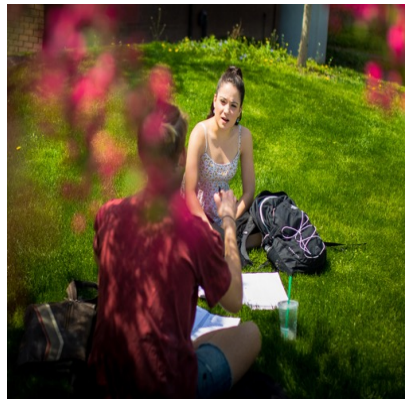
Buffalo was actually the 7<sup>th</sup> snowiest city in the country during the 2016-17 season behind Syracuse, NY, Rochester, NY, Anchorage, AL, Erie, PA, Worcester, MA & and Manchester, MA.



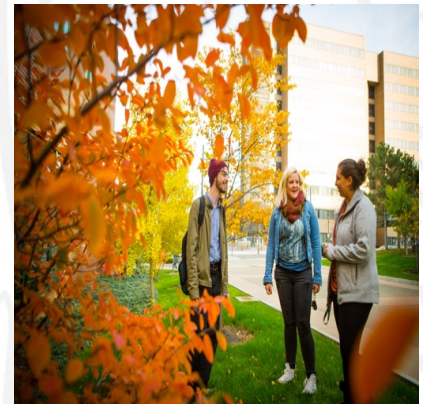
Buffalo gets, on average 157 days of sunshine per year! That is almost half the year spent enjoying sunny days.



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.”

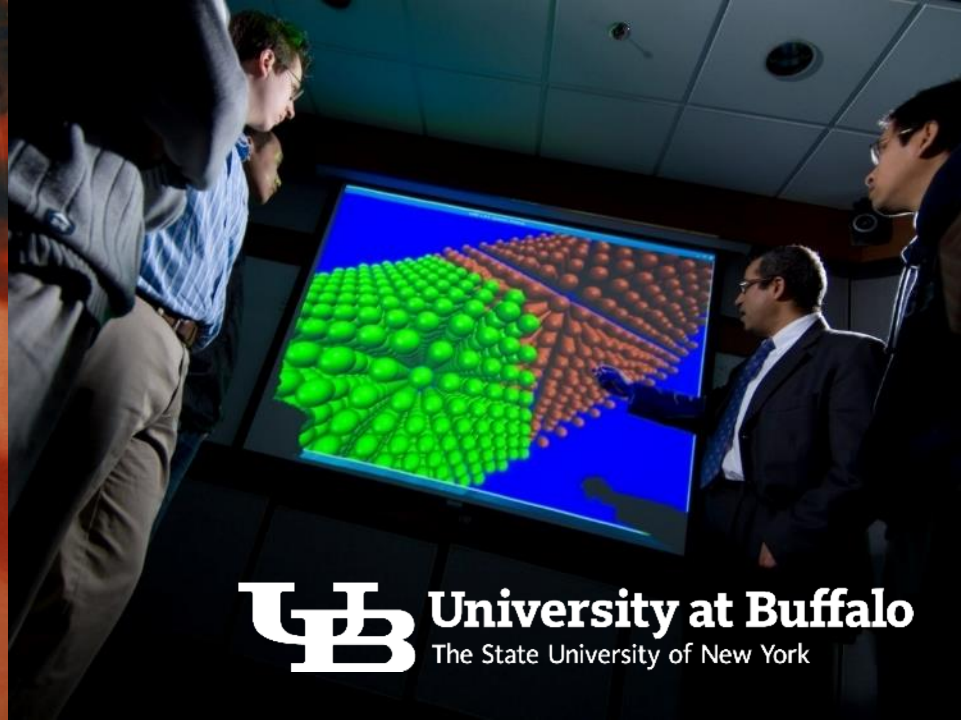
*John J. Wood, Interim Vice Provost for  
International Education*

*University at Buffalo*

**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



# 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





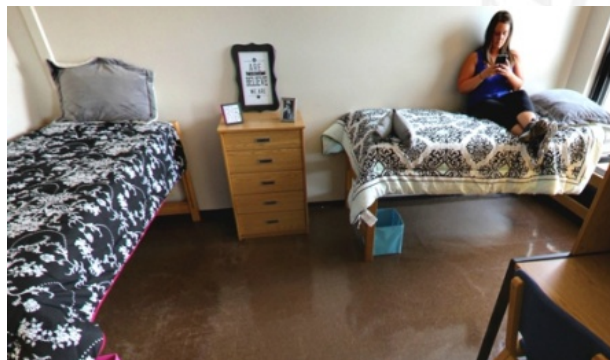
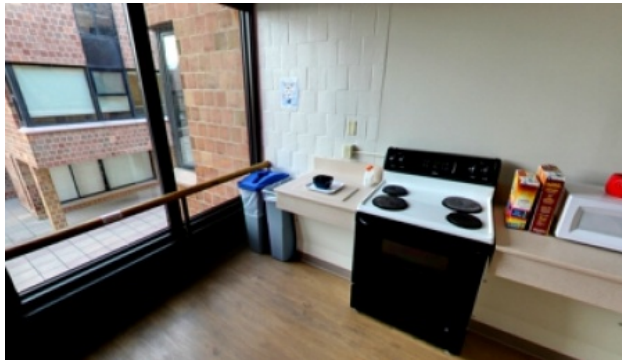
# Your Home Away from Home

