Plattsburgh and the North Country

SUNY Plattsburgh is situated in one of the most beautiful regions in the Empire State. Greater Plattsburgh is a community of 40,000 people located in the northeast corner of the state, on the western shore of Lake Champlain, near the Adirondack Mountains and about 20 miles from the U.S. - Canada border.

You will find the City of Plattsburgh readily accessible from any point in New York State. Interstate 87, the scenic Adirondack Northway, exits about one mile from campus. Amtrak, commuter airlines, and Greyhound Bus Lines serve the community. At planned breaks in the academic calendar, the Student Association charters buses for students to travel to other points in the state from a central location on campus.

Plattsburgh is within an hour’s drive or less from Whiteface Mountain, the premier ski center in the eastern United States, and from Lake Placid, America’s Olympic Village. Burlington, Vermont is less than an hour away by car, and cosmopolitan Montreal, Canada’s largest city, and that nation’s cultural and commercial capital, is also about a one-hour drive from campus. You can travel by car or express bus to the New York City and Long Island areas in about six hours. Albany is two and one-half hours from Plattsburgh, and Syracuse is about five hours away.

Students appreciate the City of Plattsburgh for its clean, tree-lined streets, its easygoing style and pace of living, and its friendly, hospitable people. Our community’s downtown area is only a few blocks from campus. A student government-sponsored van service provides transportation several times daily to shopping and entertainment centers in both the city and its outlying districts.

The North Country, of which Plattsburgh is the hub, is rich in history. Benedict Arnold conducted a very successful campaign in 1776 at nearby Valcour Island on Lake Champlain that stalled the British invasion of New York. The War of 1812 ended just off Plattsburgh’s shores on Lake Champlain in what was the last naval battle between the U.S. and Great Britain. Our library holds a treasury of manuscript material for not only local history but also the history of New York State and Canada.

The North Country offers myriad opportunities for outdoor recreation: skiing, snowshoeing, mountain climbing, camping, fishing, boating, tennis, and golf. Our own indoor and outdoor facilities for sports and recreation are first-rate. If you are attracted to spectator sports, Montreal is big league in virtually every respect.

You’ll discover that the North Country isn’t much colder than other regions of the state. You will quickly realize that you can adapt easily to an environment in which the average temperature in January (the coldest month) is 18 degrees Fahrenheit and to one in which snowfall annually, while heavy in the nearby Adirondacks, is light by comparison to Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghamton, and other communities throughout New York. The compact nature of our campus also contributes to students’ comfort during the winter season. Just about every destination is no more than a few minutes’ walk from any point.

Campus Overview

SUNY Plattsburgh is a special academic community that maintains high academic standards and expectations in a caring, supportive environment. We offer diversity and quality in educational programs at reasonable cost; a first-rate faculty that will challenge you and help you achieve your intellectual potential and career objectives; a modern campus with excellent facilities in a comfortable setting; and a friendly atmosphere for learning and for growing intellectually, socially, and emotionally.

Our College offers a choice of over 60 baccalaureate degrees, complemented by a wide variety of minors and study options, and is known for the caliber of its academic programs. Our major programs are divided among academic units grouped in arts and science, business and economics, and education, health, and human services. In addition, we offer graduate programs in education, counselor education, school psychology, speech-language pathology, and liberal studies. Research based on applicants’ perceptions of our College before their enrollment indicates clearly that the range of programs available and their reputation for excellence are the primary reasons students choose our College.

We have an outstanding faculty and staff. Most teaching faculty hold the doctoral degree and view themselves as teacher/scholars and teacher/artists. A number are recognized nationally and internationally on the merits of their scholarship, the importance of their published works, and the honors they have received. Many involve students in their own research. This has led to a growing number of projects in which students are listed jointly with faculty on publications, as participants in exhibitions and performances, or as lecturers/presenters at professional conferences.

We promote active learning through internships, cooperative education placements, and field studies that are available in virtually every area of study. While a few graduate students direct some undergraduate laboratory sections under faculty supervision, all courses are taught by faculty. About 100 highly qualified professionals are available to work with you on academic and personal matters and on educational and career decisions.

