

Financial Aid for Non-Matriculated Students

Overview

Non-matriculated (non-degree) students at Binghamton University may qualify for federal student loans and alternative private education loans, subject to approval.

- **Matriculated Students:** Those who have been accepted into a degree program.
- **Ineligible:** Students matriculated at another institution cannot receive aid as non-matriculated students at Binghamton University.

Eligibility for Federal Direct Student Loans

Non-matriculated students can access federal loans if:

1. The courses taken are prerequisites for a degree program at Binghamton University or another institution.
2. They apply for matriculation into an undergraduate or graduate program.

Loan Limits (12-month period)

- **Dependent Undergraduates:** Up to \$2,625
- **Independent Students & Dependent Students (Parent PLUS not available):** Up to \$8,625
- **Graduate Students:** Up to \$12,500

Important: If not matriculated after 12 months, students will lose federal loan eligibility but can apply for loans once they matriculate.

Requirements for Loan Eligibility

1. **Prior Approval:** Obtain academic approval for planned coursework.
2. **Credit Enrollment:** Enroll in a minimum of six (6) credits in approved prerequisite courses.
3. **FAFSA:** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the relevant aid year.
4. **Certification Form:**
 - Fill out the "Non-Matriculated Status Certification Form" and obtain required academic signatures.
 - Submit the form at the start of each semester loan funding is requested via the my.binghamton.edu portal.
5. **Submission:** Return the completed form through the Financial Aid and Student Records Document Submission link for review and loan eligibility determination.

Additional Loan Options

- **Parent PLUS Loan:** Available for parents/stepparents of dependent non-matriculated students through studentaid.gov.
- **Alternative Private Loans:** Non-matriculated students can apply for private loans, subject to credit approval and lender requirements.

Procedures for Completing the Non-Matriculated Status Form

For Undergraduate Students:

1. **Complete Section A** of the form.
2. **Obtain Signature:** Have Section B signed by an Academic Advisor at the prospective institution.
3. **Submit Form:** Return the completed and signed form via the **my.binghamton.edu** portal:

For Graduate Students:

1. **Complete Section A** of the form.
2. **Obtain Signature:**
 - If applying to Binghamton University: Have Section B signed by the Director of the Graduate Program.
 - If applying to another institution: Have Section B signed by an Academic Advisor at the prospective institution.
3. **Submit Form:** Return the completed and signed form via the **my.binghamton.edu** portal:

Section A: Student Information

Student's Name (print): _____ B-number: _____

Intended major: _____ Intended degree: _____ Undergraduate: Graduate:

Non-matriculated students can only receive student loans for one consecutive 12-month period. Please list the specific prerequisite course(s) you are registered for this semester. If you are not registered for these exact courses, your form will not be processed.

Semester: _____

Course Number	# of Credits	Course Title

I certify that I am registered for the listed courses and understand that failing to complete them will result in the loss of loan eligibility.

I intend to matriculate in a degree program at Binghamton University or _____ (other institution) and am not currently matriculated at any other institution.

I acknowledge that this form secures loan funding for the specified semester. If I plan to attend the next consecutive semester as a non-matriculated student and require additional loan funding, I will submit a separate form for that semester upon registration.

Student Signature *(handwritten signature required)*

Date

Section B: Academic Representative Certification

Instructions: This section must be completed and signed by the appropriate academic representative(s).

Course Requirement Certification

Select one option:

1. Required as prerequisites for admission in a degree program at:

- Binghamton University (Graduate only)
 Other Institution: _____

2. Not required as prerequisites for admission in a degree program at:

- Binghamton University (Graduate only)
 Other Institution: _____

Approval for Undergraduate Students

Academic Advisor at Prospective Institution:

Advisor Name (Printed): _____ Advisor Email: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Other Institution Name: _____

*Other Institution Advisor Name & Email (if questions): _____

Approval for Graduate Students

Director of Graduate Program at Binghamton University or Academic Advisor at Prospective Institution:

Advisor/Director Name (Printed): _____ Email: _____

Advisor/Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Binghamton Graduate Program (if applicable): _____

*Prospective Institution Name (if applicable): _____

Submit the completed and signed forms (student certification and academic representative signature page) through the Financial Aid and Student Records Document Submission link on the my.binghamton.edu portal.