

The
**International
College**



at the University of Bridgeport

The University of Bridgeport is an international oasis, attracting exceptional students and faculty from all over the world.

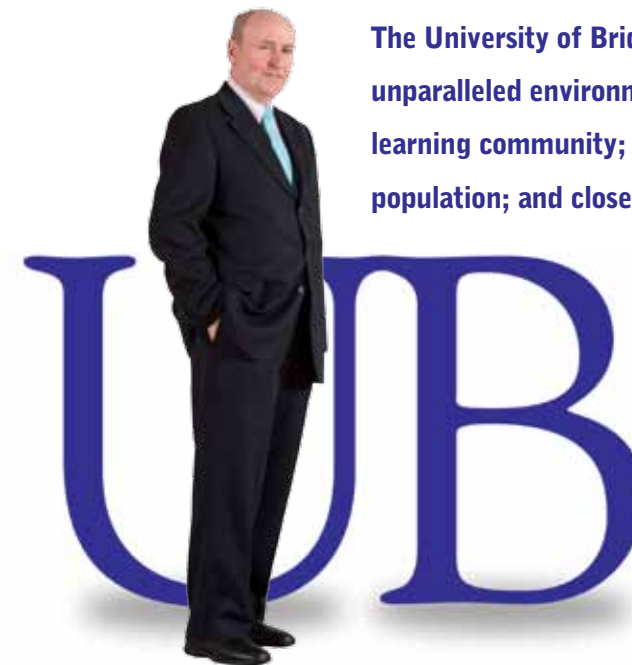


Think International. Think UB.

We live in an era where boundaries are often blurred—where globalization has forever changed the landscape in which we conduct business. To compete in today's complex marketplace, you must possess an elevated level of intercultural and international sensitivity. Through the study of world politics; media and communication; religion; culture; and the social sciences; the University of Bridgeport's International College helps aspiring professionals, like you, meet the challenges of an increasingly interconnected world. Graduates from our school have launched successful careers in a variety of settings including international corporate law, foreign service, domestic and international security, public relations, campaign management, journalism, advertising, and business.

Students have also gone on to pursue advanced degrees from such prestigious institutions as Oxford, The University of London, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Yale. As a student at UB's International College, you will be part of a culturally diverse community, where scholars and faculty from all over the globe gather to exchange ideas and share opinions. Intercultural and international awareness is heightened through a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities including internships with international organizations, embassies and multinational corporations; study abroad programs; research and writing; foreign language study; and networking with industry experts.

In addition, the university continues to be host to world-renowned speakers and guests, from heads of state and Nobel laureates to high-ranking United Nations officials, and key figures in international business. Some of the world personalities that have visited our campus over the years include Nobel Laureate Ralph Bunche, Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Martin Luther King, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, UN Under-Secretary-General Anwarul K. Chowdury, as well as numerous heads of state.



The University of Bridgeport and the International College offer an unparalleled environment for your academic preparation. Our close-knit learning community; small class size; dynamic faculty; diverse student population; and close proximity to New York, Stamford, and New Haven; all add to the quality of your education.

As you consider your academic options this fall, I invite you to visit our campus, and discover for yourself what makes us unique.

Dr. Thomas J. Ward
Dean of the International College

UBuild Confidence



International College Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Programs

- Criminal Justice and Human Security
- International Political Economy and Diplomacy
- Martial Arts Studies
- Mass Communication
- Social Sciences
- World Religions

Master of Arts (M.A.) Programs

- Global Development and Peace

Criminal Justice and Human Security

A Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Human Security provides a jumping off point for graduate-level study in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security, and opens doors to a wide range of career alternatives in the areas of domestic and international security. Some of the career paths available to students, upon completion of this program, include CIA, FBI, DEA Agent, Criminologist, Secret Service Agent; Coast Guard Officer, Corrections, Probation, Police Officer; and U.S. Marshal.