You will be amazed by the extraordinary number and variety of activities that take place on campus. From concerts, theatre productions, and art exhibitions to lectures and debates featuring well-known experts in a wide assortment of fields—from clubs, organizations, and student government to intercollegiate and intramural sports—you will discover that SUNY Plattsburgh offers something to appeal to every interest.

Our modern complex consists of 35 buildings spread
across 300 acres of land, and it provides an impressive setting for both academic and extracurricular pursuits. Our grounds are clean, and our buildings are free of litter. Our students, faculty, and staff alike take pride in and good care of their campus and its facilities. Our campus is bordered on three sides by a pleasant residential neighborhood; its easternmost boundary is the Saranac River.

Our students are welcomed in the community and appreciated for what they contribute to its educational, cultural, economic, and social vitality. This affinity is perhaps most evident in support for the Plattsburgh College Foundation, which receives financial contributions from alumni, friends, parents, staff, businesses, and corporations. In recent years, approximately one-third of the contributions have come from the local region. During the 2004-05 fiscal year, the Foundation provided $1.34 million in financial assistance for student scholarships, academic and institutional programs, and athletics.

In fall 2006, the student body at SUNY Plattsburgh was just over 6,000 students (5,433 undergraduate and 660 graduate). The greatest number of Plattsburgh students come from three major New York regions—the Metropolitan area (Long Island, Westchester, and Rockland counties), the North Country, and the Capital District. Four percent of the students come from other states like Vermont, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. Another five percent come to SUNY Plattsburgh from such countries as Japan, Canada, Dominica, India, and St. Vincent.

Accreditation

SUNY Plattsburgh is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools located at 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2680 (Telephone: 215-662-5606) and the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Academic programs that hold subject-specific accreditations or certifications include:

- Business by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International)
- Chemistry by the American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Counselor Education by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP)
- Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA)
- Nutrition by the American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education (ADA)
- Medical Technology by the American Association for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP)
- Nursing by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Speech-Language Pathology by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Theatre by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)
- Teacher education programs by the New York State Education Department and candidacy status by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)

Academic and Administrative Facilities

Our academic and administrative facilities consist of a number of buildings primarily in the center of campus. The majority of our administrative offices are located in the Kehoe Administration Building. Our academic buildings house our classrooms, labs, and faculty offices.

Beaumont Hall

Beaumont Hall is the center for the study of psychology and biological sciences. Faculty offices, classrooms, and laboratories are located throughout the three-story complex along with a major suite for behavioral psychology, seminar rooms, and a computer instruction laboratory. The College’s Auditory Research Laboratory and the North Country Traumatic Brain Injury Center are also housed in this facility.

Canada House

Canada House, located next to Redcay Hall, serves as the home for the Center for the Study of Canada, the most comprehensive undergraduate Canadian studies program in the U.S., and the Institute on Quebec Studies. Canada House also serves as a teacher resource center on Canada and hosts a number of visiting Canadian scholars, politicians, and notable guests every year. A growing collection of Canadian art is always on display.

Champlain Valley Hall

At one time, Champlain Valley Hall served as a residence for nursing students training at the local hospital. Today, Champlain Valley Hall houses many of the traditional humanities programs including English, foreign languages and literature, history, and philosophy. Students can be found scattered throughout CV Hall attending classes or meeting with faculty in their offices.

Champlain Valley Hall also houses CV Commons, a lounge area where students will often be found studying before or after classes or attending one of the guest lectures offered by the departments in the building. Featuring a fireplace, artwork, and a number of comfortable chairs and tables, CV Commons is a popular hangout amongst students and faculty alike.
Feinberg Library

The Benjamin F. Feinberg Library is dedicated to the memory of the prominent Plattsburgh native and New York State Senator who sponsored the 1948 legislation creating the State University of New York.

An open, spacious, and welcoming facility, Feinberg Library is conducive to research and study by students, faculty, community residents, and other individuals. An outstanding staff is available to assist users with all of their information needs.

In addition to being available in person or online to assist users, librarians also teach one-credit general education courses on information and technology literacy. These critical courses focus on the access, retrieval, evaluation, and management of information including a basic introduction to research databases and strategies, computer use, technology issues, and common academic software.

