Your Story Starts Here

Binghamton University
State University of New York
Binghamton University, State University of New York, has built a reputation as a world-class institution, renowned as one of the top public research universities in the U.S. for its academic excellence, value and student successes.

Ranked as one of the nation’s top 40 public universities by *U.S. News & World Report* (2015), Binghamton is one of four university centers in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. A mid-sized institution, Binghamton combines a broadly interdisciplinary education with one of the most vibrant research programs in the nation.

With more than 3,300 international students from 115 different countries, the campus is rich with different cultures and perspectives. Binghamton has won eight U.S. national awards for internationalizing the campus and its coursework.
One of the nation’s 40 TOP public universities.
President of the United States Barack Obama attested to the value of a Binghamton University education when he spoke on campus in August 2013. It was no coincidence that President Obama chose Binghamton to discuss his plan to guarantee college students a high-quality education at an affordable price. Binghamton University provides students with excellence, access and value.
Binghamton University offers an elite education, and — because it’s public — at a fraction of the cost of U.S. private schools.

Cost of attendance for international students

- Tuition: $21,550
- Fees: $4,394
- Room: $9,222
- Board: $4,566
- Books/Supplies: $1,300
- Total (per year): $41,000

(2015-16 approximate total annual cost)

Academic profile

- High school GPA (mid 50 percent): 92–97/3.3–3.9
- Transfer GPA (mid 50 percent): 3.2–3.7
- Average ACT score, mid-range: 27–31
- Average TOEFL: 90
- Average IELTS: 6.5
*Reflects SAT on 2400 scale (Fall 2015 data)

Fast facts

- 90% of freshmen return for their sophomore year (U.S. national average is 73.3%)
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 20:1
- Nearly 93% of Binghamton faculty hold the highest degree offered in their field
- 40% of classes have fewer than 19 students; 46% of classes have 20–49 students
- 4 libraries — including a science library, rare and special collections, 2.5 million books and 93,414 journals

Best value among the nation’s public colleges for out-of-state and international students and #15 overall.
— Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2014

Out of the 50 best-rated, most affordable colleges for international students.
— Great Value Colleges, 2016

Best value among the nation’s public colleges and #15 overall.
— Forbes India, 2016
Rigorous academics, elite education

Binghamton University offers students more than 130 academic programs in five schools:

**Harpur College of Arts and Sciences**, Binghamton’s liberal arts college, is the intellectual heart of Binghamton and its oldest and largest school. Harpur students learn quantitative and qualitative reasoning, communication and critical-thinking skills, and have the opportunity to conduct research, work in collaborative settings and develop artistic talents — all highly desirable skills that employers seek.

**The College of Community and Public Affairs** supports students interested in community and public-service careers. Its graduates have gone on to be teachers, counselors, attorneys, high-ranking officials in government and business leaders.

**The Decker School of Nursing** has an enviable reputation among nursing programs in New York, the nation and other countries. The Decker School’s quality and quantity of its clinical practice experiences serve as the foundation for graduates’ success in professional practice, with many graduates assuming leadership roles in practice, education and administration.

**The School of Management** is ranked 4th for return on investment and 23rd among top U.S. public colleges and universities by *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and is a top recruiting school for Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City. Students are challenged with experiential-learning opportunities such as the Zurack Trading Room, where student-analyst teams manage a real-money portfolio, and the EY Trajectory program for students interested in technology-consulting opportunities. Eighty-six percent of undergraduates seeking employment had full-time professional job offers within 90 days of graduation.
Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science students analyze, design and learn about the global challenges of tomorrow’s world in and out of the classroom. It offers students a fast-track program that provides the opportunity to complete a BS degree and MBA degree within five years. Elite employers such as IBM, Intel, Apple, Microsoft, Amazon and Samsung consistently praise its programs for producing graduates who have impressive skills and leadership qualities.

#1 best public college in New York and #18 in the nation. Some of the reasons include student retention, graduation rate, diversity and local community. — American City Business Journal, 2015
Learn from the best

Imagine collaborating in the classroom or lab with...

- **Sang Won Yoon** and **Sarah Lam**, who are using 500 million tweets to develop an algorithm that can predict an individual’s behavior.

- **Lubna Chaudhry**, who conducts fieldwork to understand the impact of armed conflict on children and youth in Swat Valley, Pakistan.

- **Seokheun Choi**, who created an origami battery that generates power from microbial respiration, delivering enough energy to run a paper-based biosensor with nothing more than a drop of bacteria-containing liquid.

- **Seth Spain**, whose research found that narcissism is likely the most common bad boss personality trait based on studies that show narcissists tend to get ahead.

