

STUDENT LIFE AT UB

Student Support & Student Conduct

New Faculty Orientation

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 University at Buffalo
Student Life



Division of Student Life

The highly specialized departments within Student Life work together to share insights, build on best practices and provide an expansive array of student-focused services.

- Accessibility Resources
- Blackstone Launchpad
- Campus Living
- Campus Dining and Shops
- Career Design Center
- Counseling Services
- Dean of Students Office
- Esports
- Health Promotion
- Health Services
- Intercultural and Diversity Center
- Orientation, Transition and Parent Programs
- Student Conduct and Advocacy
- Student Engagement
- Student Unions
- Veteran Services

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students office and staff provide assistance and support to students in navigating a complex university life so that UB students can flourish during their time here.

A team of seasoned student affairs and higher education professionals provide direct support to students and advise faculty, staff, parents and partners in student success.

- **Tomás Aguirre**, Dean of Students
- **Colleen Connolly**, Director for Student Support and Resources
- **Benjamin Fabian**, Associate Director for Student Support and Resources
- **Katie DeStefano**, Student Support Coordinator
- **Ciara Harrington**, PT Student Support Coordinator
- **TBD**, Blue Table Coordinator

Obstructive or Disruptive Classroom Behavior

Faculty are responsible for effective management of the classroom environment.

The Obstruction or Disruption in the Classroom policy outlines reasonable steps for faculty to take to address disruptive behavior. It is included in the degree & course catalog and it is recommended that faculty reference it in every course syllabus.

→ catalog.buffalo.edu search “disruption”

1. Ask to stop
2. Instruct to leave
3. Contact University Police (716-645-2222)

Student Conduct Process

Behavioral expectations, the rules and regulations of the university, are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct are addressed through the student conduct process.

- An opportunity to discuss the incident.
- Doesn't assume responsibility.
- Should prompt education or learning.
- May result in a sanction.

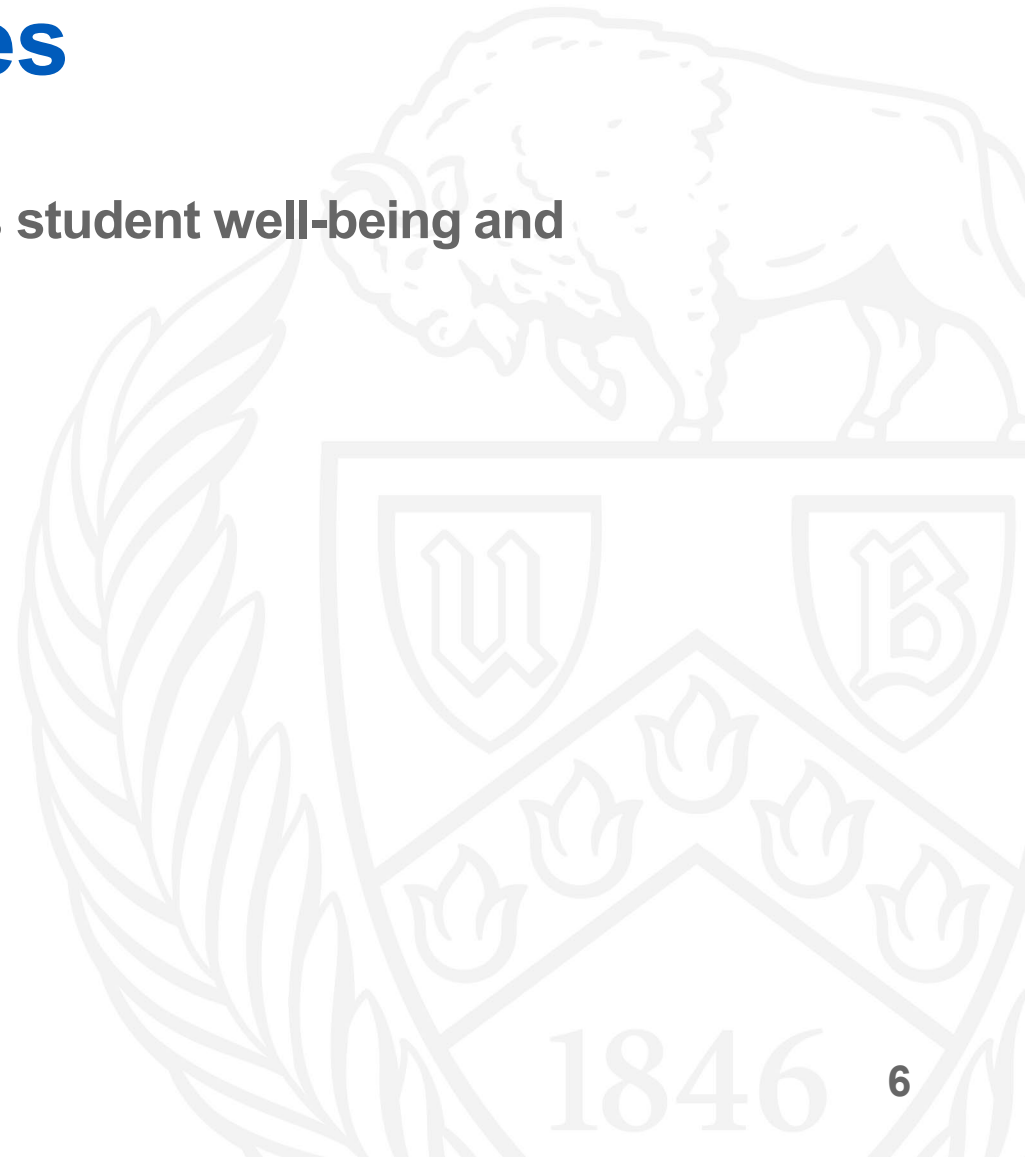
Serious violations may result in suspension or expulsion.

