

# GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Bonaventure University, a Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, is an independent, co-educational institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs.

The St. Bonaventure campus in southwestern New York is spread over 500 acres in a valley surrounded by the Allegheny foothills on Route 417 between Olean and Allegany and about two miles from Exit 24 of the Southern Tier Expressway, I-86. The University is accessible by car, bus and commercial airlines, which land in Buffalo and nearby Bradford, Pa. The mailing address is 3261 W. State Road, St. Bonaventure, N.Y. 14778.

## History

St. Bonaventure University was founded through the initiative and dedicated efforts of Nicholas Devereux, a large landholder and financier from Utica, N.Y., with the cooperation and support of John Timon, Bishop of Buffalo, and members of the Franciscan Order. Their dream has flourished, and St. Bonaventure University has expanded greatly during more than 150 years of existence. In 1854, the two promoters persuaded a group of friars from Italy to venture to America and establish a Catholic college and seminary in Western New York. Principal among these Franciscans was Fr. Pamphilus da Magliano, who later became the college's first president.

On Oct. 4, 1858, the Feast of St. Francis, the formal dedication of the new school was held on the tract of land donated by Devereux. It was then that the college was named after St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, the Patron of Franciscan Studies and Learning. St. Bonaventure College held its first Commencement Exercise in June 1860, graduating a class of 15 students. Since then the university has grown to more than 2,000 students.

The college was provisionally chartered on March 1, 1875, by an Act of the Regents of the State of New York, "For the instruction in the learned languages and in the liberal and useful arts and sciences." In the 1920s the college developed a full-time graduate program, which has continually expanded since that time. Early in this century St. Bonaventure also became home to the School of Franciscan Studies and the Franciscan Institute. The permanent Charter of Incorporation of the college was granted by the state of New York in 1883, and in 1950, after nearly a century of operation, St. Bonaventure was named a university by the Board of Regents.

## Mission and Vision

Founded in 1858, St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence in the Franciscan tradition. We are committed to the constant pursuit of distinction in our undergraduate and graduate programs, our innovative liberal arts core and all of our courses of study.

At St. Bonaventure University, we come to know our students on an individual basis and become their mentors. We strive to bring out the best in every individual. As an academic and spiritual community, we endeavor to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers as well as in their personal lives. True to our Franciscan heritage, we encourage students to manifest our values through lives of citizenship and service.

## Values Statement

As a Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, we dedicate ourselves to the following Core Values and to making them live and thrive at St. Bonaventure:

### Discovery

We steadfastly pursue intellectual, spiritual and personal growth in a way that reflects our belief in the wonder, excitement and joy of discovery along life's good journey. Central to that journey is an appreciation for the best that has been thought, written and discovered. It is our firm intent that our faculty and students add to this body of knowledge, sharing the adventure of inquiry in an atmosphere of academic freedom, both within and outside the classroom.

### Community

We believe in an inclusive community that values diversity as a strength.

We foster and celebrate practices that nurture living and learning in an atmosphere of caring, respect and mutual accountability. We seek to enhance the quality of life in the world around us, particularly by reaching out to the poor, the less fortunate and the disadvantaged. We not only demonstrate this spirit of community on our campus; we manifest it wherever we go.

### Individual Worth

At the core of our identity is a strong belief in the goodness of life and the God-given worth of every individual. We treat all members of our community with dignity and strive to help them reach their full potential.

We commit ourselves to actions that empower all members of the St. Bonaventure community and encourage their full participation in creating our future.

### Statement of Distinction

At St. Bonaventure University, we strive to foster the development of knowledgeable, skilled, compassionate and ethical individuals by mentoring students within vitally engaging learning environments, ever mindful of such Franciscan values as individual dignity, community inclusiveness, and service to others. We will be the premier Franciscan institution of higher learning in North America, and, as such, we will have the resources and endowment befitting our university's mission, age and tradition.

## Graduate Studies Mission

The School of Graduate Studies is committed to advancing the Mission, Values and Vision of St. Bonaventure University as they relate to graduate studies. This commitment is embraced in the academic and spiritual context of the university and is inclusive of programs, faculty, students and support staff.

### Goals

- Offer graduate degrees and non-degree programs and courses that are challenging, rewarding, accessible and contemporary.
- Recruit and retain quality faculty.
- Recruit quality students.
- Achieve excellence in graduate programs.
- Pursue distinction of graduate programs.
- Contribute to the general body of knowledge through faculty and student scholarship.

