Welcome to “The Premier Public…”

One of the best ways to get a feel for our campus is to walk around and discover Binghamton University for yourself. Here are some suggested points of interest and favorite stops along the way.

Enjoy your visit!

To see one of our model rooms in a residence hall, please stop by Undergraduate Admissions in Academic Building A during our weekday office hours (8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) to get a key.

Admissions/Academic Complex

The two glass buildings are home to Undergraduate Admissions, the School of Management and the Becker School of Nursing. In addition to classrooms and lecture halls, you’ll find public computer pods and “real-world” technology such as a trading room that simulates Wall Street and SimMan®, a breathing, bleeding, talking, high-tech, practice “patient” in our nursing school. The Student Wing, adjacent to Academic A, houses various student services such as Financial Aid and Student Accounts; the octagonal Lecture Hall beyond it accommodates 14 classrooms.

Science Complex

Directly north of the Lecture Hall is one of six buildings that comprise the Science Complex. Here, students in our high-tech lab space practice hands-on science — from biology, geology, physics and chemistry to anthropology, environmental studies and psychology. This complex also houses our Science Library.

If you have time, visit the unique four-zone Greenhouse, open during regular office hours. It contains more than 6,000 plants and 1,400 species from climates ranging from tropical to desert.

The Glenn G. Bartle Library

The tallest building on campus is the 15-story library tower in which several academic departments are located as well as the offices of the University’s largest school, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences. The University Libraries have more than three million volumes and hold additional resources such as 11B

One of five residential dining halls, Dickinson will give you a taste of the wide range of menu options found here, including sushi, vegan and other gourmet options. Students can stop in and pick up a three-course meal, a bag of chips or ice cream with their debit-style meal card.

College-in-the-Woods

You can take a peek at a model residence room in Cayuga or Onondaga halls. Although each residence hall is unique, all offer a balance of student-centered learning and lots of fun.

Made up of small communities, each has its own personality and activities such as “mutant mania” (residence-hall Olympics) and co-rec football (where the women are the quarterbacks). They also offer area-based and first-year courses that you can take with other members of your residential community. Each has its own faculty master, providing a powerful connection between academics and residential life.

Other areas of interest

Although the locations listed below are also within walking distance, you may prefer to drive to them:

10 University Health Service

High-quality health care and preventive services are available on campus, as are Harpur’s Ferry, our student-run ambulance service; the Counseling Center; and 24-hour crisis line.

11 A East Gym

Stay fit playing racquetball, handball, basketball, golf, baseball or softball, or lifting weights in Fitspace, our fitness center. Join intramurals or our competitive club sports.

11 B West Gym

Take a dip in the West Gym’s Olympic-size swimming pool.

12 Events Center

Join our sea of green and enjoy NCAA Division I Bearcats basketball. Go to concerts like Foo Fighters, Green Day, Less than Jake, Ludacris, even Bob Dylan. Commencement is held here, as are other University and community events: comedy shows, motorcross, Midnight Madness and more!

13 Bearcats Sports Complex

Show your Bearcat spirit in this $5 million state-of-the-art facility. Home to men’s and women’s soccer and lacrosse teams, the Bearcats Sports Complex includes a pair of lighted, synthetic-turf fields — one for games and one designed for practices. With 2,534 seats near the playing field, there’s plenty of room to cheer on your teams!

14 Nature Preserve

Several trails lace through this 190-acre preserve composed of woods and pond, a habitat for year-round and migrating birds, deer and native plant life. Bring your binoculars and sense of adventure and curiosity. It’s Binghamton’s largest classroom and lab.

The tiny asphalt ramps along the curbs of Nature Preserve Drive help native salamanders migrate to lay their eggs — the reason the drive is closest to vehicles during the spring.  

Safety information

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**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENTS**
(2007-08 data)
- SAT average: 1267
  (mid 50 percent is 1190-1340)
- ACT average: 28
  (range is 26-31)
- High school GPA: 93
- Transfer GPA: 3.3
- 30% first-generation college students
- 34% speak a language other than English at home
- 56% of undergraduate students live on campus
- Women: 50%, Men: 50%

“The premier public university...”
- Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2008

**THE UNIVERSITY**
- 8th most selective public university in the nation
- 8th best freshmen retention rate (90%)
- 2nd among peer public universities for four-year graduation rate (90%)
- 16th among public universities, 57th among all public and private universities in the nation
  - Forbes, 2008
- Best value in nation among public colleges (#1 in 2007, #2 in 2008)
  - Kiplinger’s Personal Finance

“A public Ivy”
- Greenes’ Guide, 2006

**ENROLLMENT**
Enrollment figures for Binghamton’s five undergraduate schools (fall 2007 data):
- Harpur College of Arts and Sciences: 7,562
- College of Community and Public Affairs: 458
- Decker School of Nursing: 475
- School of Management: 1,446
- Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science: 1,512

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