



BUFFALO SEMINARY

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ACADEMIC PROFILE 2010-2011

SCHOOL

Founded in 1851, Buffalo Seminary is a small, selective, independent, non-sectarian, college preparatory girls' school. In 2009, a residential program was inaugurated, with students living in townhomes near the campus. Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is 168. One hundred percent of graduates enroll in four-year colleges. 42% of the students receive some form of financial aid. There are 20 full-time faculty members, 9 part-time. 65% hold degrees beyond a BA/BS. The student-teacher ratio is 10 to 1.

SCHOOL LIFE

Buffalo Seminary is dedicated to being a school where integrity, honesty, tolerance and concern for others are dominant forces. The academic Honor System requires each student to sign an Honor Pledge on all tests, papers, examinations and designated homework assignments. Each student has a faculty advisor, a mentor, who is responsible for monitoring academic and personal progress and helping to develop strategies for problem-solving. At each grade level, there is a class advisor who facilitates collective goal-setting, monitors class dynamics and gives support to class officers. There is a variety of committees, clubs and boards on which students gain leadership skills (School Government Association, Hornet-Jacket Board, Amnesty International, International and Cultural Awareness Clubs, Mock Trial, Math Club, Science Club, Art Club, Writers' Club, Sem Spotlight, *Seminaria*, Social Service Board, SADD, Spectrum). Opportunities abound in drama, vocal and instrumental ensembles. The athletic program provides interscholastic competition in the following sports: field hockey, soccer, swimming, crew, basketball, badminton, tennis, lacrosse, squash and golf.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Buffalo Seminary has the following requirements for graduation: English (4 units), History (3 units), Foreign Language (3 units), Mathematics (3 units), Science (3 units), Fine Arts (2 units). Honors and

Advanced Placement courses are offered, and seniors may choose from electives in English, Math, Foreign Language, Social Sciences, Science, Computer Science and Fine Arts. Seniors may take courses at neighboring colleges with permission. Each senior does a career exploration internship in the spring. It is the expectation that every Buffalo Seminary student contribute in a meaningful way to her community, both in and out of school.

COURSE DESIGNATIONS

AP (Advanced Placement) – Courses designed to prepare talented sophomores, juniors and seniors for Advanced Placement examinations

H (Honors) – Courses designed to provide more intensive study for students of superior ability and interest

No Letter Designation (Standard) – College preparatory course

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

A+	=	100-97
A	=	96-93
A-	=	92-90
B+	=	89-87
B	=	86-83
B-	=	82-80
C+	=	79-77
C	=	76-73
C-	=	72-70
D	=	69-65
F	=	64 or below – Failure

Students whose averages are 3.0 or greater earn Merit Roll; averages of 3.67 and 4.33 earn Honor and Highest Honors respectively. For this purpose alone, grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point scale, with added weight given to Honors and Advanced Placement courses.

CLASS OF 2011: 43 students

SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TESTING

Class of 2011 (through June 2010)

SAT I: Reasoning Tests (39)

	Mid 50% range	Mean
Critical Reasoning	490-630	560
Math	450-540	519
Writing	500-610	559
ACT (3)		
	Mid 50% range	Mean
Composite	20-25	23.3
English	22-27	24.7
Math	18-26	21.8
Reading	20-30	24.9
Science Reasoning	19-26	22.1

SAT II: Subject Tests

	Mid 50% range	Mean
Biology (14)	530-670	581
English Lit. (7)	590-640	640
French (1)	520-520	520
U.S. History	540-660	593
Chemistry (3)	420-590	517
Math I (3)	380-500	457
Math II (3)	550-750	647

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

It is Buffalo Seminary's policy that the reporting of Advanced Placement scores on official transcripts is left to the discretion of each senior. In the spring of 2010, 66 sophomores, juniors and seniors sat for 128 exams in the following subjects: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language/Composition, English Literature/Composition, European History, French Language, Physics C., Spanish Language, Statistics and U.S. History. The overall distribution of scores was:

5-19	4-28	3-36	2-27	1-18
15%	22%	28%	21%	14%

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Over a five-year period from 2006-2010, students of Buffalo Seminary have matriculated at the following colleges:

Agnes Scott	Howard	Syracuse
Allegheny (5)	Ithaca	Temple
American (3)	Johns Hopkins	Trinity (CT) (6)
Barry	Johnson & Wales	Tufts
Bates	Keuka	Tulane (2)
Bentley	Lake Forest (3)	Union
Berklee	Lewis & Clark (2)	U. Aberystwyth (Wales)
Boston College (4)	Loyola (IL) (4)	U. Cincinnati
Canisius (10)	Loyola (MD) (2)	U. Connecticut
Carnegie Mellon	Lynn	U. Dayton
Case Western Reserve	Marietta	U. Miami
Catholic	Marist	U. Michigan
Colby	Massachusetts Institute of Tech. (2)	U. North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Colgate (3)	McGill	U. Pennsylvania (2)
Coll. of the Holy Cross (2)	Mercyhurst (2)	U. Pittsburgh (4)
Coll. of William & Mary	Mount Holyoke	U. Puget Sound
College of Wooster (2)	Nazareth (2)	U. Richmond
Columbia	New York U.	U. Rochester (3)
D'Youville	Niagara (3)	U. St. Andrews (Scotland)
Davidson	Ohio Wesleyan	U. San Francisco
DePaul (2)	Ontario Coll. Art & Design	U. Sciences Philadelphia
Duquesne	Point Park	U. Tennessee
ECC South	Queen's	U. Vermont (3)
Elmira (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	U. Virginia
Elon (4)	Rhode Island School of Design	U. Wisconsin
Emerson	Rochester Institute of Tech. (4)	Utica
Eugene Lang	Roger Williams	Wake Forest
F.I.T. (2)	St. Bonaventure (4)	Washington U. (St. Louis)
George Mason	St. John Fisher (3)	Wellesley
G. Washington U. (3)	St. Joseph's (2)	Wheaton (MA)
Georgetown	St. Lawrence (5)	Williams
Goucher	S. Illinois U. (Edwardsville)	Wittenberg (2)
Hampshire	SUNY Buffalo (12)	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
Hartwick	Buffalo St. (7)	Xavier
Harvard	Fredonia (3)	Yale (2)
Hiram	Geneseo (5)	
Hobart & Wm. Smith (8)	New Paltz	
Hofstra	Swarthmore	