Student Life

Athletics

Athletics are an integral part of campus life. A wide-ranging program of intercollegiate competition, intramural sports, and recreational activities satisfies students’ individual athletic aspirations.

Indoor Facilities
McLane Physical Education Center is the hub of athletic activities. It has two regulation size basketball courts, a swimming pool, a complete fitness center (with over 40 pieces of equipment designed to promote cardiovascular fitness as well as strength training equipment, including bikes, stair-climbing and rowing machines, treadmills, ellipticals, an upper body exerciser, a Gauntlet Stairmaster, twenty Cybex Eagle strength training stations, free weights), two racquetball and squash courts, four badminton and volleyball courts, and a comprehensive athletic training room. Supplementing these facilities are an indoor track and a basketball court in the adjacent Davis Gym.

Outdoor Facilities
Outdoor facilities include Merrill Field (home of the Saxon football, lacrosse, and soccer teams); a multipurpose artificial surface accommodating intercollegiate sports, intramural activities and recreation; six tennis courts; several basketball courts; a portable volleyball and basketball court and a pavilion. All are located near the residence halls. Downhill and cross country skiing, and horseback riding areas are located a short distance from campus.

Recreation and Leisure Sports
The philosophy of the recreational program is to contribute to the physical, social and emotional well being of the University community by offering a diverse program of leisure time activities. All indoor and outdoor facilities are available for the intramural program and for general student use. With a focus on participation in competitive physical play, the program is open to the entire University community (undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff).

The Recreation and Leisure Sports department offers sports activities in sixteen areas, eight of which are co-educational. Offerings include tennis, flag football, indoor soccer, box lacrosse, basketball, bowling, badminton, racquetball, table tennis, volleyball, team handball, handball, inner-tube water polo, ultimate frisbee and softball. University community members take part in exercise and recreational activities. McLane Center is open daily for swimming, squash, racquetball, handball or fitness training.

Campus Center
The 60,000 sq. ft. Arthur and Lea Powell Campus Center was first occupied in the spring semester of 1994. One of the finest community-gathering facilities on campus, it features a cafeteria-dining room with panoramic hillside views, a forum/movie theatre, an “open air” food court, a night club, student organization offices, a center for cultural unity, different types of meeting rooms, a formal Alumni Lounge, the University bookstore, TV and radio station, and TV lounge.
Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center
at the Allen Steinheim Museum

The CDC teaches career related skills to AU students and alumni. We encourage students to get involved early and often beginning in their first year by meeting with a career counselor or advisor to explore possible careers, start looking for an internship, and learn how to position themselves for an effective job and/or graduate school search. The CDC offers the following services:

- 1:1 appointments and walk-in hours
- Career counseling, exploration and advising including an extensive inventory of career assessments
- Saxon JobLink, our web-based system for posting resumes, searching for jobs and internships, and conducting on-campus recruiting
- Computer lab (PC and Mac) with a laser printer for professional resumes and cover letters
- Print and electronic resources for networking and finding internships, co-ops and full-time employment
- Annual events: Engineering Career Fair, Internship & Summer Job Fair, Graduate School Fair, Etiquette Dinner & Networking Event, and a Virtual Career Fair
- CHOICES, a computer guidance program designed to identify career opportunities, graduate schools and scholarship programs
- On-campus recruiting, interviewing and resume referral
- Frederick W. Gibbs Career Resource Library

Cultural Facilities and Events

Art Galleries

The Robert Turner Student Gallery is operated by students for students. The Student Gallery Committee reviews proposals for exhibitions, controls a budget, produces publicity, and organizes receptions.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, housed in the School of Art and Design at Alfred University, is a vibrant learning center for the visual arts. Rotating exhibitions highlight artwork by established and emerging artists working in New York, the United States and abroad. Past exhibitions have included works by artists such as: Xu Bing, Christian Boltanski, Chuck Close, Tony Cragg, Carroll Dunham, Viola Frey, Emmet Gowin, Ann Hamilton, Gary Hill, Anish Kapoor, Les Leveque, Gertraud Mohwald, Ron Nagle, Shirin Neshat, Steve Reich, Charles Simonds, Cindy Sherman, Lorna Simpson, Kiki Smith, Fred Wilson and Betty Woodman, to name only a few.

