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UB visitor guide





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The University of Bridgeport is located 55 miles from New York City, in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Bridgeport, Connecticut's largest city, borders the 50-acre campus to the north while historic Seaside Park and Long Island Sound, with some of the finest sandy beaches between New York and Cape Cod, mark the southern boundary.

The unique location of the campus offers a variety of advantages to the University community.

The Sound and the Park are settings for studies in marine biology and for the enjoyment of sun and recreation. The city and county provide opportunities for becoming involved in work-study programs with schools, government, and some of the country's largest Fortune 500 and multinational corporations.



Overview



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Founded in 1927, the University of Bridgeport is well known for its diversity. In a typical year, the student body consists of learners from 35 states and 80 countries. The faculty also is diverse. This unique group of people is drawn together by shared commitments: an emphasis on professional development, career readiness for the twenty-first century, a supportive and challenging learning environment, and innovation and solution-seeking. The University offers more than 125 career-oriented programs, many of which benefit from industry connections unique to the region.

Student Profile

Enrollment	5,191
Male 39%	Undergraduate 58%
Female 61%	Graduate 42%
Student/faculty ratio	16:1
Average class size	16

Student Life

Student Clubs and Organizations	45
Varsity Sports (NCAA Division II)	13
Nickname	Purple Knights
School Colors	Purple and White

Schools and Colleges

School of Arts and Sciences
Ernest C. Trefz School of Business
School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Shintaro Akatsu School of Design
School of Education
School of Engineering
College of Public and International Affairs

Acupuncture Institute
College of Chiropractic
Fones School of Dental Hygiene
College of Naturopathic Medicine
Nutrition Institute
Physician Assistant Institute



UB Pride

- Six-time USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions.
- The first school of dental hygiene in the world.
- The first accredited bachelor's degree program in martial arts studies in the country.
- The first online graduate degree program in Connecticut.
- The first university-based chiropractic and naturopathic medicine colleges in the country.
- Second largest graduate engineering program in New England (after MIT).
- Well-known alumni like the late Manute Bol, the tallest player in NBA history; Fred DeLuca, founder of Subway sandwich shops; Kenichi Ebina, 2013 winner of *America's Got Talent*; and Emmy-winning composer Russ Landau.
- The safest residential campus in Connecticut, according to the U.S. Department of Education, and winner of the national Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award.
- New Physician Assistant Institute—the first PA program in the world with an integrative medicine component.





Visiting the University of Bridgeport

Finding the right university is as much about “feel” as anything. That’s why we encourage anyone considering the University of Bridgeport to come to our beautiful seaside campus for a visit.

As you tour the campus, you will see what we mean when we talk about a tightly knit community. You will be able to explore some of our truly cutting-edge facilities and learning resources. And you will get a sense of what a difference our culturally diverse and rich environment will make for your learning experience.

Campus tours are available Monday through Friday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. We also offer an array of admissions events for first-year, transfer and graduate students.

Directions

Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) South

Take Exit 27; exit forks, take left hand fork marked “University of Bridgeport.” You are now on South Avenue, parallel to I-95. Continue on South Avenue to the fourth light. Turn left onto Park Avenue. Proceed south on Park Avenue, approximately one-half mile to the campus.

Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) North

Take Exit 26; at the bottom of the ramp continue straight on Pine Street. Take a right onto Harbor Street and next left onto Admiral Street. Take a right onto Iranistan Avenue. Proceed south on Iranistan Avenue to Waldemere Avenue. Take a left onto Waldemere Avenue, travel to Park Avenue (look for the Arch). Take a left onto Park Avenue.

Routes 8 and 25 South

Take Exit 1 (Prospect Street/Myrtle Avenue). At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto Prospect Street to Park Avenue. Take a left on Park Avenue. Proceed south on Park Avenue, approximately one-half mile, to the campus.

Merritt Parkway (Route 15) North

Take Exit 49S (South) to Route 25/8 Connector to Exit 1 (Prospect Street/Myrtle Avenue). At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto Prospect Street to Park Avenue. Take a left on Park Avenue. Proceed south on Park Avenue, approximately one-half mile, to the campus.