- Encourage participation of all qualified individuals - students, faculty or staff – in the graduate studies environment.

## Academic Structure

Under the leadership of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Council, the School of Graduate Studies oversees the administration and standards of all graduate study offered by the graduate faculty.

This oversight includes all aspects of graduate student admission and enrollment. Graduate classes are taught primarily by full-time St. Bonaventure University faculty.

## School of Business

Through its graduate programs, the School of Business strives to provide students with:

- the theoretical base, tools, and techniques that will enable them to pursue successful careers as leaders and decision makers in business, government, and nonprofit organizations;
- a curriculum that enables them to develop moral and ethical values with respect for all persons, oral and written communication skills, state-of-the-art technological skills, a global perspective; and
- abundant opportunities for interaction with a faculty who have a blend of academic and professional experiences.

**Master of Business Administration:** The M.B.A. program is offered in four formats: part time, full time, weekends only and online. The part-time and full-time formats are offered on the University's Main Campus.

The weekend format is generally considered full-time study (though part-time is possible) and is offered at the Buffalo Center located on the Hilbert College campus in Hamburg, N.Y., where new classes begin every five weeks (and new MBA students may enter the program with any new class). In the new online format, the Master of Business Administration program uses a seven-week term format, with two terms in each semester. Students in the graduate MBA program can choose among tracks in accounting, finance, marketing, and general management.

## School of Education

The School of Education is dedicated to furthering the mission of the university and to incorporating Franciscan culture and values into the preparation of expert educators for the 21st century. It provides a deep, broad, and inclusive professional preparation with a strong academic core. The School, through structured experiences, mentoring, and attention to individual learner needs and goals, seeks to prepare educators who can connect their Franciscan culture and academic and professional curricula to learners and learning communities of the future.

Operating within a conceptual framework of "Education@SBU: A Journey to Excellence" with an emphasis on Competence, Experience, and Social Justice, all professional preparation programs foster inquiry, reflection, strong collegial relationships, leadership in the change process, and dedication to lifelong learning. Graduate programs in the School of Education emphasize strong research and information-gathering skills, integrated use of technology for both teaching and learning, and practical application of theory and research. For all school-practitioner graduate degrees in the School of Education, students are expected to complete two courses (six credit hours) in a common graduate core designed to support and enhance graduate-level study in the education professions.

## Jandoli School Communication

The School of Communication offers the Master of Arts degree in Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) and a fully online Master of

Arts in Strategic Leadership. IMC is offered in either an in-class or fully online format.

## St. Bonaventure University Campus

**Technology Services** provides technology support to all members of the campus community. Our computing facilities include general use computer labs, academic department computer labs, campus-wide WiFi coverage, the MySBU campus portal and our Moodle learning management system.

**Friedsam Memorial Library** has built, and continues to build, a strong traditional collection of materials (over 250,000 books, 1,300 periodical subscriptions and 60,000 bound periodical volumes), along with developing access to electronic sources. The library seeks not only to support university instruction with appropriate materials and access, but also to foster independent investigation and research by the university community.

The library maintains a reference department to assist patrons in using its collections and developing research strategies. An Ask Us 24/7 service is available where you can chat online with a qualified librarian who can assist you with many aspects of using the library, and an interlibrary loan service is available to obtain materials from other institutions.

Both reference and interlibrary loan services are available via e-mail or telephone. Many of the library's electronic resources and services are available on its web page (<http://www.sbu.edu/friedsam>).

The library also has collections of unique resources that are of national and international importance. In its coverage of the Franciscan movement the Franciscan Institute Library is unmatched in the western hemisphere and can be equaled by only a few European libraries. The Rare Book Collection contains nearly 10,000 items, including late medieval manuscripts and early printed books.

**The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts** is the home of the University's Art Collection, which includes works of the Old Masters, Chinese porcelains, early American and contemporary artists, and art from the Mayan and Indian cultures. Additional facilities include the Rigas Family Theater.

Music, theater and visual arts instructional spaces and galleries presenting the University Art Collection, national touring artists and student work are also housed in the Center. The F. Donald Kenney Museum and Art Study Wing includes two galleries, a lithograph study room and support spaces.

