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, environmental center, chapel, stadium, writing center, observatory, greenhouses, theatres, performing arts center, multicultural center, student health center, recital hall, university farm, Olympic-size pool, fitness center, multicultural center, student greenhouses, theatres, performing arts stadium, writing center, observatory, multicultural center, environmental center, chapel, poetry center, teaching and learning facilities, including a university center, Bucknell University in 1886 in honor of William Bucknell, a major benefactor.

Technology Resources

Network access is readily available through Bucknell's high-speed wireless network, which covers more than 98% of the campus indoors, plus many outdoor spaces. All student rooms have access to the campus network, both via Wi-Fi and through wired network jacks. Bucknell uses Moodle as its learning-management system for faculty and students. Digital television (BUTV), with HD programming, is available to students in campus lounges, hearth spaces and other public areas. The University provides local, long distance and international telephone services to students.

Most students come to campus with a computer. Both Windows and Macintosh are prevalent choices. Classrooms and labs are equipped with technologies to enhance the learning environment. Many classrooms across campus offer 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: bucknell.edu/LIT.

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Giving at Bucknell

For fiscal year 2018-19, private gifts and pledges totaled $39.2 million and receipts (gifts and pledge payments) totaled $40.2 million. A total of $13 million was given to the Annual Fund for current operations. The alumni participation rate was 25%, and the rate of current parent participation was 27%. Although Bucknell’s annual budget is funded mainly by tuition, approximately 23% of the University's operations are supported by private gifts and spendable endowment income.

Faculty

More than 350 full-time, tenure-line faculty. 99% of full-time faculty hold a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree.

Student-Faculty Ratio

The undergraduate student-faculty ratio is 9 to 1.

Academic Calendar

Two 15-week semesters; one six-week summer session.

Campus Enrollment

3,600 undergraduates and 70 graduate students, representing most states and 67 foreign countries. The minority student enrollment is more than 700. About 250 students come from foreign countries. 91% of undergraduates live on campus.

Alumni

54,000 Regional Clubs 29 throughout the U.S. and abroad

2019-20 CALENDAR

Aug. 21 ........ New student orientation
Aug. 25 ..........Convocation
Aug. 26 ........ Fall classes begin
Sept. 27-29 ...... Family Weekend
Oct. 4-6 .......... Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 11-16 ...... Fall recess
Nov. 22-Dec. 2 .. Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 10 ........ Fall classes end
Dec. 19 .......... Final exams end
Jan. 13 .......... Spring classes begin
March 6-16 ...... Spring recess
April 27 .......... Spring classes end
May 6 ..........  Final exams end
May 17 .......... Commencement
May 28-31 ...... Reunion Weekend
Admissions/Class of 2023 Applications were received from 9,845 candidates for the Class of 2023. From those applicants, 3,370 were selected (34.2%), and 964 first-year students enrolled (a yield of 28.6%). Applications for the Class of 2024 must be filed by Jan. 15, 2020, for regular decision; for early decision, by Nov. 15, 2019 (round one), or Jan. 15, 2020 (round two).

Retention Rates 92% of first-year students return as sophomores; 83% graduate within four years.

Placement Figures Nine months after graduation, the Class of 2018 survey indicated that, of the respondents, 96% reported being employed, in graduate school, both employed and in graduate school, or volunteering. Of those, 75% were employed, 17% were in graduate school, 4% were volunteering or preparing for graduate school, and 4% were engaged in another activity.

Expenses (2019-20) Tuition........................................ $57,882
Room and board................................. $14,174
Student fees ...................................... $314
Total comprehensive cost......... $72,370

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 2019-20 academic year, institutional aid totaling approximately $62 million was awarded to about 52% of undergraduate students. About 60% received some form of aid, including government grants and loans. The average total aid package for first-year students with financial need is about $39,500, which includes need-based grants, scholarships, loans and student employment.

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Location Lewisburg, the seat of Union County, population 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). Scheduled airline service is available at the Harrisburg International Airport and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, while American Airlines serves the Williamsport Regional Airport.