

2016-2017

# BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION



## STATISTICS

Approximately 11,500 students  
More than 30 undergraduate majors  
Internships, research, study abroad and honors programs  
35 Graduate programs  
Idyllic 278-acre campus

**Bridgewater State University** is a comprehensive public university in Southeastern Massachusetts, the fastest growing region in the Northeast. Located about 40 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.

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**■ NOMINATION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Language:	English		
GPA:	2.5 minimum/3.2 recommended for honors course, based on a 4.0 scale		
Required English Proficiency Scores:		Undergraduate	Graduate
	TOFEL paper	500	550
	TOFEL computer	173	213
	TOFEL iBT	61	79
	IELTS	6	6
Areas of Study:	Colleges of Education and Allied Studies, Humanities and Social Studies, Science and Mathematics, and Business		
Nomination Deadlines:	February 15 for fall, November 1 for spring		

**■ APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Information Page
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical health record form/immunization form
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing sample for non-native English speakers
<input type="checkbox"/> TOFEL/IELTS Score Sheet (official)
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial documentation: Affidavit of Financial Support and Bank Statement based on individual partnership agreements (Checking or savings account only)

**■ 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. The academic advisors will register students for their first course and then online course registration will become available to students through InfoBear.
Course Selection:	Go to <a href="https://infobear.bridgew.edu/ahomepg.htm">https://infobear.bridgew.edu/ahomepg.htm</a> Select term and hit submit Search by subject and note prerequisites and availability Not all courses will be open to you due to prerequisite requirements NOTE: BSU catalogs list ALL courses; some may not be available each semester.
ESL Support:	ESL support: International students will take an English language placement test upon arrival. Language support includes ESL classes, conversation partners, and international book clubs.
Class Format:	Lecture, discussion, seminar, lab, web based, hybrid (part online and part in person)
Class Schedule:	3x/week, 2x/week, 1x/week
Course Load:	Minimum: 12 credits undergraduate — 9 credits graduate Maximum: 18 credits undergraduate — 15 graduate
Transcript Issue Date:	Fall Semester: January — Spring Semester: June



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## ■ GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival dates and Arrangements:	See: <a href="https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/InternationalStudents/SitePages/Arrival%20Information.aspx">https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/InternationalStudents/SitePages/Arrival%20Information.aspx</a>
Accommodations:	See: <a href="http://www2.bridgew.edu/student-life/residence-life-housing">http://www2.bridgew.edu/student-life/residence-life-housing</a> On-campus housing is guaranteed for exchange students. Assignments will be made by Residence Life and Housing prior to the start of the semester. NOTE: 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:	<a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/health-services">http://www.bridgew.edu/health-services</a> All international students are required to show proof of immunizations prior to admission. All immunization documentation should be sent to Health Services directly for review.  Bridgewater State University Health/Medical Insurance is mandatory for all international students as this meets J-1 visa requirements <b>AND</b> Massachusetts State Law. Students are required to enroll online. Insurance ID cards are mailed to ISSS and students must pick up.
Visa Information:	International exchange students receive the official DS 2019 form from Bridgewater State University. The form is used to obtain the J-1 visa from the US Consulate/Embassy. <a href="http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/">http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/</a>  All students must submit proof of sufficient funds for term of study. <a href="https://www.bridgew.edu/sites/default/files/relatedfiles/2015%20AOS.pdf">https://www.bridgew.edu/sites/default/files/relatedfiles/2015%20AOS.pdf</a>
Approximate Exchange Program Costs Per Year: <b>\$16, 840</b>	Exchange students are not responsible for the cost of tuition and fees at BSU. Please refer to specific partnership agreement for financial responsibilities.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-campus housing: \$8,080</li> <li>Household Needs: \$200</li> <li>Clothing and Laundry: \$600</li> <li>Books: \$800</li> <li>Miscellaneous expenses: \$700</li> <li>Health insurance: \$2,292</li> <li>Silver Meal plan: \$3,828</li> <li>SEVIS fee: \$180</li> <li>Visa application fee: \$160</li> <li>IPad for Education majors: \$709</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Cost for academic year 2016– 2017 to be determined</b></p>
Note: All costs are subject to change. Please refer to specific websites for Current information. <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/admissions-aid/cost-attending">http://www.bridgew.edu/admissions-aid/cost-attending</a>	
Fees:	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:	See: <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/admissions/registration-information/academic-calendar">http://www.bridgew.edu/admissions/registration-information/academic-calendar</a>  International Student and Scholar Services will notify students regarding arrival for the Mandatory International Student Orientation. Please see: <a href="https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/InternationalStudents/SitePages/Home.aspx">https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/InternationalStudents/SitePages/Home.aspx</a> Questions?: Contact <a href="mailto:iss@bridgew.edu">iss@bridgew.edu</a>