The strength and diversity of the school’s graduate programs is highlighted annually in the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery with a series of graduate thesis exhibitions. The gallery provides MFA students an opportunity to present the culmination of their thesis work in a well-established, professional venue.

The gallery is named in honor of Clara Katherine Fosdick and Marion Lawrence Nelson, two women artists and professors who taught at the school with a commitment to education and a belief in the support and nurturing of young people. (Fosdick taught from 1915-53; and Nelson 1920-56)
Located in rural western New York, the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is the only well-established contemporary art venue within a sixty-mile radius for the community to experience a diverse mix of art first-hand and participate in an exciting forum of contemporary art and culture. Extended programming, including gallery lectures and special projects, gives students and members of the community an opportunity to engage with artists, curators, and scholars all in support of the mission, values and goals of the School of Art and Design.

The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art
The museum was formally sanctioned in 1991, comprised of collections that had begun to be gathered as early as 1900 when the New York State College of Ceramics was established. The Museum collects, preserves, conserves, and exhibits significant ceramic and glass objects relating to both art and technology for aesthetic and educational purposes. While the permanent collection numbers in the many thousands of objects, temporary exhibits are also displayed in order to give the students and visiting researchers and tourists the opportunity to view a wide variety of ceramics made by diverse cultures worldwide. Outstanding collections that belong to the Museum of Ceramic Art include the Charles Fergus Binns Collection, the Krevolin Collection of Pottery from the Ancient Americas, the Fox Collection of Korean Ceramics, the Silverman Glass Collection, the "Gloryhole" Collection of M.F.A. graduate student work, the Visiting Artists Collection, the Wesp Collection of European China and the Corsaw Collection of Functional Ceramics, to name just a few. The Museum is open free of charge throughout the year as a valuable resource for the students and visitors to Alfred University.

The Museum is temporarily located on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall. For more information see their website ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu.

Cultural Events and Films
Several campus organizations sponsor appearances by visiting artists, speakers and groups. The Student Activities Board (SAB), and individual academic divisions invite lecturers and performing and visual artists to campus for residencies and one-night appearances. Alfred University student groups sponsor a number of popular entertainers in the Powell Campus Center as well as large concerts by well-known performers.

Current movies run on weekends in our state of the art theater. The Student theater and dance productions, as well as performances by musical ensembles, occur at frequent intervals throughout the year.

Dining
The University operates four dining facilities on campus. Two of the four facilities, Ade Hall and the Powell Campus Center Dining Hall, serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. These two dining halls primarily serve Alfred University students on a University meal plan (see below), but may be used by others on a cash basis for single meals.

The other two dining facilities, the Li’l Alf CyberFresh Cafe, located in the Powell Campus Center, and MidKnight Express located on the ground floor of Ade Hall, feature fast-food, a la carte entrees and daily lunch specials. The Cafes are open for both early morning and late night customers and operate on a cash or dining dollars basis.
Meal Plans
Meal plan options permit students to choose from a variety of block-style plans. Each option contains a specified number of meals that can be used in the dining halls throughout the semester in addition to a dining dollars account. Dining dollars can be used in Dining Services cash operations including Li’l Alf Cafe, MidKnight Express snack bar, and vending machines. Information about meal plans is available at the Dining Service Office, Ade Hall 607.871.2247.

Health and Wellness Services

Counseling Services
Located in the north wing of the AU Wellness Center building, near the Saxon Inn, Counseling Services, a component of the Wellness Center and a part of the Student Affairs Division, provides a comprehensive range of counseling, consultation, and educational programs to promote the personal development and success of students. Services are provided by licensed and professional mental health practitioners at no charge to AU students. All services are completely confidential in accordance with standards set by the American Counseling Association. Appointments can be arranged by calling 607.871.2300 or by stopping by the office at 19 Park Street.

Health Services
Health Services is located in the south wing of the AU Wellness Center building at 19 Park Street. A team of practitioners provides care for non-emergency problems and preventive health concerns. Services include consultation and treatment for acute problems, laboratory work and specimen collection, gynecological exams, and referral for specialist and hospital services. Emergency care is available after hours through our public safety office and free transportation is provided by the village ambulance to local hospitals.