- 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)

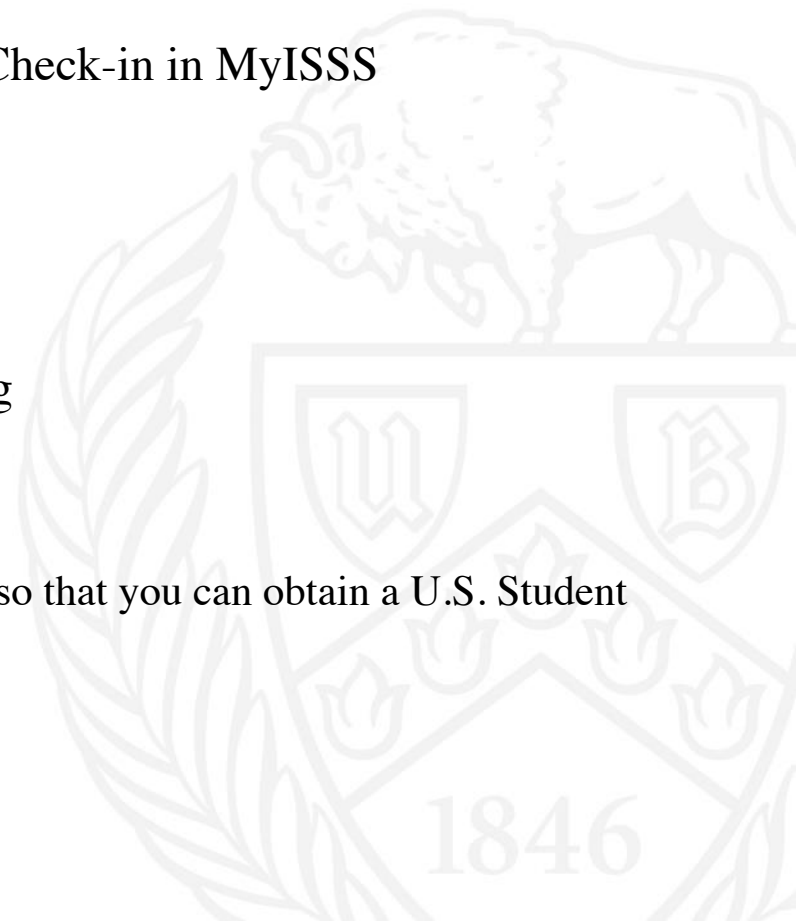
- Serve as a resource and advocate for international students at UB.
- Monitor government regulations as they relate to international students and are responsible for UB's institutional compliance.
- Facilitate training and programming that espouses our ideals of diversity and inclusion. We empower international 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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Campus  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
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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 24<sup>th</sup>



