

About St. Bonaventure

Shaped by our values of **compassion, wisdom and integrity** and lauded for our **value and innovation**, we are a transformative community committed to academic excellence and civic engagement.



Founded in 1858 in the interest of promoting Catholic-Franciscan education, St. Bonaventure University pursues academic excellence through personalized attention that reflects the Franciscan tradition of valuing human relationships.

Pathways to internships, graduate schools and careers are established in the context of a renowned liberal arts tradition. SBU has more than 50 undergraduate majors including eight combined-degree programs (granting talented high school seniors provisional acceptance into medical school upon entry to SBU) and early assurance programs (allowing students to apply for early acceptance to graduate-level programs as incoming freshmen).

SBU offers more than 20 graduate programs, most of which are available fully online, including a new doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

The university's most popular undergraduate academic programs are Accounting, Finance, Biology, Health Science, Sports Media, Sports Management, Inclusive & Early Childhood Education, Criminology, and Psychology.

SBU Snapshot

Enrollment: 1,893 undergraduate, 689 graduate; 84% of freshmen over the last 10 years have returned sophomore year.

Student profile: 29% of students come from 33 states outside of New York, and 18 foreign countries.

Recreation: 80% of students participate in either intramurals, rugby, club sports or recreation center activities.

Student-Athletes: SBU student-athletes have produced a cumulative GPA of more than 3.0 for 36 straight semesters.,

Student to faculty ratio: 12-to-1

Faculty: 75% percent of full-time faculty hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree.

Campus: 500 acres with 31 academic and support buildings and residences.



Our Values

The Franciscan community affirms the unique dignity of everyone, each person reflecting the goodness of God, and invites all sisters and brothers to forge bonds of mutual acceptance and understanding that create a true sense of belonging.

We are a **COMMUNITY ...**

- Nurturing **COMPASSION**
- Seeking **WISDOM**
- Building **INTEGRITY**

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The President's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is committed to respecting the uniqueness of each individual, to embrace diverse backgrounds, to advocate for equitable and inclusive communities, and to foster opportunities to develop multi-cultural competencies.

The commission is dedicated to developing educational and social initiatives that reflect the individual self-worth of all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status campus wide.



University Leadership

Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., was named the 22nd president of St. Bonaventure University in 2022. Gingerich inherited an experienced executive team and has worked collaboratively with divisions across campus to maintain the positive momentum the university has experienced over the last several years at a time when many colleges, especially in the Northeast, are struggling for survival. The last three freshman classes have been the largest in the last 20 years, bolstered by new academic and extracurricular initiatives to meet market demand.

Accreditations

St. Bonaventure's academic schools are accredited by AACSB, NCATE, ACEJMC, CACREP, CCNE and ASBMB and the university is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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U.S. News & World Report ranking of St. Bonaventure on its **Best Value in the North** list for regional universities. The university also ranked **No. 14 for Innovation** in the same category (2024).

Campus Upgrades

Over the last 10 years, SBU's infrastructure has undergone a significant transformation — and the work continues.

- A new School of Business.
- A new home for University Ministries.
- A new School of Health Professions.
- A three-year renovation of Plassmann Hall, home to our Schools of Arts & Sciences and Education.
- A new restaurant at SBU's golf course.
- A new welcome sign to campus.
- Renovated admissions wing in our Administration Building.
- A major renovation to The Rathskeller, our on-campus student lounge.
- An outdoor pavilion for events.
- A renovated conference center.
- Major addition to our Jandoli School of Communication (Fall '24 start).





Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

St. Bonaventure is a proud member of the highly competitive Atlantic 10 (A-10) Conference, which includes Davidson, Dayton, Duquesne, Fordham, George Mason, George Washington, La Salle, Loyola Chicago, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Richmond, Saint Joseph's, Saint Louis, Virginia Commonwealth (VCU) and St. Bonaventure. Sports offered at St. Bonaventure for men include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, and indoor/outdoor track. Women compete in basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, and indoor/outdoor track. www.gobonnies.com



The Region

Olean/Allegany is the retail hub of Cattaraugus County, with plenty of outstanding local restaurants and stores to fill every need, from familiar big-box centers to small specialty shops. Housing is extremely affordable and recreational and entertainment opportunities are plentiful.

A spur of the 6-mile local Recreation Trail runs through campus, we have a beautiful 9-hole golf course across the street, and the Allegheny River runs behind campus.

Allegany State Park and Holiday Valley, a top 6 ski resort in the East in nearby Ellicottville, are just 30 minutes away; the National Comedy Center is just 45 minutes to the west; and Buffalo and Niagara Falls are 90 minutes away.

