

From one Scholar to Another
the scholars' guide



The “Keeping Ahead” Edition

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Forward

On “scholars”

Sure, maybe you aren't a Binghamton University Scholars Program scholar, but that is not the only way to be a scholar. I'm personally not doing things that other people are: TAs, departmental Honors Programs, double majors, minors, scholarships, and so on. Any of which are as impressive if not more impressive than what I've accomplished. Yes, the Scholars Program is a good thing to be in, but hey, **there are plenty of other good things to be in.**

I dare you to do one. Make yourself a scholar.

From One Scholar to Another: *the scholars' guide*

The university comprises many offices and is large enough that perhaps the left hand is not always aware of what the right is up to. Much useful information is found online, but is organized differently depending on department, person, and date published.

This document, *the scholars' guide*, is designed to organize information in a way that maximizes choice. The information is collected as an overview of resources, which is emphasized in a few distinct categories, some more than others:

- 1. Know thy resources**

Understanding BU's resources enables you to better set up events and participate.

- 2. Challenge yourself academically**

Take some serious stuff. The honors program in your department, a difficult foreign language, another hard class. Use think juice.

- 3. Get a job**

Because you will someday, might as well be today.

- 4. Culturally enrich yourself**

The university may be your last chance to see such a diverse cross section of culture and humanity. Make the most of it.

- 5. Get involved**

A student group, volunteering, do SOMETHING.

- 6. Build your professionalism**

An appeal for experiential education and volunteering.

The “Keeping Ahead” Edition

This was originally written to fulfill a Scholars Program requirement, but has since been updated and expanded. At one point in my undergraduate career, I teased someone that the Scholars Program kept me ahead of him, which, while not true, he probably deserved. Well, now you too can keep yourself ahead of him. Unless he reads the guide.

1. Know Thy Resources

First year Cans and Can'ts – a crash course

Can I...?	Freshman year	First year Transfer
Overload more than 18 credits? (THEP, MUSP, CEO courses are exceptions)	Can't 1 st semester	Can't 1 st semester
Take 200/300/400/graduate level courses?	Yes, if you have the prerequisites.	Yes, if you have the prerequisites.
Declare a major?	Can't 1 st semester, for Harpur. Others vary. 12 BU cred required first.	Yes
Take AlcoholWise?	Yes, you have to.	Only if you want to.
Live off-campus?	No. Exceptions: being local resident, 21+, married, or otherwise approved by Reslife	Yes
Live in Hillside or Susquehanna on-campus apartments?	No. Exceptions: married or family in Susquehanna, otherwise approved by Reslife	Yes
Have a car on campus?	Can't if on-campus freshmen. Would need Parking Services' approval, such as through being a local resident.	Yes
Pledge to a frat/sorority?	Can't during 1 st semester. 12 cred at BU required, 2.5 GPA, matric, full time, and form submission.	Yes, but 12 credits from elsewhere required.
Study abroad?	Can't in 1 st semester.	Can't in 1 st semester.
National Student Exchange?	Can't during 1 st year.	Can't during 1 st year.
Apply in fall to be an RA for the spring (2 nd semester)?	No. Must be on campus for 2 semesters before starting job.	Yes, if lived on campus at previous institution.
Apply in fall to be an RA for the next fall (3 rd semester)?	Yes.	Yes

People Resources

- **RA/Resident Assistant:** for everyone living on campus, this is your one-stop go-to resource on campus. Yours lives on your floor or in your building or building area.
- **DA/Discovery Advisor:** the academics, career, office resources, and study habits advisor.
- **RD/Resident Director:** Adult live in professionals, they oversee the RAs. The on-campus Apartment communities each have one **CD/Community Director**. Need a staff reference?
- **Faculty Master:** Kind of like the principal for the area, another great resource. Faculty masters are professors and so understand the intricacies of the university on many levels.
- **Instructors:** whether they are professors or TAs, they all have **office hours**. Go to them.

Online Personal Resource Hubs

1. The **BU SSL VPN**, or Secure Sockets Layer Virtual Private Network, is a *very* useful tool to use from an off campus computer or your own computer on campus. Online at **ssl.binghamton.edu**, instructions: <http://pods.binghamton.edu/Accessing%20SSL.html>.

