

# ADMISSION TO A GRADUATE PROGRAM

Buffalo State welcomes qualified applicants seeking intellectual enrichment and professional advancement through advanced study in its master of arts, master of music education, master of public administration, master of science, master of science in education, certificate of advanced study, graduate certificate, and postbaccalaureate teacher certification programs.

Admission is granted jointly by Graduate Admissions and the academic department in which the student plans to pursue graduate studies. Individual departments establish specific standards by which they judge admission. These program requirements are listed in the program descriptions in this catalog.

Guidance through the admission process including the online application, additional requirements, and deadlines can be obtained electronically through the Admissions Office website, in person in Moot Hall 110, by calling (716) 878-4017, or through email ([graduateadmissions@buffalostate.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@buffalostate.edu)).

Graduate students may be readmitted to the university only once after an academic dismissal. If readmitted, a student automatically returns to academic probation should the cumulative GPA fall below 3.0. The student then has one full-time semester or 9 credits of part-time study to achieve a 3.0 cumulative GPA and must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA during each semester of academic probation. Failure to do so results in final academic dismissal.

Academic probation may also affect financial aid eligibility. Graduate students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to receive federal financial aid. For more information contact the Financial Aid office, [finaid@buffalostate.edu](mailto:finaid@buffalostate.edu), (716) 878-4902, or on the Financial Aid website (<https://financialaid.buffalostate.edu/graduate-federal-sap-policy/>).