# Benefits at a Glance
## Full-Time UUP Employees

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| **Health Insurance & Prescriptions** | Empire Plan: Empire BlueCross BlueShield; Hospitalization United HealthCare; Major Medical Beacon Health Options Inc.; Mental Health/Substance Abuse CVS/Caremark, Inc.; Prescriptions  | Appointments that exceed three months.           | 42-day waiting period | Empire Plan biweekly rates as of 1/1/23:  
Earnings/Salary Rate up to $47,024:  
Individual: $ 56.01  
Family: $241.79  
Earnings/Salary Rate $47,024 or more:  
Individual: $ 74.68  
Family: $287.98  
| **Dental and Vision Plans**      | Delta Dental and Davis Vision provide partial reimbursement for services through participating and non-participating providers. Dental coverage choices of Delta Dental PPO or DeltaCare USA DHMO plan. | Must be eligible for health insurance.            | 42-day waiting period | No cost to employees. |
| **Retirement Systems**           | Options  
*ERS and TRS*: Defined benefit plans; benefits are based on best Final Average Salary and years of service.  
**ORP**: Defined contribution plan; benefits are based on employer and employee contributions and the success of the investments. Employer contribution is 8% of salary for first seven years of service, 10% percent thereafter. | Membership for full-time and permanent employees is mandatory.  
All full-time employees are eligible to elect ERS or the ORP; employees in teaching, librarian, or coach titles are also eligible for TRS and may choose any of the three plans. | Immediately upon enrollment.  
Vested after 5 full-time equivalent years in ERS & TRS.  
Vested after 366 days in the ORP. | Employee contribution is based on salary rate, as follows:  
$45,000 and under: 3%  
$45,000.01 – $55,000: 3.5%  
$55,000.01 – $75,000: 4.5%  
$75,000.01 – $100,000: 5.75%  
† More than $100,000: 6% |
| **Flexible Spending Accounts**   | A portion of salary is designated by employee to establish a fund to cover eligible costs paid with pre-tax dollars, such as:  
• child care, elder care (Dependent Care Advantage Account - DCAA)  
• un-reimbursed health care expenses (Health Care Spending Account - HCSA)  
• expenses related to the adoption of an eligible child (Adoption Advantage Account – AAA) | Must be receiving regular biweekly paychecks for dependent care. Must also be eligible for health insurance for health care. | Must enroll within 60 days of date of appointment, reimbursement effective on 61st consecutive calendar day. For dependent care, effective immediately; for health care, effective as of the latter of date Change in Status application is submitted or date of employment. | The employee determines the amount to be deducted; for 2023, the HCSA min/max employee contribution is $100/$3,050; the DCAA max employee/employer contribution is $5,000/$1000; the AAA max employee contribution is $15,950. Availability of DCAA employer contributions and AAA subject to contract negotiations. |

* The New York State Employees’ Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS).  
** The SUNY Optional Retirement Program (ORP); which currently includes the following Authorized Investment Providers: Corebridge, Fidelity, TIAA and Voya.  
† Pensionable salary will be capped at the Governor’s annual salary ($250,000 as of 10/27/2021) for members of ERS or TRS.
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### TUITION ASSISTANCE
UUP space available program provides one free course per semester.
Partial assistance for additional courses through the SUNY Tuition Waiver program (based on funding). Fees not covered by Tuition Assistance. Must be SUNY state-operated campus.
Appointment must cover period of support.
Upon employment.
No cost to the employee for this benefit.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Scholarships of $500 per semester are available for eligible dependent children of active, UUP-represented SUNY employees. Available for undergraduate students; the program runs through the Spring 2022 semester.
Upon employment.
Upon employment.
No cost to the employee for this benefit.

### SUNY VOLUNTARY 403(b) SAVINGS PLAN AND THE NYS DEFERRED COMPENSATION 457(b) PLAN
SUNY Voluntary 403(b) Saving Plan. Current Authorized Investment Providers include: Corebridge, Fidelity, TIAA and Voya.
NYS Deferred Compensation 457(b) tax-deferred retirement savings plan.
Both plans offer pre- and post-tax savings options. Employees may choose to participate in either or both plans subject to IRS limits on tax deferral.
Upon employment.
Choice of employee.
Employee pre- and post-tax contributions through salary reduction subject to IRS limit. The 2023 basic annual limit for both plans is $22,500. Employees age 50 and over may contribute up to $7,500 more per year.
The IRS currently establishes separate limits for 403(b) and 457(b) plans, allowing employees to contribute up to twice the limit allowed under either plan alone.

### DISABILITY COVERAGE
Monthly income benefit equal to 60 percent of covered monthly salary, not to exceed $7,500 a month; also provides a monthly annuity premium benefit.
Full-time employees who are disabled for six consecutive months.
First of the month following one year anniversary.
No cost to employee.

### LIFE INSURANCE
$10,000 group life insurance plan.
Employees represented by UUP.
Date employee is placed on payroll.
No cost to employee.

### VACATION/SICK LEAVE
Calendar and College Year employees accrue vacation and sick leave according to a schedule. On January 2 of each Agreement year, one vacation day is added to the balance. Note: Academic Year employees do not accrue vacation.*

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Eligible for up to 13 holidays per year if they fall on a regularly scheduled work day.

*On January 1 of each calendar year, accrued vacation leave credits shall not exceed 40 days; employee will forfeit unused annual leave if not used by last day of the calendar year. Accumulation of sick leave cannot exceed 200 days.

### HOLIDAYS

### PAYROLL INFORMATION
New York State has a two-week lag payroll system. This means that each paycheck pays for the period two-four weeks prior to the date of the check. New employees will not receive their first check for approximately four weeks. Full-time faculty are usually paid over 26 biweekly payroll periods.

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