There is no charge to meet with a provider at Health Services. Nominal charges are made for lab work, injections, and some equipment or medications. Prescriptions for medications can be filled in Alfred at the Alfred Pharmacy, or phoned in to students’ preferred locations. Appointments for psychiatric consultation are available for a small fee. Other types of specialist services can be arranged through referrals to the local hospitals in Hornell and Wellsville and practitioners in the area. Students maintain the right to choose a health care provider or hospital and must assume all financial obligations for off-campus health care.

Immunization Requirements
Students born after December 31, 1956, must provide written documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella, as required by New York State Public Health Law 2165. A Tuberculosis screening and completion of Meningitis Vaccination Response form or Meningitis Vaccine are also required. A hold is placed on new students’ registration activities until immunization records are received and cleared through Health Services. Students not in compliance will be withdrawn from AU and will not be able to attend classes. Questions regarding this requirement or any other aspects of student Health Services may be directed to the staff at Health Services 607.871.2400.

Health Insurance
Alfred University requires students to show proof of health insurance. Students are billed for the University’s student accident and illness insurance plan that helps pay for hospital and specialist medical and/or surgical care.
Any student (with the exception of most international students) may submit a waiver to remove that charge from their bill by providing proof of other coverage.

Further information concerning student insurance through Alfred University is available by contacting the Wellness Office or going online to www.academichealthplans.com/alfred.

**Beth Robinson Judson Women’s Leadership Center**

The JLC of Alfred University is the home of the Women’s Leadership Center, the Gary Horowitz Leadership Development Program, E-LEAD Scholars program for engineering students, and the Saxon Sidekicks mentoring program for first-year students. Events include annual conferences, seminars, workshop series, Women of Influence speakers and networking events with alumni. Of particular interest is the Women’s Leadership Academy, a selective and academically based experience providing deep training and mentoring over the course of an academic year.

**Housing**

On-campus housing for graduate students is not currently available at Alfred University.

**International Programs Office**

The Alfred University International Programs Office assists international students with any issues or problems they may encounter while in the United States. They sponsor the International Student Orientation. International students are encouraged to share questions or concerns with fellow students, faculty members, their advisor, or any of the advisory staff that works with international students. The International Programs Office is located in Perlman Hall and can be reached at 607.871.2269.

**Judicial System**

Alfred University “aims to provide challenging programs in a student-centered environment in order to prepare well-educated, independent thinkers ready for lives of continuous intellectual and personal growth”. To that end, it is necessary to articulate behavioral expectations and community standards in the form of the Code of Student Conduct, Residence life and General University Policies. These policies exist to serve as a guide for each student and to ensure the proper atmosphere necessary for the academic and social life of each student.

Alfred University’s student judicial system is designed to confront individuals with the impact of their actions in a constructive and educational manner that will foster an understanding of the effect their behavior has had on individuals and the community. The judicial system is also designed to hold students accountable for their behavior, to protect the University community and property, to protect the rights of the members of that community to function in an environment conducive to academic pursuits and to challenge students’ moral and ethical decision-making.
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Judicial action will be taken against students whose conduct adversely affects the University community and/or pursuit of its objectives, or violates state, local or federal law.

University men and women are expected to conform to high standards of adult behavior, both on and off campus. Judicial action will be taken against students whose conduct adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Violations of University code of conduct are brought to the attention of the Judicial Coordinator.

The judicial system deals with disruptive or nonproductive behavior with emphasis placed on education and personal development. (A detailed statement on the judicial system can be found in the Student Life – Policies and Procedures handbook available throughout the campus, or can be accessed through the Alfred University web page: my.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/student_policies.index.cfm.

Parking

Campus parking is restricted and student motor vehicles must be registered with the Office of Public Safety at the time of registration for classes or as soon as the vehicle is brought to Alfred. Registration is for the academic year or remaining portion thereof. It is the obligation of students to acquaint themselves with the regulations, fee schedule and fine schedule available in the Office of Public Safety. The regulations, fees and fines are subject to change from time to time.

