Inside Stony Brook: A to Z

Stony Brook is a world of its own. To help you get acquainted with all that SB has to offer, here is an “A to Z” guide to some terms, abbreviations, and places you may come across during your time here.

This is a partial listing of where you can go for more information. For access to all campus resources, visit www.stonybrook.edu/success or the University’s home page at www.stonybrook.edu.
Academic and Pre-Professional Advising Center ........................................ 632-7082
The Center serves undeclared students, students in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business, and students interested in the law and health professions. The Center helps students plan their course schedule and to select an appropriate major; directs them to various tutoring and campus resources; and reviews students’ progress toward graduation.
E-2360, Melville Library
www.stonybrook.edu/aadvising

AJC (Academic Judiciary) .................................. 632-7080
The Academic Judiciary (AJC) Office deals with accusations of dishonesty and grievances. If you wish to file a complaint, visit the AJC Office or call for more information. See page 42 for more information on Academic Judiciary.
E-3310, Melville Library
http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/CAS/ajc.nsf

Activity Fee
The fee students pay each semester to help fund University clubs and activities.

Add/Drop Period (Change of Course)
Period of time during the semester when students may add or drop courses. Visit the SOLAR System for the dates of the Add/Drop Period at the start of each semester.

Admin Building
The Administration building.

Alumni Association ........................................ 632-6330
The Alumni Association is here to cultivate relationships between students and alumni. They also sponsor many events, including Wolfstock Village at Homecoming.
E-1315, Melville Library
www.stonybrookalumni.com

Athletics .................................................. 632-7200
Our Department of Athletics oversees 20 NCAA Division 1 teams. For information on the teams, a list of their fall and spring schedules, and information on coaches and players visit their Website below.
Sports Complex
www.goseawolves.org

ATM Machine Locations
SAC, Stony Brook Union, Administration, HSC

Baccalaureate Degree (B.A., B.S., B.E.)
Degrees requiring a minimum of 120 credits (or 128 for engineering majors) to complete; usually take four or five years to complete.

Bank (Teachers Federal Credit Union) ...... 632-4600
To manage their money on campus, students may open bank accounts at Teachers Federal Credit Union. The bank offers a variety of account offerings especially for students.
SAC and HSC Level 2
www.teachersfcu.org

Did you know?
The Zebra Path (pictured right) was designed and hand-painted by student Kim Hardiman in 1981.

“Prioritize your tasks so that you get the more important ones done in a timely way.”
—Kimieka Ricketts, Pharmacology
Inside Stony Brook

Bookstore, HSC Medical ....................... 444-3685
Bookstore, West Campus ....................... 632-6550
Purchase your textbooks, class rings, SB gear, and more at the University’s two bookstores. For operating hours or for more information, call or visit the Web sites below.
Health Sciences Center Level 2
www.cbamatthews.com/usbhsc
Lower Level, Melville Library
www.stonybrook.edu/bookstore

Bulletin/Catalog
The Undergraduate Bulletin is an official publication detailing major and minor requirements, degree requirements, course descriptions, academic rules and regulations, and other information. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with all rules, regulations, and requirements in the Bulletin, also available on the Web at www.stonybrook.edu/ugbulletin.

Bursar .............................................. 632-9316
The office responsible for money collection such as tuition, room and board, student fees, and special charges.
Administration Lobby
www.stonybrook.edu/bursar

Campus Card (ID) Office ....................... 632-2737
Campus Card HSC ID Office ................... 444-8151
The Campus Card Office is where to go to get your student ID card.
First Floor, Admin. or HSC Level 3, Room 162
www.stonybrook.edu/campuscard

Campus Dining Services ....................... 632-6325
FSA’s Campus Dining on the West Campus offers a choice of meal plans, usable in six dining facilities that provide more than 15 food concepts encompassing a variety of dining cuisines.
Various Locations
www.campusdining.org

Campus Life Time
A 90-minute period on Wednesdays from 12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. when very few classes are scheduled, allowing most students, faculty, and staff opportunities to participate in campus programs and activities.