The SSL provides three major unique resources:

- **Bingview** – virtual desktop access, providing use of programs you may not own, such as Publisher and other office programs
- **FTP** – downloadable free antivirus software, as well as other things. Antivirus software is crucial to being able to access the campus network
- **H-Drive** – save and upload files from your personal networking drive. Most convenient way to access files from various different computers.

While you don't need the SSL for most BU websites, it is a good place to start looking into BU online resources.

2. **my.binghamton.edu** – Still in beta, this is a gathering of many important info sources that you would otherwise repetitively type in, and other shortcuts under one sign in. Looking quite impressive.
 - Info links include: **QuikPAY** (bill payment), **Blackboard** (course info), **BU Brain**/"Self Service Banner" (personal and registration info), **B-mail** (official email), **eRecruiting** (job/internship info) and Optimal Résumé (résumé tools) in the career development tab
 - Nice shortcuts: class schedule with map (though no Fall 2010 yet), daily photo, account balance, the best of the CDC, BU alert line, **RAVE**/BU alert texting sign up, and many library services

3. **bMobi**

If you have an iThing or Blackberry, download this handy app from the website at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/mobi/>. Includes maps and other useful things, mostly designed for the new student. Or waste your time online at m.binghamton.edu.

4. **The Bulletin**

This encyclopedic reference is the end all be all for Binghamton University information. Explore at your leisure at bulletin.binghamton.edu.

2. Challenge yourself academically

Major Steps

- When you decide your major, you should look into the **honors program** within the department as well.
- Taking a **minor**, or even doing a **double major**, is easier to set up the sooner you know what you want to do. Global studies minor anyone?
- If you are really bold, look into doing the **Individualized Major Program (IMP)**, by 1st semester in junior year: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/harpur/advising/imp/index.html>. Harpur students only.
- **Independent Study**: variable credit bearing, through your department
- Seek out **internships** through the Career Development Center (cdc.binghamton.edu)
- **Study Abroad** at oip.binghamton.edu, or do the **National Student Exchange Program**, which is US and Canada based (at nse.binghamton.edu)
- **Scholarships**: the Office of External Scholarships provides not only welcome scholarship advice, but also guidance on getting into graduate schools, summer internships, and other involvement opportunities. At scholarships.binghamton.edu, and look for Janice McDonald in CIW 107.

Medium Steps

- **Take difficult but meaningful classes** that you know you will get something out of, even if they require a lot of effort. Statistics, calculus, Chinese, Japanese are all good examples of such classes.
- **You are able to take graduate courses in your own major**. Just make sure that you like what you are getting yourself into.
- **Give tutoring** through the Center for Learning and Teaching/CLT (or EOP, SSS, Writing Center), if you want to understand a subject better. At <http://www2.binghamton.edu/clt/>.
- **Get tutoring** if you need to for the same reason: there's no shame in it.
- Languages Across the Curriculum (**LxC**): Enables you to use your already established second language (or third, or fourth...) in other capacities. At <http://lxc.binghamton.edu/>.
- Do research as a **Research Assistant**. There can be credit or other benefits from this. Go to your department's website and take a look at the faculty's listed interests to find who matches your own. Some departments, like bio, have classes that prepare for research.
- Become a **TA** (Teaching Assistant). Typically requires doing well in a class, then working out with the professor to become one. Receives credit and/or money.
- Become a **DA** (Discovery Assistant), who does peer academic advising, through discovery.binghamton.edu. Hint: look into the "News" section...
- Become a **Peer Assistant** through your school's advising department. There is usually credit earned for this, as in Harpur and CCPA, but check elsewhere.

Quiet Study Locations

- Bartle Library: <http://library.binghamton.edu/locations/floorplans/index.html>
 - 1st Floor East Reading Room (by elevator)
 - Fine arts area, 1st floor (through Newcomb Reading Room)
 - 2nd floor at mezzanine, patio
 - North Reading Room, 2nd floor, around stairs to Fine Arts
 - 3rd floor surrounding restrooms in center, corners
 - 4th Floor areas, in center between sets of stairs
- Science Library: <http://library.binghamton.edu/locations/floorplans/index.html#Science>
 - Ground floor has many small study areas.
 - 1st floor, aka the one with printers. Several areas in non-computer half of room.
 - 2nd floor has three study areas sandwiching the periodicals.
- University Downtown Center: <http://ic.binghamton.edu/udc-library/>
 - Five study carrels on 1st floor (125 E-J)
 - Room 123 (Computer Pod)
 - Room 215 (Study Lounge with vending machines)
 - Room 328 (Graduate Computer Pod)
 - Room 357 (Graduate Student Lounge)
 - Room 450 (Student Lounge)
- Other
 - Hinman Library
 - Study lounge, if your hall has one.
 - The Memorial Courtyard, in Fine Arts