As a student in the Criminal Justice and Human Security program, you will:

- Develop the language skills and intercultural understanding required for law enforcement in today's globalized society.
- Understand the relationship between non-state actors and areas of international crime and justice such as, norm creation, terrorism, deviance, and crime prevention.
- Explore the concept of human security and discover its implications for international and domestic security.

Degree Concentrations

- Human Security
- Comparative Justice
- Criminology

Program Requirements

- Students must demonstrate intermediate-level competency in a language other than English. Students that do not meet these criteria must complete two years of college-level study of one of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, French, Russian, or Spanish.
- Students must complete 39 semester credit hours: 18 credit hours in the program core, 15 credit hours in one of the concentrations, and an additional 6 credit hours in a diversity requirement (one course from each of the other two concentrations).

Program Options

Students looking for a more hands-on learning experience may choose to participate in an internship with a local law-enforcement organization. An internship may account for 3 to 6 credit hours, depending on the program of study. Internships are arranged through the Chair of Criminal Justice and Human Security or through the Office of the Dean of the International College.



William Lay, Esq.
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Human Security

"Our greatest strengths are our dedicated instructors, our location, and our students themselves.

Our program in Criminal Justice and Human Security gives a highly diverse body of students the opportunity to learn from faculty, from employers, and from each other, and be ready to make significant contributions to the field of Criminal Justice."

"The International College at the University of Bridgeport has given me the skills and confidence I need to start a difference-making career."

— Janneth Achurri



UBuild Experience



“My experience at the University of Bridgeport’s International College has been inspiring. Everyday I am given the opportunity to learn more about the world through first-hand experience. The staff and my fellow students have shown me the personal, and professional value in working hard to effect positive change.”

– Katelyn Anton



International Political Economy and Diplomacy (IPED)

As an interdisciplinary field, International Political Economy and Diplomacy draws on many distinct academic areas of study, most notably political science, economics, and international relations, but also sociology, history, and cultural studies. Students that complete the IPED program often go on to pursue advanced degrees in such areas as law, political science, and education. Career opportunities in this field exist in non-governmental organizations, civil service, education, public relations, business, banking, and public relations, among other settings.

As a student in the IPED program, you will:

- Evaluate and compare different political and economic systems.
- Reflect on the role of culture, history and religion in international political economy.
- Explain the role of diplomacy and conflict resolution in international relations.
- Use critical thinking in your evaluation of issues and problems in the international political economy.
- Demonstrate practical skills in helping resolve global disputes through diplomacy and conflict resolution.

Degree Concentrations

- Americas Studies
- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Peace and Development Studies

Program Requirements

- Students must demonstrate intermediate-level competency in a language other than English. Students that do not meet these criteria must complete two years of college-level study of one of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, French, Russian, or Spanish.
- Students must complete 39 semester credit hours.
- Students have the option of selecting a minor by taking 15 or 18 credit hours of coursework in one of the concentration areas.

Program Options

Students looking for a more hands-on learning experience may choose to participate in an internship with a local law-enforcement organization, legislator, legal firm, or a bank. An internship may account for 3 to 6 credit hours, depending on your program of study. Internships are arranged through the IPED Chair or through the Office of the Dean of the International College. In addition to the internship, students have the option of writing a senior thesis related to their field of concentration (if one has been declared). Depending on the scope of the project, the thesis may account for 3 to 6 credit hours.



Chunjuan Nancy Wei, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
of International Political
Economy and Diplomacy

“The IPED program represents a unique blend of political, economic and diplomatic approaches to global problems and international relations.

The program affords students with an opportunity to study a wide range of viewpoints and cultures and develop an appreciation of the complex issues that face the leading international institutions. With frequent policy debates, dynamic classroom engagements, a highly diverse student body and briefings at the United Nations, students prepare themselves for exciting futures in the global workplace.”