A selective depository for U.S. government documents, Feinberg Library is a designated New York State Document Research Depository Library and has a substantial collection of Canadian government documents.

The library’s Reference and Electronic Search Services Center provides access to a full-range of digital and print information resources and applications. Feinberg’s Special Collections houses the College Archives and is the home to manuscripts, photographs, books, and journals that document the history of the North Country.

Feinberg Library houses more than 365,000 volumes and provides access to more than 3,500 periodicals, both in print and online. In addition, Feinberg Library is home to the Rockwell Kent Gallery, a special collection of the famed artist’s works.

Advisors from Academic Advising meet with students in the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center on the lower level of the library to help them achieve academic and personal success toward degree requirements. Students can also be found utilizing the writing skills computer lab and late-night study and tutoring services offered by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center.

Hawkins Hall

Hawkins Hall is the College’s “Old Main” building and is named in memory of George K. Hawkins, who served as principal of the Plattsburgh Normal School for 35 years. Opened in 1932, Hawkins Hall replaced the original Normal School that had burned to the ground three years earlier.

Today, Hawkins is a campus landmark with its beautifully landscaped grounds and pond. It features a number of smart classrooms and Internet capability throughout as a result of an eight-year restoration project completed in 1999.

Hawkins Hall is home to the stately E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, the main auditorium on campus. Some of the many functions held in the Giltz Auditorium include academic convocations, presidents’ guest lecture series, concerts, and major theatre productions. The adjacent Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall is one of the foremost spots on campus for guest lectures and small scale shows and concerts.

Hawkins Hall is also home to the widely acclaimed Redcay Honors Center and Program, the Institute for Ethics in Public Life, the Damianos Nursing Skills Laboratory, Upward Bound, and offices for several key disciplines including mathematics, nursing and nutrition, geography, political science, and women’s studies. A number of other administrative offices are also located within, including the Office of the President, Affirmative Action, Institutional Advancement (Alumni Affairs, Development, Public Relations, and Marketing), and the Credit Union.

Hudson Hall

Hudson Hall is named in memory of Professor Emeritus George Henry Hudson. The laboratories and classrooms are the perfect place to study the in-depth complexities of modern physics, chemistry, environmental science, geography, and geology. The facility also hosts the offices of the Dean of Arts and Science, the Center for Earth and Environmental Sciences, The Lake Champlain Research Institute, New York Sea Grant, and the Departments of Physics and Chemistry.

The North Country Planetarium, located at the north end of the building, gives public presentations for faculty, staff, students, and the community-at-large. The planetarium features a one-of-a-kind, German-made Zeiss projection unit capable of projecting more than 7,000 stars.

Kehoe Administration Building

The Kehoe Administration Building is the central place on campus where you can pay your bills, check-up on your financial aid, or find internship and employment opportunities.

The ten-story building houses administrative offices including Academic Affairs, Administrative Accounting, Admissions, Business Affairs, Career Development Center, Center for Diversity, Pluralism, and Inclusion, Computer Systems Center, Financial Aid, Graduate Admissions, Human Resources, Institutional Research, International Student Services, Payroll, Purchasing, Registrar, Research Foundation, Sponsored Research and Programs, Student Affairs, and Student Accounts (formerly Bursar’s Office).

Myers Fine Arts Building

The Myers Fine Arts Building is the creative center of SUNY Plattsburgh and is home to the Art, Music, and Theatre Departments and the Plattsburgh State Art Museum.

The Myers Fine Arts Building is filled with a variety of artwork by students as well as professional pieces in

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the various galleries. The Myers Lobby is a wonderful venue to show off the talent of SUNY Plattsburgh’s art students as well as music student and faculty events. The artwork culminates in the Nina Winkel Sculpture Gallery, the largest collection of artwork by one woman in North America.

The Slatkin Room offers decorative glass collections and educational materials donated by Regina Slatkin, as well as historical objects including tribal art, antiquities, and Eastern and Western material. The Burke Gallery (named after a former college president and his wife, Dr. Joseph C. and Joan T. Burke) features a number of changing exhibits each year.