Group Study Locations

- Bartle Library
 - 1st Floor Info Commons: Group Study Presentation Practice Room: Sign up on door
 - Bartle Library 3rd Floor: four corner areas
 - Bartle Library 4th Floor: four corner rooms and four central rooms
 - Newcomb Reading Room
 - Fine Arts room: one room behind call numbers ML-MT
- Other
 - Science Library Main Floor (printer floor): back right, two rooms (108 and 111)
 - Science Library Ground Floor: two rooms, near QC-QD (G05 and G07)
 - UDC: Rooms 124A-D (Multi-media group study rooms)
 - Hinman Library: two corner rooms
 - AA G008: 24 hour in advance sign-up

3. Get a job

Job Postings

- **eRecruiting:** binghamton.experience.com. Some on and off campus jobs are posted here.
- The Financial Aid office has job information, especially for federal work-study
- Many departments post their own jobs on their own websites or in their actual offices. These include Campus Recreation, the library, Sodexo, and the bookstore.
- B-line announces when certain jobs are accepting applications, such as tour guide.
- Postings on bulletin boards around campus

Job Types – On Campus

- Some jobs are **Federal Work Study (FWS)**, which are available only to those who get it in their financial aid. FWS earnings are limited as up to \$750 a semester can be earned by working hourly within a FWS job. Only one FWS job can be held at a time.
- Any number of the regular jobs, called **student assistants**, can be held.
- The majority of jobs get paid by the hour, like SIA or bus driver.
- Some receive a stipend per semester, like ResCon and Late Nite E-board.
- Some jobs continue into the summer. Others are exclusively for the summer, and may include summer housing.
- RA is an exception, and is probably the most sought after job on campus, as in lieu of money RAs are compensated with a bed waiver for their own room and the D meal plan. The application process starts in the fall, as detailed on Reslife’s website. Applying to start in the spring starts earlier in the fall.
- All those in the partial lists are on campus

Paid Job Partial List

Job Title	Dept.	Link
Tour guide	Admissions	Announced thru B-line.
Baxter the Bearcat	Athletics	http://www.bubearcats.com/spirit/spirit-baxter.html
Athletics Jobs	Athletics	http://www.bubearcats.com/staff/jobs.html
Book store jobs	Book store	http://binghamton.bncollege.com/wcsstore/albany/images/ContentPhotos/employment_app.pdf
Event Staff	Campus Life	Campus Life Office (UU 145)
Late Nite Staff	Campus Life	Campus Life Office (UU 145)
Late Nite Prog.Board	Campus Life	Campus Life Office (UU 145)
Campus Rec Jobs	Campus Recreation	http://www2.binghamton.edu/campus-recreation/contact/employment.html

CLT Tutor	CLT	Go to CIW library as early as possible and inquire
Discovery Advisor (DA)	Discovery	http://www2.binghamton.edu/discovery/news.html
Discovery staff	Discovery	Go to CIW library as early as possible and inquire
EOP Tutor	EOP	Contact EOP
Events Center Staff	Events Center	http://www2.binghamton.edu/events-center/contact/index.html (on left)
ResCon	ITS	http://rescon.binghamton.edu/index.php?title=Rescon_Application
Computing Jobs	ITS	http://its.binghamton.edu/files/jobs/job_application.pl
Language Resource Specialist	Languages Across the Curriculum	http://lxc.binghamton.edu/employment.htm
Library jobs	Library	http://library.binghamton.edu/about/employment/studentemploy.html
Bus driver	OCCT	http://occt.binghamton.edu/index.php/driver-training
Late Nite Monitor	OCCT	http://occt.binghamton.edu/index.php/be-a-monitor
Safe Ride Jobs	Public Safety (University Police)	http://buescorts.wordpress.com/apply-for-a-job/
Student Manager	Reslife	Reslife offices
Residential Life Staff	Reslife	Reslife offices
Resident Assistant (RA)	Reslife	http://reslife.binghamton.edu/ra-selection/
Food Service	Sodexo	http://www.budining.com/index.php?p=employ_student
Student Info. Assistant (SIA)	Telecom	http://www.telecom.binghamton.edu/callcenter.html
Telefund Assistant	Binghamton Fund	Alumni relations office
Student Support Jobs	TRIO, Student Support Services	http://www2.binghamton.edu/student-support-services/job.html
Info Desk - Student Mgr	University Union	Office
UU Event Staff, other jobs	University Union	Office
BU escape	BU escape	http://escape.binghamtonsa.org/faq.htm
BSSL	BSSL	777-4144, office in New Union

