

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON

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## STUDENTS

Religious affiliation	No Affiliation
Academic year calendar	semester
Undergrad enrollment	11,065
% male/female	52/48
% Asian	15
% Black, non-Latino	5
% Latino	6
% international	7
% from out of state	6
% freshmen return for sophomore year	90
% freshmen graduate within 4 years	67

## STUDENT LIFE

% of students living on campus	58
% in fraternities	8
% in sororities	9

## ADMISSIONS

# of applicants	21,658
% accepted	43
% enrolled	24

### HIGH SCHOOL UNITS REQUIRED

4 English, 3 math, 2 science, 3 foreign language, 2 social studies

### HIGH SCHOOL UNITS RECOMMENDED

4 math, 4 science, 3 foreign language, 3 history

## ABOUT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON

Binghamton makes its students a very attractive promise: It is a top-rated school that is more competitive than most of the Northeast's private schools, and available at a state-school price. For the most part, Binghamton has delivered on its promise, and its student body is made up of over 11,000 undergraduates attracted primarily from all over New York State. Binghamton still manages to be a diverse campus, with active Black and Latino Student Unions and large Jewish and Asian populations. Students from Long Island and New York City sometimes feel like they come from a different planet than their upstate classmates. Though all groups don't exactly mix and mingle, there is certainly no tension among them, either.

Although the quality of a Binghamton education depends upon which school within the University you attend, top-notch departments include a good management program, a strong science department (especially in biology, premed, and psychology), stellar political science and philosophy programs, and a law program that yields high law school acceptance rates. Engineering and nursing programs provide good real-world prep. Professors run the gamut from research-minded to student-focused but many are challenging teachers who demand the best.

By most reports, the town of Binghamton doesn't provide much to do besides the same bars, frats, and other hangouts, which can eventually lose their luster. Still, there are tons of clubs, activities, and events to take part in. And the Bearcats, Binghamton's new mascot and image as a Division I sports team, looks to raise school spirit to new heights.

## BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

As a state institution, Binghamton's students benefit from state support that keeps tuition low. When all is said and done, Binghamton's baccalaureate experience will cost a student literally one-third of what they can expect to pay at other comparable schools. Value not only comes in the form of the average need-based financial aid and grant/scholarship packages of more than \$11,000 but also in student opportunities for experiential education through research, study abroad, and internships, along with the third highest four-year graduation rate in the nation for public institutions.

## Students Say

“Delivering Ivy League academics and a good social experience at a state school price.”

### VERY IMPORTANT ADMISSION FACTORS

Academic GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores

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Application essay, class rank, extracurricular activities

Average HS GPA 3.7  
Range SAT Verbal 560–660  
Range SAT Math 600–690  
Range ACT 25–29  
Minimum TOEFL (paper/computer) 550/213

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Regular notification rolling  
# of transfer applicants 3,381  
% of transfer applicants accepted 47

### ACADEMICS

Student/faculty ratio 21:1  
% faculty teaching undergraduates 90  
% of classes taught by graduate students 9

### MOST POPULAR MAJORS

- Business administration/management
- English language and literature
- Psychology

### EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Arts/fine arts, English (including composition), humanities, math, sciences (biological or physical), social science, physical education

Binghamton’s tuition, even for out-of-state students, is exceedingly affordable when compared to its peer institutions. Most of Binghamton’s peers charge tuition and fees that are two and a half times higher than Binghamton’s tuition and fees. Over a four-year period, such a cumulative difference in tuition and fees can amount to almost \$90,000.

As a relatively young public institution, Binghamton targets the vast majority of its funding to recognize students’ scholastic achievement while at the same time recognizing the students’ ability to pay. (Students who demonstrated financial need saw an average of 81 percent of that need met by the school.) If you receive an award, the school makes every effort to offer you a similar financial aid package in subsequent years as long as your ability to pay remains unchanged.

In addition, there are also a limited number of awards given to students regardless of their ability to pay. The Binghamton Scholars Program is a selective all-university four-year honors program for students of exceptional merit. During a student’s third year of participation as a Binghamton Scholar, funds are made available to support various academic, research, internship and other experiences that can complement the student’s educational experience.

### GETTING IN

High school transcripts including the rigor of courses taken and grades achieved, SAT/ACT scores, leadership activities, and extracurricular involvement are the most relevant data for this Admissions Committee. Essays, recommendations, and other factors are considered secondary. The average high school GPA for incoming freshman is an eyebrow-raising 3.6.

### WHAT DO GRADUATES DO?

Those who don’t head to graduate school most often find employment in the accounting, business, education fields, engineering, legal, medical, and nursing. Among the companies who recruit on this campus are Deutsch bank, Ernst and Young, KPMG, Lord & Taylor, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

For 2006–2007, in-state students paid \$4,350 in tuition, while out-of-staters paid \$10,610. All students living on campus saw additional expenses (on average) of \$1,560 in fees, \$8,588 for room and board, and \$800 for books. This amounted to \$15,208 for in-state students and \$21,558 for out of state students before adding the costs of transportation and personal expenses. The typical out-of-pocket costs that an in-state family can expect to pay are approximately \$4,129 annually.

Binghamton students find numerous opportunities for on- and off-campus employment as well. And because the vast majority of Binghamton students graduate in four years, they are not saddled with an additional year of tuition and fees.

## FUN FACTS

Ludacris, Green Day, Dashboard Confessional, and Lewis Black recently performed on campus. The America East Conference men's basketball championships were also held on campus in 2005 and the America East Conference women's basketball championships will be played in the university's Events Center in 2007.

Where can you find an electronic nose? In Omowunmi Sadik's lab. As a professor of chemistry, Sadik's groundbreaking research focuses on micro-electrode biosensors that are able to detect even trace amounts of organic materials. Myriad applications for this "electronic nose" technology include drug detection (in the place of drug-sniffing dogs) and bomb detection.

Looking out for the little guys, the school has built ramps from the nature preserve across the road and into the adjacent woods to allow salamanders the ability to navigate the curbs to get to their mating habitat.

## FINANCIAL INFO

In-state tuition	\$4,350
Out-of-state tuition	\$10,610
Room & board	\$8,588
Average book expense	\$800
Required fees	\$1,560
Average freshman need-based grant	\$4,874
Average freshman need-based loan	\$2,957
% of graduates who borrowed	60
Average indebtedness	\$14,734

## FINANCIAL AID FORMS

Students must submit FAFSA, state aid form.

## POSTGRAD

% going to graduate school	38
% going to law school	7
% going to business school	2
% going to medical school	9

## CAREER SERVICES

Alumni network, alumni services, career/job search classes, career assessment, internships, regional alumni, on-campus job interviews. Off-campus job opportunities are excellent.