UBuild Momentum

Martial Arts Studies

We are proud to be the first American institution of higher learning to offer a Bachelor of Art degree in Martial Arts Studies. This degree is unique in that it combines a wide range of liberal arts courses with martial arts practicum. The program's curriculum focuses heavily on the historical background and philosophical roots of the martial arts. Students that elect this program of study may go on to pursue graduate-level study in areas such as global development, international law, and education. Graduates from the Martial Arts program have several career paths to choose from, including Martial Arts Instructor, Business Entrepreneur, Recreational/Physical Therapist, Law Enforcement Officer, and Government Official, among others.



Dr. Yongbom Kim
Co-Director of Martial Arts Studies

"Our Martial Arts Studies program is the pioneer program in the Western world. Students proceed through eight classes of martial arts practica while they are in the program. They can also participate in regional and national tournaments. Students also have the opportunity to work closely with professionals in the field. They build a lifelong network of martial arts colleagues. They also pick a career concentration in health sciences, business, criminal justice or they can prepare for a future in education."

As a student in the Martial Arts Studies program, you will:

- Learn about the languages and cultures of the societies in which the martial arts originated and developed.
- Develop a deep familiarity with the history, theory and practice of at least one of the martial arts, and a good working knowledge of at least one other.
- Evaluate the psychosocial dimensions of the martial arts and their impact upon personality and society.
- Develop an appreciation for diversity in the world.
- Gain a better understanding of the humanities and the social sciences.

Degree Concentrations

- Tae Kwon Do
- Japanese Martial Arts
- Taiji

Program Requirements

- In addition to fulfilling the core-curriculum requirements, students must complete coursework and demonstrate competency in one of three concentration areas: Tae Kwon Do, Japanese Martial Arts, or Taiji.
- To provide students with an elevated level of field experience, an internship with a dojo, or other educational facility is required.



"I was completely surprised by the caliber of my fellow students – they're all very bright and that pushes me to be better. It's a welcoming atmosphere, like family."

– Colin Capaci

UBuild Character

Mass Communication

The Mass Communication program provides students with the basic theory and skills needed to become media practitioners and more informed media consumers. In addition to traditional classroom learning, students engage in their field of choice through internships, not-for-profit advertising and public relations campaign creation, and independent projects. Many of our faculty work in the media offering students a unique insight into this increasingly complex, ever-changing industry. Students can pursue varied careers in media. Graduates go on to work in advertising, public relations, social media, corporate communication, journalism, broadcasting and cable in traditional and digital delivery platforms.



Yanmin Yu, Ph.D.
Associate Professor,
Chair of the
Department of Mass
Communication

"Mass Communication at UB brings media to the center of our studies. Students learn to create content for the media, design platforms for the media, utilize the media to communicate, and analyze the content of the media. Learning to do and doing to learn are integrated so our students are well prepared to work for the ever-changing world of communications."



Susan Katz
Lecturer in New Media
and Communication
Studies

"The ability to spread messages is staggering. Traditional media like TV, radio, newspapers and magazines have made dramatic shifts to digital delivery. The Internet's power and reach is exponential. Social media which revolutionized politics and communities may now see its comeuppance in mobile applications and mobile delivery. And trying to keep up with it all leaves us breathless, questioning, wanting to know more. Here at UB, we try and make sense of it all. In real-world settings, we learn hands-on. How can we best use all of this technology and all of these media choices to service our clients? How do we wrap our arms around it all to best promote ourselves? We learn and discover something 'new' every semester. We take a practical and job-focused approach to learning."

As a student in the Mass Communication program, you will:

- Demonstrate effective speaking, listening, and writing skills for communication in personal, public, and media areas.
- Learn how to observe events, gather information, write news reports and news releases, report on events, and edit other people's writings.
- Understand how media shapes, and is shaped by, politics, society, culture, economics, and our daily lives.
- Recognize the power of persuasion and ethical responsibilities of communicators in communication at all levels.
- Understand the role of communication in fostering interaction and interdependence across gender, race, and culture.
- Learn how to apply communication theories to analyze contemporary problems.
- Understand the history, development, and practice of the print media, electronic media, and the new media.