Summer Job Partial List

Summer Staff	Campus Life	http://www2.binghamton.edu/orientation/staff/selection.html
Orientation Advisor (OA)	Campus Life	http://www2.binghamton.edu/orientation/staff/selection.html
CIW Summer Office Staff	Discovery	Posted in CIW dining hall area, and/or office
EOP Summer Jobs	EOP	http://eop.binghamton.edu/summer-employment.html
Physical Facilities Summer Jobs	Physical Facilities	http://www2.binghamton.edu/physical-facilities/summer-student-hiring.html
Conference Assistant (CA)	Reslife	Reslife offices, for summer
Summer RA	Reslife	Reslife offices

Unpaid Job Partial List

Title	Dept/Student group	Helpful Link/contact
Student Ambassador	BU Student Ambassador Program	Involvement.binghamton.edu
Harpur's Ferry Volunteer	Harpur's Ferry	http://harpursferry.org/
Hotline Counselor	High Hopes	Wait for GIMs at beginning of semesters
Student Conduct Board	Student Conduct	http://studentconduct.binghamton.edu/university_judicial_board2.html
Student Conduct Outreach Team (SCOT)	Student Conduct	http://studentconduct.binghamton.edu/jotjoin.html
Fellow	Previously lived Res. Area	Reslife Community Office
Transfer Mentor	Reslife	Reslife Community Office
Radio Jock	WHRW	http://whrw.org/membership.php
XCEL Leadership Consultant (XLC)	XCEL	http://www2.binghamton.edu/xcel/about/peer-consultants/

For Credit Partial List

Title	Dept/Student group	Helpful Link/contact
CCPA Peer Advisor	CCPA	CCPA
Harpur Peer Advisor	Harpur Advising	Harpur Advising
REACH Peer	Health Services	http://www2.binghamton.edu/health/education/peer-edu.html
TA	Department/School	Faculty. Some TAships get paid.
Writing center Tutor	Writing Center	www.writingcenter.binghamton.edu

4. Culturally Enrich Yourself

At college, you have an opportunity to expose yourself to a lot of things that you haven't before. Never before, and probably never again, will you have a convergence of cultures, peoples, backgrounds, and lives, all interacting together within a campus environment. Take advantage of everything you can here.

Student Run Cultural Groups

- Many student cultural groups are self-segregating, and this is nothing new. This is reinforced through when events are advertised in a non-English language. And sure, it is fine that groups should seek out people like themselves; that's what humans do. The *real* challenge is reaching out to others who are NOT the same culture
- Either way, **try to act against the grain and crash events with an open mind, and even join the group should you be so inclined.** The food is worth it.
- There are a couple places that have a listing of cultural groups, namely the Multicultural Resource Center's website at mrc.binghamton.edu, and the SA's at paws.binghamton.edu, but the real way to find out about one is to simply read an event flier and go to it. Keep in mind a bunch of these take place on Late Nite time.

Student Group Events

Many cultural groups have a major event that they put on, sometimes once a year. If you are going to go to anything, go to these. Among them:

