SAFETY

Where parents can call during a campus emergency
- BU-Alert line: 607-777-7700

Where students should call in an emergency
- University Police: 607-777-2393
- Harpur’s Ferry, campus medical response ambulance: 607-777-3333

Emergency notification methods
Binghamton University uses several methods to communicate emergency information to students, faculty and staff. These include:
- Text/electronic messaging (students can register themselves and their parents to receive B-Alert text alerts at getrave.com/login/binghamton)
- Outdoor siren
- BU-Alert phone line (607-777-7700)
- Electronic message boards/TVs
- University website (binghamton.edu)
- University cable channel 42
- B-line student e-mail list
- Campus and local media
- Social media

University Police
The New York State University Police at Binghamton (binghamton.edu/police) is staffed by highly trained police administrators, patrol officers, investigators, communications officers and security services assistants. The University Police office is open 24/7. University Police patrol the campus by foot, bicycle and car.

Services include:
- Educational programs aimed at creating a safe campus environment
- Safety escort service and Safe Ride Van program for students traveling on campus at night
- 82 emergency blue-light phones throughout campus, wired directly to the University Police; when a caller lifts the receiver, the police dispatcher knows the phone’s location and sends a patrol car

Sexual assault prevention and response
Binghamton University does not tolerate sexual assault and has numerous resources available to help students recognize and prevent violence in our community and to assist those who have experienced any form of sexual assault. Key offices students may turn to for assistance and information include:
- Dean of Students: 607-777-2804
- Interpersonal Violence Prevention: 607-777-3062
- University Police: 607-777-2275
- Decker Student Health Services Center: 607-777-2221
- University Counseling Center: 607-777-2772
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: 607-777-4775

To report a crime to the University Police
Parents and students may report a crime (i.e., theft, assault, sexual assault) to the University Police by calling 607-777-2393. To report a crime anonymously, go to binghamton.edu/police/emergency.html and complete the online form.
**University Counseling Center**
The University Counseling Center (binghamton.edu/counseling) provides preventive and clinical psychological services to Binghamton students. All information is confidential unless the student signs a release form. Parents may call to consult with our professional staff; however, release forms are needed for certain types of information.

**About parental notification**
The University will contact parents/guardians in most instances of health emergencies, serious accidents, or other serious medical or psychological conditions, including those that arise out of alcohol or other drug use, when it has been made aware of such incidents.

**Healthy Campus Initiative**
The Healthy Campus Initiative strives to cultivate a culture that is supportive of individuals and groups in pursuit of their optimal potential. Many campus resources are available to support students in their efforts to choose well and be well. For more information, visit binghamton.edu/bhealthy/resources.

**Decker Student Health Services Center**
The Decker Student Health Services Center (binghamton.edu/health) is a primary care clinic for students staffed by registered nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, health educators and an HIV test counselor. The mandatory student health fee prepsys for office visits as well as some medications and common medical supplies. Students are responsible for the cost of lab tests and services provided by off-campus agencies. Be sure your student’s current health insurance coverage can be used for outpatient services and specialist referrals in this community and that your student understands any limitations to this coverage.

**Safety and health links**
- B-Alert emergency text alerts: getrave.com/login/ binghamton
- Authorization for release of protected health information: binghamton.edu/health/forms.html
- Required medical forms and health insurance: binghamton.edu/health/parents.html
- Instructions on waiving the University-sponsored health plan fee: binghamton.edu/student-accounts/ inswaiver.html

**Residential Life/housing links**
- Residential Life parent website: binghamton.edu/ residential-life/parents/index.html
- Residential Life residential communities: binghamton.edu/residential-life/communities/index.html
- Housing license: includes information on damages and roommate conflicts: binghamton.edu/residential-life/ living-oncampus/forms.html
- What to bring: binghamton.edu/residential-life/living- oncampus/what_toBring.html
- Residential community laundry facilities: binghamton.edu/auxiliary-services/laundry-services.html
- Refrigerator rental: binghamton.edu/auxiliary- services/refrigerator-rental.html
TRANSPORTATION/ PARKING/GETTING STUDENTS HOME

• Students may ride any Broome County Transit bus or student-run Off Campus College Transport/OCCT (binghamton.edu/occ/transport.html) “blue bus” free of charge. OCCT shuttles students throughout campus, to the University Downtown Center and to the Innovative Technologies Complex. OCCT also serves downtown student housing areas and other popular student destinations.

