

STUDENT LOANS 101



GreenPath®
financial wellness

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Who is **GreenPath**?

Nonprofit financial counseling
agency

Established in 1961

Four offices in NY area including
Manhattan (above Penn
Station), Brooklyn Heights,
White Plains and Garden City



TODAY'S AGENDA

Types of loans

Repayment options

Postponing payments

Income driven plans

Forgiveness programs

Defaulted loans



We'll cover these
topics and more!



College can be a happy
time...



...Until
you start
thinking
about
your
student
loans.



According to a 2013 study, the average college senior graduated with approximately **\$28,400** in student loan debt! **1 in 7** borrowers default within three years.

So many choices!

Stafford Loans

Perkins Loans

Parent PLUS Loans

Grad PLUS Loans

Private Loans



Thank you for completing the 2013 - 2014 FAFSA. Based on your FAFSA information, you are eligible for the following financial aid:

Award Description	Fall Amount	Spring Amount	Total Amount
Federal Work-Study	1200		1200
Federal Pell Grant 1	2823	2822	5645
Federal SEOG Grant	200	200	400
Educational Opportunity Prog	1000	1000	2000
TAP Estimate	2500	2500	5000
SUNY Tuition Credit Estimate	207.5	207.5	500
Federal Direct Sub Loan 1	1750	1750	3500
Federal Direct Unsub Loan 1	1000	1000	2000
Federal Perkins Loan	500	500	1000

If you are awarded Work-Study, although it will show above as the total amount awarded in Fall, the total amount is awarded both in Fall and Spring.

Please note, your award(s) are subject to change. If any awards change, we will send a Revised Financial Aid Award Letter to your buffalo.edu email address. To view, accept or decline your financial aid log into the HUB Student Center via <http://inyub.buffalo.edu>. Your UB IT name and password are required.

Before accepting your awards you are expected to read the **Financial Aid Award Letter Step by Step Guide** at <http://financialaid.buffalo.edu/pdfs/StepbyStep1314.pdf>. The guide explains the University at Buffalo Financial Aid Terms and Conditions and outlines specific instructions about accepting your financial aid.

The initial financial aid award letter is based upon your academic career and assumed full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours per semester). However, final financial aid awards are based on UB credit hours registered on the financial aid census date, which can be found at <http://financialaid.buffalo.edu/process/census.php>. If you are not registered full-time on the financial aid census date, your financial aid awards will be adjusted to reflect your actual registration.

Sincerely,

The Office of Financial Aid

Subsidized Loans

Rates change
each year

Limit ranges from
\$3500 to \$5500

No interest during school.

2013-14: 3.86%

2014-15: 4.66%

2015-16: 4.29%



Once you take out
the loan, the rate
does not change.

Unsubsidized Loans

Rates change
each year

Limit usually \$2000
if getting max
subsidized amount

Interest accumulates during school.

2013-14: 3.86%

2014-15: 4.66%

2015-16: 4.29%



Once you take out
the loan, the rate
does not change.

Perkins Loans

Rates stay the same each year

Limit = \$5500

No interest during school

Rate = 5%

Needs based;
First come, first served

Parent PLUS/Grad PLUS Loans

Rates change
each year

Limit = cost of
attendance

Interest accumulates during school;
Credit check required; additional
fees apply

2013-14 6.41%

2014-15: 7.21%

2015-16: 6.84%



Once you take out
the loan, the rate
does not change.




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PRIVATE STUDENT
LOAN TODAY...**

and enjoy the rest of summer!

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NSLDS STUDENT ACCESS

National Student Loan Data System

Retrieve Your Loan Information

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's (ED's) central database for student aid. NSLDS receives data from schools, guaranty agencies, the Direct Loan program, and other Department of ED programs. NSLDS Student Access provides a centralized, integrated view of Title IV loans and grants so that recipients of Title IV Aid can access and inquire about their Title IV loans and/or grant data.

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Federal Repayment Options

When you graduate, your loan payments start 6 months later.

You can usually select payment plans ranging from 10 years to 25 years or based on your income.