- Learn how to prepare a portfolio, a critical step in obtaining employment. Students write resumes, cover letters, follow-up letters and study how to prepare for a job search, interview and find work.
- Discover the power of visual aesthetics and its pivotal role in designing effective business documents and winning media collateral.

Degree Concentrations

- Advertising
- Communication
- Fashion Journalism
- International Communication
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Sports Communication

Program Requirements

- Students must complete a total of 36 semester credit hours: 12 credit hours in the program core, 12 credit hours in one of the six concentrations, and an additional 12 credit hours in elective coursework.



"It's been one great experience after another. My advisors have been a valuable resource. They have helped me get on 'a path' and stay focused on a career in media that I want."

– Roseborn Cudjoe

UBuild Excitement



“My experience at the University of Bridgeport’s International College has been an eye-opener. Not only have I been taught by some of the best professors, but the experience has given me a better outlook on entering the field of law. I have three goals in life: to be a successful criminal attorney, a judge, and a mediator. I have learned many things about the legal system and am truly grateful for having this opportunity.”

– Nicollette Francis

Social Sciences

The Bachelor of Art degree in the Social Sciences is an excellent option for students who prefer to follow a multi-disciplinary course of study, without committing to a specific area of focus. Concentrations within this program of study are available to students who, after exploring the liberal arts curriculum, wish to narrow in on a particular discipline. Common career choices of students who graduate with a liberal arts degree include careers in government, the foreign service, education, public and civil service, international business, and law.

As a student in the Liberal Arts program, you will:

- Develop a solid foundation in the liberal arts, along with an understanding of how social and historical events influence human values and institutions.
- Emerge with a basic understanding of social science research methods.
- Become familiar with each of the major subject areas, which make up the social sciences curriculum including political science, economics, international studies, and sociology.
- Develop strong written and oral communications skills.

Degree Concentrations

- Criminal Justice
- History
- International Studies
- Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Sociology

Program Requirements

- Students must complete a total of 36 semester credit hours; students wishing to declare a major must fulfill an additional 12 credit hours in one of the five areas of concentration.



Beth Skott, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

“The Social Science major is a unique opportunity for students to explore History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology and Psychology. Graduates from this major have gone on to graduate study, government work, and work in private industry.”



World Religions

The World Religions program is concerned with the study of religion from a non-sectarian point of view. Students gain insight into the historical, social and philosophical elements that have helped to shape core religious values.

The program also looks at the roles that religion has played within various social, cultural and political contexts.

Graduates of this program have several career options to choose from within the areas of business, law, international politics, or journalism.



Dr. Mark Setton, D.Phil.
Associate Professor,
Martial Arts Studies
and World Religions

Dr. Setton was the first Western student to graduate from Sungkyunkwan University, founded in 1396 in Seoul, South Korea. "My most

profound experience was between students and teachers in Asia," he recalls. "Although the professors do not encourage students to voice their opinions, they do care for them like their own grandchildren." Dr. Setton received his doctorate from Oxford University. He also taught at Oxford before joining UB's faculty in 2002.



Richard L. Rubenstein, Ph.D., President Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Religion

"Understanding the world's very different and, often conflicting, religions has become an indispensable part of the training of those

who seek careers in government service, diplomacy, international public service, international economics, global business, and journalism. That is why the study of the world's religion has become an important element in the curriculum of the University's International College. I am proud to be a part of that effort."

As a student in the World Religions program, you will:

- Learn about key social institutions and the impact they've had on the development of world religions.
- Compare the various ways in which religions influence social, political, and economic development.
- Develop a deep understanding of the history, beliefs, evolution, and practices associated with a particular religion.
- Engage in advanced-level independent study and research.