# 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

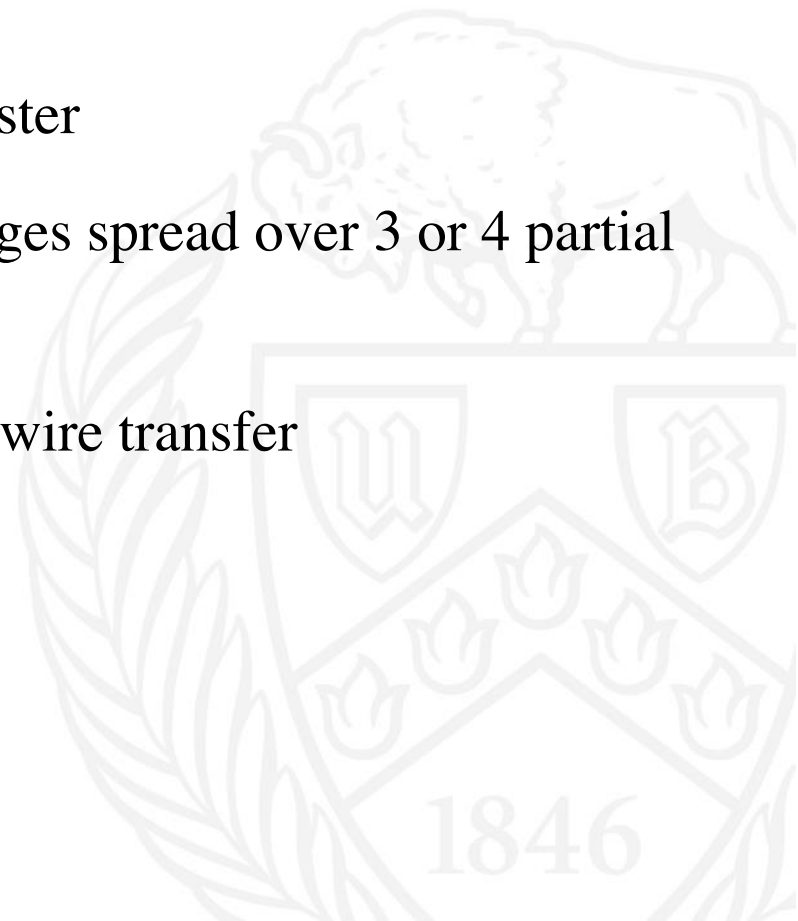
Saturday, August 22*	Arrive in Buffalo
Monday August 24	Int'l Student Check-in
August 24 through 28	Int'l Student Orientation & Welcome
August 28 through 30	UB Welcome Weekend
Monday, August 31	First Day of Classes

\*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

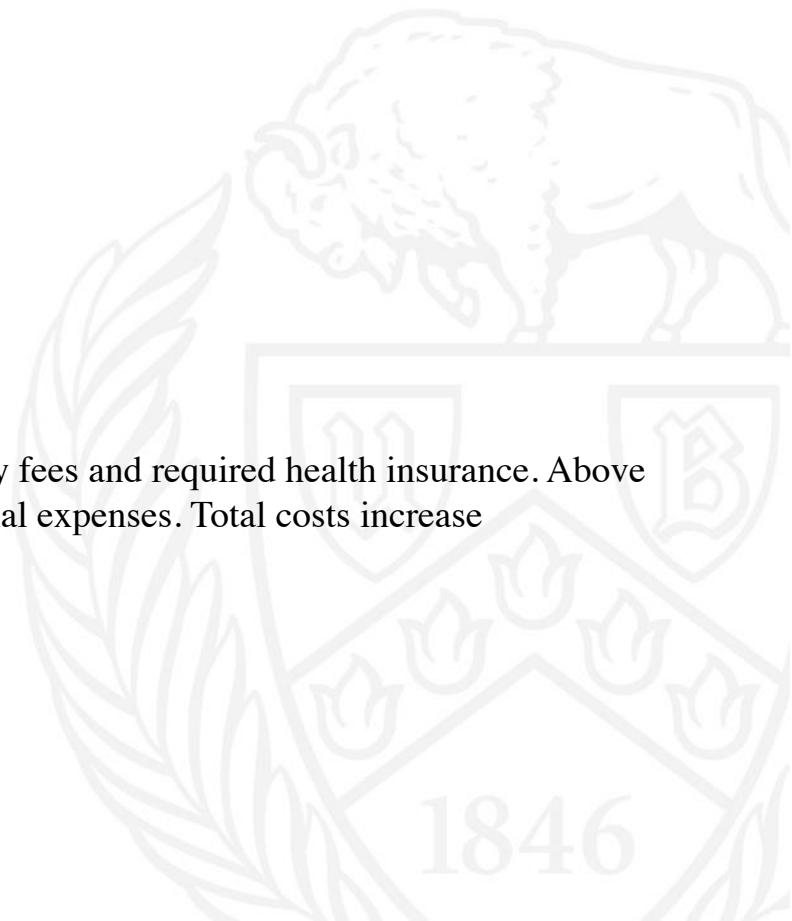




## Tuition and Fees

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Initial Arrival

- Nearby Hotels which are relatively inexpensive include:

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center (Amherst)

Buffalo Niagara Marriott (Amherst)