- **David Davies**, who is studying how people who consistently experience high levels of stress may be stimulating bacteria that can cause heart attacks and strokes.

- **Linda Spear**, whose work focuses on the consequences of alcohol exposure and/or stressors during adolescence on later neurobehavioral function, with a particular focus on social anxiety and later intake of alcohol and other drugs.

- **Lubna Chaudhry**, who conducts fieldwork to understand the impact of armed conflict on children and youth in Swat Valley, Pakistan.

We place a strong focus on faculty-student interaction. Our faculty are experts renowned in their fields, but they are also dedicated teachers. Students go beyond classroom learning and make real contributions through scholarly and research endeavors. Many faculty members provide opportunities for undergraduates to engage in their research projects.
Honors programs

Freshman Research Immersion (FRI) Program — We offer academically talented freshmen the opportunity to be part of our Freshman Research Immersion (FRI) program to start building a lifelong career in the sciences. For three semesters, participants team up with faculty in an authentic research experience in the sciences and engineering, preparing them for graduate school or a job. Participants tackle important issues facing the world today including smart energy, biofilms, neurodegenerative diseases, image and acoustic signal analysis, and biomedical chemistry.

University Scholars Program — The Scholars program is a four-year honors program for students of exceptional merit. The program focuses on leadership development and collaborative learning, and includes academic expectations, professional and just-for-fun extracurricular activities, community involvement and opportunities for students to showcase their work.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholars — This honors program in the School of Management develops future leaders through academic excellence, professional development, community service/fundraising and unique networking opportunities. Highlights include a 10-day international trip, a visit to the PwC office in New York City to network with partners, and special advising and mentoring. After four years, students enter the business world as distinguished leaders and professionals.

Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowships — This summer program supports undergraduates in special research, scholarship or creative activities. This prestigious award provides a stipend to permit students to conduct primary research or creative activities with guidance from faculty mentors.
I have never seen a more beautiful fall season than at Binghamton! There are so many things I like about Binghamton. I came here because it was affordable and because I fell in love with the campus. The students are welcoming, the professors really want you to do well, and the career center will help you with your resume and to look for jobs before you graduate.

I moved from Shanghai, China, to the U.S. when I was 16. I am triple majoring in Arabic, French and comparative literature with a minor in global studies.

I have met some of the most amazing people here. My professors are my academic as well as life mentors. Binghamton has helped me build my academic and professional skills and even explore the world. (I studied abroad in Morocco for six months!) These wonderful experiences have helped me to find my true passion: international relations. I look forward to exploring the world with my Binghamton spirit!
Successful graduates

Recruiters actively seek out Binghamton graduates. More than 1,700 employers come to recruit our students every year, including Microsoft, Google, IBM, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Ernst & Young, PwC, KPMG and Deloitte. Graduates can be found working at Coca-Cola, Tata and Baidu.

Where do Binghamton graduates go for advanced degrees?

Approximately 35 percent of Binghamton University graduates go on to graduate or professional schools including: Binghamton University, New York University, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Georgetown, Harvard, Stanford and Yale.

50+ accelerated bachelor’s/master’s degree programs

› MS in Accounting or MBA
› MS in Engineering, Computer Science or Systems Science
› Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
› MA or MS in Arts and Sciences
› Master of Public Administration (MPA)

The Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development

The Fleishman Center staff can help you find opportunities to gain experience, learn more about careers and bolster your employability through:

› Career advising
› Career/alumni networking
› Job/internship fairs
› Job/internship searches
› Résumé/CV workshops
› Interview preparation
› International student employment assistance
• 73% are admitted to graduate school or obtained a job within three months after graduation (Class of 2014).
• Class of 2014 graduates’ average starting salary was $51,506 (the national average is $45,473) — National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2014
• Binghamton has more than 30 doctoral programs and awards more than 100 doctorates every year.
• 86% of Binghamton grads who apply to law school are accepted compared with 76% nationally.
• Graduates are accepted into medical school at rates 12% above the U.S. average.

There are more than 120,000 Binghamton alumni worldwide to help you start your career.

Armand Katri ’09, brand strategist, Tumblr

Bob Swan ’85, senior vice president and CFO, eBay

Hakeem Jeffries ’92, congressman

Aclan Okur ’06 serves as an expert consultant with the Boston Consulting Group based in Germany. He previously worked as the lead consultant for Siemens in Germany. While a student at Binghamton, Okur co-founded the Turkish Culture Association and was vice president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Faisal I. Farooqui ’99 is the founder and CEO of MouthShut.com, a user-generated consumer review and feedback service. He has been featured in various media including Fortune, Entrepreneur, Economic Times, CNN, BBC, CNBC and The Times of India.