The Myers Fine Arts Building provides complete state-of-the-art laboratories (Music Technology/Piano Lab, Digital Photo Lab, and Graphic Design Lab), rehearsal and practice rooms for students and faculty, and studio and classroom facilities for study in these disciplines.

The Hartman Theatre is in many ways the most prominent, though not the largest, auditorium on campus. The 400-seat theatre is the main site for student and visiting theater productions. Recent student promotions have included Urinetown, The Musical, City of Angels, Chicago, The Cherry Orchard, Six Characters in Search of an Author, Bus Stop, Arsenic and Old Lace, Incorruptible, An Inspector Calls, and The Foreigner.

102 Broad Street

Located at the intersection of Beekman and Broad Streets, 102 Broad Street currently provides office space for the Adirondack Experience (ADX) Program, which coordinates a major and a minor in expeditionary studies and several co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, including an equipment rental program. The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, The Lake Champlain Sea Kayak Institute, and “The Adventure Lecture Series.” The second floor of 102 Broad Street is home to the Global Education Office, Study Abroad Programs, and the National Student Exchange Program.

Redcay Hall

Redcay Hall, named in memory of Dr. Edward “Doc” Redcay, houses the School of Business and Economics, and the Sociology and Criminal Justice, Computer Science, and Anthropology Departments. Also located in Redcay Hall is the Harry Mowry Conference Room, four smart classrooms, a state-of-the-art accounting lab, a commons area, and several lecture rooms.

Saranac Hall

Books, SUNY Plattsburgh T-shirts, and computer parts are just a few of the items available for purchase at the College Store, which is operated by College Auxiliary Services and located on the upper level of Saranac Hall.

Textbooks for every course are available, in addition to supplies, computers, and personal items such as apparel, dorm supplies, and greeting cards. The College Store is the official provider of all SUNY Plattsburgh insignia merchandise. The Book Nook, inside the College Store, offers books from The New York Times' best-seller list, local interest books, and books written by our very own distinguished professors. See www.mypsbookstore.com for items available for purchase online.

Sibley Hall

For those students interested in professional programs such as education, Sibley Hall is their home away from home. Sibley Hall houses the Education Departments, Literacy Clinic, Communication Disorders and Sciences Department and Clinic, Military Studies Department (Army ROTC program), Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Center, Third Age Adult Daycare Center, North Country Teacher Resource Center, and the College’s Early Care and Education Center. The Early Care and Education Center, a not-for-profit corporation licensed by the New York State Department of Social Services, provides care and education for 72 children, most of whom are children of faculty and students.

Sibley Hall also houses classroom facilities featuring the latest educational technology. A new Hospitality Center, which opened in fall 2004, features a restaurant and cooking demonstration classroom for the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Department. The office of the Dean of Education, Health, and Human Services is also located in Sibley Hall.

Ward Hall

Ward Hall was named in honor of Dr. Charles C. Ward, the fourth principal of the Plattsburgh Normal School. Home to spacious, attractive and well-equipped classrooms and service areas in support of programs in human development and family relations, nutrition, counselor education, and social work, Ward Hall also houses several laboratories, including the Historical Archaeology Lab and the Human Osteology and Paleopathology Lab.

Ward Hall Commons, a large room where students relax in-between classes, is located on the first floor of the building near the offices for the North Country Small Business Development Center and Empire State College.

On the second floor is the Louise Norton Classic Design Collection Room, a wonderful collection of quality furnishings previously used by the former Department of Home Economics.
Yokum Hall
The George E. Yokum Communication/Lecture Hall was named in memory of a former music professor at SUNY Plattsburgh. The complex is home to the Center for Communications and Journalism, which is located on the lower level of Yokum Hall. Students in the communication and journalism programs gain intensive experience in the full-service broadcast/telecast facilities, which include the Albert R. Montanaro Television Studio, an audio lab, and a multi-media facility. The student-run television station (PSTV) and radio station (WARP) also broadcast from Yokum Hall. On the upper-level of Yokum Hall, there are nine lecture halls.