Federal Repayment Options

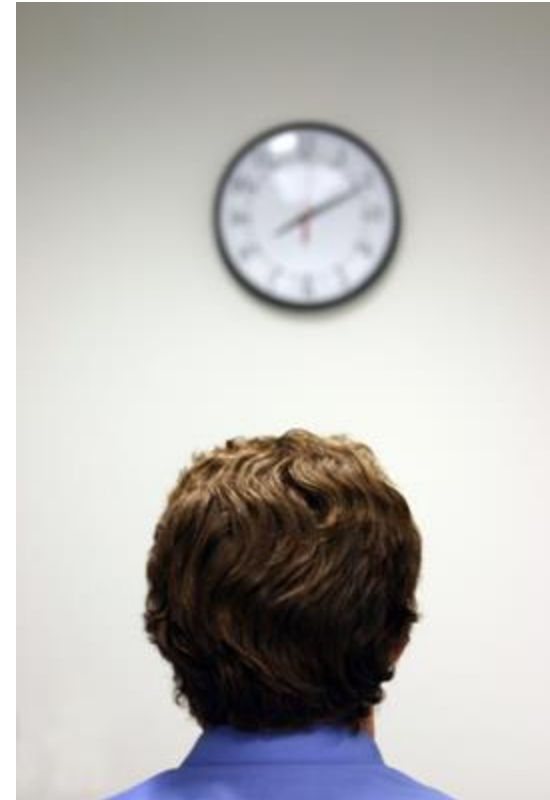
- **Standard Repayment:** usually 10 years
- **Graduated Repayment:** usually increase every two years
- **Extended Repayment:** if balance exceeds \$30,000; fixed or graduated payments not to exceed 25 years
- **Income based repayment (IBR) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE)** → more on this later



Postponing Payments

Deferment: unemployed, in school, etc. (no interest on subsidized and Perkins loans)


Forbearance
(interest always accumulates)



Income Driven Plans: IBR, PAYE, REPAYE

See www.ibrinfo.org for more info.

The screenshot shows the homepage of **IBR info**, an independent nonprofit source of information about federal student loan payment and forgiveness programs. The site features a navigation menu with links for Home, About, What are these programs?, Can they help me?, How do I get them?, Updates, and FAQ. A central section titled "Help is here!" provides a brief overview of **Income-Based Repayment (IBR)**, explaining it as a new way to make federal student loan payments more manageable, particularly for teachers, government workers, or those in nonprofits. A video player titled "Ditch Your Debt Gremlin" is embedded, showing a cartoon character and the IBR info logo. On the right side, there are three main interactive elements: an orange "IBR calculator" button (updated for July 1, 2010), a "register and stay informed" form with fields for email and zip code, and a "get updates" button. At the bottom right, there is a "Google Custom Search" box with a "Search this site" button. The browser's address bar shows "Internet" and the zoom level is set to 100%.

Standard* 120 months 	\$360 /month \$43,231 total 
Graduated* 120 months 	\$205 - \$616 /month \$45,987 total 
Extended Fixed 300 months 	\$206 /month \$61,904 total 
Extended Graduated 300 months 	\$157 - \$317 /month \$67,431 total 
Pay As You Earn** 240 months 	\$97 - \$343 /month \$47,789 total 
Income-Based Repayment (IBR)** 218 months 	\$145 - \$360 /month \$57,737 total 
Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR)** 183 months 	\$234 - \$313 /month \$50,490 total 

* For Direct Consolidation Loans, the repayment period under this plan varies from 10 to 30 years based on your Direct Consolidation Loan amount and other

Public Service Loan Forgiveness



If you work for a non profit or government agency (including schools), you may be able to have federal loans forgiven after 10 years.

“I don’t work in a public service profession.
Do I have options?”



If you’re eligible for IBR, 25 years of IBR payments can qualify you for debt forgiveness.

If you’re eligible for PAYE or REPAYE, 20 years of income driven payments can qualify you for debt forgiveness.

“What does it mean if my loan is in default? How does this happen?”



Getting out of default

Rehabilitation

- Option if student loan is in default
- Strict payment schedule for a certain period of time (usually 9 months)
- Upon completion, your loan will return to a normal lender and any notation of default on your credit report will be erased

Consolidation for defaulted loans

Federal Direct Consolidation Loan

- Gives fresh start and restarts the clock for forbearance and deferment time
- See www.studentloans.gov for more info
- Quicker than rehab, but credit report will look worse



“I always have bankruptcy as a last resort,
right?”



Additional Resources

www.studentloanborrowerassistance.org

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.consumerfinance.gov



Counseling Services



- **Budget** counseling
- **Credit report** reviews
- **Debt issue** counseling: credit cards, medical, **student loans**, debt collectors, lawsuits
- Counseling for **bankruptcy** filers

Online Resources

The screenshot displays the GreenPath University website. At the top left is the GreenPath logo with the tagline "debt solutions". To its right are navigation links: "HOW WE CAN HELP", "ABOUT US", "RESOURCES & TOOLS", and "COMMUNITY". An orange button labeled "GET HELP NOW" with a play icon is positioned in the top right. A dark green sidebar on the left contains a "GreenPath UNIVERSITY" logo and a list of menu items: CREDIT, LOANS, BUDGETING, HOUSING, BANKRUPTCY, SAVING, IDENTITY THEFT, COLLEGE, and SPANISH. Below the sidebar, a large banner features a photograph of a smiling couple looking at a laptop. Overlaid on the right side of the banner is a white box with the text "Webinar Wednesday" and "Our free financial education webinars feature a different topic each Wednesday at 12 noon Eastern." Below this text is an orange "LEARN MORE" button with a play icon. At the bottom of the banner, the text "GreenPath University" is displayed. Two small green play icons are visible in the bottom right corner of the banner area.

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