Campus Recreation ................................ 632-7168
Join an intramural sports team or sports club, or try your hand at racquetball or squash. Campus Recreation offers many ways for you to get involved and have fun while doing it.
Sports Complex
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/rec/

Campus Residences ......................... 632-6750
Campus Residences oversees all Residence Halls and Residence Hall staff. If you have a question about your living arrangements, contact your Residence Hall Advisor.
Mendelsohn Quad
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res/

“Take advantage of your new situation and school and don’t be afraid to live and learn. Explore the possibilities and enjoy the rest of your college years.”
—Keisha Peterson, Psychology

Did you know?
The 4:17 p.m. train to New York City is the most popular westbound train leaving Stony Brook on Friday afternoons.
Career Center .......................................... 632-6810
Career planning plays an integral role in the academic planning process for all students. From providing guidance on how to write a résumé to helping you narrow down your career choice to finding internships, the Career Center’s services are here to help you succeed.
Lower Level, Melville Library
www.career.sunysb.edu

C.A.S.A. (Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals)
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Business faculty/student committees that review student petitions for exceptions to academic regulations and deadlines.

Child Care Services ...................................... 632-6930
Child Care is available for your child right on campus. Stony Brook Child Care Services offers exemplary care in a new state-of-the-art facility specially designed for kids.
Building C, South Drive
www.stonybrook.edu/sb/childcare/

Class Standing
Student’s ranking as a freshman (U1), sophomore (U2), junior (U3), or senior (U4); based on the number of units completed.

Colleges, Schools, and Departments
Stony Brook has six major academic units for undergraduate students (College of Arts and Sciences or CAS, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences or CEAS, College of Business, School of Health Technology and Management [SHTM], School of Nursing, and School of Social Welfare), each of which is subdivided into departments.

“Be involved, meet people, enjoy your time here. Ask for help when you need it.”
—Elena Savvides, Biochemistry

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS)
Undergraduate Student Office .................................................................632-8381
The CEAS Undergraduate Student Office provides a variety of services to undergraduates within the College including general academic advising and assistance with processing transfer credits. The Undergraduate Student Office also receives and processes student petitions to the CEAS Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals (C.A.S.A.). Student organizations, including professional and honor societies, maintain mailboxes within the office, and scholarships and internships for CEAS students are also coordinated through this office.
Room 127 Engineering

Did you know?
The Roth Pond Cardboard Boat Race (pictured above) began in 1987.
Commuter Student Association (CSA)........ 632-6456
The CSA organizes events to bring commuters and residents together; lobbies on behalf of commuter students with the administration; and represents commuters in our student government’s legislative branch.
Room 145, SAC
www.ic.sunysb.edu/clubs/commuter/

Commuter Student Services .................... 632-7353
This office offers valuable services, programs, advocacy, and outreach on behalf of commuter students.
Suite 222, SAC
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/commuter/

Counseling Center, University ............ 632-6720
The University Counseling Center provides consultation, crisis intervention, brief psychotherapy, group and couple’s therapy, and psychiatric services for students currently registered for six credits in a degree program at Stony Brook.
Student Health Center
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/counsel/

Crafts Center ..................................... 632-6822
The Crafts Center provides leisure opportunities through non-credit classes in arts, crafts, ceramics, painting, and photography. Students can also take a ceramic or photography membership if they would like to use those facilities on their own.
Lower Level, Stony Brook Union
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/sac/craftscenter

Dean of Students .................... 632-7320
The Dean of Students plays a vital role in maintaining and enriching campus community. The Office of the Dean offers leadership for co-curricular programs and activities and plan initiatives to improve student life, facilitate student achievement, and welcome and orient new students.
Suite 222, SAC
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dos/

DEC (Diversified Education Curriculum)
Stony Brook’s general education curriculum.

