

Bucknell University Profile

Founded in 1846, Bucknell University is a medium-sized private liberal arts & sciences institution located in the scenic Susquehanna Valley of Central Pennsylvania. The school itself is situated geographically in the rural community of Lewisburg, within Union County. The footprint of the site is split into 2 large facilities, one being the north/western edge of the campus adjacent to U.S. Highway 15, the second being the main campus located off Moore Avenue. Gerhard Fieldhouse links both sides of the campus together with a large grassy area around Rooke Chapel. Bucknell is unique because it has a large suburban school feel to it, while still being small in regard to student population. The campus is very big, but it feels smaller than the observed geographical footprint.

The university has a large footprint of approximately 450 acres of park like property within the small town of Lewisburg. The physical layout observes numerous historic buildings shared by students, and local residents. The campus itself has approximately 123 buildings including lecture, residential, research, and dining facilities. Bucknell also has a large sports pavilion on the northern edge of campus that houses several fitness centers and team facilities. The overall campus map is typical for a university setting with wide sidewalks, grass field meeting places, and park like benches. The pedestrian flow of traffic within the facility was centered between Marts, and Coleman Halls, within the English Quad during my daytime visit.

Students were also observed walking up the hill from Krebs Fitness, and the Langone student centers going to, and from lunch. My student tour guide told me that classes are taught outside the English Quad during comfortable weather days with the help of small blackboards. Bertrand Library also becomes a notable outside meeting place within the Quad with a web camera located above the doorway that allows students and parents to observe Bucknellians enjoying the landscape in all weather conditions on the web. These areas of the campus get busy at all hours of the day when school is in session according to my student guide.

The campus buildings and open spaces were very clean and well maintained during my observations. These open spaces allow students the ability to interact with each other in a non-educational manner due to the high number of observed meeting places on campus. Bucknell students, faculty, and employees enjoy a community, within a community lifestyle in regard to on, and off campus activities and resources. The university also provides several critical student resources including student housing on campus for all 4 years, which helps students connect with each other throughout the year.

The published demographic information for the university describes a culturally diverse student population with students from all across the world. Bucknell University has developed a large campus community to offer students a Liberal Arts and Science, and Engineering educational format to enhance it's commitment to different types of career endeavors.

Bucknell University: The University is home to relatively small campus population of approximately 1,702 male, and 1,767 female full, and 11 male, and 25 female part-time students. The school also has 53 male, and 90 female students enrolled in graduate school programs. The average age of a freshman is 18 years old. 28% of students are from Pennsylvania. Others are from 46 states, and 37 foreign countries. Students on campus provide a diverse multi-cultural makeup including 82% of students are white, 6.6% Asian Americans, 2.4% are Black, 2.4% are Hispanic, and 2.8% the race is unknown.

Published Academic Standards for Admission Programs

Bucknell has a large educational system for a small private school, which offers Liberal Arts, and Sciences, and Engineering programs. Below is a specific list of under graduate admission requirements.

Bucknell University: Freshman Class: 8,943 applied, 2,673 accepted, 887 enrolled. SAT Verbal 650, SAT Math 670. ACT 29 Application Deadline: January 1.

Faculty/ Classroom: 65% of faculty is male, 35% female. All both teach and do research. The average class size in an introductory lecture is 24; laboratory, 17; and in a regular course, 21.

Student / Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Retention Rate: 5% do not continue beyond 1st year, 90% remain to graduate.

Campus Footprint: An observation of the internal campus setting provides students and employees with several types of student services including physical fitness, residence, library services, and cultural meeting places and dining halls. I observed heavy pedestrian traffic from this area of the campus due to the location of the dining hall, and the time of day. The internal design of the school is oval shaped with students reading, eating, and talking to each other in the middle of several campus Quads. This an interesting point to make in regard to the school's location within a rural community. When you walk onto the Bucknell campus you forget where you are for the moment, the campus landscape is big, beautiful, active, and self supported.

