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**Unit Location:** Buffalo city in New York state

**University at the Unit:** State University of New York (SUNY) university at Buffalo (UB)

<http://www.buffalo.edu>

### **Buffalo City:**

Buffalo is the second largest city in New York state, having a metropolitan population of over 1000000. Buffalo is approximately 450 miles (725 kilometers) northwest of New York City, 20 miles (33 kilometers) from Niagara Falls and 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Toronto, Canada. To learn more about Buffalo, you may wish to consult reference materials in your local library or at a U.S. educational advising center.

### **University at Buffalo (UB):**

The University at Buffalo is the largest of the four State University of New York (SUNY) research centers. The SUNY system, encompassing more than 60 campuses, is the largest public higher education system in the United States. The University at Buffalo is divided into North and South campuses. The South Campus is 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the airport, and 7 miles (11 kilometers) from downtown Buffalo. This campus is in the process of conversion to a Health Science Center although a number of academic departments, University offices and residence halls are still located there.

The North campus is 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of the South Campus. The two campuses are connected by frequent shuttle bus service. The North Campus houses most administrative offices (including International Student & Scholar Services), the majority of academic departments, recreation facilities and residence halls. The University is locally referred to as "UB".

### **Professional Sports**

- Buffalo Bills, National Football League
- Buffalo Sabres, National Hockey League
- Buffalo Bisons Baseball, International League (Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians)



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- Buffalo Bandits, Major Indoor Lacrosse League

## Historic and Cultural Attractions

- Erie Canal Locks
- Forest Lawn Cemetery
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
- Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Architectural heritage, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin D.
- Martin house

## City Attractions:

Family fun comes in many fascinating forms and surprising spots in Buffalo Niagara. Whether its watching river otters romp in their way cool pool at the **Buffalo Zoo**, getting soaked yourself on a summertime excursion on a **Whirlpool Jet Boat Tour** or exploring the amazing collection of antique toys at the **Toy Town Museum**, fun is easily found for you and your family.

The third-oldest zoo in the country has been quietly re-inventing itself with new exhibits, programs and special events. Perhaps the most exciting development at the Buffalo Zoo is the sound of frolicking, fun-loving otters and sea lions in brand new, state-of-the-art aquatic habitats.

At the **Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park**, visitors are invited to tour the decks and hulls of a guided missile cruiser, destroyer and WWII submarine. It's a hands-on experience like no other!

**Martin's Fantasy Island** is a seasonal treat for the entire family. With more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, Fantasy Island has been entertaining kids of all ages for generations with the newest thrill rides and classic favorites.

**Explore & More...A Children's Museum**, is the region's only museum that's designed just for children from birth through ten years of age.

At the **Buffalo Museum of Science** the Dinosaurs & Co. exhibit showcases interesting collections of fossils and the "Our Place in Space" exhibit lets visitors explore five astronomy-themed areas.

The **Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum** offers children the chance to experience a favorite rite of childhood on an old-fashioned carousel. The Buffalo area is home to the only carousel museum in the world housed in an authentic, original factory building with an operating 1916 carousel as well as a vintage 1940s "Kiddie Carousel."



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The Toy Town Museum features hands-on activities as well as an extensive collection of toys from around the world.

For an exhilarating ride into the Niagara River gorge try a Whirlpool Jet Boat tour. It's a 45-minute ride on the wild side for the whole family from May through October.

The world has been beating a path to the **Buffalo Niagara region** since shortly after Father Louis Hennepin became the first European to describe the "prodigious cadence of water" that is the might Falls in 1678. That early trickle of tourists became a steady stream after the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 and a torrent when the railroad linked Western New York with points east. Today, millions of visitors from around the world continue to come by plane, train and automobile to experience the grandeur of **Niagara Falls**.

World-class attractions like **Maid of the Mist** and the **Cave of the Winds** await the visitor who makes the short 20-minute drive from downtown Buffalo to Niagara Falls. You'll savor the spectacular views, the thundering roar, the delicate mists and shimmering rainbows of this true national treasure.

Take a family photo overlooking the Falls at **Terrapin Point** in Frederick Law Olmsted's lush, beautiful and unspoiled **Niagara Falls State Park**. Amid the distractions and developments of modern life, the Park still provides a glimpse of the original splendor that awaited the first visitors to the region. This is the Falls at its best.

Step aboard the legendary Maid of the Mist and experience the power and majesty of the combined waters of four Great Lakes. You'll be ferried to the base of the Horseshoe Falls and feel the rush of the water as it pounds the rocks below. From the moment you put on your giant blue poncho, you'll know you're having a one-of-a-kind experience.

