

# Freshman Summer Academy 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Am I required to attend?**

**Yes.** If students have been accepted to Buffalo State University as a student enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), they will need to attend the EOP Freshman Summer Academy

### **How long is the Academy?**

The academy is a four-week, academic program that starts on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. This includes the online “Virtual Counselor Connect” (July 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>) and the in-person component on July 10<sup>th</sup> when students move into the residence hall for summer placement. All students must stay on campus during the in-person component of the academy, which includes weekends.

### **What does the EOP Summer Academy cover?**

The EOP Summer Academy is **FREE** and will cover meals, housing, class materials, workshops, and weekend local trips. In addition, students will earn up to 4-credit hours for summer courses. Please note the program DOES NOT cover any of the expenses listed above for the Fall semester.

### **Where will I be living?**

Students will be housed in Bishop Hall for the **summer ONLY**. Students are assigned to a standard double and a roommate upon arrival. Local students are required to live on campus as well. Room changes will NOT be accommodated unless there is a medical issue and official documentation is provided.

### **Where do I eat?**

Students will be eating in the Bengal Kitchen dining facility located in the Student Union. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided during the week, and brunch and dinner on the weekends. Snacks will also be provided in the evenings. The program covers meals for the duration of the Summer Academy.

### **Is this an academic program only?**

**No.** We have personal/academic development workshops, EOP Counselor meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities planned as part of the summer schedule. Students will receive a summer schedule for courses and programming upon arrival.

### **Is there anyone to help guide me?**

**YES.** In addition to our professional staff, we hire and train upper-class student leaders (Student Assistants - SAs and Student Resident Directors - SRDs) who serve as guides and mentors. They live in the residence hall with students and are very similar to a Resident Assistant (RA) during the year. Many of them completed the summer academy and are leaders and role models on campus.

**What is my Banner ID?**

*Students have received their Banner ID number with their college acceptance letter, this helps administrators and offices identify students and access information. Students will use their Banner ID to look up their financial aid package, student class schedule, and more. More information on setting up their Buffalo State technology can be found [HERE](#). Information Technology can also be reached at [ithelpdesk@buffalostate.edu](mailto:ithelpdesk@buffalostate.edu).*

**Are we allowed to have guests during the program?**

**NO!** *As a safety measure, outside guests will not be permitted in the residence hall or allowed to stay overnight.*

**Can I arrive late or leave early for the Summer Academy?**

**No.** *Participants must be present on the scheduled check-in and check-out days to ensure that students receive full academic credit for their participation, and pre/post-tests are completed. Students who arrive after the scheduled check-in date or depart early will not be able to fully participate and may risk their EOP Status at the university. Classes taken in the Summer Academy count towards the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).*

**Can I work during the EOP Summer Academy?**

**No.** *Participant have a full daily schedule with classes, study sessions, homework, activities, and workshops. We know this is significant sacrifice for many of our students. We hope to ease the potential burden by providing the EOP Summer Academy FREE of cost.*

**Can I go home on the weekends?**

**No.** *Students may not leave campus during the Summer Academy unless there is an emergency and the Summer Academy Coordinator and the Director of EOP have approved it. Scheduled programming has been planned throughout the academy.*

**Should I bring a laptop or computer?**

*We do not recommend students bring desktop computers; however, we do recommend they bring laptops. Students in need of a laptop can temporarily borrow a laptop from the E.H. Butler Library or use the desktop computers available in the Study Quad and library during open hours. Please note the EOP program is not responsible for any personal items that may be lost or stolen.*

**Can I bring a car?**

**No.** *Students may not have a personal vehicle during the EOP Summer Program, whether the student is local or out of town.*

**Am I allowed to leave my belongings until I return in the Fall?**

**No.** *Students are advised to bring only what is needed for the program. Upon departure from the summer academy, rooms will need to be cleared of all belongings. Students are allowed to bring One Luggage and One small personal item (i.e: duffle bag, book*

bag). Please refer to the “**Things TO/Not to Bring**” list posted on our website. Students who leave items behind or leave the room dirty, will be charged a cleaning fee by the university.

### **How do I do laundry?**

The residence hall is equipped with laundry facilities that are pre-paid. You **do not** need to bring quarters!

### **Can my family send me mail/care packages?**

Participants may receive mail or packages. Please note packages may take longer than usual due to limited staff in the summer. The summer campus address is below.

**Attn:** <<insert participant name>>/**EOP Summer Academy**

Buffalo State College

1300 Elmwood Avenue

Bishop Hall (Assigned Room #)

Buffalo, NY 14222

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING AND NOT BRING?**

Please refer to the *Things To/Not to Bring* list on our website.

### **How far away is Buffalo, NY?**

For many of our students, Buffalo is quite far from home. Students from New York City can expect to be approximately 8 hours from home. Local students might be 20 minutes to an hour from home. Many students find that they don't have time to be homesick, but those who are, receive support throughout the summer from our professional and student staff.

### **What if I need to get supplies, toiletries, etc. during my stay?**

Trips to the local supermarket and home shopping stores (Walmart/Target) occur throughout the program. There will be a planned trip to the store the first weekend of the program for students to purchase additional items if needed. Please note the program does not cover personal expenses.

### **Is transportation provided TO and FROM Buffalo, NY for the Summer Academy?**

Transportation will be provided on a first come, first serve basis, for **students residing in NYC**. Students interested in the **FREE EOP Bus** must express interest upon registering for the EOP Freshman Summer Academy

- Students will have the opportunity to sign up themselves, and two family members, for a trip from NYC to Buffalo on July 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a same day round trip departure included for family members to return to NYC that evening.
- Students will have the opportunity to sign up for a return trip from BUFFALO to NYC on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, once the summer academy has ended.
- Students must indicate they are interested in transportation when registering for the Summer Academy.
- This will be available on a first come, first serve basis, and is capped at 100 seats.

- *Students who express interest will receive a follow up email from our EOP office via their Buffalo State email account.*

### **How do I get to Buffalo, NY?**

Below are a few suggestions. Please note that you may need to take a Taxi or Uber from the Bus / Train station / Airport to get to the university.

**By TRAIN:** Amtrak Railroad (recommended stop: Exchange Station in Buffalo, NY)

**By BUS:** Greyhound Bus or Mega Bus

**By AIR:** Buffalo-Niagara International Airport

**By CAR:** Address to use: Buffalo State College - 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222