• Students may purchase discounted Short Line and Greyhound tickets at the Escape office in UUW-320. The student-run Escape office (escape.binghamton.edu) also organizes weekend bus transportation to various locations and to downstate New York throughout the year and over University-recognized holidays.

• Air transportation is available at the Greater Binghamton Airport (flybgm.com).

• Freshmen cannot have vehicles on campus. When visiting your student on campus, you may purchase a day pass at the information booth for the parking garage or visitors’ paid lot. Parking is free on the weekends in most surface lots. Visit binghamton.edu/parking-services for details about campus parking.

• Hertz on Demand (hertzondemand.com) is a car-sharing service on campus.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Academic advising
Academic advisors can provide information about departmental policies, curriculum requirements, course selection and degree planning as well as help students explore links between academic programs and careers.

• CCPA: 607-777-2841 or binghamton.edu/human-development/current-students/advising-mentoring/index.html
• DSON: 607-777-4954 or binghamton.edu/dson/academics/undergrad/under_advising.html
• GSE: 607-777-5322 or binghamton.edu/gse/current-students/index.html
• Harpur: 607-777-6305 or binghamton.edu/harpur/advising
• SOM: 607-777-2316 or binghamton.edu/som/undergraduate-programs/academic-advising
• Watson: 607-777-6203 or binghamton.edu/watson/student-services/advising

Libraries
Binghamton University Libraries (binghamton.edu/libraries) provide a wide range of library services and resources. The Libraries also offer research consultation, customized instruction and virtual and in-person reference assistance. There are many locations and online resources.

Study abroad/international programs
Study abroad (binghamton-oip.terradotta.com) provides students with wonderful settings in which to expand their cultural and linguistic horizons. The University sponsors study-abroad and exchange programs in many locations and fields; students also have access to hundreds of SUNY-sponsored programs that permit them to live in a foreign country while studying a wide range of subjects. Study abroad is part of the University’s Office of International Programs (binghamton.edu/oip) and works closely with the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (binghamton.edu/iss), which provides programs and services to the more than 2,700 international students and scholars from 100+ countries on campus.

Other academic resources
• The Discovery Program (binghamton.edu/discovery) helps students explore academic and career interests. Services include Discovery Advisors (peer academic advisors), the early-warning program for mid-semester grades, and the fall and spring Academic Advising and Schedule Building Week events.
• The Writing Center (binghamton.edu/writing/writing-center) offers free, skilled, peer tutoring to all Binghamton students. Students work one-on-one with a tutor on any aspect of writing.
• University Tutoring Services (UTS) offers free, scheduled group appointments and walk-in individualized tutoring sessions for Binghamton students. For a list of courses for which UTS offers tutoring, FAQs, information on how to schedule an appointment and more, visit binghamton.edu/cit/tutoring-services.
• The Public Speaking Lab (binghamton.edu/public-speaking) teaches students skills and techniques to improve their public speaking.

Academic-related links
• The Bulletin: Students are responsible for fulfilling graduation requirements as stated in the University Bulletin (bulletin.binghamton.edu) that is published the year they enroll.
• DARS/Degree Works: The University is transitioning to a new degree audit system (Degree Works) from its former system (DARS) (binghamton.edu/registrar/students/dars-grades-gpa/index.html). All students admitted in fall 2013 or later use Degree Works to track their individual academic progress. Returning students continue to use DARS.
• BU Brain: BU BRAIN (binghamton.edu/self-service) is an entry point to the resources available to students including their schedule, grades, final examination schedule, outstanding obligations and course registration information.
• Summer/winter courses: The University offers a three-term Summer Session (summer.binghamton.edu) and a three-week Winter Session (winter.binghamton.edu).
• My.binghamton.edu portal: Through my.binghamton.edu students can access BU BRAIN Self-Service, Blackboard, B-Engaged and TutorTrac with a single login/one authentication. The portal also provides quick links with easy login access for BMail, QuikPAY, myHealth and other services.
Dean of Students Office
The Office of the Dean of Students (binghamton.edu/dean-of-students) provides support for a variety of student concerns and helps students take full advantage of the resources Binghamton University has to offer.