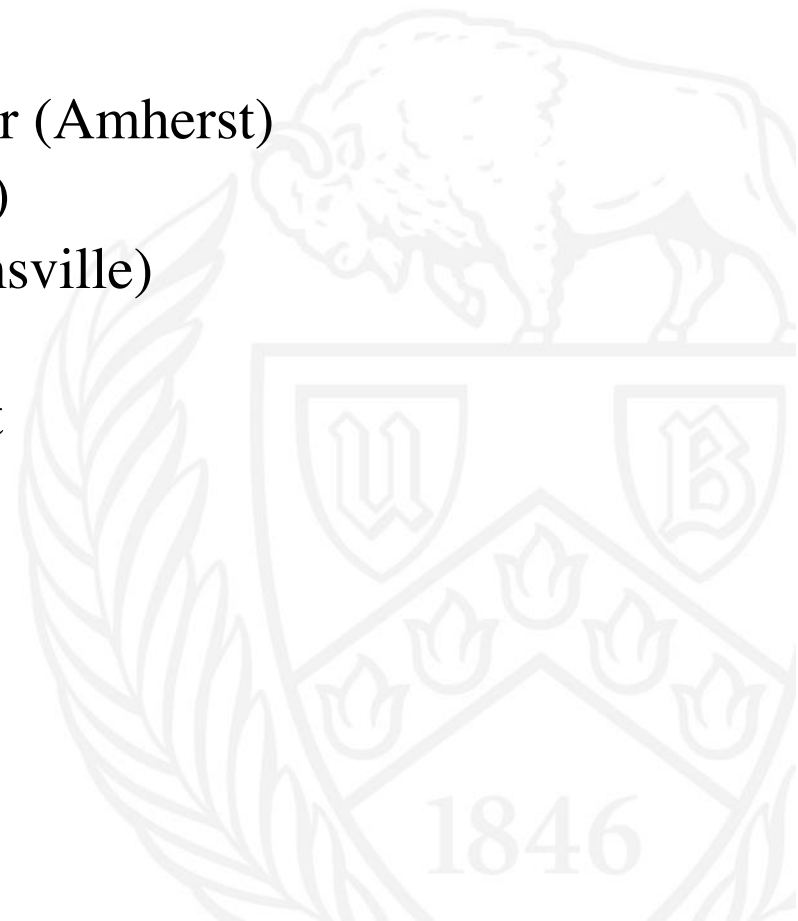
Residence Inn by Marriott (Williamsville)

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](mailto:intadmit@buffalo.edu)

website: [buffalo.edu/internationaladmissions](http://buffalo.edu/internationaladmissions)

## International Student Services

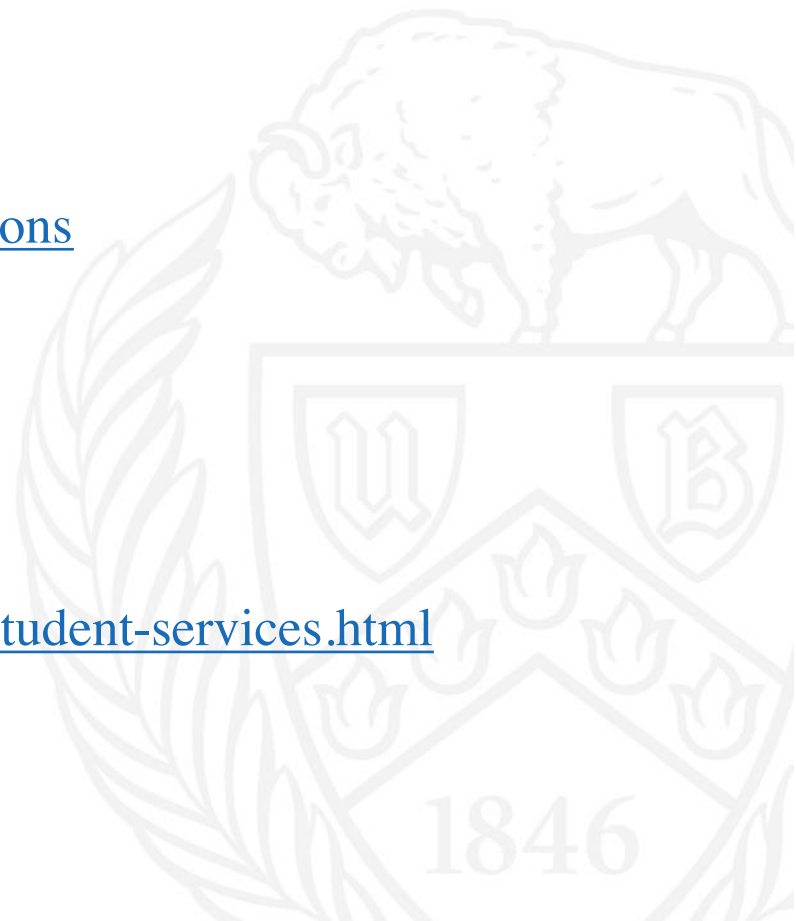
University at Buffalo

210 Talbert Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260

Tel: (716) 645-2258

e-mail: [iss@buffalo.edu](mailto:iss@buffalo.edu)

website: [www.buffalo.edu/international-student-services.html](http://www.buffalo.edu/international-student-services.html)



# QUESTIONS





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.