Disability Support Services (DSS)......... 632-6748
Disability Support Services coordinates advocacy and support services for students with disabilities. These services assist in integrating students’ needs with the resources available at the University to eliminate physical or programmatic barriers and to ensure an accessible academic environment. All information and documentation of student disabilities is confidential. DSS can assist with University procedures and requirements, and test accommodations as well as the recruitment of readers, interpreters, and note-takers. Voice/TTY is available at 632-6548.
ECC Building
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dss/

Diversity and Affirmative Action .......... 632-6280
The Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action is the primary advocate for multiculturalism and diversity at the University.
201 Administration Building
www.stonybrook.edu/diversity/

ECC
Educational Communication Center, located behind the Psychology Building. Home to Disability Support Services and SB TV’s Studio.

“Academics are important but finding time for campus activities is almost as important. Definitely find your place and you won’t get lost in the crowd.”
—Heather Sansoucy, Pre-Nursing
English as a Second Language ..................632-7777
The TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Certification Program prepares undergraduate and graduate students to become teachers of English as a Second Language in grades Pre-K to 12.
SBS Building
semlab1.sbs.sunysb.edu/Users/dkaufman/tesol.html

EOP/AIM ..................................................632-7090
Advancement on Individual Merit (AIM) is the name of the University's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
W-3520, Melville Library
http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Prov/eopaim.nsf

ESS
Earth and Space Sciences building.

FSA (Faculty Student Association) .............632-6510
The Faculty Student Association (FSA) is a not-for-profit auxiliary services corporation licensed by Stony Brook University to provide goods and services that contribute to the quality of campus life. In addition to Campus Dining Services, FSA provides the following services: Campus Dining Carts; Galleria Café; vending machines; FSA Market; Off-Campus Housing; the University Bookstore; Bookstore Campus Account; Health Sciences Center (HSC) Medical Bookstore; Seawolves MarketPlace; laundry facilities; refrigerator rentals; West Campus Meal Plan Office; and the Student Staffing Resources Office.
Stony Brook Union
http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/FSA/fsa.nsf

“Enjoy your college life, but remember why you are here.”
—Augusto De La Cruz,
Atmospheric Sciences

Financial Aid and Job Opportunities...........632-6840
The Office of Student Financial Aid Services administers two sources of employment for students wishing to work on campus: the Federal Work-Study (FWS) and Student Assistant programs. SB currently allows for a variable wage scale based on the assignment type and prior experience. Students are encouraged to work no more than 20 hrs per week during the semester.
First Floor, Administration
http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Prov/financial.nsf

Fraternity/Sorority Information..................632-9392
Fraternities and sororities are part of the culture at Stony Brook. All of the 28 fraternities and sororities are governed by a central board called the Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council (IFSC). Visit Student Activities for more information.
Suite 219, SAC
www.ic.sunysb.edu/clubs

GPA (Grade Point Average)
The unit hours in each course multiplied by the grade in each course divided by the total number of units. You earn a GPA each semester and a cumulative GPA for all semesters of study.

Graduate School .......................................632-4723
The Graduate School is home to our graduate programs.
Second Floor, Computer Science Building
www.grad.sunysb.edu

Did you know?
Blue Oyster Cult got their start playing in Stony Brook residence halls under the names Soft White Underbelly and Stalk Forrest.
Graduate Student Organization (GSO) ................................................. 632-6492
The GSO is the graduate student government. Its purpose is to identify and protect the rights of graduate students, advance their interests, provide a forum for public debate, and promote graduate student participation in SB affairs.
Room 227, SAC
http://moya.ic.sunysb.edu/clubs/gso/

Health Insurance Office.............................................................. 632-6377
The office assists all students and visiting scholars with health insurance information, enrollments, and claims problems.
Student Health Center
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/shs/insurance

Health Services.............................................................................. 632-6740
The Student Health Service offers comprehensive and cost-effective health services for both medical and psychosocial health problems for all Stony Brook students taking six or more credits a semester.
Student Health Center
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/shs/