The university's observed focal point of reference during the campus tour was the area in, and around Langone Student Center, which is the center of the campus. Student pedestrian sidewalks all converge at this point from several locations around the campus including the academic, and residence halls. When you look at the campus map you can easily observe the main focal point. My tour guide told us that students come to the grassy areas around the student center to relax and talk about school and life.

The design and physical setting of Bucknell is unique because the campus is situated around a small Pennsylvanian town. The physical security footprint is also unique because the college uses physical landscaping, not metal fencing around the school's perimeter to give it a welcoming, and private community feel to it. This physical barrier provides access control to several vehicle, and pedestrian entrances, which requires I.D. for access control in the day, and night as well. The internal campus landscape is unique because the school is split into 2 parts, including a small wooded area called "The Grove"

along the northeast edge of the campus with several residence, lecture, and student services halls in close proximity to this quiet area. All the university's buildings are relatively close together including the performing arts, and recreation facility for easy access from all points of the campus.

The physical setting of the university allows students to get away from classes to retreat to individual residence halls, which are located on both ends of the school. These types of structures enhance the campus lifestyle within the schools sprawling footprint. The buildings geographical design features form a large oval in which students can enter, and leave the campus from several locations. Parking resources is also a big feature on campus due to the limited number of parking permits issued to students and employees. Parking is a big challenge for public safety at Bucknell because the college is located in a rural community with a limited number of public transportation resources for students, employees, and visitors. Students at Bucknell are encouraged to share personal transportation resources to help limit the need for student parking permits.

The university is also linked together by several township streets within it's massive real estate holdings with virtually all of the university's lecture halls, arts & science pavilions, residence halls, and historic buildings tied within it's large real estate holdings. The layout of the university is unique because students can retreat to their residence halls, or they can walk 3 blocks to Market Street (Main Street) to experience small town campus living. State College (Penn State) is also only 45 minutes away by car for students who want to enjoy the so-called "Big Campus" environment. These types of educational, and social resources enhance the overall campus community lifestyle within each schools rural landscape because students can travel to different areas of the valley in a relatively short period of time.

Finally, Bucknell has a classic historical northeastern campus feel to it because the school is located in a small town in central Pennsylvania. The community itself is relatively self-contained with several local restaurants, bars, and shops, which allows for additional social, and cultural opportunities for students to enjoy during the year. This area is filled with historic architecture, parks, mixed residential properties in Lewisburg, and additional commercial properties in neighboring State College. The university takes up a great portion of real estate in the area with 450 acres and over 123 buildings. I have mentioned a description of the massive real estate holdings because you are more likely to see a Bucknell public safety official than a local Police Officer from the Lewisburg Police Department in this general area.

Local weather: Weather is also an issue to consider for students preparing for a college experience. Lewisburg enjoys all four seasons of weather including a large amount of snow. Northeast weather patterns sometimes allow for temperatures to drop below 32 degrees for a considerable amount of time during the winter. Pennsylvania also gets it's share of rain during the spring and summer months as well. A strong indicator of pedestrian traffic around the university can be identified by the northeast weather patterns. Student parking within close proximity to university buildings and student shuttle services help reduce the exposure literally and figuratively.

Community Profile

Lewisburg Pennsylvania has been described as a quiet small town that was built around it's local college with students, and local residents enjoying the Susquehanna Valley landscape. The town has also been described as a family centered residential community within driving distance to several large cities including Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia. Lewisburg also has an intellectual side due to its historical neighborhood architecture and close physical relationship to Bucknell University. The town is favorable to students and local residents because it offers a local pedestrian walkway along Seventh Street onto Market Street, which links students, and local residents to several restaurants and local shops within the northern edge of town..

The community has a small town feel to it when you are walking to neighborhood eateries on the northern edge of town. Residents and students also enjoy several social destinations when walking, or driving to Market Street including the Campus Theatre, and several local eateries featuring hometown style food. You won't find that many national food, and consumer chains in the area. If you want these types of services you have to get back on Route 80 and drive 45 minutes to State College where you will find hundreds of consumer services on College Avenue.