**The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center**, a recreation facility that opened in fall 2004, houses three basketball courts, a weight room, two racquetball/squash courts, cardio area, jogging/walking track, locker rooms, equipment checkout, climbing wall and multi-purpose aerobics room. The center is 45,000 sq. ft., with a large central atrium and two floors.

**The Reilly Center** is St. Bonaventure's largest building, providing a sports arena (Bob Lanier Court) seating 5,480 spectators, the Athletic Hall of Fame, a swimming pool and other athletic facilities, The Damietta Center, WBSU radio, lounges, snack bar, Career and Professional Development Center, Post Office, international studies, University Bookstore, Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), ROTC offices, classrooms and other offices. The university also has a nine-hole golf course.

**Hickey Dining Hall** offers a wide variety of dining options to students from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Rathskeller, an on-campus club, is in the basement,

and Café La Verna, a gourmet, wireless coffeehouse serving Starbucks products, opened in 2007.

**Hopkins Hall** houses the offices of the president, academic vice president/vice president for academic affairs, graduate dean, admissions, business, financial aid, human resources, institutional research, and purchasing.

**The John J. Murphy Professional Building** is home to the Jandoli School of Communication and School of Franciscan Studies. It contains the 400-seat Dresser Auditorium, lecture classrooms, specialty classrooms, and dean and faculty offices. It also includes a broadcast journalism lab and television studio.

**The William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center** opened in 2013 and is home to the School of Business. It features a financial services lab with electronic ticker tape, a corporate boardroom, state-of-the-art classrooms, break-out areas, spaces for student collaboration, team building, and faculty research, a dean's suite, innovative technology uses, and a serious commitment to sustainability.

**Plassmann Hall and Annex** house the offices of the arts faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education. It contains classrooms, offices, seminar rooms, a clinic room and a modern language laboratory. Student Services is also housed here.

**De La Roche Hall** houses some offices of the science faculty, classrooms and laboratories.

**The William F. Walsh Science Center** opened in 2008. The 46,500-square-foot facility houses state-of-the-art computer science, laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a Natural World lab, a 150-seat indoor amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for better student-teacher accessibility.

## Housing

Limited housing on campus is available for single graduate students in Francis Hall on the St. Bonaventure University campus only. In addition, there are numerous living opportunities in the surrounding community. For information call the Housing Office at (716) 375-2009.

## Buffalo Center

The graduate programs are offered in an innovative weekend format at the University's Buffalo Center, located at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y., and are a convenient option for busy professionals.

Graduate programs offered through the Buffalo Center include business administration, differentiated instruction, differentiated instruction - students with disabilities, educational leadership, school administrator certification, school, and clinical mental health(see program sections for more details on master's and certificate options).

The center's phone number is (716) 646-1500. The following Hilbert buildings are open to SBU students:

## Facilities

The college library, computer laboratories, cafeteria, and campus facilities are available to St. Bonaventure students during the week, including evenings and on Saturdays. Students are issued library cards so they may use libraries at St. Bonaventure, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Buffalo State College.

**Bogel Hall** is a two-story classroom building, equipped with an elevator and accessible to those who are physically challenged.

**The McGrath Library** is one of the major resource units that support academic programs. Four librarians and one technician staff the spacious two-story facility. The library houses in its collections in excess of 33,000 books and an extensive non-book materials collection including audio, video, and microform resources. A serials collection includes more than 400 current professional, popular, and scholarly journals and newspapers.

**The Campus Center**, a two-story structure located directly behind Franciscan Hall, is the hub of the social and dining activities. The campus bookstore is located here.

**Paczesny Hall** features high-tech classrooms, faculty offices, seminar rooms and laboratories.

## Graduate Societies

### Alpha Mu Alpha

National Honor Society in Marketing. This society honors outstanding men and women for scholastic excellence in the field of marketing.

### Beta Gamma Sigma

International Honor Society in Business Administration, honoring outstanding men and women for scholastic excellence in the field of business.

### Chi Sigma Iota

National Honor Society in Counselor Education. This society honors outstanding men and women for scholastic excellence in the field of counselor education.

### Phi Delta Kappa

Graduate fraternity in Education. Major purposes of Phi Delta Kappa include promotion and improvement of education through a continuing interpretation of the ideals of research, service and high-quality leadership.

### Pi Lambda Theta

International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education.