- Hong Kong Exchange Square's (HKES) **Street Fair**
- Sul Poong's **Annual Concert**
- Binghamton Association of Mixed Students' (BAMS) **Singled Out**
- Chinascope's **Spring Festival**
- Rainbow Pride Union's **Annual Drag Show**
- Muslim Student Association's (MSA) **Bi-annual Banquet**
- Black Student Union's **Annual Comedy Jam**
- Caribbean Student Association's (CSA) **Carnival/Event**
- Asian Student Union's (ASU) **Asian Night**
- African Student Organization's **Culture Shock**
- Haitian Student Association's **Annual Date Auction**
- Turkish Culture Association's **Turkish Night, Annual Picnic and BBQ**
- BU Japanese Association's (BUJA) **Japan Night, Nippon Night**
- Hindu Student Council's **Annual Diwali Banquet**
- International Flag Dancers' **Annual Banquet**
- Phillipine-American League's (PAL) **Barrio Fiesta and PAL Banquet**
- Vietnamese Student Association's (VSA) **Vietnam Night**
- Taiwanese American Student Coalition's (TASC) **Night Market, Banquet**
- Chabad's **Purim Carnival**

The Culture of Binghamton University

The university has a culture all on its own, and although it is limited to the area, there are still a few places to go and things you should do, especially when it is your last chance to see them.

The Places

- **Memorial Courtyard:** The most silent, peaceful, sacred area on campus, nestled within the Fine Arts building. More info at courtyard.binghamton.edu.
- **Art Museums** in Fine Arts Building, Rooms 179 & 213. Info and hours at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/art-museum/index.html>.
- **Nature Preserve:** with multiple trails, an expansive area, and even some wifi, the university's largest classroom is part and parcel of its culture. Maps and so on at naturepreserve.binghamton.edu.
- **Greenhouse:** At Science III, the website biogreenhouse.binghamton.edu has self-guided tour scripts for their four climate zones. Go there M-F, 8AM to 4:30PM.
- **The Chenango Room:** At Science I, this little known restaurant is on the meal plan and quite delectable and reasonable. I think I've eaten about the entire menu.

The Things

- **Anderson Center:** Performances of all kinds in its three theatres. Schedule at anderson.binghamton.edu.
- **Theatre:** The Theatre Department puts on a variety of shows, the major ones being the mainstage season. At <http://www2.binghamton.edu/theatre/>. Certain residential communities, like Hinman and Dickinson, also put on their own productions.
- **Music:** At music.binghamton.edu, brochure has main performances, while the calendar of music events lists everything, some of which are free. Concerts are quite relaxing and nice, so check it out.
- **Late Nite Binghamton:** on Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 9PM, your Campus Life fee provides free movies, food, band performances, crafts, and more. There is always something to do at Late Nite. And that's nothing to cry about.
- **Major events:** Mark your calendars for Frost Fest and Spring Fling. They are the biggest events that we have.
- **International Student Coffee Hour:** The first Friday of every month at 3:30pm in the Old Union Hall. Who says you have to be international?
- Others
 - **Italian Coffee Hour:** Tuesdays from 1:15pm to 2:15pm at the Commons Café
 - **La Table Française:** Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, CIW Dining Hall
 - **La Mesa Española:** Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Hinman Dining Hall

5. Get involved

Involvement means working with a group; which groups you do work with depends on the kind of person you are and what risks you take. Also, you can even start your own student group, or even fraternity, if you are determined enough. You'll have to explore and try a lot of things, since no one student can do it all. And don't bite off more than you can chew: quality, not quantity.

Student Groups

- Student groups, **SA** chartered: **paws.binghamton.edu**. Student groups have a general membership and a directing E-board. They advertise their General Interest Meetings (**GIMs**) at the beginning of the year to entice new people into checking them out.
- **Student government**, Student Association/**SA**: At **sa.binghamton.edu**, binghamtonsa.org. Includes the **SAPB** (programming board), class councils, and Student Advocates. The Student Association is further divided into building, area, and campus wide E-board government, with parallel judicial and legislative branches.
- **Greek life**: professional and social fraternities/sororities at greeklife.binghamton.edu. They have a greater presence off campus.
- **Intramurals** and **club sports**: campusrecreation.binghamton.edu. Varying levels of athletic involvement, from recreational to competitive.
- **Division I athletics**: College sports teams at www.bubearcats.com.

Mixed Groups

“Mixed groups” is my term for groups that college students can get involved in and may contain their fair share of non-students as well, like staff or outside volunteers. Some that fall within these categories are not mixed, but others are.