The Town of Lewisburg itself is located within the center of the state, which makes it convenient to several suburban communities and highway networks. Amtrak provides regional rail service along the Harrisburg Line which links to several large cities within the northwestern corridor. Lewisburg also has several main roadways that connect the community to major state highways including Route 80, and 476 that links to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and Interstate 95. Shopping, restaurants, and hotel chains can be found within these major transportation networks after a short drive from the campus. Appendix #1 on the back page of this profile lists several of observed resources in close proximity to the school.

The following demographics for the town of Lewisburg Pennsylvania describe a multi-cultural community within a total population of 5,620 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Bucknell has strong relationship with the township because they share community services including public safety, and cultural resources. An example of this commitment can be observed through the university's community services handbook that describes educational, and health care programs and services.

A Census Bureau community survey highlights several characteristics to describe the population including: 46.6% residents are male, 53.4% are female. 91.6% of residents are white, 2.6% are African American, 2.3% is Hispanic or Latino, and 2.8% are Asian. The median age of population is 22.4 years old. 90% of residents are 18 years old or over, 62 % are over 21, and 14.8% of town residents is over the age of 65. The issue of housing in Lewisburg is also interesting. 91.7% of all housing units within the township are occupied. 58.4% of housing units are renter-occupied, while 41.6% of units are owner-occupied. Only 8.3% of total available housing was vacant.

Campus Life

Bucknell University is a multi-cultural campus environment that provides students with an outstanding social, and educational atmosphere. The admissions demographics paint a picture of a very diverse community with students from all over the world. The local community of Susquehanna Valley only adds to the university's international status because the community has multi-cultural roots as well. Bucknell also addresses the issue of ecology in a positive way. The physical campus environment is clean and well maintained and the economic conditions are favorable to students and local residents due to the available services in walking distance to the school.

The emotional climate of the entire community is positive because students are involved with local community, and campus groups. An observation of this very positive emotional climate can be found by looking at the endless student flyers posted throughout the campus on walls, doors, windows, and light poles. These flyers describe upcoming activities and they invite all students to enjoy the clubs, performing arts, and public discussions on world events. Bucknell's students went as far as hanging banners inside the student center and residence halls to invite students to attend social events on campus, which was very nice to see. Social networking beyond the campus walls is also a very important issue to be observed at Bucknell. Students at the university are encouraged to participate in externships with alumni to gain real world experience. These programs, along with internships and global learning centers offer important information about studying abroad. These types of programs help to round out educational activities on campus.

This issue of school culture and emotional attachment is also a very important part of campus life because everyone wants to have a connection and emotional fit to their new school and community. Bucknell has done a great job developing positive social systems with its students by providing a series of coordinated programs including workshops and seminars for freshman students. This type of process provides a foundation for learning and personal growth providing over 200 academic clubs, student organizations, and over 27 intramural sports activities. Bucknell University also has a large Greek presence on campus with 37% of male students belonging to 11 national fraternities, and 39% of female students involved with 7 national sororities.

Campus life at Bucknell can be considered very active due to several notable student venues including the student and fitness centers, the Uptown Café (Student Bar), coffee shops, and the town itself. The university also has a student run performing arts venue within The Powers Theatre. These on campus facilities allow students to enjoy more than academic excellence, it gives them the opportunity to experience school sports, fraternities, performing arts, history, cultural events, restaurants, and local museums. I observed student energy, and school spirit with students collecting funds for charitable events while still sporting Bucknell Orange all over the place.

Finally, Bucknell University has several global education centers in the area for students to learn, and gather information about volunteering in the community, studying abroad, and externships in corporate America, which a lot of students do according to my student guide. Students can also enjoy big campus sports events on several fields around campus including the school's stadium on the western edge of the school map. Bucknell students enjoy watching, and participating in 13 NCAA Division I Varsity Sports for Men, and 14 for women within the highly competitive Patriot League.

Student Housing: The purpose of student housing is to provide safe and reasonable accommodations for students living away from home. The issue of housing and dormitory life is a critical element of overall campus life because students spend a large amount of time in their rooms. Student housing units historically come in 3 different styles including traditional corridor, suite, and apartment style units.