Memorial Hall
Memorial Hall is home to the Department of Sport and Wellness, administrative, faculty, and coaches offices, classrooms, and a number of athletic facilities. Memorial Hall Gymnasium hosts our intercollegiate men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball programs, as well as recreational and intramural events. Students, faculty, and staff also use the six-lane swimming pool and four racquetball courts.

Memorial Hall also boasts a 5,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Fitness Center, which houses cardiovascular equipment, resistive weight equipment, and a free weight area. The Fitness Center is open to SUNY Plattsburgh students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their spouses or domestic partners on a membership basis. A separate 1,800 square-foot facility is dedicated to aerobics and yoga class offerings, and a 2,700 square-foot activity room is home to group cycling and cardio kickboxing classes.

Field House
The Field House is located on upper Rugar Street just west of the main campus. It houses the 3,500-seat Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena, home to the men’s intercollegiate ice hockey team, which won the 1992 and 2001 NCAA Division III Championships. The Stafford Ice Arena is also home to the women’s intercollegiate ice hockey team, which hosted the NCAA Frozen Four Tournament in 2006 and led Division III in attendance. This facility is used extensively for hockey as well as figure/recreational skating by groups from the College, local high schools, and the community.

A separate gymnasium area houses an indoor track and basketball court and is used for indoor soccer. It also hosts numerous events, including commencement exercises, concerts, craft fairs, and large-scale dinners.

Adjacent to the Field House are several outdoor facilities. The “Chip” Cummings Field is home to the men’s baseball team, while a new soccer-lacrosse field, complete with state-of-the-art artificial turf, was installed in fall 2005. There are practice fields, an outdoor track, and six regulation tennis courts next to the Field House. A cross-country course through Rugar Woods also starts and ends at the Field House.

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Other Services and Facilities
SUNY Plattsburgh offers students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as the residents of the community myriad services and cultural activities throughout the academic year.

Angell College Center
The Angell College Center, named in memory of the sixth college president, Dr. George Angell, is the focal point of the campus for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Every day during the academic year, students stop in to grab a bite, socialize, catch a movie, or attend one of the many lectures or other special events.

The hub of the Angell College Center is the Information Desk. Services available at the Information Desk include campus event information and tickets, video rentals and magazines, postage stamps, newspapers, and ride cards.

The Campus Express Convenience Store includes a UPS shipping center, check cashiering, and color and black and white duplicating services. It also houses Fresh Express.

When the really big celebrations occur on campus, the Charles and Nancy Warren Ballroom (named after another college president and his wife) is the place they are likely to be held. This large room, which can seat more than 300 individuals, can host formal dinners, lectures, and many other social events or smaller affairs when divided into two rooms with the movable center wall. Meetings can also be held in the other rooms on the second floor of the Angell College Center.

The Willard C. Flynn Commons is the ideal spot to study, work on a group project, or just relax around the large fireplace. Situated on the second floor of the Angell College Center, Flynn Commons is one of the most popular spots on campus amongst students. Java Jo’s, a premier coffeehouse, is located adjacent to Flynn Commons.

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This fall, WQKE radio station is expected to broadcast from its new studio next to the WoW Cafe and Wingery on the main level of Angell College Center. Operating for 40 years now, the student-run FM broadcast station will continue to entertain its audience with new, groundbreaking music, comprehensive news, and sports broadcasts.

The offices for Student Activities/College Center, Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Program, Leadership Development Center, and Multicultural Suite are located in Angell. The Student Association, Cardinal Points student newspaper, and several other student organizations also have space in the Angell College Center.

Food and beverages are also available in the Angell College Center at the Sundowner food court, the WoW Café and Wingery, and Java Jo’s, a premier coffee house. All are operated by Sodexho Campus Services. For more details, see Campus Dining Services in the Student Life and Student Services section of this catalog.

Computing Services and Facilities
SUNY Plattsburgh provides state-of-the-art computing facilities and broad-based computing and information services for all students on campus. The College has an extensive fiber-optic campus network that links all campus buildings, including the residence halls. Access to the Internet is available from numerous computer kiosks sprinkled throughout the campus, computer labs, residence hall rooms, and specialized computer facilities.