HSC (Health Sciences Center) Office of Student Services................................. 444-2111
The Health Sciences Center (HSC) is comprised of five Schools: Dental Medicine, Health Technology and Management, Medicine, Nursing, Social Welfare, and the Graduate Program in Public Health. This office can provide information on all HSC programs and provide assistance to potential and current HSC students.
HSC, Level 2, Room 271
www.uhmc.sunysb.edu/studserv/

“Don’t be afraid of meeting new people and trying out for activities.”
—Phill Choe, Art

Interfaith Center.............................................................................. 632-6565
The Interfaith Center reflects the many diverse religious traditions on our Campus. It is the organization for chaplains and Campus ministry persons who are officially selected representatives of religious denominations and have a major concern for and a working relationship with the University.
Stony Brook Union
http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/OSA/interfaith.nsf

Interlibrary Loan............................................................................ 632-7117
Books, articles, dissertations, and other materials not owned by the Melville Library can be obtained from other libraries through the Interlibrary Loan Office. There is no charge for this service. Requests are made online via ILL Express, which is linked from “Interlibrary Loan” on the Library’s Home Page. Requests for materials in the health sciences or social welfare should be submitted to the HSC Library.
Melville Library
http://sunysb.hosts.atlas-sys.com/illiad/default.htm

International Services................................................................. 632-4685
This office provides assistance to international students.
Computer Science Building
www.grad.sunysb.edu/International/arrivalcontents.html

Did you know?
Stony Brook’s athletic teams were first called Baymen and later Patriots before becoming Seawolves in 1993.
Internship .................................................632-6810
Opportunity to work in a sponsoring agency while completing an independent project with a Stony Brook faculty member. May be for academic credit.
Career Center
www.career.sunysb.edu/

Judicial Affairs ..........................................632-6705
If you have questions about the Student Conduct code, call or contact the Director of Judicial Affairs at Gary.Mis@stonybrook.edu.
347 Administration
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/jud/

Library (Main, West Campus) .......................632-7100
The Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library—the main library building on campus—is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to midnight. Within the building are collections serving the social sciences, humanities, fine arts, music, engineering, and geosciences.
Melville Library
www.stonybrook.edu/library

Loop (SAC)
The circle in front of the SAC.

Major
Identified on unofficial transcripts as your “plan.” All students must complete a major. When freshmen enter Stony Brook, they are often placed into the General Undeclared Preparation program. This is not a major and should be changed as soon as you think you know what you want to study.

Math Learning Center ...............................632-9845
On-campus site where students can receive math tutoring.
Room 127 A, Physics
http://math.sunysb.edu/MLC/math-r-us.html

Meal Plan Office .......................................632-6510
This office will help you make changes to your meal plan.
Room 250, Stony Brook Union
naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/FSA/fsa.nsf/pages/idmeal

Mentor Program ........................................632-7082
The Mentor Program has given incoming students (new and transfers) the opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with a member of the faculty or staff who can help you get acquainted with the University while adjusting to your new environment.
E-2360, Melville Library
www.stonybrook.edu/aadvising

Off-Campus Housing..................................632-6770
The Off-Campus Housing Service provides a listing service for landlords, tenants, and persons looking to rent houses and apartments. Its Interactive Web Page allows you to view available accommodations based on a number of factors including price and distance from the Stony Brook campus.
Stony Brook Union
http://och.vpsa.sunysb.edu

Did you know?
The Official Stony Brook Class Ring debuted in 2004. The first Ring Ceremony (for students to receive their rings) was held in May 2005.

“Meet as many new people as possible.”
—Danielle Werner, Business
Ombuds Office ..........................................632-9200
The Ombuds Office is available to assist students (as well as faculty and staff) in resolving difficult problems or disputes related to your life or work at the University. All matters handled by the Ombuds Office remain confidential.
Room W-0505, Melville Library
http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/Pres/Ombuds.nsf

Parking and Transportation ...........632-AUTO/2886
This office oversees all parking and on-campus transportation. Parking permits can be ordered online. All students who bring cars to campus must have an appropriate permit (residential or commuter). Parking tickets may be paid in person in the Administration Lobby.
Administration Lobby
www.stonybrook.edu/facilities/tps/

P.I.N. (Personal Identification Number)
The six-digit identification number you use when registering by phone or accessing records on SOLAR System. Initially, this number is your date of birth. You may change your P.I.N. at any time.