Bucknell University guarantees on campus housing for all four years of campus life. Students who have filed their intent to reside on campus by the stated deadline and who have continuously registered as full time students receive housing. The school has started upgrading housing resources for all students through it's capital improvement initiatives. Bucknell also has a unique way of providing housing for students. The college doesn't have freshman dorms; it has upper classmen living on the floors above, and below so new students can learn, what they need to learn about the school in a more relaxed fashion. Information about housing can be found on the quick links page of this document.

The issue of Greek housing within the campus is also unique within Bucknell because all the sororities live in an old mansion on campus that was renovated for their use. The building is called the Hunt Hall Sorority Suites. The men live in separate houses along fraternity road within the southeast area of the campus map.

Off Campus Housing: Bucknell has been described as a small private college within a small residential community. The reason I have mentioned the overall community is to re-assert the point that Bucknell's network of facilities has encapsulated it's real estate holdings within the area. The campus footprint allows every student to have housing within walking distance to university facilities. The issue of off campus housing has a different feel to it compared to other university housing demands. The university itself has 90% of it's student population living on campus which reduces the need, or demand for off campus housing. Students who want off campus housing can find information about available resources on the quick links page.

Public Transportation: Campus transportation resources for Bucknell's students are available through the college's shuttle system, which provides van service for daily classes, student activities, and links to local shopping and restaurants. This service is crucial to students who don't have cars because it provides transportation services to the entire university community. The school's van service provides reliable transportation to students who don't, or can't have vehicles on campus. The university also has a very large number of out of state students who don't know the streets and highways very well. Knowing the area is key because students who come from local states may know the area

better and may be able to walk or drive to local destinations. Foreign, and out of state students might opt to take a bus or train to their destination because they don't want to risk getting lost on local roads.

Description of Campus Public Safety Plans & Procedures: Campus communities are unique places due to their populations and physical layouts. In some areas of the United States you really can't tell where a campus begins or ends because people walk through, drive through, and take campus transportation through all areas of the campus footprint. Bucknell has developed public safety plans and procedures to keep students, and employees safe. The school's general public safety plans and procedures can be found in the document "Emergency Preparedness Plan" which gives students and employees a list of instructions, procedures, codes of conduct, and response strategies to follow while on campus. This information can be found in the university's Annual Public Safety Report. The college emergency plan information can be found:

On Campus Emergency Resources:

Crisis Management Plans & Procedures Local Community: Historically, FEMA has identified risk factors within specific geographical areas of the United States. The western states have fires and earthquakes, the mid-west has tornados, the gulf, and eastern seaboard states have hurricanes. And finally, the northeast has a combination of snow and wind related weather events. Each area of the United States requires crisis management plans to help people recover from disaster events.

The State of Pennsylvania has developed emergency management resources to help residents to prepare, respond, and recover from a host of natural, and man made events. The state agency responsible for emergency operations is the Emergency Management Agency. Contact information for this state agency www.readypa.org

Innovative Emergency Communications: Bucknell has developed reverse 911 systems that send several types of emergency notifications through e-mail and phone text message systems. Campus alerts, and weather related information is sent through this system. The university also has active shooter protocols for students to follow during an emergency including lock-down, and lockout procedures. These messages are usually received within 1-2 minutes of emergency broadcast and allow university officials to adhere to Clery Act requirements for timely warnings of emergency events.

Campus Access Control & Security Systems: The design, and physical setting of a particular institution has elements relating to the overall culture and social system on campus. Since college and university campuses are designed to offer (open) movement of people through it's borders, the issue of design, along with effective use of space can reduce both the incidence, and fear of crime. This design feature is called "Crime Prevention through Environmental Control." The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. The issues of identifying formal gathering and high-risk areas within a campus footprint are also critical to public safety resources because manpower must be observed in these areas.

