UB Student Association
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the UB Student Association?
We are your student government, and we support clubs, organize events, provide services, and advocate on behalf of undergraduate students. The UB Student Association (SA) is run for the students, by the students!

What kind of clubs does SA support?
SA offers clubs that are intellectually stimulating, like the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, empowering, such as the Black Student Union, and physically engaging, like the Outdoor Adventure Club. SA’s 160+ clubs cater to a wide range of interests and are free and open to all undergraduate students to join.

Does SA bring major artists to campus at no-cost for undergrads?
Yes! SA’s student-run events team brings top-tier talent directly to you for zero out-of-pocket expenses. From music and comedy to thought-provoking speakers, SA Entertainment has something for everyone. Recent performers and speakers include Lil Uzi Vert, Blackbear, Young the Giant, Yusef Salaam, Da Baby, Hasan Minhaj, City Girls, Polo G, and Martin Luther King III.
What kind of events does SA organize and support?
All sorts! SA events are the heart of our shared undergraduate experience. We organize major events such as Homecoming Carnival, International Fiesta, and Gala. We also organize mini-golf, psychic fairs, drive-in movies, and kayaking on the lake. SA also helps and supports its recognized clubs in planning their events such as Mock Shaadi, Black Explosion, Layleena and so much more.

What services does SA provide?
No-cost services include tutoring, legal consultations, and a food pantry. SA staff and leaders can connect you with additional resources. SA services will help you thrive no matter the challenge because we are here to support you!

What kind of advocacy does SA do?
We ensure that all students feel supported and that all students’ rights are protected. SA organizes programs and events to assist students and foster representation within the university setting.

What is the SA mandatory student activity fee?
The mandatory student activity fee is what funds SA. SA does not receive funding from the UB administration or tuition. It is a small fee included on your University bill and 100% of this fee goes towards SA. The SA budget funds events, clubs, advocacy, and the student government. The distribution of the budget is controlled entirely by the students.
What percentage of the overall cost of attending UB is the mandatory student activity fee?

The fee is less than 1% for full-time New York State resident students. The up-front, all-inclusive fee means that all undergraduate students can join clubs, receive services, and attend events for no additional out-of-pocket costs. Every student deserves an incredible undergraduate experience regardless of their economic or financial background, and the mandatory student activity fee guarantees this.

What happens if there is no mandatory student activity fee?

If there is no mandatory student activity fee, clubs will receive a budget of $0 for two years and all events, activities, services, and advocacy will be suspended until a mandatory student activity fee referendum passes.

When is the next opportunity to support the mandatory student activity fee?

The next referendum vote will be September 19th–23rd 2022. The vote occurs at the same time as the SA Senate Elections. This year’s vote will cover the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years.