In addition to Parent and Family Programs, the Dean of Students Office encompasses the following areas, which work together to support student success:

- Campus Activities (binghamton.edu/campus-activities) provides students an enriched collegiate experience through opportunities to develop their leadership, interpersonal, programming and organizational skills. Programs include Late Nite Binghamton, University Fest and Spring Fling.
- Case Management (binghamton.edu/dean-of-students/case-manager.html) is available to assist students who are struggling with personal and health-related problems that are interfering with their academic and personal success.
- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (binghamton.edu/greek-life) oversees the activities of Binghamton’s fraternities and sororities, provides advisory support to these groups and facilitates community-education initiatives. Whether students want to enhance participation in their area of study, learn more about their own (or another) culture or simply meet new friends, fraternities and sororities have something for everyone.
- Off Campus College/OCC (binghamton.edu/occ) delivers a variety of services for students living off campus including off-campus housing information, lease review, free legal clinics and community relations assistance.
- The Office of Student Conduct (binghamton.edu/student-conduct) educates the campus community about and enforces the University’s “Code of Student Conduct.”

Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
In 2013, the University established the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) (binghamton.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion) to support the development and implementation of diversity and inclusion initiatives that create a welcoming campus climate that exudes a fundamental respect for human diversity in all its dimensions. The University views diversity as encompassing all individuals and groups as well as social, cultural, political, religious and other affiliations. The ODEI is committed to the idea of respect for human diversity in our learning and working environs and to creating an atmosphere where prejudice, harassment and discrimination are unacceptable.

Multicultural Resource Center
Part of ODEI, the Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) (binghamton.edu/multicultural-resource-center) supports the recruitment, retention, development and success of all students, with emphasis on students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. The center coordinates the University’s cultural initiatives as well as develops, implements and supports other student programming.

Title IX compliance
Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity that receives federal financial assistance. Binghamton University’s Title IX policies are consistent with federal requirements and prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender. For information visit binghamton.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion/policies.
Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development
The Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development (binghamton.edu/ccpd) works with students in all majors, offering programs, events, resources and individual assistance to help them explore careers, choose a major, find a job or internship, write a résumé, develop effective interviewing skills and apply to graduate school. The center manages the University’s on-campus recruiting program in which employers visit campus to interview students for professional positions and internships. Parents are invited to review the parents section of the website at binghamton.edu/ccpd/parents/index.html.

Services for Students with Disabilities
The Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office provides assistance to students with physical, learning or other disabilities. Disability documentation guidelines are available at the SSD website (binghamton.edu/ssd), and individuals registering with the office are expected to take an active role in the arrangement and management of their services and accommodations. Visit the website for key services and on-campus accommodations.

Center for Civic Engagement
The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) (binghamton.edu/cce) works with communities in and beyond Binghamton’s campus to provide rewarding and meaningful volunteer and service opportunities to students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. The CCE supports the attainment of academic, personal and professional growth through civic engagement, with the goal of fostering active and engaged citizens.

BILLING/TUITION

Student Accounts
The Student Accounts Office (binghamton.edu/student-accounts) creates the student’s electronic bill (E-bill) based on registration (and any other charges added to the account). The E-bill is sent via e-mail to each student’s University BMail address as well as to any authorized payers (see box). The first fall term E-bill is prepared at the beginning of August; spring term E-bills are prepared in early January. Students will be sent a monthly statement if they have a balance due on their account. Student Accounts can also determine New York state residency for tuition purposes and apply personal payments, financial aid, loans, private scholarships, armed forces benefits and TAP state-aid to an account.

Financial Aid Services
Binghamton’s Financial Aid Services Office (binghamton.edu/financial-aid) encourages students and families to explore their financing options. It is recommended that all students file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (fafsa.ed.gov) after January 1 every year so they may take advantage of federal and state funding options such as grants, student and parent loans, and work-study programs. Financial aid counselors are available to meet with students and parents during the academic year and summer.

Becoming an authorized payer
Have your student add you as an authorized payer so you can receive E-bill notices (binghamton.edu/student-accounts/addauthpayer.html).

Billing and tuition links
- Payment procedures: Payment procedures are described at binghamton.edu/student-accounts/paypro.html.
- Financial aid appeals: Financial aid appeals (binghamton.edu/financial-aid/funding-needs/special-circumstances.html) are available to accommodate circumstances that arise that are beyond a family’s control and are not reflected accurately on the FAFSA.
- Scholarship information: Learn about University-sponsored scholarships and other scholarships (binghamton.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/index.html) your student may qualify for.
- Student employment: Part-time jobs (binghamton.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/student-employment/index.html) are available on and off campus for all students, including those who receive federal work-study funding.
**Computers/Telecommunications**

A fully staffed Help Desk (binghamton.edu/its/organization/clientsupport/helpdesk), located in the lobby of the Computer Center, provides walk-in and call-in help during normal business hours for questions about computer accounts, passwords, software, electronic mail, Internet access and more. Students with an active Binghamton University e-mail address may download the latest version of the full Microsoft Office productivity suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more) at no charge. Go to binghamton.edu/its/software and follow the directions to download the free software.

