

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK



OSWEGO
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

YOUR STORY STARTS HERE



IT ALL STARTS AT SUNY OSWEGO

Discover extensive programs, thrive in a vibrant campus community, and excel with dedicated faculty committed to your success. Benefit from personalized mentorship and support at an affordable cost, all by the shores of a great lake. Here, you'll become career and world-ready, poised for a successful future.

A TOP-RANKED UNIVERSITY

SUNY Oswego is consistently ranked among the nation's best regional public universities.

U.S. News & World Report, 2025

#14 Among Public Universities
"Regional Universities – North"

Money Magazine's

Best Colleges in America 2025

A Princeton Review

Top pick for 23 years straight

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF SUNY

As part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system, SUNY Oswego offers the benefits of belonging to the largest comprehensive university system in the United States. With 64 institutions and nearly three million alumni.



MAJOR ACCREDITATIONS

- > Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- > Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP)
- > Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- > Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET

WHY SUNY OSWEGO?

DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES

Educational exploration is a way of life at Oswego. Academics are rigorous, and learning goes way beyond sitting in a classroom — it's enhanced by new experiences, real-world research and project-based problem solving across all disciplines.

“SUNY Oswego allowed me to experience priceless opportunities with various colleagues and faculties. It was all things that I would never experience again.”

— Jiwoo Park, South Korea



\$1 BILLION
invested in better living
and learning spaces

150+
undergraduate and graduate
academic programs

35
countries represented

FACULTY COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

Dive into hands-on experiences with internships, pioneering research, and global study programs. Explore entrepreneurship, ignite your creativity, and learn from distinguished experts. Our personalized mentorship ensures you're not just prepared for your career but equipped to lead and innovate.

6,500+
Undergraduate and
graduate students

17
Average
class size

14:1
Student-to-
faculty ratio

550
Faculty

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Bobby Yeboah's research at SUNY Oswego focused on developing a method to identify biomarkers in diseases like cancer, which led to his acceptance into a Ph.D. program. His journey from Ghana to Oswego underscores the global impact of SUNY Oswego and the opportunities it offers for groundbreaking research and career advancement.



“I am grateful for all the experiences and knowledge I have gained throughout my undergraduate journey here at Oswego. I would not be where I am professionally in my career if it was not for all the diverse opportunities that have come my way and all the amazing people I have met.”

— Kaushal Joshi, Nepal



CAREER AND WORLD-READY

One of the strengths of a SUNY Oswego degree is its professional career network. From your first day as a Laker and for the rest of your life, Oswego is here to provide resources and support.

“The journey at SUNY Oswego has opened several doors of opportunities for me. Through the support of faculty, peers and resources I have grown professionally as well as academically. The opportunities provided at SUNY Oswego helped me clear my path towards my ultimate goal.”

— Janki Patel, India



94,000+ Alumni Network

Career Coaching and
Professional Guidance

Guaranteed
Alumni Mentorship



97%

Graduates are EMPLOYED or
CONTINUING EDUCATION

500+

Students in Internships Yearly

VIBRANT CAMPUS COMMUNITY



GET INVOLVED

With over **175** student-run clubs and organizations, there are countless ways to get involved and make lasting connections. Our campus is home to academic clubs, cultural clubs, and special interest groups.

RECREATION AND EVENTS

We have top-notch athletic and recreational facilities — an ice arena, tennis and beach volleyball courts, hiking trails, to name just a few — providing opportunities to participate in team sports, individual fitness activities, and outdoor adventures.

24

NCAA Division III Athletic Teams

30+

Intramural and Club Sports Teams

28

Facilities and Fields

HIGHLIGHTS

Student Employment

Over 2,000 students gain valuable experience through on-campus employment, helping them support their education while building professional skills. Whether working in research labs, assisting in administrative roles, or participating in student-run initiatives, these opportunities allow students to enhance their resumes, connect with peers, and enrich their college experience.

Rice Creek Field Station

Discover Oswego's 400-acre sanctuary for nature lovers and researchers. Immerse yourself in diverse ecosystems, engage in cutting-edge environmental research, and participate in educational programs. Wander through scenic trails that wind through forests, meadows, and wetlands, offering a tranquil retreat and a chance to observe local wildlife up close.



Health and Wellness

We prioritize student well-being by offering comprehensive physical, mental, and emotional support services. Our fitness centers feature a wide range of workout facilities, group classes, and personal training, providing everything you need to be successful.

Transportation

Oswego offers safe and convenient transportation. With a valid SUNY Oswego ID, you can ride campus and city buses for free, running Monday through Friday with stops around campus and in Oswego. Our student-developed app makes it easy to navigate these routes. For a small fee, buses also connect SUNY Oswego to surrounding areas, including Syracuse and major shopping centers.



CAMPUS SAFETY AND LAKESIDE CAMPUS



STUDY WITH A VIEW

Living at SUNY Oswego offers an unparalleled experience with the serene backdrop of Lake Ontario. The ever-changing vistas, from sunrise to sunsets, infuse tranquility and inspiration.

