



The University at Buffalo

Undergraduate Program



The University at Buffalo is the flagship of the State University of New York system. It is located in Buffalo, New York. It was the first institution in the State University of New York system to be invited to join the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), which is an exclusive group of 71 leading research universities.

University Highlights & Academic Structure

The University at Buffalo is a prominent academic institution, recognized for both its research and student life:

- The university is ranked #75 among all national universities.
- It is ranked #36 for Best Public Universities.
- It is ranked #57 for Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs.
- The university is ranked #1 for having the healthiest and happiest students nationwide.
- In 2018, the university became a physics research partner with Carnegie Mellon University.
- Notable alumni and faculty include one United States President, four Nobel Prize winners, five Pulitzer Prize winners, three Fields Medal recipients, and multiple astronauts and top engineers in the tech world.

Program Offerings & Application Deadlines (Direct Undergraduate Admission Only)

Undergraduate Program Offerings : <https://shorelight.com/universities/undergraduate/university-at-buffalo#academics>

The deadlines listed below are for Direct Admission for Undergraduate Students. Please note that the university may adjust these dates at any time, so always check the official university website.

- **Spring Term Application Deadline:** November 15.
- **Fall Term Application Deadline:** June 1.

Admission Requirements

Academic Requirements

The minimum academic requirements are based on the applicant's status and educational background:

- **First-Year Applicants:** Minimum GPA 2.8.
- **Transfer Applicants:** Minimum GPA 2.5 in college-level coursework.
- **A-Level:** Minimum 87 UCAS Points.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** Minimum overall score of 24, with an average of 4.8
- **Canada British Columbia 71; Ontario Secondary School Diploma 69**

English Proficiency Requirements

Official scores must be sent for the following tests:

- **TOEFL:** Minimum score of 70 (Home Edition and MyBest Scores are accepted). The official school code is 2925.
- **IELTS:** Minimum score of 6.0.
- **Duolingo:** Minimum score of 105.
- **ACT:** Minimum score of 18 in English & Reading.
- **SAT:** Minimum score of 500 in Reading & Writing.
- **IB English:** Minimum score of 5.

English Proficiency Test Waiver Policy

Applicants may be exempt from the English proficiency test if they meet certain criteria:

1. Native English Speakers

- They are citizens of a country where English is an official language (e.g., Australia, The Bahamas, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom).
- Their native language is English.
- Their education was conducted exclusively in English.

2. United States Higher Education Experience (Transfer Applicants Only)

- They have completed at least one semester of a college-level English composition course at a United States institution with a grade of B or higher, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), and have demonstrated strong performance in courses that require extensive reading and writing.
- OR they have completed at least two semesters of college-level English composition courses at a United States institution with a grade of C or higher in each, and have demonstrated good performance in courses that require extensive reading and writing.

Note: This waiver does not apply to English as a Second Language (ESL), remedial English, or foundational English courses.



Other Requirements

- **Application Fee:** The Application Fee is waived.
- **Gap Year Letter:** If there is a gap of more than three months leading up to the application date, a letter explaining this period is required.

Estimate Tuition and Cost

The annual tuition is **\$24,990**. This amount is subject to change based on the latest official information published on the university's website.

The Application Guidance (Shorelight Admissions Portal)

The application for the University at Buffalo is submitted through the Shorelight Admissions Portal.

STEP 1 | Shorelight Portal Submission

- This process involves Shorelight Portal Submission only, **and no second university application is required.**
- Log in to the Shorelight admission portal: <https://admissions.shorelight.com/login>.
- Select the University at Buffalo, then choose your major and desired start term.

Required Materials for Shorelight Portal Submission

Academic Records:

- Minimum GPA is 2.8 for first-year applicants and 2.5 for transfer applicants.
- High School Transcripts for grades 9–12 are required, and students currently in their senior year must provide transcripts for grades 9–11.
- If you have graduated, provide both English and Chinese versions of the Official High School Diploma.
- Official University/College Transcripts are required for all students who have attended a university or college.

English Proficiency:

- Official scores must be sent for tests like Duolingo (minimum 105, with a public verification link), IELTS (minimum 6.0), or TOEFL (minimum 70).
- An English Waiver Form should be submitted if you are applying for a language waiver. <https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfv6czs/english-waiver-form>

STEP 2 | Activating the University at Buffalo Portal

- Once Shorelight's admissions team has reviewed your materials, they will send a notification that the application has been submitted to the University at Buffalo.
- Within one to two weeks, you will receive an email directly from the university with instructions on how to activate your university portal.
- After gaining access, you must upload any missing documents and complete the supplemental information document. The university will not begin its official review until the supplemental information is finished.

Next Steps After Admission

If you receive an offer of admission, follow these steps:

- Pay your deposit before the offer deadline and complete any required steps.
- Submit all necessary immigration and financial documents through your applicant status page, where scanned copies are accepted.

Required Documents for Form I-20 or DS-2019

- Passport Information Page (scanned copy).
- Financial Forms.
- Proof of Financial Support, such as a bank statement, proving sufficient funds to cover the first year of tuition, fees, health insurance, and living expenses for the student visa application.

Other Documents:

- A Gap Year Letter is required if there is a gap of more than three months leading up to the application date.

Important Notes on Transcripts: If a student cannot obtain an official transcript, their school must send it directly to the university at intadmit@buffalo.edu, and the agent must upload a screenshot of the email as proof of submission to the Shorelight Portal.



Official Contacts of Shorelight and The University at Buffalo

Shorelight Contacts

For questions after submitting to the Shorelight Portal, it is strongly recommended that you contact the corresponding Admissions Officer directly through the Portal Chat.

The general email contacts for admissions-related questions are:

- North Asia (China, Korea, Japan, etc.) and Southeast Asia:

Alina.wan@shorelight.com

- South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa, and Europe:

tissa.chandrasekera@shorelight.com

- North America, Latin America, and Vietnam:

linh.nguyen@shorelight.com

University at Buffalo Contacts

For any questions after your application has been submitted to the university, please contact the university directly.

- Office of International Admissions: intadmit@buffalo.edu.

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- International Student Services (for questions about visas, Form I-20s, and other student services): Visit the International Student Services page for contact information.