Wireless network access is also available in a host of key campus buildings, including Feinberg Library and the Angell College Center. The College provides a network connection for each student in every residence hall room, and a well-staffed Helpdesk is ready to support the computer needs of all students.

Our main, open-access lab in Feinberg Library is equipped with a variety of PC-compatible systems, including color printers and peripherals such as scanners and Zip drives. Several computer facilities provide access to a wide range of desktop application software (e.g., word processing, spreadsheets, etc.), course-specific software, printing, the campus network, and the Internet. Discipline-specific computer labs are found throughout the campus, including those for graphic arts, journalism, biology, chemistry, computer science, geographical information systems (GIS), physics, photography, and psychology, among others.

A large variety of resources and services are available online at SUNY Plattsburgh including student course registration, student records, web-based electronic mail, the college catalog, course descriptions, the course master schedule, online databases, full-text journals, electronic reserves, and reference service.

College Auxiliary Services, Inc.
College Auxiliary Services (C.A.S.) provides high-quality, affordable, convenient support services for the benefit of the SUNY Plattsburgh college community. C.A.S. oversees the subcontract for on-campus dining with Sodexho Campus Services and manages the College Store, Campus Express, and the on-campus cable television system. C.A.S. also administers all conference services for SUNY Plattsburgh including Twin Valleys Outdoors Education Center and Valcour Education Conference Center on Lake Champlain. (For more information on these facilities, see below.)

In accordance with the purposes of the not-for-profit corporation, all surplus revenues from C.A.S. are used for the benefit of SUNY Plattsburgh in furtherance of the College’s mission. C.A.S. provides financial support for many programs, workshops, and scholarships on campus including the Alternative Break Programs, admission and enrollment initiatives, academic travel for students, and scholarship support through the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

Extension Center at Adirondack Community College
The SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Center Office is located across from Adirondack Community College (ACC) in Queensbury, New York. Just three miles from the Adirondack Northway (I-87), Exit 19, the center provides master’s and bachelor’s degree opportunities for students in Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties.

While continuing to provide courses for master’s degrees in education and liberal studies and for an online bachelor’s degree in nursing, the Extension Center offers bachelor’s degree completion programs in childhood education, criminal justice, management, and psychology. The bachelor’s degree completion programs are open to students who hold or will hold an associate’s degree in liberal arts or junior status (57 credits) by the time they begin SUNY Plattsburgh classes. Attendance may be on a full- or part-time basis. Most SUNY Plattsburgh courses are held on the campus of ACC in Queensbury.

In conformance with NYSED regulations concerning extension centers, students pursuing any of these degree programs (with the exception of the online bachelor’s degree in nursing), must complete at least one course on the main Plattsburgh campus. All other courses can be completed at the extension center or through distance education.

In cooperation with ACC, SUNY Plattsburgh offers students a variety of services at ACC, including library facilities, computer and Internet use, textbooks and supplies easily available through the bookstore, and food services.

Students may obtain information on programs, admissions and registration procedures, and schedules of
courses as well as academic advisement at the Plattsburgh Extension Center Office located at 667 Bay Road, Suite 2B, across from the ACC campus. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., this office offers assistance in handling all areas of academics, from purchasing textbooks and securing student identification cards, to registering for comprehensive examinations and graduate admissions tests. Prospective students are urged to call 518-792-5425 for an appointment or request information via the Extension Center web site at www.plattsburgh.edu/accextension.

Lake Champlain Research Institute

The primary objective of the Lake Champlain Research Institute (LCRI) is to promote student research and education in the Lake Champlain Basin. Current affiliate activities include interdisciplinary studies in many areas of biology, chemistry, geology, environmental science, history, and education.

The institute, which is housed in Hudson Hall, is actively involved in research that results in a better understanding of regional natural resources and provides reliable scientific information to environmental decision makers. LCRI maintains on-campus laboratory research facilities and field equipment including a 32-foot research vessel, The Monitor.

The institute cooperates with academic departments and other institutions to provide field/laboratory research and educational experiences for undergraduate and graduate students. LCRI also sponsors workshops and courses to provide educational opportunities for K-12 educators, students, and other interested parties in the region.