- **University run groups**: Listed at involvement.binghamton.edu under “University Services, Committees, & Events”. These are university organized with the membership made up of students like a student group but with a faculty/staff member serving as a university liaison.
- **Music and theatre**: At music.binghamton.edu, theatre.binghamton.edu. Several ensembles and theatre groups exist for students on campus. Some are mixed, some aren't.
- **University departments**: Listed at involvement.binghamton.edu under “Departmental & Academic Honoraries”. Associated with an academic department or honor society.
- **Volunteer groups**: At volunteer.binghamton.edu. Besides the volunteer student groups, there are on and off campus groups that you can be a part of.

Group Online Resources

Everyone should have something to do with a student group, and getting involved within one is a good way to work towards being on an E-board and gain programming experience. Here's an online resource menu for the **who**, the student groups, which you can bring to the table.

What event and advertising help exists:

- From the Student Association: <http://www.binghamtonsa.org/index.php?page=evp>, includes info on transportation (**OCCT**), equipment (**BSSL**), ticket sales (**Box office**), and paper/card advertising (**Cold Copy**).
- Posting guidelines at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/union/posting-policy.html>.
- Dining hall table tents info through budining.com advertising section.
- Places to advertise include U UW stairwell and Dining halls (large posters), Union tabling, U UW and U U bulletin boards, and Library North bulletin boards.
- Online advertising through paws.binghamton.edu online bulletin boards
- Email advertising announcements through b-line.binghamton.edu

How to register a room or table:

- Student groups use <http://www2.binghamton.edu/union/reservation-form.html>
- Other room reservation guidelines: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/union/reservations.html>.

Where reservations are possible:

- Most room and AV info at <http://ecc.binghamton.edu/classroom.php>.
- Union rooms, dining hall info at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/union/Facilities.html>.
- Tillman Lobby and Food Court can hold 11 and 8 tables per day, respectively.
- The Chenango Room can be reserved through Sodexo. Details on main reservation form.
- Academic A, B and the University Downtown Center are not open to student groups

When rooms are available:

- **Webviewer** at r25.binghamton.edu has up to date room availability. You can view classrooms by seating size, alphabetically, and more.

6. Build your professionalism

Experiential education is hard to define, but I think of it as going one step beyond the familiar and comfortable systems of the university. But you can do more than just the one.

Here are the major forms of experiential education: volunteering, internships, study abroad/National Student Exchange, research, and summer and beyond. Summer opportunities are especially important and easy to lose track of. You have at least three summers to spend between years; use them more wisely than I have!

Volunteering and Community Service

- The new **Center for Civic Engagement (CCE)**, at www2.binghamton.edu/cce, is the campus volunteering powerhouse, located in CIW Library Room 130.
- As listed through the CCE's website, or directly at volunteer.binghamton.edu, volunteering is executed through various means:
 - through local community organizations
 - through and for on-campus university departments
 - and through student service groups
- The **Student Volunteer Center (SVC)**, at <http://busvc.blogspot.com/>, deserves mention as this student group coordinates and has contacts with many local volunteer organizations.

Internships

- Much of the **Career Development Center (CDC)** is dedicated to internships. Their website at cdc.binghamton.edu includes, among other things:
 - on and off campus internship links, by interest
 - the **eRecruiting** internship search
 - info on the JC Mentor Program
 - and an internship guide in the Quick Reference Section
- Also through the CDC, the **CDCI** program is the main credit-bearing internship program at BU, with internships searchable at eRecruiting at binghamton.experience.com. These are done a semester in advance and require attending a mandatory meeting then.
- Internships may be available through your school or department, so ask about them. After declaring your major, some departments put you on an email listserv or a **BlackBoard** organization to keep you informed of opportunities (like Anthropology).

Study Abroad/National Student Exchange

- **Study abroad** is studying for a period of time in a foreign country, typically a semester. The earliest to do so is the second semester, while the latest is the summer after senior year. Study abroad is carried out through Binghamton or another SUNY school program, but can also be set up through a non-SUNY school as transfer credit. Through oip.binghamton.edu.
- National Student Exchange (**NSE**) is set up in the spring for the next year, so you could be elsewhere earliest your third semester. This can be studying for a semester or as much as a calendar year at a US or Canadian school. Through nse.binghamton.edu.
- The more sedentary students who want some sort of international experience without having to leave Binghamton can look into “International Opportunities” on the CDC website, or look through oip.binghamton.edu. Programs include **Languages Across the Curriculum**, English Conversation Pairs, and the Global Studies minor.

