

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION



Bridgewater State University is a comprehensive public university in Southeastern Massachusetts, the fastest growing region in the Northeast. Located about 45 minutes from Boston, Providence, R.I., and Cape Cod, the University is served by an excellent network of highways and features an on-campus stop on the MBTA rail system. Situated on 278 acres in the heart of Bridgewater, the campus includes academic, residential, and services buildings.

Founded in 1840 by Horace Mann, Bridgewater State University is one of America's first teacher preparation institutions. Through its Colleges of Education and Allied Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Mathematics, and Business the University offers 35 major programs of study. Bridgewater State University provides extensive opportunities for faculty and students to access information and communication through technology in its Moakley Center for Technological Applications, Maxwell Library, open computer labs, classrooms, residence halls and at computer express stations located throughout the campus as well as off-campus locations. Co-curricular activities include a strong NCAA Division III athletic program, a full range of student clubs and organizations, and opportunities for leadership development and service learning.

**Student Population: 10,651**

**30+ Academic Majors**

**Average Class Size: 22 Students**

**90+ Student Clubs/Organizations**

**Idyllic 278-acre campus**



**International Student and Scholar Services**  
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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Student Status:** Accepted at Bridgewater State University as a visiting, non-degree exchange student; full privileges.

**Course Registration:** Students will be assigned an academic advisor through the Academic Achievement Center. Academic advisors will assist students in the course selection process. Not all courses will be open due to prerequisite requirements and availability.

**Course Catalog:** <http://catalog.bridgew.edu/> BSU catalogs list all courses; some may not be available each semester.

**Course Search:** Go to <https://services.bridgew.edu/coursesearch/>. Set "Campus" to "Main Campus". Not all courses will be open due to prerequisite requirements.

**Class Format:** Lecture, discussion, seminar, lab, web based, hybrid (online and in person).

**Class Schedule:** 3x/week, 2x/week, 1x/week.

**Course Load:** Minimum: 12 credits.

**ESL support:** International students will take an English language placement test upon arrival. Language support includes ESL classes, conversation partners, and international book clubs.

**Transcript Release Date:** Fall Semester: January | Spring Semester: June

## NOMINATION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Academic Level:** Undergraduate Exchange

**GPA:** 2.5 minimum/ 3.2 recommended for honors course, based on a 4.0 scale

**Areas of Study:** Colleges of Education and Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Studies, Science and Mathematics, and Business

### Required English Proficiency Scores:

TOEFL paper - 500

PTE/PTE online - 44

TOEFL computer - 173

CEFRL - B2

TOEFL iBT - 61

DuoLingo - 100

IELTS - 6

Cambridge Eng. - 160

**Nomination Deadlines:** February 15 for fall, November 1 for spring



## APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- \_\_ Online application
- \_\_ Official transcript
- \_\_ Recommendation letter
- \_\_ Passport Information page
- \_\_ A written statement of interest in the exchange program (No more than 250 words)
- \_\_ TOFEL/IELTS Score Sheet (official)
- \_\_ Financial documentation: Affidavit of financial support and bank statement based on individual partnership agreements (checking or savings account only)



# General Information

## Arrival Information

<https://www.bridgew.edu/office/international-student-scholar-services/international-students>



## Accommodations

<https://www.bridgew.edu/student-life/residence-life-housing> On-campus housing is guaranteed for exchange students. Assignments will be made by Residence Life and Housing prior to the start of the semester. Single accommodations are rarely available and although the housing coordinator strives to accommodate preferences, we cannot promise you will be placed in your ideal residence hall.



## Health Services and Medical Insurance

<http://www.bridgew.edu/health-services>. All international students are required to show proof of immunizations prior to admission. All international students attending BSU on a partnership agreement are encouraged to enroll in the BSU Student health insurance plan. This plan meets the requirements set by Massachusetts state law and the US Department of State for J-1 visa holders. Enroll in the BSU student health plan here,



[https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group\\_id=212](https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=212)  
Insurance ID cards can be mailed to ISSS and for student pick up.



## Visa Information

International exchange students receive their official DS-2019 form from Bridgewater State University. The form is used to obtain the J-1 visa from the US Consulate/Embassy.

<http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/>





## General Information



Exchange students are not responsible for the cost of tuition and student fees at BSU. Please refer to specific partnership agreement for financial responsibilities.

### Approximate Exchange Program Costs Per Year: \$25,507.50

- On-Campus Housing: \$11,279
- Winter Break Housing: \$665
- Spring Break Housing: \$315
- Health Insurance: \$3,941
- Residential Student Fee: \$20
- Gold Meal Plan: \$4,754
- ResNet Program Fee: \$360
- Laundry Fee: \$100
- Household Needs: \$600
- Building Maintenance Fee: \$10
- Capital Fee: \$546
- Clothing: \$500
- SEVIS Fee: \$220
- Books: \$1,200
- Visa Application Fee: \$185
- Miscellaneous Expenses: \$700
- Technology Fee: \$112.50

All costs listed in this section are based on the Academic Year 2024-2025. All costs are subject to change. Please refer to specific websites for current information.

<https://www.bridgew.edu/cost-aid>. Additional costs include round trip transportation to and from Boston on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Commuter Rail: \$21

**Affidavit** All individuals providing financial support and documentation must sign an Affidavit,

[https://www.bridgew.edu/sites/bridgew/files/media/file/Exchange%20Affidavit\\_1.pdf](https://www.bridgew.edu/sites/bridgew/files/media/file/Exchange%20Affidavit_1.pdf)

**Fee Bills** are e-mailed to students prior to the start of the semester (BSU student e-mail address) and are subject to change. Late payment will result in a \$100 late fee. Additional laboratory and materials fees may apply to some courses.

### Academic Calendar

<http://www.bridgew.edu/admissions/registration-information/academic-calendar>

**International Student and Scholar Services** will notify students regarding arrival for the mandatory International Student Orientation. Please see:

<https://www.bridgew.edu/office/international-student-scholar-services/international-students>

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