

# CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS ON BU BRAIN

## STEP 1: Access Your Account

Go to BU Brain via Binghamton's portal, [my.binghamton.edu](http://my.binghamton.edu), and then select the "Financial Aid" tab

## STEP 2: Options and Actions

Once on the Financial Aid tab, select from several options to access your Binghamton University Financial Aid Award offer information, review requirement messages, and accept or decline loans. NOTE: You can view prior award years by selecting from the drop-down in the top right corner of the page.

### Here's a quick overview of your options:

Choose option	Then Choose Action
HOME	<p><b>REVIEW</b> "unsatisfied" requirements that may prevent awards from being applied to your bill.</p> <p>Click on the "unsatisfied" requirement to be directed to a link, if applicable. Click on the arrow next to any "unsatisfied" requirement for more detailed information.</p> <p><b>VIEW</b> a list of helpful links</p>
AWARD OFFER	<p><b>VIEW AND/OR PRINT</b> Click on "View your SUNY Financial Aid Plan" for a pdf of your Financial Aid Plan.</p> <p><b>REVIEW</b> your award offer.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT OR DECLINE LOANS</b></p> <p>To ACCEPT a loan offer, scroll down to the "Loans" section of the page. Open the drop-down box next to the loan offer.</p> <p><i>** Accepted student loans will be automatically split between fall and spring semesters, including modified amounts**</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the full amount of the loan offer(s), in the drop-down box select "Accept" and then click the "Submit " button.</li> <li>To accept a PARTIAL loan offer, in the drop-down box select "Modify" and enter an amount in the box, click "Ok", and then click the "Submit " button.</li> <li>To DECLINE the loan offer, in the drop-down box select "DECLINE" and then click the "Submit " button.</li> <li>Once a student takes action online for loans (accept or decline), further changes can ONLY be made by contacting Financial Aid.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Important Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once a student takes action online for loans (accept or decline), further changes can ONLY be made by contacting Financial Aid.</li> <li>Accepted student loans will be automatically split between fall and spring semesters</li> <li>First-time student borrowers accepting loans must complete an Entrance Counseling and an electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <a href="http://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a>.</li> <li>Parents of undergraduate, dependent students must apply and be credit-approved for a Parent PLUS Loan. To apply and complete an MPN, parents can go to <a href="http://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information, go to <a href="http://www.binghamton.edu/financial-aid">www.binghamton.edu/financial-aid</a></p>	
FINANCIAL AID HISTORY	<b>VIEW</b> all accepted aid received while at Binghamton University.
NOTIFICATIONS	<b>REVIEW</b> any active messages pertaining to your financial aid package.
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS	<b>VIEW</b> your financial aid academic progress status - <b>updated after each semester you attend.</b>

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