BUILD YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo The State University of New York

the academies
a living and learning community
experience it
As a member of the Academies you will:

• Build lasting relationships among students, faculty, and staff.
• Become a valued member of our tight-knit community.
• Share a centralized physical space for congregating, collaboration, and camaraderie.
• Learn from theme based seminars, workshops, speakers, social gatherings, and excursions.
• Have the choice to live in a special dorm, where fellowship and opportunities can be readily shared.
• Engage in local, regional, national, and international communities.
• Go deeper with internships, externships, summer and intersession programs, seminars, scholarships, and more.

The Academies connects students from all majors to a community of supportive faculty, staff, and peers, enhancing the UB experience through the integration of academic exploration, community involvement, and personal growth.

OUR MISSION

PULL UP A CHAIR
AND JOIN US
The five academies offer independent programs and services tailored to students’ interests and studies in Civic Engagement, Entrepreneurship, Global Perspectives, Research Exploration, and Sustainability.

1. Civic Engagement:
The Civic Engagement Academy connects you to a community of active students interested in being informed, skilled citizens committed to serving the public good.

2. Entrepreneurship:
The Entrepreneurship Academy strives to harness your entrepreneurial and innovative spirit and provides you with opportunities to connect with entrepreneurs and investors.

3. Global Perspectives:
The Global Perspectives Academy explores how individuals connect with each other around the world to give you an understanding of the global challenges of the 21st century.

4. Research Exploration:
The Research Exploration Academy jump-starts your undergraduate research experience by developing your research skills in a collaborative environment and connecting you with research resources at UB.

5. Sustainability:
The Sustainability Academy provides a center for your interest in understanding and developing sustainability including efforts to balance ecological integrity, economic development equity in your own lives and in the wider world.
FRESHMAN HOUSING

Students residing in the Academies Residential Community attend activities, events, and workshops specifically designed to promote and enhance the community. Space in this community is limited to approximately 200 students and is available on a rolling basis until space is filled.

In Academies Housing, you will:

• Identify other students with similar interests so that you can more quickly make new friends and get involved in activities that mean the most to you.
• Become a part of the tight knit community where everyone knows your name.
• Be among the first to know what is going on in the residence hall and on campus through the Resident Assistants, Academic Assistants, Academies staff and Academic Directors.
• Take advantage of the Residential Community lounge space for quiet study time or Academies events.
WHO ARE YOU?

The ideal Academies member IS ONE WHO LIKES TO EXPLORE, ENGAGE AND DISCOVER HIS OR HER COMMUNITY. WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS FROM ALL MAJORS TO EXPLORE BROAD, INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS THROUGH SEMINARS, OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, AND THE MYRIAD OF CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. You can make the most of this unique opportunity to build your own experience without having to meet any set requirements.

Meet a couple of academies students:

Daniel Ovadia is a senior business administration major from East Meadow, NY. He has been involved in a variety of campus activities, including SA, Late Night UB, and served as both Orientation Leader and Student Representative to the UB Council. In recognition of these and many other accomplishments, Dan was named a WNY Prosperity Scholar, and now has his eyes set on a JD/MBA dual degree. Dan credits his experience with The Academies for getting him involved with campus life, and for expanding his place in the UB community.

“One of the most special components of The Academies is that Academies students are involved all across campus, and are always willing to offer help to the new members. You see The Academies upperclassmen that are active on campus and it lets you know that you can do it, too.”

Faculty and Staff

• Meet with students 1 on 1 to provide individualized advisement
• Assist students in finding and securing internship and research opportunities
• Are available to help students navigate their UB experience
• Coordinate and facilitate co-curricular activities such as community trips, group discussion on relevant topics, and alumni networking events

>> Be the next Academies student! To join, simply visit our website: academies.buffalo.edu and submit an application.
ACADEMIES SEMINARS

Seminar courses are taught by Academic Directors and distinguished UB faculty to provide residential and commuter students with a common seminar experience through which they will receive a grade and earn 1-2 academic credits. Past seminar topics include:

- Exploration of civic engagement on Buffalo’s West Side, in which students developed service and improvement projects.
- Writing a business plan from the ground up, in which entrepreneurial ideas are put to work. Students developed and presented a business plan at the conclusion of the seminar.
- Learning about the globalization of cultures, using critical thinking, research, writing and presentation skills to communicate about active engagement in today’s world.

EXPLORE AND MORE

The Academies goes beyond the classroom. Each semester is loaded with programs and special events designed to further enrich the interactive academic experience. Programs include visiting keynote speakers, international film screenings, empowerment conferences, group retreats, and much more.
Each semester, The Academies chooses themes to explore based on the interests of students, faculty and staff. These topics illuminate University and community resources, bringing current events to students through presentations, workshops, excursions and facilitated discussions.

- The 24/7 News Cycle
- Fluid Culture: Exploring Water, Globalization and Culture
- Civic Engagement: Creative ReUse
- Sustainability: Healthy Water, Healthy Community through a Blue Economy
- Global Perspectives: Majority Rule, Minority Rights
- ArtsMANIA: Highlighting the Arts

Global CINEMAspectives
48 Good Books and 48 Good Films
Pitch Competition

Entrants will have 90 seconds to make their pitch, and they will not be able to use PowerPoint, Prezi, or other visual aids as a part of their presentation. Individuals and/or teams may only submit one entry. The pitch must address these key questions:

- What is the problem that you are solving?
- How are you solving it?
- Who are you solving it for?
- How is your solution different from existing solutions?

Individuals or teams of up to five University at Buffalo students (undergraduate and graduate) may compete, but only one person is allowed to pitch. Register by April 2nd.

Students/teams will have the opportunity to learn strategies for giving the perfect pitch at the workshop being held Friday, April 5th 1:00pm—2:00pm in Norton 17.

Pitch Competition Prizes supported by Bruce Holm Memorial Catalyst Fund

Winners will be recognized as follows:

- 1st Place $1000
- 2nd Place $500
- 3rd Place $300

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