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**Dining/BUC$/Banking**

- **Dining facilities**: Binghamton University Dining Services by Sodexo (binghamtonudining.com) provides Binghamton University dining services and offers students the flexibility to eat anywhere on campus at almost any time. Each dining service location features its own atmosphere and menu.
- **Student meal plans**: All students living on campus (except those in the apartment communities) are required to select one of the meal plan options (binghamtonudining.com). The program is structured to provide the best value for students in residence halls. All dining plans use an à la carte system, so students pay only for the items they purchase. Meals may be eaten in or taken out. Funds remaining at the end of the semester carry over to the following semester if a meal plan has been purchased for the next semester. Additional funds can be added from an online account.
- **Binghamton University Card System/BUC$**: A BUC$ (binghamton.sodexomyway.com/dining-plans/bucs.html) account is a declining debit account accessed with the Binghamton University ID; it eliminates much of a student’s need to carry cash. BUC$ is accepted at many locations on campus. You or your student can manage the account online.
- **Banking services**: M&T Bank (mtb.com) provides banking services on campus. There is a campus branch in the University Union, as well as four ATMs across campus.

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**LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

**Social centers on campus**
The University Union (binghamton.edu/union) is the center of many social, service and recreational activities. The University Union and the University Union West house the Student Association and offices for various campus organizations. The MarketPlace and student-run Food Co-op are various dining options available in the Union. It is also home to the University Bookstore, M&T branch office, a billiards room, bowling alley, ping-pong room, bike-share office, Campus Mail Services, video arcade and the Undergrounds Coffeehouse (a coffeehouse and live-music venue).

**Late Nite Binghamton**
Late Nite Binghamton (binghamton.edu/latenite) is a series of social programs that give students the chance to relax and socialize. Movies, music, games and refreshments are among the typical offerings.

**Anderson Center for the Performing Arts**
The Anderson Center for the Performing Arts (binghamton.edu/anderson-center) is a world-class performance facility that has showcased major U.S. and foreign symphony orchestras, dance ensembles, concerts, recitals, plays and major lectures. Most events are discounted for students with a valid Binghamton ID card.

**Student Association/SA**
With 280+ undergraduate student organizations on campus, most students participate in at least one extracurricular activity. Activities address a variety of interests — academic and pre-professional, athletic and recreational, political, cultural and ethnic, religious, social, service, fraternities and sororities, media, music, dance, entertainment and business. Students are also involved in campus media, producing newspapers and running television and radio stations. The Student Association (binghamtonasa.org) is responsible for many social, recreational and educational programs, along with concerts and lectures.
Religious life
Religious life abounds on Binghamton’s campus and there are many opportunities for students to learn about and practice their faith. The Multicultural Resource Center maintains a list of religious student groups at binghamton.edu/multicultural-resource-center/culturalorganizations.html#religious. Students may also wish to visit the University Union lobby weekdays at noon, when tables displaying various kinds of religious materials are often present. Binghamton students are also welcomed at local churches and synagogues.

Division I athletics
Highly competitive on the national level, Binghamton’s 21 NCAA Division I varsity athletic teams (bubearcats.com) are members of the America East Conference. Intercollegiate athletics encourage school spirit, enhance student life, strengthen community and alumni ties, and increase the school’s national visibility. Binghamton undergraduate students receive one free ticket for each home Bearcats Division I athletics event (student ID is required at box office).

Campus Recreation
From indoor to outdoor, team sports to individual activities, open recreation to credit classes, Campus Recreation (binghamton.edu/campus-recreation) offers countless ways for students to get and stay active. The Rec Center at the East Gym is the center of recreational programming on campus and includes a fitness center, gym, wellness suite, pool, ropes course and new turf field. Signature initiatives include:
- FitSpace, a fitness center with state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, as well as group-exercise classes
- Outdoor pursuits, which provides experience-based adventure and environmental education for beginners through outdoor enthusiasts
- Intramural and club sports that offer competitive and recreational leagues for students in a wide variety of individual and team sports

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