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# BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION



UNITED STATES





BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

## **STATISTICS**

Approximately 11,000 students More than 30 undergraduate majors Internships, research, study abroad and honors programs 33 Graduate programs Idyllic 235-acre campus







**PUERTO RICO** 



CAMBODIA



**JORDAN** 



**ISRAEL** 

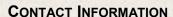


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Bridgewater State University is a comprehensive public university in Southeastern Massachusetts, the fastest growing region in the Northeast. Located 28 miles south of Boston, 45 minutes from Providence, R.I., and Cape Cod, the university is served by an excellent network of highways and features an on-campus stop on the MBTA rail system. Situated on 235 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 34 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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**BRAZIL** 



**JAPAN** 



**EGYPT** 



**BELIZE** 



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Language:	English  2.5 minimum/3.2 recommended for honors course, based on a 4.0 scale			
GPA:				
Required English	Ur	ndergraduate	Graduate	
Proficiency Scores:	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:	March 15 for fall, spring and full academic year			

### ■ APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

- Application: http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents
- Official Transcript
- Recommendation Letter
- Visa Information Form: <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents">http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents</a>
- Copy of passport page/s that show/s full name, passport number and home country address
- Medical health record form/immunization form: http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents
- Writing sample for non-native English speakers: <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents">http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents</a>
- Financial documentation: Based on individual partnership agreements http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents
- Completed Affidavit of Financial Support
- Bank Statement verifying funds on Affidavit of Financial Support. Must be in English and currency converted to USD.

### ■ ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Student Status:	Accepted at Bridgewater State University as a visiting, non-degree exchange student; ful privileges	
Course Registration:	Register for courses (NOT on-line) through e-mail. Students must e-mail their course selections to roopa.rawjee@bridgew.edu and svivieros@bridgew.edu	
Course Selection:	So to <a href="https://infobear.bridgew.edu/BANP/bwckschd.p">https://infobear.bridgew.edu/BANP/bwckschd.p</a> disp dyn sched 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 arriva 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	

Comprehensive Exchange Information:	Available on line at <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/InternationalStudents/">http://www.bridgew.edu/InternationalStudents/</a> See: <a href="http://www.bridgew.edu/RLH/">http://www.bridgew.edu/RLH/</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 hall.		
Accommodations:			
Health Services and Medial Insurance:	http://www.bridgew.edu/HealthServices/ Bridgewater State University Health/Medical Insurance is mandatory for all international students as this meets J-1 visa requirements AND Massachusetts State Law. Students required to enroll online. Insurance ID cards are mailed to ISSS and students must pick		
Visa Information:	International exchange students receive the official DS 20-19 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="http://www.bridgew.edu/Admission/forms/Affidavit_of_Financial_Support.pdf">http://www.bridgew.edu/Admission/forms/Affidavit_of_Financial_Support.pdf</a> Required funds: \$6,000 US per semester		
Approximate Exchange Program Costs:  Note: All costs are subject to change. Please refer to specific websites for current information.	http://www.bridgew.edu/studentaccounts/costsofattending.cfm Exchange students are not responsible for the cost of tuition and fees at BSU.  Room and board per year: \$10,593  Books: \$500-\$1000 per semester  Health insurance: \$1250 per year.  Silver Meal plan: \$1753 per semester. http://www.bridgew.edu/foodservices/pdf/Meal%20Plan%20Options%20Students%20-%20Fall%202012%202013.pdf  SEVIS fee: \$180  Visa application fee: \$160		
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.  Additional laboratory and materials fees may apply to some courses.		
Academic Calendar:	http://www.bridgew.edu/Registrar/AcadCal.cfm International Student and Scholar Services will notify students regarding arrival for the Mandatory International Student Orientation. Please see: http://www.bridgew.edu/internationalstudents/ Questions? Contact iss@bridgew.edu  REV: 01/15/13. RR		