Merritt Parkway (Route 15) South

Take Exit 52 (South fork) and bear left to Route 8/25 Connector to Exit 1 (Prospect Street/Myrtle Avenue). At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto Prospect Street to Park Avenue. Take a left on Park Avenue. Proceed south on Park Avenue, approximately one-half mile, to the campus.



Focal Points

The **Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center**, a focal point for the cultural life of the University and of the Greater Bridgeport community, and a center for the study and appreciation of art, music, cinema, design, and drama. It is the home of the School of Arts and Science's music program and the site of the Shintaro Akatsu School of Design.

Facilities include classrooms, studios, the 950-seat Andre and Clara Mertens Theater, the Littlefield Recital Hall, and the Schelfhauadt Gallery. Located on the ninth floor is the Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. duPont III Tower Room, used for meetings and receptions.

The **Charles A. Dana Hall of Science** is



designed for study and research in biology, chemistry, the health sciences, medical technology, mathematics, physics, and geology. The gross anatomy lab has been comprehensively renovated, with a major reworking of the building's

laboratory spaces and facilities. There is a 285-seat lecture auditorium and a unique wall of honor commemorating 37 of the world's "Immortals of Science."

The recently unveiled **Ernest C. Trefz School of Business** is leading the way with its emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation. The newly renovated School now boasts an atrium equipped to both promote and host events, receptions, seminars, and conferences. The Louis S. Jacobson Lecture Hall, a 134-seat auditorium hosts the ongoing Executive Speaker Series, and the Raymond A. O'Hara Lecture Hall, the School's newest and most advanced classroom holds both larger classes and international video conferences. The state-of-the-art technology throughout the building is designed to meet the challenges of business students in the 21st century.



Library Learning Commons



Equipped with interactive and research technologies, the attractive new 18,000-square foot Learning Commons has evolved from a repository of the printed word to a 21st-century hub of information.

A new reference theater, designed for collaborative learning, is enclosed in sound-proof glass walls. Students and staff use powerful online databases that connect to University holdings and vast collections at other academic institutions around the world. And because fellowship often fosters the sharing of ideas, the Commons opened a café as a central meeting space to serve the vibrant intellectual and social community on campus.

Knights Field Complex



When the lights are flipped on at Knights Field, they illuminate a field of dreams. What was once a parking lot now boasts a stunning 950-seat grandstand and the largest artificial turf field in Connecticut.

The field gives the Purple Knights their own home while providing playing space for campus intramural teams and community groups. Powerful energy-efficient lights illuminate the field for women's lacrosse and both men's and women's soccer teams, who routinely qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championship Tournaments.

Campus Map

The architectural diversity of UB's 75 buildings, from stately historic homes to modern structures, reflects the origins and progress of the university and also embodies its twofold commitment to tradition and innovation. The distinctive buildings speak to the richness of the academic and cultural diversity that characterizes the UB community.



27	Acupuncture Institute	16	Cooper Hall	34	Knights Field	32	Trustee Auditorium
1	Admissions	19	Cortright Hall	35	Linden Hall	52	University Place Apartments
1	Administration	50	Cortright Annex	6	Print & Mail Center	1	Wahlstrom Library
11	Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center	36	Darien Hall	3	Mandeville Hall	10	Waldemere Hall
8	Barnum Hall	27	Dental Hygiene (Fones School)	7	Marina Dining Hall	27	Warner Hall
37	Bates Hall	28	Eleanor N. Dana Hall (END Hall)	39	Milford Hall	15	Wheeler Recreation Center
24	Bodine Hall	5	Engineering - Technology Building	27	Naturopathic Medicine	40	Wisteria Hall
4	Bookstore (Garden Level)	13	Generative Medicine	25	North Hall	48	141 Linden Avenue
20	Bryant Hall	44	Greater Bridgeport Symphony offices	28	Nutrition Institute	49	165 Linden Avenue
45	Buildings and Grounds	30	Gymnasium (Harvey Hubbell)	1	Registrar	51	38 Myrtle Avenue
1	Bursar	42	Halsey Hall	9	Residential Life	47	65-67 Myrtle Avenue
2	Carlson Hall	27	Health Sciences Center	14	Schine Hall	41	59 Park Avenue
23	Carstensen Hall	21	Howland Hall	31	Security	22	85 Park Avenue
17	Chaffee Hall	12	IncUBator	9	Seeley Hall	46	185 Park Avenue
33	Charles A. Dana Hall	38	Ingleside Hall	26	South Hall	53	296 Park Avenue
29	Chiropractic College	1	International Student Affairs	18	Stratford Hall	43	464 University Avenue
		4	John J. Cox Student Center	1	Student Financial Services		