*** In rare instances, a temporary suspension may restrict a student from campus during an investigation.**

Student Support and Resources

Featured student support services and resources address student well-being and access to basic needs.

- Emergency Funds
- Blue Table Food Pantry
- Students of Concern Team
- Faculty Notifications
- Student Death



Emergency Funds

Unanticipated circumstances can prevent students from continuing their education and achieving academic success. UB has unique resources to connect students to emergency funding.

Examples of qualifying emergency situations include:

- death in the family, victim of a crime or accident, loss of property or income, unanticipated educational expenses (beyond tuition).

Eligible expenses could be:

- off-campus rent, utilities, transportation, food, medical care, or child care.

→ buffalo.edu/studentlife search “emergency funds”

Food Insecurity

Consistent access to nutritious food is a necessary part of being a successful, healthy student. When a student experiences an unanticipated hardship, we can help connect them to groceries.

Three steps:

1. Online intake
2. Staff conversation
3. Use Blue Table

→ buffalo.edu/studentlife search “Blue Table”



Food drive opportunities exist!

Students of Concern

The Students of Concern Team seeks to proactively identify, assess, and offer a coordinated institutional response to situations with the potential to negatively impact the health, safety, and success of the University at Buffalo community members.

- Multidisciplinary expertise
- Threat assessment
- Extends care and support

→ buffalo.edu/vpsl/committees/students-of-concern