The design and physical setting of Bucknell University isn't unique for a suburban campus because the footprint is encapsulated within a local township in Pennsylvania. The campus footprint itself highlights several historic buildings, and large grassy areas, which form a large barrier around the main campus. These buildings, along with natural landscaping form a large oval that's several city block long, and wide. These physical security design features seem to have enhanced the footprint by using natural, and manmade resources to limit access to the overall campus.

The university itself has several entrances and exits to maximize the pedestrian traffic flow within the facility, the issue of vehicle traffic on campus is higher than normal due to the rural setting and a limited number of public transportation resources. Bucknell's public safety department deploys officers to several access points around the campus during the day and night to reduce the number of people who may not have legitimate business on campus. Public safety also maintains visitor screening with clearly worded signage that directs visitors to a welcome area within Freas Hall (Admissions), visitors who wish to walk around the campus without an escort can, but only during daylight hours.

Formal gathering areas within the Bucknell's campus are situated in, and around several locations within the facility including the Langone Student Center, Gerhard sports pavilion, Power performing arts theatre, and the Uptown campus nightclub. The exterior gathering areas included the English and Engineering Quad adjacent to the Bertrand Library, and the Grove along Loomis Street. These areas are the main observed focal points of the campus with several large grassy areas in and around the lecture, and the student center. The quad is a textbook example of CPTED design because it allows for natural surveillance and open space for people to enjoy while still providing some type of ownership within the property.

The issue of high-risk areas on campus has been identified during annual risk assessments by security, and feedback by all intuitional stakeholders including public safety officials. The department maintains uniform patrol, fixed security posts, and high tech remote resources to highlight formal surveillance throughout the campus. The department also has security officers patrolling on foot in several high-risk areas including the student center, sports venues, residence halls, and the library. Bucknell public safety officers also patrol the exterior of the college in several types of vehicles

including 4-wheel drive trucks. Bucknell's public safety officers do have formal arrest powers, which allows them to investigate criminal activity on campus. The school's public safety department has also developed enhanced lighting, student honor codes, and formal surveillance resources (CCTV) for perimeter areas because it helps with surveillance and gives students and visitors an enhanced feeling of safety and security.

The campus high-risk areas including the residence halls require a higher degree of natural and formal surveillance for students and visitors. Bucknell University uses HD style student card readers for the purpose of access control to residence hall facilities. My student guide also told me that students perform weekly door tests on residence buildings to highlight their commitment to residence hall security. Students on campus within Bucknell are safe in my opinion due to the extremely low crime rate, and the positive social resources on campus.

Descriptions of Published Policies and Procedures to Comply with the Clery Act

The Clery Act. The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all postsecondary institutions participating in the Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics, university violations and disciplinary data, and finally security information to the U.S. Department of Education on an annual basis. The legislation also describes several required policy statements that address public safety and security issues. Below is a sample list of Clery Act Policy Statements for colleges and universities to publish each year within their prospective crime report/audits.

Required policy statements include: addressing timely warnings, disclosure of crime statistics, reporting criminal offenses, confidential reporting, security and access control, arrest authority, security awareness programs, crime prevention programs, sex offenses, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, substance abuse programs, and general codes of conduct. Bucknell's Clery Act info can be found on the quick links page.

Caveat: Bucknell University public safety officers have arrest powers; patrol supervisors also have State Police Special Officer Training that provides comprehensive resources in the public safety profession. The school does respond to emergency calls with the help of the Lewisburg Police Department. The university also provides security resources on campus but the following statement from the department education offers this advice. "The department data reported by the institutions have not been subjected to independent verification by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, the department cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data. Bucknell's Clery Act crime data can be found at: <http://ope.ed.gov/security/Index.aspx>

Local Crime Statistics: The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report for 2008 has developed crime statistics for Lewisburg Pennsylvania. In 2008 the Police Department reported 21 Violent Crimes, 1 Murder, 1 Forcible Rape, 1 Robbery, 18 Aggravated Assaults, 62 Property Crimes, 9 Burglaries, 53 Larceny Thefts, and finally no Motor Vehicle Thefts. The crime of Arson wasn't reported in 2008.