Research

- As before, a prospective Research Assistant should visit their department’s website match their interest with a faculty members, and then approach them. There may be classes related to research within certain departments.
- The External Scholarships Office: scholarships.binghamton.edu. Research programs are within the Funding Opportunities for undergraduates; also look in summer opportunities.

Summer and Beyond

- The External Scholarships Office: scholarships.binghamton.edu. **Summer internships, summer research**, and more under “summer opportunities” listed at this site.
- A summer internship timeline is available at the CDC website. Search for it. They also list some summer stuff on eRecruiting, as well as outside links under “Other Ways to Gain Experience” under “Internships”.
- Also therein are the “Short-Term Opportunities”, links to agencies that’ll put you to work for a year. While you are there, look into the alumni career network (**ACN**).
- Look into summer jobs to coincide with taking class or to support an unpaid summer internship. Some through the university also cover on campus housing.

Professional Fraternities

Professional fraternities are not technically in themselves experiential education, but they are designed to connect you to the same. The Professional Fraternity Council website at <http://www.binghamtonpfc.com/> lists the fraternities as well as their corresponding profession.

Epilog

The scholars' guide is whatever you make of it. Paper airplanes, only printing certain pages to save on paper, tea cozy...

This was made to help level the playing field, mostly between those who easily become quickly acquainted and those who don't. Also between those who don't need help and those who do, those who are outgoing and those who are more shy, those that make connections stick to them like cotton candy and those that really need to visit the CDC.

This is not to encourage destructive competition, because if you are *already* overachieving, you can use this to be better at it. Everyone wins.

I wrote this also because I believe that too many opportunities are lost by a lack of coherent publicity. The university, being a large entity, has a very difficult time putting out all its helpful information to the student body in a way that it can be best used. Ultimately, it is time consuming to filter down and organize it into a package for easier consumption. That's where I come in.

The best person though, to organize your path at the university is undoubtedly you. The best "guide" to the university you will ever have is the one you create for yourself.

True, navigating as a BU student is largely self-directed, but this is not something you have to do completely on your own; far from it, as websites, offices, faculty, staff, fellow students, and strategically placed guides exist to help you on your way.

We hear about BU being a right fit, but part of that fit is hacking away at it until you're satisfied that it works for you.

I hope Binghamton is the right fit for you, as it has been for me.

Hack away, you scholar you!

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Appendix:

PODS Computers and Physical Electronics:

LiveMaps of computers, printers, and other equipment at <http://pods.binghamton.edu/livemaps.htm>. All computers are connected to the PODS printing server, Pharos, unless otherwise noted.

1. PODS Computers Main Locations (20+ computers)

- Academic A: AA G02, AA G04, **AAG06 = Duplex/Color/1Scan/no PODS computers in printing room, AA G14**
- Bartle Library: **Info Commons = Duplex/Color/Copy/1Scan/1BigScan/BUC\$, Mezzanine**
- Science Library **Info Commons = Color/Copy/2Scan/BUC\$**
- Library North: **LNG 102, LNG 103**
- Science II: **S2 134, S2 135**
- Science III: West Pod Classroom, **West Pod Front Room = 1Scan**
- UDC: **Info Commons = Duplex/Color/Copy/1Scan/BUC\$, UDC123, UDC328**
- Newcomb Reading Room's Instruction Lab in Bartle (*no connection to PODS printing). = **Copy/BUC\$**

2. PODS Specialty Labs – All in Fine Arts building. At <http://pods.binghamton.edu/sua.html#art>

- Art Department Design Center - FA327 = **Color/1Scan/no b and w**, contact department for use
- Music Department MIDI Lab - **FA146**, contact department for use
- *John Arthur Café has a single PODS computer in Fine Arts.

3. PODS Residential Satellite Labs

- **Brandywine 108**. Facing parking lot. *Requires Susquehanna resident key-in.
- **College in the Woods 107** (in CIW Library in Iroquois)
- **Hillside – Gameroom** (in Hillside Commons)
- **Hinman Library – 1Scan** w/ no printing from scanner's computer
- Mountainview: **Appalachian G02**

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“**Bolded Location**” = The actual room that has the **black and white simplex printer**.

Duplex = Two sided printer

Color = Color printer, paid from your BUC\$ account.

BUC\$ = BUC\$ community printer

Copy = Photocopier

#Scan = Number of scanners