Joseph Eron ’80, AIDS and infectious disease researcher

Maureen Kelly ’92, founder, tarte cosmetics

Rocco Passionino ’91, motion picture visual effects supervisor

Ruben Santiago-Hudson ’78, actor and playwright

Sylvia Wong ’82 is the chief trust and compliance officer for IBM Corporation in New York. Previously, she was the vice president and general counsel of IBM’s Growth Markets Unit in Shanghai, where she was responsible for the legal affairs of IBM’s business operations in the emerging markets.

Scott Krug ’96, chief financial officer, New York Yankees

Stephanie Courtney ’92, actress and improviser

Sunny Hostin ’90, legal analyst, Today show and CNN; anchor, ABC World News Now and America This Morning

Tom Secunda ’77, MA ’79, founding partner and CTO, Bloomberg
Student life

With more than 280 student clubs and organizations, including a variety of international student associations, Binghamton University is a vibrant, engaging campus.

International undergraduate students are required to live on campus their first year. Living in a residence hall is an excellent way to make connections between living and learning experiences, make lasting friendships with U.S. and other international students, and live within walking distance of classes and our many dining halls.

After the first year, undergraduate students can live off campus in the Binghamton city area. The affordability and availability of off-campus housing, coupled with free bus service, make it easy to find housing in the surrounding area.

Safety

› All residence hall doors are locked 24 hours a day
› B-Alert emergency messaging system
› Outdoor blue-light emergency phones
› On-campus escorts
› University Police are a fully empowered state law enforcement agency

Healthy campus

› Beginning August 2017, Binghamton will become a tobacco-free campus
› One of our priorities is to be a healthy campus that fosters health and wellness
Campus life

100+
music and theater performances annually

770,000
NATURE PRESERVE

280+
student-run clubs and organizations

One University bookstore with

3,000
modern and ancient pieces

7,000
sweatshirts sold each year

Sports

2
fitness and recreation facilities with in-house personal trainers and 45 group classes a week

38
CLUB SPORTS TEAMS

21
NCAA Division I teams

3,000+
students play on at least one intramural sports team

Housing and dining

6
modern residential communities, modeled after Oxford University, each with its own distinct personality and traditions

12
food venues in our retail MarketPlace, including Indian, Chinese and more.

4 CAFÉS,
campus convenience stores, and meal options for Kosher, Halal, vegetarian and vegan

6
Life in Greater Binghamton

Binghamton is the birthplace of IBM, Endicott Johnson Corporation, Dick’s Sporting Goods and Link Simulators, and home to two professional sports teams. The industry clusters of the Southern Tier (the upstate region of New York where Binghamton is located) include defense, distribution, insurance, healthcare, agriculture and manufacturing.

Downtown Binghamton is located a short ride from campus. Two convenient bus systems take Binghamton students to shopping malls, grocery stores, movies and more at no cost! Students enjoy going downtown to cafés, dance clubs and galleries, and to cheer on the city’s professional baseball and hockey teams.

Binghamton is a safe, friendly and affordable community that is easily accessible by bus, car and plane, and is close to many cities.

 Ranked 18th best college town in America for student life, culture, economic health and opportunity
— The American Institute for Economic Research, 2015
Services for international students

Binghamton’s Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) staff connects new and current international students and helps them make a comfortable transition to the University. Staff members also provide continuous immigration guidance and support services throughout the duration of an international student’s program.

Learn more at binghamton.edu/isss.

Support services provided by the ISSS include:

›› Pre-arrival advising
›› International Student Orientation for new students
›› Guidance on academic success strategies
›› Continued immigration advising and related support

›› Facilitation of international student health insurance and related support
›› Intercultural programming
›› Facilitation of appropriate immigration benefits such as work authorization related to field of study
›› Referrals to state and government agencies as appropriate (Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security Administration, etc.)
Apply to Binghamton

Admission to Binghamton University is highly selective and is based on the quality of each applicant’s secondary school or college academic record, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, essay and letter of recommendation. We take a holistic approach, seeking a complete picture of the applicant. Binghamton values strength of curriculum, e.g., IB, AP and A-level.

90% of Binghamton students bring in advanced credits.

90%

Steps to apply
1. The Common Application
2. Official high school transcript, the most recent three years (with English translation)
3. SAT or ACT (strongly recommended for all students; required for students attending schools in which English is the medium of instruction)
4. Proof of English proficiency for non-native English speaker (see chart on next page)

apply.binghamton.edu

Credit awarding policy

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)
Credit is awarded only for higher-level exams, with exam scores of 4 or 5 receiving four credits and exam scores of 6 or 7 receiving eight credits.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)
Credit is awarded for scores of 3 to 5.