William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute

The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute in Chazy hosts the Applied Environmental Science Program, which is an intensive laboratory, field, and research experience for upper-division students who learn analytical techniques and gain experience in solving environmental problems.

Students live and study at the Center during the fall semester and, with the resident faculty, may undertake research projects directed toward actual environmental problems and ecological issues in the Adirondack and Lake Champlain Basin regions. The Center contains classrooms, laboratories, a library, and residential and dining facilities for 50 students and staff.

Plattsburgh Alumni Association

The Plattsburgh Alumni Association is the official organization of the College’s alumni, and any SUNY Plattsburgh graduate or undergraduate may become a member. The managing Board of Directors (18 alumni and two student representatives) includes members from a variety of academic majors, careers, geographic locations, and class years. The Plattsburgh Alumni Association proudly represents more than 50,000 alumni.

The roots of the Plattsburgh Alumni Association run deep, and although the association did not exist in its present form until the 1960s, an alumni presence was felt on campus in the early part of the 20th Century. The forbearers of today’s alumni association were a small group of alumni on faculty at the college in the 1930’s who coordinated an annual dinner for local alumni and wrote articles highlighting former classmates for inclusion in the campus newspaper *Northern Lights*.

Today’s Alumni Association involves working with and supporting students and alumni in many ways. In January 2007, the Plattsburgh Alumni Association partnered with the Career Development Center to establish a Student/Alumni Center for Professional Development. This center utilizes the Cardinal Connections (formerly the Plattsburgh Alumni Career Exploration Network) in providing opportunities for students and alumni to network with alumni.

The outreach and relationship-building efforts of the Alumni Association nurture the charitable giving of our alumni, on behalf of students that attend SUNY Plattsburgh. This support, through the Plattsburgh College Foundation, provides additional resources for financial aid, student scholarships, academic enrichment, and enhancement to student life programs. The Alumni Association also sponsors the Distinguished Visiting Alumni Program, Steve Shemet Alumni Speakers’ Series, Homecoming Weekend, Alumni/Admissions Program, Student Ambassador Program, and a variety of events for students during the academic year.

For more information concerning the Plattsburgh Alumni Association, call (800) 964-1889 or check online at www.plattsburgh.edu/alumni.

The Plattsburgh College Foundation, Inc.

The Plattsburgh College Foundation, Inc. was created by the College Council in 1963 as a not-for-profit organization to serve as the main fundraising organization of the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh for the receipt and management of all its private gifts. Its purpose is to make grants of financial assistance to the College, to faculty and students, including, but not limited to, scholarship grants to students, the endowment of professorships, research and study grants to faculty and students, improvement of educational facilities, and furnishing of special equipment. Currently, the foundation’s focus is to secure gifts which support three priorities: the endowment, the Plattsburgh Fund which is the College’s annual giving program for current unrestricted and restricted gifts, and gifts to enhance the campus.

Foundation funds are used primarily for student aid and academic enrichment. During the 2005-06 fiscal year, the foundation provided $1.27 million in
financial assistance for student scholarships, academic and institutional programs, and athletics.

The Plattsburgh College Foundation originally consisted of the nine members of the SUNY Plattsburgh College Council and then-president Dr. George W. Angell. Today, membership in the corporation stands at more than 150 alumni, faculty, students, and friends. The foundation’s affairs are managed by a Board of Directors comprised of alumni, community members, faculty, staff, and students.

The president of the foundation chairs the Board of Directors, and its day-to-day operations are conducted under the jurisdiction of an executive director—a member of the administrative staff (usually the vice president for institutional advancement) appointed each year on the recommendation of the president of the College.

Plattsburgh State Art Museum

With a collection of over 10,000 works of art and artifacts, the SUNY Plattsburgh Art Museum offers a professional visual art experience to the College and to the community. The facilities and programs of the museum, including The Burke Gallery located in the Myers Fine Arts Building, offers a complete schedule of historical and contemporary exhibitions in all media. The Rockwell Kent Gallery, located in Feinberg Library, houses an extensive collection of paintings, drawings, prints, books, and ephemera of the late American artist Rockwell Kent and much of the College’s permanent art collection. Its alcove rooms hold 19th-Century Asian prints, sculptures, and paintings.