Next, be sure to visit the awe-inspiring Cave of the Winds. As you make your way to the Hurricane Deck, you'll get an up close-and-personal view of the roaring waters pouring over the precipice of **Bridal Veil Falls**. On a hot summer day, this is the ultimate run-through-the-sprinkler.

Nearby, you'll find all manner of ways to experience this world wonder: Helicopter rides, balloon rides, observation decks and towering vantage points that will give you a bird's eye view of one of nature's universally-acclaimed masterpieces. Bring plenty of film or an extra memory card. **You'll need it.**

### **Familiarize yourself with Buffalo:**

Buffalo is a vibrant and historically rich city that offers great entertainment, food and attractions. Please visit the following websites to familiarize yourself with the city and the Niagara region.



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<http://buffalo.com/>  
<http://www.greatniagara.com/>  
<http://www.buffalorising.com/>

### **Weather and Clothing:**

Buffalo enjoys four distinct seasons. Because of that, students must be prepared for weather of all types. The city is famous for its winters, with temperatures usually ranging between -5 and 32 Fahrenheit (-20 and 0 degree Celsius) and snow falling at the rate more than 100 inches (254 cm) per year. Summers are pleasant and moderate, with temperature rarely rising above 90 Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius).

Three basic types of clothing are essential for the Buffalo climate. In winter, heavy jackets or overcoats, warm hats, scarves, gloves or mitten and waterproof overshoes or snow boots are necessary. During chilly autumn and spring days, raincoats or medium-weight wool coats or ski jackets are worn outdoors while sweaters are often worn indoors. A light weight jacket is sometimes appropriate for cool nights during the spring, summer and fall. All University buildings are heated during cold weather and many are air-conditioned during the summer.

## **SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

- » [Architecture & Planning](#)
- » [Arts & Sciences](#)
- » [Dental Medicine](#)
- » [Education](#)
- » [Engineering & Applied Sciences](#)
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### **Assistantships:**

Assistantships complement graduate and professional students' other learning experiences by providing the opportunity to apply, under expert supervision, some of the skills and



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knowledge that they have acquired. There are three general categories of assistantships: teaching assistantships, graduate assistantships, and research assistantships. Individual departments make teaching and graduate assistantship appointments, usually on a yearly basis. Departments and/or faculty members holding research grants or contracts make research assistant awards.

Recipients of full assistantships generally work approximately 20 hours per week teaching, conducting research, or doing administrative work. In return for this commitment, they are paid a stipend and in addition may be awarded a full or partial tuition scholarship (see note below concerning Graduate Tuition Scholarship eligibility). Teaching and Graduate Assistants on the State payroll are unionized at the University at Buffalo and receive benefits through their affiliation with the Graduate Student Employees Union, including State-subsidized health insurance and a transportation fee waiver.

Assistants must be matriculated graduate or professional students at the University at Buffalo who are able to devote full attention to their graduate program. Any graduate student appointed to an assistantship must be in good academic standing in a degree program and maintain full-time registration concurrent with their appointment. Ordinarily, it is expected that assistants will not hold jobs outside the university; the department chair may grant exceptions to this policy in cases of unusual economic necessity or other extraordinary circumstances.

Applicants should communicate with their academic department of interest (See our List of Graduate Programs for contact information) concerning deadlines and criteria for teaching, graduate, and research assistantship awards.

### **Housing:**

If you are graduate student and interested in on-campus dormitory housing, please request housing booklet from the office of international admissions. Send a brief e.mail message to: [intadmit@buffalo.edu](mailto:intadmit@buffalo.edu) with "grad housing" in the subject line. We will then mail a booklet to you about on-campus housing.

If you are a graduate student and interested in on-campus apartments, please visit the following web-site and follow the on-line application instructions and e.mail contacts: <http://www.ub-housing.buffalo.edu/aptliving.shtml>.

If you are interested in off-campus housing, you should contact one of the international student clubs and visit the off-campus housing web-site.

International Student Clubs: <http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/clubs.html>

Off-campus housing: <http://www.livingoffcampus.buffalo.edu>



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### **Egyptian Community:**

The Egyptian community here in Buffalo consists of a very small number of Ph.D students at UB around 6 students. In addition to the Ph.D students there are some physicians who work at different hospitals here in Buffalo around 5. The major Arab community in Buffalo is from Yemen, especially in Lackawanna, in addition to some Palestinian Ph.D students, especially in the field of computer science program.

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