P/NC (Pass / No Credit)
Selecting to receive a P (pass) if you receive a D or above in the course, or an NC (no credit) if you fail the course. P/NC grades do not count in the GPA. Courses that are passed with a P do not satisfy major requirements.

Police, University ..................................632-3333
SB is committed to ensuring the safety of students, employees, and visitors through effective policies and procedures, educational programming, and community involvement.

In case of emergency, dial 911 from on campus; dial 632-3333 from private or coin phones. Reports of fire or medical emergencies, as well as criminal activity, can be made directly to the University Police from student room telephones or emergency phones. Each campus Residence Hall is equipped with fire/smoke alarms that signal directly to the Police Department.
Dutchess Hall, South Campus
www.stonybrook.edu/police

Provost
Senior administrator responsible for all academic programs.

Registrar .................................................632-6175
The Registrar’s Service Counter is where you go for assistance with registration, to obtain enrollment certifications, request an address change, a suppression of directory information, order a transcript, file for graduation, or file an academic major/minor change.
Administration Lobby
www.stonybrook.edu/registrar

Residence Hall Association .................632-9236
The Residence Hall Association is a representative body comprised of student representatives from the undergraduate Residence Halls.
Campus Residences
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res/

Residential Safety Program (RSP) ........632-6337
RSP is comprised of students who patrol the residential areas of campus, ensuring that activities are safe and orderly.
Campus Residences
www.stonybrook.edu/sb/newstudents/nssafety.shtml

“Go to [faculty] office hours! It’s a great way to improve your chances of succeeding in the class and you can also learn about your professors’ research and hobbies.”
—Matthew Christensen, Chemistry
Residency Requirement

After the 57th credit, whether any of these have been taken at Stony Brook or not, at least 36 more toward the degree must be taken at SB.

SAC

Student Activities Center, home of the Market Place, the Post Office, and Wellness Center.

SBS

Social and Behavioral Sciences building.

Seawolf

The mascot of the University’s athletic teams. Also known as “Wolfie.”

Seawolves MarketPlace.............................632-9281

The Seawolves MarketPlace located just off the main lobby in the SAC, offers fresh coffee, snacks, convenience items, campus logo merchandise, and an assortment of special gifts.

SAC Lobby

https://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/FSA/market2.nsf/pages/about

SINC

An acronym for Stony Brook Instructional Networked Computers. These computers, located across campus, are available to all students.

Various Locations

www.sinc.sunysb.edu

SOLAR System

The SOLAR (Student On-Line Access to Records) System provides direct access to academic records, course registration, and personal information.

www.stonybrook.edu/solarsystem

Stacks

The area of the Melville Library containing shelved books.

STARS (STony Brook Automated Retrieval System)

STARS is a Web-based online catalog. Use STARS to search for resources owned by the Main (West) Campus Library System by title, author, keyword, call number, or subject. Holdings of all the Library branches are listed in STARS, except for some specialized materials.

www.stonybrook.edu/sh/libraries.shtml

Student Activities, Office of .......................632-9392

The Office of Student Activities is your source for getting involved with campus life. Visit the staff to see how you can join a club or a fraternity or sorority. There are also many committees that you can join as well as student government and other leadership opportunities.

Suite 219, SAC

studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/sac/

Student Orientation and Family Programs ..632-6710

This office is dedicated to helping new students and family members during Orientation, through the First-Year Experience, and throughout the Stony Brook Undergraduate experience.

W-3519, Melville Library

www.stonybrook.edu/orientation

Student Staffing Resource Office ..............632-9306

The FSA Student Staffing Resources Office serves as a full-service employment office for student staff who work for FSA and its contractors. The Office accepts and processes applications for students seeking on-campus employ-
ment and other résumé-building opportunities, provides work skills assessment and training, and assists student staff with career support counseling.