Religious Life

The University is non-sectarian. In accordance with its century-and-a-half tradition, it extends a welcome to people of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. The University, Village, and surrounding area provide ample opportunities for students to find a religious community. The Melvin H. Bernstein Hillel House and several Protestant campus fellowships offer on-campus programming and services. St. Jude’s Catholic Campus Center is located within walking distance of campus. Protestant students will receive a warm welcome at any of the numerous churches and religious groups in the Alfred area, including within five minutes of the campus United Methodist, Pentecostal, Union University (nondenominational), Seventh Day Baptist, and Society of Friends. Muslim students can arrange with Muslim faculty for prayer services during Holy seasons, or can attend regular services within an hour’s distance of Alfred.

Alumni Association

The Alfred University Alumni Association dates back to 1884 when a group of enthusiastic former students established an organization to “create and maintain activities for the support and development of the University.” The Alumni Association is led by the Alumni Council whose members are selected from active alumni volunteers. In 2010, the Council updated the Alumni Association’s Constitution and its mission: “The Alfred University Alumni Association actively supports and facilitates the strongest possible sense of community among Alfred University’s administration, faculty, student body and alumni.”
The Alumni Council operates under the direction of an elected President and with the support of the University’s Director of Alumni Engagement.

Individuals who have completed two full-time semesters in good academic standing are automatically members of the association, which has grown to more than 30,000 members. Alumni support has always been an essential part of Alfred University’s progress and success.

Alumni are invited to attend regional events, as well as to return to campus for special events, particularly Homecoming and Reunion Weekends. The Alfred Magazine, mailed to alumni, carries information about these programs, along with campus news, class notes, and alumni profiles. The University also communicates electronically with its alumni through e-news.

The Alfred website, [www.alfred.edu/alumni], offers a vital link for communication among classmates and between the University and alumni. Alumni may register online for regional and campus events. The online Alfred Community enhances opportunities to stay in touch by offering a permanent email address.

The Office of Alumni Relations is located on campus in the University Welcome Center at the Fasano House. Alumni and friends are encouraged to stop in when visiting the Alfred area. Alumni may also stay in touch by calling (607) 871-2144 or by e-mailing: alumni@alfred.edu.

**Student Identification Cards**

The University provides identification cards for all students. ID cards are required for charging books from the library, for participation in the dining centers’ board plans, for cashing checks on campus, for admission to campus events and facilities, and for security purposes and positive identification on campus and elsewhere.

All students may obtain their ID cards at the Dining Services Office, Ade Hall. There are designated ID hours at the start of each semester, or you can make an appointment by calling 607.871.2247.

**Transportation**

Alfred is reached by east-west I-86/Route 17 (Southern Tier Expressway-- Exit 33, Almond) and from the north and south by routes 390, 15, 16, 19, 21, 36 and 88.

Major airlines serve Rochester, Buffalo and Elmira. Hornell and Wellsville can accommodate private aircraft.

The Shortline Bus Company services Alfred three times a day from New York City, for the daily schedule call the Alfred Travel Center at 607.587.8842 or Shortline at (800) 631-8405. The New York Trailways Bus Company also services the local area. To find out more about their daily schedule contact their Hornell office 607.324.0305 or 800.295.5555. The Center for Student Involvement also runs airport shuttles at specific times during University breaks. The schedule and rates are located at [http://my.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/info.getting_to_and_from.cfm](http://my.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/info.getting_to_and_from.cfm). Please call 607.871.2175 for more information.
Campus Policies/Regulations

Campus Safety Report
The Mission of the Office of Public Safety at Alfred University is to provide a safe and secure environment to the students, faculty, staff and visitors of Alfred University. The office will serve, guide and protect the Alfred University Community and visitors throughout campus. The Alfred University Annual Campus Safety report is required by the federal “Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act.” The purpose of this report is to provide the University community and prospective members of the community with information about campus safety, including crimes statistics and procedures to follow for reporting crimes. This report is prepared by the Office of the Dean of Students and can be accessed at the Alfred University web address www.alfred.edu/academic/html/crime.pdf. Any questions should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students; hard copies can be obtained from the Student Affairs Office, Carnegie Hall, 607.871.2132.

Consumer Complaint Procedure
For all types of complaints concerning colleges and universities in New York State, the first course of action must be to try to resolve the complaint directly with the administration of the college or university involved. The Office of College and University Evaluation will not review a complaint until all grievance procedures at the institution have been followed and all avenues of appeal exhausted and documentation provided that such procedures have been exhausted. Please note: Every New York State college and university is required to establish, publish, and enforce explicit policies related to redress of grievances.