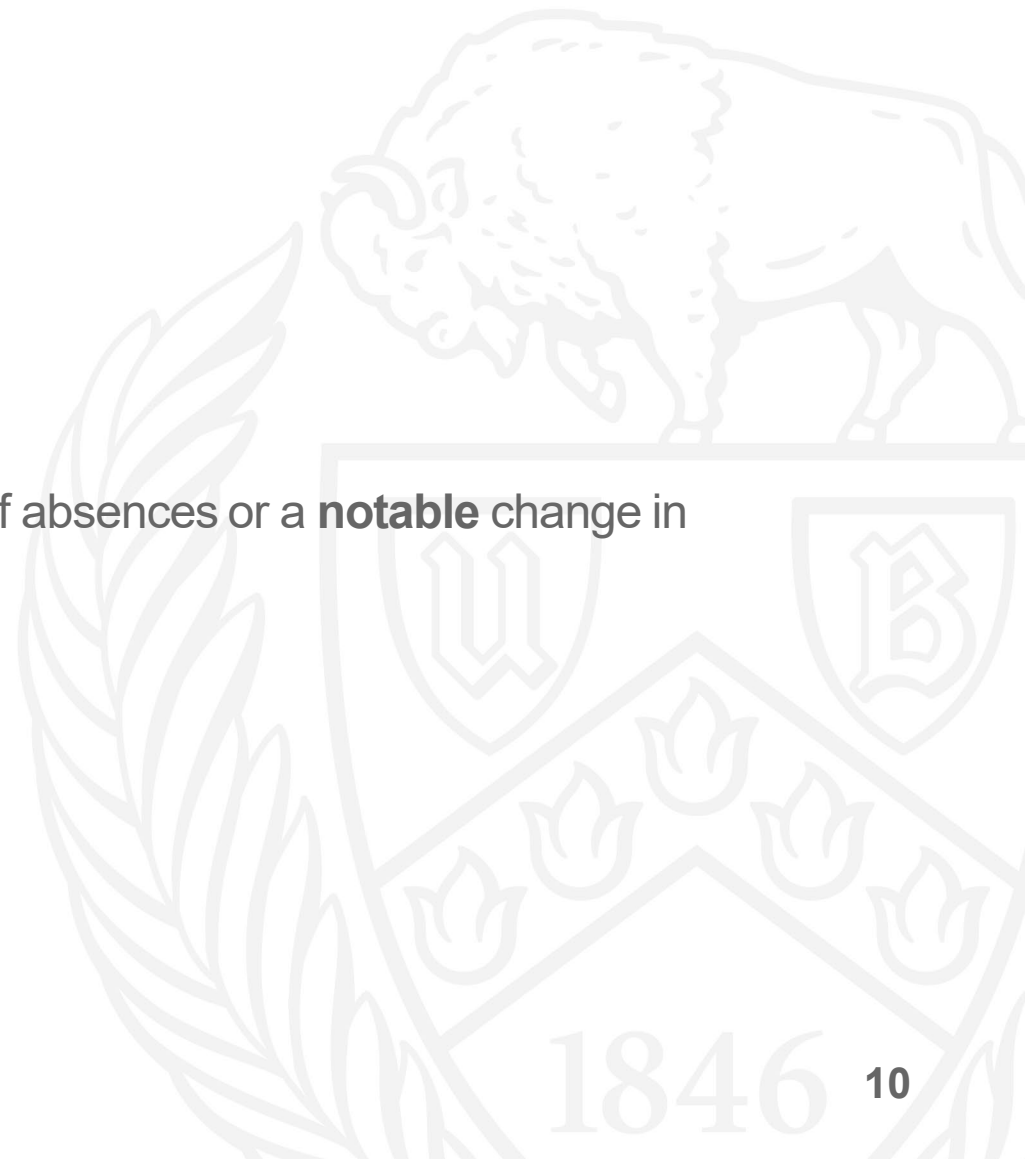
Students of Concern

What Kind of Behavior Should I Refer?

- Any threat to self or another person's safety
- Submitted work with a disturbing theme or references
- **Sudden** decline in academic performance, a **significant** number of absences or a **notable** change in personal appearance.

How to Refer:

- Non-emergencies – online referral.
- Emergencies – University Police at 716-645-2222.



Faculty Notifications

From time to time, Dean of Students Office staff may send notifications to instructors on behalf of students for instances that might include:

- Unforeseen medical incident or hospitalization
- Death of a family member or friend
- Victim of a crime or accident

In these instances, it may be reasonable for the instructor to consider extending academic accommodations and/or an Incomplete grade.

*** *With instances of sexual misconduct, Title IX requires accommodation and staff in the Dean of Students Office or EDI are available to consult.***

Student Death

In the sad event that a student passes away, the Dean of Students Office coordinates communication with the family, outreach to impacted campus partners and any logistics associated with the student and the University.

- Coordinating condolences and family outreach
- Faculty notifications
- Course resignation
- Student Account management (tuition, fees, mailings, etc.)
- Residence Hall or Apartment maintenance
- Support service referrals for impacted students
- Crisis control

A Student Remembrance Ceremony is held each spring semester

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