Stony Brook Union
http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/FSA/fsa.nsf/pages/ssr

Students’ Welcome Center
The Students’ Welcome Center is your all-in-one resource Web site. If you need to find out about anything and aren’t sure where to look, go to www.stonybrook.edu/success and you’ll be pointed in the right direction. From academic calendars and career advising to campus housing and dining, the Student Welcome Center has the campus covered from A to Z.

Supplement (Bulletin)
Updated information to the Bulletin is accessible via the Bulletin Web site at www.stonybrook.edu/ugbulletin

Telecommunications............................632-9050
Questions about your phone service? Contact or visit the Telecommunications Office. Or you may activate your service by visiting the Web site below.
ECC Building
https://www.campuslink.paetec.com/

Travel Agency.....................................632-7799
Austin Travel is a full-service travel agency for students, faculty, and staff.
Lower Level, Melville Library
www.austintravel.com

Undergraduate Student Government.........632-6460
The Undergraduate Student Government represents the general student body at Stony Brook University. The government, along with its subcommittees, utilizes the student activity fee for various clubs and organizations to program events on campus. The fee is used to support cultural, social, and educational programs.
Suite 202, SAC

Undergraduate Transfer Office...............632-7028
Advisors in the Undergraduate Transfer Office help transfer students plan their academic programs and course selections to ensure a smooth transition to Stony Brook. Advisors evaluate transfer credits for DEC requirements and work with students and academic departments to facilitate the evaluation of transfer credits for major and upper-division requirements.
Room 134, Administration
www.stonybrook.edu/ugadmissions/transferoffice/

United States Post Office.......................632-9645
For all your snail-mail needs, a full-service U.S. Post Office is located on the lower level of the Student Activities Center.
Lower Level, SAC
www.stonybrook.edu/facilities/cs/mailservices/po.shtml

University Senate..............................632-7166
The University Senate is the chief governance body of Stony Brook, representing faculty, students, and professional staff. Senators represent their departments, academic units, and the undergraduate and graduate student bodies. A major part of the Senate’s work is done by its
Standing Committees, which consist of elected representatives of faculty, staff, and students. The Senate meets every month during the academic year.

**Room 124, Psychology Building B**
http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/usenate.nsf

**Weather Information** ......................632-SNOW/7669
444-SNOW/7669
632-NEWS/6397

In case of inclement weather, check the University’s Home Page or the SOLAR System.
www.stonybrook.edu/police/cin.htm

**Wellness Center** ........................................632-6822
The Wellness Center was created to provide a range of services and programs that support the holistic development of students, faculty, and staff. Amenities include free membership for students, locker rooms and showers, cardiovascular equipment, strength training machines, and free weights. Two dance studios are located in the SAC basement.

**Third Floor, SAC**
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/recreation/wellnesscenter

**Wo/Men’s Center** ..........................632-WOMN/9666
The Wo/Men’s Center strives to promote equal rights for everyone. It is a safe haven for students to learn, discuss, and give each other support.

**Room 216, Stony Brook Union**
studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/wom/

**Writing Center** ........................................632-7405
The Writing Center provides three major areas of service to the Stony Brook University community: tutoring individuals and small groups; advancing links between writing and technology literacy; and serving and supporting the larger Program in Writing and Rhetoric as a central on-campus resource and reference center for composition.

**Room L-77, Life Sciences Library**
naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/CAS/writingcenter1.nsf/

**WUSB 90.1 FM Radio** .....................632-6501
Stony Brook’s WUSB Radio is Long Island’s largest non-commercial, free-form radio station. Tune in any time and you’ll hear sounds ranging from interviews, commentary, jazz, pop, punk, noise, funk, folk, blues, reggae, polka, world music, and live music. Student volunteers staff the station.

**Room 228, Stony Brook Union**
www.wusb.org

**Zebra Path**
The striped walking path behind the Library, across from the SAC.