Emergency Medical Technicians: Bucknell University has Emergency Medical Technicians/ Police Officers who respond with the Township's Volunteer Fire Department EMS to provide ambulance service to students, residents, and visitors through emergency notification systems. Bucknell University also has student emergency response volunteers (SERV) on campus to help local emergency responders with sick, and injured people. Below is the contact information for services, and general information for the local hospitals.

Lewisburg Pennsylvania Community Quick Links

Lewisburg Township Home Page: www.lewisburgpa.com

Police Department: www.lewisburgborough.org/police.htm

Lewisburg P.A. Volunteer Fire Company (William Cameron Engine Company):
www.wcec-lfd.org/

Evangelical Hospital
1 Hospital Drive
Lewisburg P.A. 17837
(570) 522-2000
www.evanhospital.com

Bucknell University Quick Links Page

Home Page: www.bucknell.edu

Admissions: www.bucknell.edu/x68.xml

Maps & Directions: www.bucknell.edu/x19717.xml

Financial Aid: www.bucknell.edu/x44239.xml

Student Activities: www.bucknell.edu/x44316.xml

Athletic Event Tickets: www.bucknellbison.com

Student Clubs & Organizations: www.bucknell.edu/x622.xml &
www.bucknell.edu/x1567.xml

Fraternity & Sorority Life: www.bucknell.edu/x1642.xml

School Newspaper: www.bucknell.edu/x10286.xml

Student Center: www.bucknell.edu/cap.xml

Public Transportation Services: www.bucknell.edu/x6449.xml

Information Technology Center: www.bucknell.edu/x1263.xml

Health Insurance: www.bucknell.edu/x4897.xml

Health Services: www.bucknell.edu/x7026.xml

On Campus Emergency Resources: www.bucknell.edu/x6441.xml

Student Housing: www.bucknell.edu/x4907.xml

University Meal Plan: www.bucknell.edu/x4789.xml

Off Campus Housing: www.bucknell.edu/x42693.xml

Campus Parking: www.bucknell.edu/x6449.xml

Public Safety Plans & Procedures: www.bucknell.edu/x6539.xml

Emergency Communication: www.bucknell.edu/x6463.xml

Clery Act Policies & Procedures: www.bucknell.edu/x6652.xml

Lewisburg Pennsylvania Area Hotel Quick Links Page

Country Inn Suites Lewisburg
134 Walter Drive
Lewisburg, P.A. 17837

Hampton Inn Lewisburg
140 International Drive
Lewisburg, P.A. 17837

Days Inn Lewisburg
U.S. Route 15
Lewisburg, P.A. 17837

Hotel Accommodations Within 15 Minutes of Lewisburg

Hampton Inn Selinsgrove/Shamokin Dam
3 Stettler Ave
Shamokin Dam, P.A. 17876

Holiday Inn Express
15 Commerce Park Drive
New Columbia, P.A. 17856

Comfort Inn Columbia
330 Commerce Park Drive
New Columbia, P.A. 17856

Below is a sample list of local restaurants in Lewisburg P.A. National restaurant chains & shopping resources can be found on Route 80. A complete list of local restaurants in Lewisburg Pennsylvania can be found at: www.foodio54.com

Elizabeth's American Bistro: 412 Market Street, Lewisburg P.A. (570) 523-8088
Applebee's (National Restaurant Chain) 300 Industrial Drive, Lewisburg (570) 522-6512
The Purple Cow: 4716 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg (570) 524-6195
Yung Tin Chinese Restaurant: 146 Plaza 15, Lewisburg (570) 524-7464
Big Al's Pizza: 316 Market Street, Lewisburg (570) 523-1116
La Primavera Italiano Restaurant: Route 45, Lewisburg P.A. (570) 523-1515
Blue Plate Café: 406 Market Street, Lewisburg (570) 524-9828
Marco Tapas: 434 Market Street, Lewisburg (570) 523-0023
Maya's Café: 428 Market Street, Lewisburg P.A. (570) 523-4999

