



BUFFALO SEMINARY

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ACADEMIC PROFILE 2009-2010

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 contiguous to the campus. Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is 161. 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; those whose averages are 3.67 or greater earn Honor Roll. 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 2010: 43 students

SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TESTING

Class of 2010 (through June 2009)

SAT I: Reasoning Tests

Critical Reasoning	Math	Writing	Range
4	2	5	700-800
11	6	11	600-699
11	18	10	500-599
10	9	11	400-499
2	3	1	Below 400
560	533	565	Mean
640-480	590-480	660-480	Middle 50%

SAT II: Subject Tests

Subject	Mean Score	No. of Tests
M1	550	4
M2	624	5
UH	628	9
SP	550	4
CH	613	4
BY	695	10
LR	598	8
FR	750	2
WH	640	1

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 2009, 64 sophomores, juniors and seniors sat for 116 exams in the following subjects: English Literature/Composition, U.S. History, European History, Art History, French Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Spanish Language, Biology, Physics C. The overall distribution of scores was:

5-25	4-21	3-34	2-20	1-16
22%	18%	29%	17%	14%

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Over a five-year period from 2005-2009, students of Buffalo Seminary have matriculated at the following colleges:

Agnes Scott	Ithaca	Temple
Allegheny (3)	John Carroll	Trinity (CT) (4)
American (3)	Johns Hopkins	Tufts
Barry	Johnson & Wales	Tulane (2)
Bates	Keuka	Union
Berklee	Lake Forest (2)	U. Aberystwyth (Wales)
Boston College (4)	Lewis & Clark (2)	U. Cincinnati
Bowdoin	Loyola (IL) (3)	U. Connecticut
Canisius (10)	Loyola (MD) (2)	U. Dayton (2)
Carnegie Mellon	Lynn	U. Miami
Case Western Reserve	Marietta	U. Michigan
Catholic	Massachusetts Institute of Tech. (2)	U. North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Cazenovia	McGill	U. Notre Dame
Colby	Mercyhurst	U. Pennsylvania (2)
Colgate (2)	Mount Holyoke	U. Pittsburgh (5)
Coll. of Charleston	Nazareth	U. Puget Sound
Coll. of the Holy Cross (2)	New York U.	U. Richmond
Coll. of William & Mary	Niagara (3)	U. Rochester (2)
Columbia	Ohio Wesleyan	U. St. Andrews (Scotland)
D'Youville	Ontario Coll. Art & Design	U. San Francisco
Davidson	Point Park	U. Sciences Philadelphia
Denison	Princeton	U. Tennessee
DePaul (2)	Queen's	U. Toronto
Dickinson	Rhode Island School of Design	U. Vermont (3)
ECC South	Rochester Institute of Tech. (4)	U. Wisconsin
Elmira (2)	Roger Williams	Utica
Elon (4)	St. Bonaventure (3)	Wake Forest
Emerson	St. John Fisher (2)	Wash. & Jefferson
Eugene Lang	St. Joseph's (2)	Wellesley
F.I.T.	St. Lawrence (4)	Wheaton (MA)
Fordham (2)	Savannah Coll. Art & Design	Williams
G. Washington U. (5)	S. Illinois U. (Edwardsville)	Wittenberg (2)
Goucher	SUNY Buffalo (13)	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
Hampshire	Buffalo St. (8)	Xavier
Hartwick	Fredonia (4)	Yale (2)
Harvard	Geneseo (5)	
Hobart & Wm. Smith (7)	Oswego (2)	
Hofstra	Swarthmore	