Degree Concentrations

- Religion, Conflict Analysis, and Mediation
- Religion and Community Service
- Religion and Contemporary Culture

Program Requirements

- Students must demonstrate intermediate-level competency in a language other than English. Students that do not meet these criteria must complete two years of college-level study of one of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, French, Russian, or Spanish.
- Students complete a total of 33-36 semester credit hours; 21-24 credit hours in the program core, and 12 credit hours in one of the three concentrations.



"After graduating with an MBA from UB in 2008, I returned in 2010 for an MA in Global Development and Peace. I like the fact that my colleagues are from all around the world. From realistic simulations in class, to briefing sessions at the UN, all professors, lead by Dean Ward, are providing us with valuable tools for our future careers."

– Marius Ciont

UBuild Perseverance



“I have so much gratitude for everything associated with The International College. It has provided me with an excellent academic education. They have small classes and professors who help every student. The College also provides a lot of opportunities for students to take part in practical service. I did my internship at the Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations.”

– Yuan Cura Zhang

International College Graduate Programs

Master of Arts (M.A.) Programs

- Global Development and Peace

Global Development and Peace

The Master’s degree in Global Development and Peace helps career-oriented professionals navigate the demands of an increasingly international political and business climate. Graduates of this program are well suited for a variety of careers within international organizations, and corporations with significant presence overseas.

As a student in the Global Development and Peace program, you will:

- Explain and compare the major extant models for socioeconomic development.
- Develop the quantitative and qualitative research skills needed to undertake effective planning, analysis, and implementation of projects related to socioeconomic development or conflict resolution.
- Become familiar with the institutional prerequisites for good governance in developing countries.
- Evaluate the impact that religion and culture have on socioeconomic development.
- Develop effective communication, negotiation, problem solving, and project management skills.

Degree Concentrations

- Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Global Communications
- Global Management
- International Political Economy and Development

Program Requirements

- Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English.
- Students must participate in an overseas internship for a minimum of two months. Internships can be with an international governmental or non-governmental organization, or multinational corporation.



Dave O. Benjamin Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Global Development

“The M.A. in Global Development and Peace seeks to equip future practitioners and scholars with vital tools for problem solving, and probing analysis of the development and conflict challenges of our time.”

UBuild Strength

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Tuition and Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Services at the University of Bridgeport is committed to helping students navigate and understand the financial aid process and identify financial tools to help make a college education affordable. Paying for college is a partnership, and this partnership includes your family, the government, and the University of Bridgeport.

The University offers you many different forms of financial aid to ease the financial burden that the cost of your education may pose. 98 percent of our first time, full-time undergraduate receives financial aid and 96 percent of all UB students are awarded financial aid. We participate in a variety of federal, state, and private programs that offer loans, grants, scholarships, and other awards to students who demonstrate financial need, superior academic achievement, or other circumstances that may impact their ability to seek an education at University of Bridgeport.

Academic and Overseas Studies Opportunities Scholarships

The University of Bridgeport believes that a student's achievement should be recognized and rewarded. Our institutional commitment is to make a "top level" private education affordable to all students. No matter what your family income, the University of Bridgeport features both academic and need-based scholarships tailored to meet your academic priorities and financial needs. Whether you are from a high, middle or low income family the University of Bridgeport will be surprisingly affordable.

Merit-Based Academic Scholarships

Academic Merit Scholarships, based on incoming GPA and test scores (SAT or ACT) are available. The university also offers Portfolio Scholarships for Design and Fashion Merchandising majors, the opportunity to audition for a Music Scholarship for Music majors, and Athletic Scholarships to those athletes that qualify. Transfer students are also eligible to receive special transfer scholarships.

