

# RESIDENCE LIFE OFFICE (ON-CAMPUS HOUSING)

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Buffalo State offers a variety of on-campus housing options, including traditional-style housing for first-year students (Bengal and Neumann halls); suite-style facilities primarily for sophomores, juniors, and seniors (Towers 1#4); and fully furnished apartments for sophomores, juniors, and seniors (Moore Complex and the Student Apartment Complex). Bishop Hall houses the Honors Residence and is open to Muriel A. Howard Honors Program-eligible students from all class years. Family College is housed in the Moore Complex and is available for students with dependent children under the age of 18. Year-round housing is available for some students.

All residence halls are smoke free and have security cameras and electronic entry systems at all entry and exit doors. Residence hall staff guide students in their living environment; promote student health and safety; and provide encouragement, support, and assistance when needed.

## Buffalo State Housing Residency Requirement

All full-time, first-year and second-year undergraduate students whose permanent residences are beyond a 35-mile radius of Buffalo State are required to reside on campus **for four consecutive semesters or until 60 credits have been earned at Buffalo State** whichever comes first. Pre-college credits, advanced placement credits, CLEP credits, and the like are not considered toward the 60-credit minimum. Exemptions from this requirement include married students, single parents, veterans, students over the age of 21, and students commuting from the home of their parent(s) or court appointed guardian(s) if within a 35-mile radius of the college. For an exemption, the home address must be the address listed on the university application. Living with a family member who is not a parent or legally appointed guardian does not meet the requirements to live off campus. Additionally, students who change their address to that of a local housing entity cannot qualify for an exemption unless they can demonstrate with two forms of proof (e.g., utility bill, medical bill, current paystub) that it is a permanent residence with their parent or legal guardian.

## Parking Information for Resident Students

First- and second-year undergraduate students who reside in Buffalo State residence halls are not permitted to register or park a vehicle on campus. All students who reside off

campus, regardless of level and including first- and second-year students, may register a vehicle for on-campus parking.

Pre-college credits, advanced placement credits, CLEP credits, and similar credits are not relevant to this regulation. Any credit awarded for coursework taken prior to high school graduation or during the summer does not change student status as it relates to being a first- or second-year student.

Students entering their third year (i.e., fifth semester) at Buffalo State are eligible to register and park a vehicle on campus. Students who begin as sophomores in the spring semester of an academic year are permitted to register and park a vehicle on campus for the coming fall semester, even though they may not have accumulated sufficient credits to attain junior standing.

## Exceptions to Resident Student Parking Rules

Exceptions to parking registration rules for resident freshmen and sophomores will be considered for the following reasons:

*Medical:* Requires a letter from a licensed physician indicating a legitimate medical need. This letter should explain in detail the nature of the problem, the reason(s) for the student to have ready access to his/her own transportation, and the time frame being projected for this need.

*Employment:* Freshmen and sophomores are strongly encouraged to find employment either on campus or in the local community. Appeals for employment purposes should include a signed letter on company letterhead from the employer stating days and hours of employment. Letter must include the employer's telephone number. A current payroll stub also may be required.

*Academic:* Requires a legitimate written justification from a faculty member stating the reason for exception. A description of an approved off-campus credit-bearing program must be included.

Other exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Parking Appeals Committee. Requests for exceptions to this policy are to be submitted in writing by the student to: Director of Parking Services, SUNY Buffalo State University, Moot Hall 260, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. Requests are reviewed by the Parking Appeals Committee with decisions final and not subject to further appeal.

All waivers to this policy will be issued for a specific period of time as determined by the committee. The waiver will be revoked if a student who has been issued a waiver to this policy receives a violation to the campus parking policy.