Please do not send a complaint to the Office of College and University Evaluation until you have read all of the information below. This will assure that you are sending your complaint to the appropriate agency/office. The Office of College and University Evaluation handles only those complaints that concern educational programs or practices of degree-granting institutions subject to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, with the exceptions noted below.

- The Office does not handle anonymous complaints.
- A complaint involving discrimination against enrolled students on the part of an institution or faculty, or involving sexual harassment, should be filed with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights, 75 Park Place, New York, NY 10007. Complaints about two-year colleges concerning sexual harassment/discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender and disabilities may also be reported to the Office of Equity and Access, VATEA Program, 10th Floor, Education Building Addition, Hawk Street, Albany, NY 12234.
- A complaint of consumer fraud on the part of the institution should be directed to the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.
- The Office of College and University Evaluation does not intervene in matters concerning an individual’s grades or examination results, as these are the prerogative of the college’s faculty.
- The Office does not handle complaints concerning actions that occurred more than five years ago.
- The Office does not intervene in matters that are or have been in litigation.
- For a complaint about state student financial aid matters, contact the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) Customer Communications Center at 1-888-NYS-HESC.
- Complainants should be aware that the Office of College and University Evaluation does not conduct a judicial investigation and has no legal authority to require a college or university to comply with a complainant’s request.
Complaints not excluded by any of the issues above should be sent to:

New York State Education Department
Office of College and University Evaluation
Education Building
5 North Mezzanine
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234

A complaint involving consumer fraud on the part of the institution should be directed to the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

Hazing Policy
Alfred University will not tolerate any form of hazing. Due to the serious nature of hazing and the unique situational pressures to which victims of hazing are subjected, the University has a procedure solely to address allegations of hazing. To the extent they do not conflict with this procedure, the normal rules and procedures of the University shall apply.

Alfred University’s definition of hazing is broader than the New York State Penal Law which defines Hazing in the first degree as: "... when, in the course of another person’s initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury." (N.Y. Penal Law, §120.16). Hazing in the first degree is a Class A misdemeanor and conviction carries a potential penalty of a fine of up to $1,000, one year in jail.

Hazing in the second degree (a violation) incorporates a nearly identical definition except that no actual injury to any person needs to be proven (N.Y. Penal Law, §120.17).

Alfred University defines hazing as "any activity expected of someone who is initiating into or affiliated with a group, that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. Furthermore, this definition includes any action which results in the disruption of the educational process, the impairment of academic performance, or failure to properly fulfill obligations to University sponsored groups or organizations." Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to the following: depriving a person of sufficient sleep, paddling or beating a person, requiring or encouraging a person to consume alcohol, drugs or foreign or unusual substances, kidnapping or confining a person, subjecting a person to cruel and unusual psychological conditions.

Any violation or suspected violation of the University's Hazing Policy should be reported immediately to any of the following: the Student Affairs, Athletics or Student Activities Offices. In addition, students may also report incidents of hazing to the Alfred Police Department. Any person who is in violation of this policy may be subject to expulsion from the University. Recognized organizations that are found in violation of this policy may be subject to loss of recognition, distinct and apart from any sanctions to which its members are subject.
Weapons Policy
Possession or use of weapons while on property owned, affiliated with, or controlled by Alfred University (including sidewalks, driveways and parking lots) or where Alfred University events are occurring, is expressly prohibited, except as may be required by law enforcement officials. This policy further applies to those operating Alfred University Motor Pool vehicles, whether on or off University property.

The definition of "weapons" covers all items capable of inflicting serious injury. This includes items which are legally possessed, but used in a manner that harms, threatens or causes fear or could easily be mistake as a weapon Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Firearms
- Knives
- Air Guns
- Spear Guns
- Paint Guns
- Bow and Arrow
- Explosives: Gunpowder, Firecrackers, Ammunition, etc.

Because such items are capable of inflicting serious injury and thereby pose a clear risk to persons and/or property, violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension of students or termination of personnel and may likewise be prosecuted under applicable law.

Note: On occasion, academic programs may require the use of tools falling under this definition. Such tools, when applied directly to program-related activity, are exempt from this policy.