A-LEVEL
Credit is awarded for an A-Level score of A-D (eight credits). The AS-Level exams earn four credits apiece.
Important deadlines

**FALL ADMISSION**
- International freshmen (early action) ............. November 1
- International freshmen (regular admission) ........ January 15
- International transfers ......................... March 15

**SPRING ADMISSION**
- International transfers ....................... November 15*

*Transfer applications received after this deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Decision notifications

- International freshmen (early action) ........ January 15
- International freshmen (regular admission) ........ April 1
- International transfers ......................... Rolling

English Proficiency for non-native English speakers

Binghamton University is committed to the success of its students and provides advising, academic and language support to help students succeed. If English is not your native language, you will be asked to demonstrate English proficiency by taking one of the following tests:

- TOEL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test)
- IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System)
- SAT
- ACT

We do not have minimum required scores, but many of our international students have scores higher than 90 on the TOEFL, higher than 7.0 on the IELTS, higher than 610 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (new version) of the SAT 550 on the (Pre-March 2016) Critical Reading section of the SAT, and higher than 24 on the English section of ACT.

If you are admitted and your application or on-campus proficiency test indicate that your degree progress would be enhanced by additional English language courses, we will work with you to design an appropriate curriculum for your first year. Any courses taken as part of this language support will provide academic credit towards your degree.
Undergraduate academic offerings
Includes majors in bold, minors, emphases, concentrations, specializations and tracks

HARPUR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Acting and Directing
Actuarial Science
African Studies
Analytical Geography
Anthropological Perspectives
Anthropology
Applied and Engineering Physics
Arabic Studies
Archaeology
Architectural History
Art (Studio Art)
Art History
Asian American and Diaspora Studies
Asian and American Specialization
Asian and Asian American South Asian Studies
Asian and Asian American Studies
Asian and American Studies
Asian and American Studies
Asian and American Studies
Asian and American Studies
Comparative
Biochemistry
Biological Anthropology
Biological Chemistry
Biological Sciences
Biology
Cell and Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry ACS Certified
Chinese Studies
Cinema
Classical Civilization
Classical Studies — Greek and Latin
Classical Studies — Latin
Comparative Literature
Computer Applications in Human Environmental Analysis
Creative Writing
Creative Writing and Global Culture
Dance
Drawing
Earth Sciences and Natural Resources
Ecology, Evolution and Behavior
Economic and Financial Analysis
Economic Policy Analysis
Economics
Ecosystems
Education
English
English and Rhetoric
Environmental and Resource Management
Environmental Anthropology
Environmental Chemistry
Environmental Economics
Environmental Geology
Environmental Planning
Environmental Public Policy
Environmental Studies
Evolutionary Studies
French Language and Linguistics
French Language and Literature
Geochemistry
Geographical Information Systems
Geography
Geological Sciences
Geology
Geophysics
German Language and Literature
Global Culture
Global Studies
Graphic Design
Greek
Hebrew
History
Immigration Migration
Individualized Major Program
Integrative Neuroscience
Italian
Japanese Studies
Judaic Studies
Korean Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies
Latin Language and Literature
Linguistics
Literature and Creative Writing
Materials (Chemistry emphasis)
Mathematical Physics
Mathematical Sciences
Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Middle East and North African Studies
Music
Music Performance
Painting
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics and Law
Physical Geography
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Architecture
Pre-Health
Pre-Law
Pre-Med
Printmaking
Psychology
Public Policy
Race-Ethnicity and Place
Religious Studies
Rhetoric and Global Culture
Russian
Russian and East European Studies
Sculpture
Socio-cultural Anthropology
Sociology
Spanish Language and Literature
Theatre
Theatre Design/Technical Translation Studies
Urban and Economic Planning
Urban: Economic/Retailing
Western Law and Government
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Children, Youth and Family Studies
Community Organizations, Leadership and Advocacy
Human Development
Immigration Studies
Public/Non-Profit Service
Social Justice

DECKER SCHOOL OF NURSING
Health and Wellness Studies
Nursing

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Accounting
Business Administration (Management)
Consulting and Leadership
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Global Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Quantitative Finance
Supply Chain Management

THOMAS J. WATSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Biomedical Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Computer Science (minor)
Electrical Engineering
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Sustainable Engineering

ACCELERATED/COMBINED DEGREES
Our growing number of 3/2 and 4/1 accelerated/combined degree programs allow you to pursue a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in five years instead of the typical six years.

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