Bucknell Facts: 2014-15

About Bucknell
Established in 1846 as the University at Lewisburg; renamed Bucknell University in 1886 in honor of William Bucknell, a major benefactor. The University is highly selective, private, nonsectarian, coeducational (since 1883), residential, and undergraduate, with a small graduate program.

Campus
450 acres with more than 100 facilities, including a university center, poetry center, teaching and learning center, sustainability and environmental center, chapel, stadium, writing center, observatory, theatre, performing arts center, multicultural center, student health center, recital hall, Olympic-size pool, fitness center, sports pavilion, 18-hole golf course and an instructional golf facility. Newest building, LEED Silver-certified Academic West, is home to the social sciences, gathering spaces for students and faculty, and a green roof.

Bertrand Library
A strong mix of print and electronic resources – more than 850,000 physical volumes and tens of millions of electronic items. Access to approximately 40,000 unique periodical titles in nearly 300 databases, including access to hundreds of thousands of full-text articles. Services include online information access, individual research assistance, classroom user education, more than 100 computer work stations, video editing lab and equipment, video collection, equipment for check-out, and the Bertrand Café. Seating for nearly 1,000, as well as 10 group study rooms. More information is online at bucknell.edu/library.

Technology Resources
Network access is readily available through Bucknell’s high-speed wireless network, which covers more than 98 percent of the campus indoors plus many outdoor spaces. All student rooms are wired to ResNet, an extension of the campus network. Bucknell uses Moodle as its learning management system for faculty and students. Digital television programming – BUTV – is available to students in their residence hall rooms through ResNet. If needed, the University can provide local, long distance and international telephone service to students at reasonable rates. More information can be found online at bucknell.edu/incomingStudentTechnology.

Most students come to campus with a computer. Both Windows and Macintosh are prevalent among students, and both are supported equally. Classrooms and labs are augmented with various technologies to enhance the learning environment. Many classrooms across campus are equipped with a computer for each student in the class. Students, faculty and staff have access to more than 100 computer-based training programs and many other resources. The University has a mix of approximately 1,000 Windows, Macintosh and Linux workstations located across campus in various learning spaces. The College of Engineering maintains a high-performance computing cluster in support of faculty and student research. More information can be found online at bucknell.edu/it.

Financial Facts
As of June 30, 2014, the total market value of the endowment was approximately $751 million; the annual operating budget is $251 million.

Giving at Bucknell
For fiscal year 2013-14 private gifts and pledges totaled $53.8 million and receipts (gifts and pledge payments) totaled $32.7 million. A total of $12.5 million was given to the annual fund for current operations. The alumni participation rate was 34 percent and the rate of parent participation was 42 percent. Although Bucknell’s annual budget is funded mainly by tuition, approximately 20 percent of the University’s operations are covered by private gifts and spendable endowment income.

Faculty
Full-time, tenure-line faculty of about 350. Nearly 97 percent of full-time faculty hold the Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degrees; approximately 68 percent of faculty are tenured.

Student-Faculty Ratio
The undergraduate student-faculty ratio is 9 to 1.

Academic Calendar
Two 15-week semesters; one six-week summer session available.

Campus Enrollment
3,600 undergraduates and 60 graduate students, representing most states and 45 countries; 86 percent of undergraduates live on campus. The minority student enrollment is 549. The international student enrollment is more than 200.

Admissions/Class of 2018
Applications were received from 7,864 candidates for the Class of 2018. From those applicants, 2,416 were selected (30.7 percent) and 939 first-year students enrolled (a yield of 38.9 percent). Applications for the Class of 2019 must be filed by Jan. 15, 2015, for regular decision; for early decision, by Nov. 15, 2014 (round one) or Jan. 15, 2015 (round two).
Retention Rates 93 percent of first-year students return as sophomores; 89 percent graduate within six years.

Placement Figures Nine months after graduation, 97 percent of the Class of 2013 was employed, enrolled in graduate school, both employed and in graduate school, volunteering, or engaged in another activity. Of those, 71 percent were employed, 16 percent were in graduate or professional school, 5 percent were employed and in graduate school, 1 percent were volunteering, and 4 percent were engaged in another activity. Just 3 percent were still actively seeking employment.

Expenses (2014-15)
Tuition $48,234
Room and board $11,642
Student fees $264
Total comprehensive cost $60,140

In addition to these direct costs, students should be prepared to meet expenses for books, supplies, personal spending, travel, etc.; a typical range is $1,500 to $2,000.

Financial Aid For the 2014-15 academic year, institutional aid totaling more than $49 million is awarded to about 52 percent of undergraduate students. About 62 percent receive some form of financial aid, including government grants and loans. The average total aid package for first-year students with financial need is about $31,500, which includes grants, scholarships, loans, and student employment.

Location Lewisburg (pop. 5,733), the seat of Union County (pop. 45,000) in central Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna River. Lewisburg is accessible by car on U.S. Route 15 (north and south) and Interstate Route 80 (east and west). The Susquehanna Trailways bus line serves the area. Scheduled airline service is available at the Harrisburg International and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airports, while US Airways serves the Williamsport Regional Airport.

Area of Academic Concentration/Major

College of Arts and Sciences

Animal Behavior
Anthropology
Applied Mathematical Sciences
Applied Mathematics
Statistics
Art (Studio Art)
Art History
Biology
Cell Biology & Biochemistry
Chemistry
Classics & Ancient Mediterranean Studies
Greek
Latin
Comparative Humanities
Computer Science
Early Childhood Education
East Asian Studies
China
Japan
Economics
Education
Autism Studies
College Student Personnel
Contemporary Landscapes of Education
Educational Research
Human Diversity
Learning & Development Across the Lifespan
Support Services for Children & Adolescents

English
Creative Writing
Film & Media Studies
Literary Studies
Environmental Geosciences
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
French & Francophone Studies
Geography
Geology
German Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies in Economics & Mathematics
International Relations
Africa
Asia
Europe, Eurasia, Russia
Latin America & the Caribbean
Middle East
Italian Studies
Latin American Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
General
Pure Mathematics
Statistics
Music – Bachelor of Arts
Contemporary Composition
Critical & Cultural Studies
Performance (vocal or instrumental)

Music – Bachelor of Music
Music Education
Performance (vocal)
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Astrophysics
General
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Women’s & Gender Studies
Undecided

School of Management
(majors lead to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration)
Accounting & Financial Management
Global Management
Managing for Sustainability
Markets, Innovation & Design

College of Engineering

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science & Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Five-year Dual-degree Programs in Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Engineering & Bachelor of Management for Engineers
Bachelor of Science in Engineering & Bachelor of Arts
Combined BS/MS degrees in Engineering

Pre-professional Advising
Pre-Health Professions
Pre-Law

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