CAMPUS SAFETY

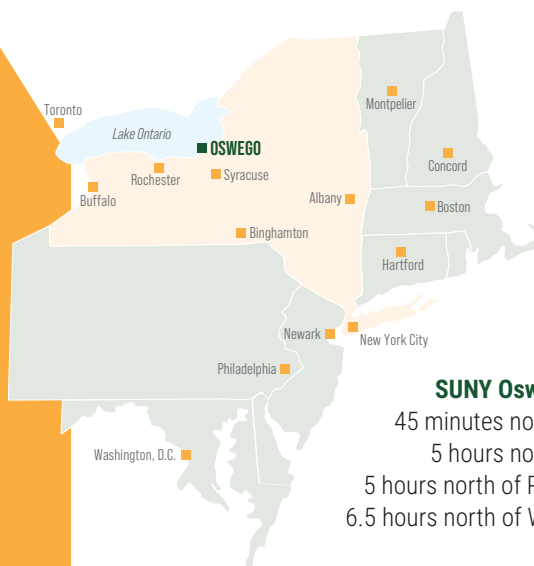
SUNY Oswego is committed to ensuring the safety of all students. Our campus features controlled dormitory access, 24-hour campus police, and a comprehensive emergency response system. We prioritize creating a secure environment so you can focus on your studies and enjoy campus life.

CAMPUS CUISINE

Our campus dining program offers diverse and delicious options, catering to a range of dietary needs with fresh, seasonal, and local ingredients.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Choose from various housing options based on academic interests, location, and layout. Each of our 11 residence communities offers a unique place for learning and social networking.



SUNY Oswego is located

45 minutes north of Syracuse
5 hours northwest of NYC
5 hours north of Philadelphia, PA
6.5 hours north of Washington, DC

HOW TO APPLY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Undergraduate

STEP ONE

Apply online:

oswego.edu/internationalundergrad-apply

STEP TWO

Pay application fee

STEP THREE

Submit required documents, including:

- > Official transcripts from all previously-attended institutions at the high school and university level (Minimum 2.5 GPA out of 4.0)
- > English proficiency score (TOEFL: 71, IELTS: 6.0, Duolingo: 100)

STEP FOUR

Accepted undergraduate students must also provide proof of financial support and a copy of the passport biographic page.

Graduate

STEP ONE

Apply online:

oswego.edu/internationalgrad-apply

STEP TWO

Pay application fee

STEP THREE

Submit required documents, including:

- > Sealed official college transcripts
- > WES Evaluation
- > English proficiency score (TOEFL: 79 for most programs, 83 for MBA; IELTS: 6.5, Duolingo: 105)

STEP FOUR

Accepted students must also provide proof of financial support and a scanned copy of the biographic page of the passport.

TUITION AND AID AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL

Oswego is recognized as one of the most affordable colleges in the Northeast, offering a high-quality education that allows students to pursue their academic and career goals with less financial burden. With a range of scholarships, financial aid options, and support, we empower students to achieve excellence and graduate with less debt.

For more details on tuition, scholarships, and financial aid, scan the QR code or visit: **oswego.edu/tuition-and-aid**



The Oswego Guarantee

We guarantee that the cost of on-campus housing and meal plans will increase no more than 5% each year, ensuring affordability and predictability for our students and their families.

MAJOR CHOICES

Our four colleges offer a broad mix of majors, minors, cooperative and pre-professional programs – plus graduate degrees and certificates that help you go even further.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

- > Anthropology
- > Biochemistry
- > Biology^H
- > Chemistry^H
- > Cognitive Science
- > Computer Science
- > Creative Writing
- > Criminal Justice^{O,S}
- > Economics^H
- > Electrical and Computer Engineering
- > English
- > Environmental Earth Science
- > French
- > Gender and Women's Studies
- > Geochemistry
- > Geology
- > German
- > Global and International Studies
- > History^H
- > Human Development^S
- > Information Science
- > Integrative Professional Studies^O
- > Language and International Trade
- > Linguistics
- > Mathematical Economics, Applied
- > Mathematics^H
- > Meteorology^H
- > Philosophy
- > Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- > Philosophy-Psychology
- > Physical Therapy 3+3^C
- > Physics^H
- > Political Science^H
- > Pre-Optometry 3+4^C
- > Psychology^H
- > Sociology
- > Software Engineering
- > Spanish
- > Statistics
- > Zoology

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- > Accounting
- > Business Administration^{O,S}
- > Finance
- > Human Resource Management
- > Marketing
- > Operations Management and Information Systems
- > Risk Management and Insurance

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND THE ARTS

- > Art (BA & BFA^P)
- > Broadcast and Digital Media^O
- > Cinema and Screen Studies
- > Communication
- > Graphic Design (BA & BFA^P)
- > Illustration (BA & BFA^P)
- > Interaction Design (BA & BFA^P)
- > Journalism
- > Music
- > Music: Audio Recording and Production
- > Public Relations^O
- > Theatre

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- > Adolescence Education (Grades 7-12)
- > Career and Technical Educator Preparation^O
- > Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
- > Health Promotion and Wellness Management^O
- > Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (All Grades)
- > Technology Education (All Grades)
- > Technology Management

5-YEAR PROGRAMS

- > Accounting (BS & MBA)
- > Broadcast & Digital Media/
Business Administration (BA & MBA)
- > Psychology/Business Administration (BA & MBA)
- > Psychology/Human-Computer Interaction (BA & MA)

ONLINE PROGRAMS

Oswego offers a selection of fully online bachelor's and master's degrees – providing flexibility without compromising quality.

oswego.edu/online

SYRACUSE CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Our downtown Syracuse location offers in-person undergraduate and graduate programs designed with commuters and working professionals in mind.

oswego.edu/syracuse

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Planning ahead? Explore 40+ graduate degrees and certificates – including options available online or in Syracuse.

oswego.edu/graduate

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- ^C Cooperative degree program
 - ^P Portfolio review required
 - ^H Honors in major available
 - ^O Fully online program
 - ^S Offered at Syracuse campus

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

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