The Winkel Sculpture Court is an enclosed atrium in the Myers Building which contains more than 50 works by Nina Winkel. The Regina Slatkin Art Collections Study Room, second floor of the Myers Fine Arts Building, houses a collection of glass gifted to the College by Regina Shoolman Slatkin. The room also serves as a study room for other pieces of the College’s art collection. Its alcove rooms hold 19th-Century Asian prints, sculptures, and paintings.

Student Health Center/Office of University Police

Health and safety are two of the most important aspects of any college. With its easily accessible location near the center of campus, the Student Health Center/Office of University Police contributes to the well-being of students and the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Staffed by professional health care providers, The Center for Student Health and Psychological Services provides acute and routine health care, counseling, diagnostic tests, procedures, immunizations, and various medications. Services include allergy injections, women’s health care including contraceptives, men’s clinic, and nutritional advice. The Center for Student Health also provides an array of health education programs.

University Police works with the campus community to help ensure the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to SUNY Plattsburgh. The officers of University Police are certified police officers meeting or exceeding the standards required by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice and are qualified to deal with any situation that may occur. University Police provides 24-hour escort service; Operation I.D. for the registration of student bicycles, computers, stereos, and other valuable items; vehicle lockouts; and educational programming on such topics as rape aggression defense, alcohol and drug awareness, and personal safety awareness are available.

Twin Valleys Outdoor Education Center

The Twin Valleys Outdoor Education Center is a 660-acre wilderness tract of Adirondack woodlands, meadows, and streams near Westport, New York, 38 miles from campus. Rustic facilities include a main lodge equipped with a kitchen, bathrooms, and dormitories, as well as 12 cabins surrounding a two-acre pond.

A mature, white pine forest, wetlands, and ledge overlooks can be explored via the 10 miles of color-coded, maintained trails. Students and faculty use Twin Valleys throughout the year for recreational activities and outdoor-education programs. For more information concerning Twin Valleys, see www.plattsburghcas.com.

Valcour Educational Conference Center

The Valcour Educational Conference Center is an elegant, nine-acre estate on the western shore of Lake Champlain approximately nine miles south of Plattsburgh on State Route 9. Built at the turn of the 20th century, the center is administered by College Auxiliary Services.

Valcour consists of the main house with nine guest bedrooms and the boathouse. These facilities offer a unique, comfortable, and professional venue for conferences, meetings, banquets, weddings, family reunions, and overnight stays. Guests of the conference center are awestruck by the breathtaking views of the Green Mountains of Vermont, Lake Champlain, and Valcour Island, the site of one of the most historic battles of the Revolutionary War.
The Valcour Educational Conference Center is available to individuals and groups affiliated with SUNY Plattsburgh and other groups desiring a location for educational workshops and conferences. More information concerning Valcour Educational Conference Center is available online at www.plattsburghcas.com.

Residence Facilities

SUNY Plattsburgh has on-campus housing for approximately 2,800 students in its 12 non-smoking residence halls.

Building styles accommodate a variety of student preferences. Our first-year program is housed in Whiteface and Wilson residence halls. This program provides extensive academic and personal support and is recommended for our new students. Low-rise corridor, high-rise corridor, and suite-style residence halls are also available. Students select housing for themselves after their first year.

Residence hall bedrooms are equipped with voice, cable, and data connections in addition to an extra-long twin bed and one desk and dresser per occupant. Closets, also one per occupant, are built in. Ninety-four cable channels are available, and phone service includes 400 minutes per month of domestic long distance as well as voicemail. Most rooms are double occupancy but there are a limited number of singles that are available to students with a medical need to be alone.

All residence halls have amenities including recreation lounges with a television and pool table, study lounges, laundry facilities (not coin-op), a kitchenette, vending machines, and a centrally located mailroom. Four halls have computer labs, and there are plans to create an additional lab in each other hall. Resident students must contract for a full meal plan. There are a variety of options with different choices in meal times, locations, and food selection. (For more information see On-Campus Residence Living in the Student Life and Student Services section of this catalog or contact Housing & Residence Life.)