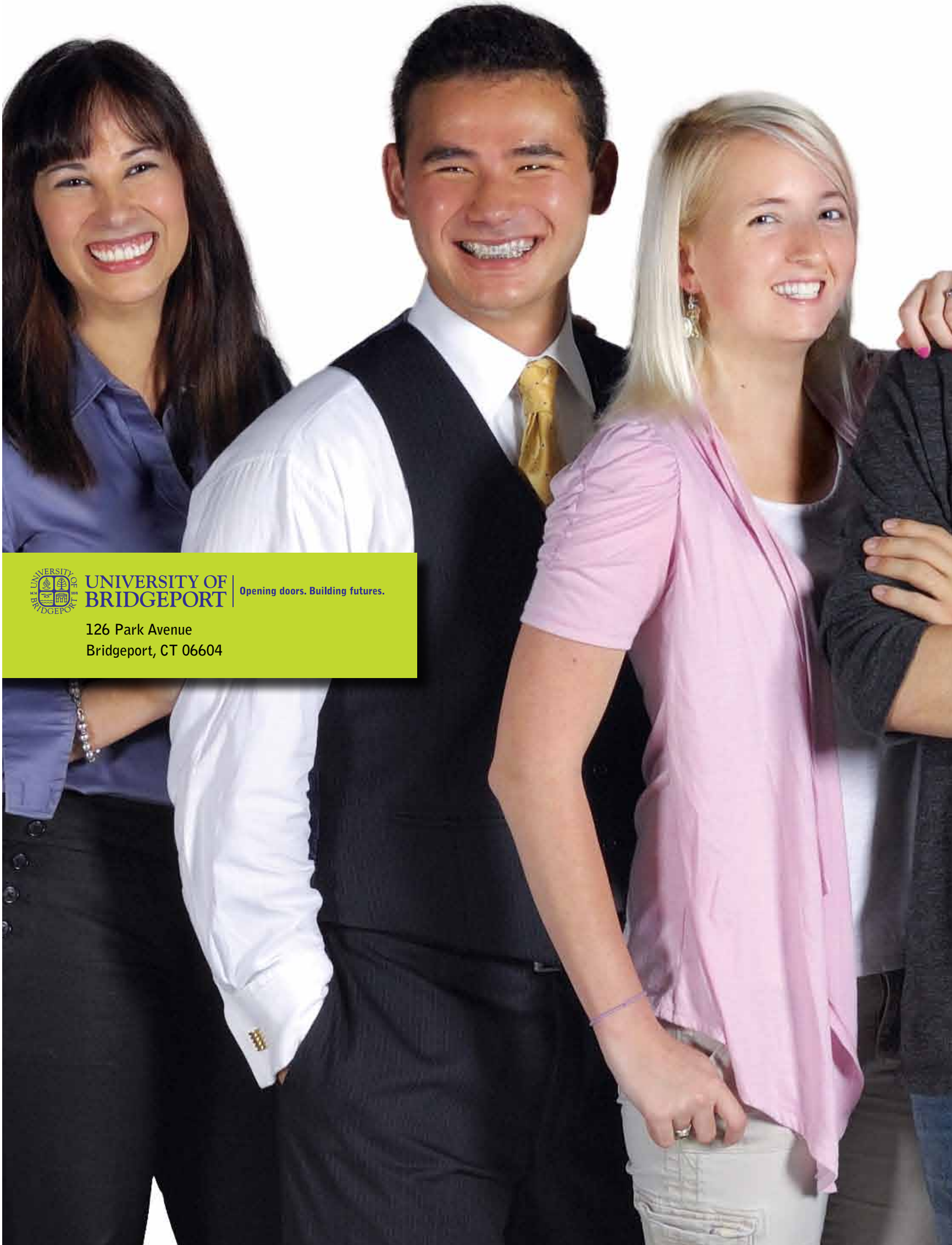
How to Qualify

All students interested in applying for financial aid are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which can be completed online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. The University of Bridgeport's Federal School Code is 001416. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office of Student Financial Services at (203) 576-4568, or you can e-mail us at: finaid@bridgeport.edu.



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