Galleries and Museums

City Lights Gallery

Making art an essential part of everyday life in this unique gallery/studio for a diverse population.

37 Markle Court, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 334-7748

www.citylightsgallery.org

Discovery Museum and Planetarium

A hands-on interactive museum for all ages with over sixty-five exhibit areas.

4450 Park Avenue, Bridgeport CT
(203) 372-3521

www.discoverymuseum.org

Housatonic Museum of Art

Exhibiting a significant collection of masterworks for the enthusiast and casual observer.

900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 332-5052

www.hcc.commnet.edu/artmuseum

Maritime Aquarium

Devoted solely to the Long Island Sound, it houses Connecticut's largest IMAX movie theater.

10 North Water Street, Norwalk, CT
(203) 852-0700

www.maritimeaquarium.org

Peabody Museum

Founded in 1886, it is among the oldest and largest university natural history museums in the world.

170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT
(203) 432-3775

www.yale.edu/peabody

Yale University Art Gallery

Founded in 1832, the gallery is one of the oldest museums in the world, containing more than 185,000 pieces.

1111 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT
(203) 432-0600

www.artgallery.yale.edu

Performing Arts

Downtown Cabaret Theatre

Broadway-style musicals in a unique

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263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT
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Fairfield Theatre Company

One of the region's most energetic and productive performing arts groups.

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www.fairfieldtheatre.org

Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra

Educating, entertaining and mesmerizing audiences —outstanding performances for more than 60 years.

446 University Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 576-0263

www.gbs.org

Klein Memorial Auditorium

Theater hosting a range of musical, theatrical and dance performances.

910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
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www.theklein.org

Shubert Theater

World-class Broadway, theater, music, dance, comedy, opera and film events.

247 College Street, New Haven, CT
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www.shubert.com

The Bushnell

Connecticut's premier performing arts center.

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www.bushnell.org

Dining

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www.amicimieicafe.com

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Walrus + Carpenter

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Italian-Continental cuisine made with fresh and wholesome ingredients.

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www.tabernarestaurant-ct.com

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www.twobootsbridgeport.com

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www.sweetbasilfairfield.com

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Entertainment

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www.websterbankarena.com

Bow Tie Cinemas Marquis 16

100 Quarry Road, Trumbull, CT
(203) 365-6500

Fairfield Cinema

41 Blackrock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT
(203) 339-7151

Connecticut Post 14 + IMAX

1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT
(203) 783-1404

Showcase Cinema

286 Canfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 339-7171

AMF Milford Lanes

1717 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT
(203) 878-4658

Lodging

Best Western Black Rock Inn

100 Kings Highway Cutoff, Fairfield, CT
(203) 659-2200

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

111 Schoolhouse Road, Milford, CT
(203) 877-8588

Hampton Inn Milford

129 Plains Road, Milford, CT
(203) 874-4400

Holiday Inn Bridgeport

1070 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 334-1234

Homewood Suites by Hilton

6905 Main Street, Stratford, CT
(203) 377-3322

Hyatt Place

190 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT
(203) 877-9800

Marriott Trumbull Merritt Parkway

180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT
(203) 378-1400

Quality Inn Milford

278 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT
(203) 877-9411

Ramada Inn

225 Lordship Boulevard, Stratford, CT
(203) 375-8866

Residence Inn by Marriott

62 Rowe Avenue, Milford, CT
(203) 283-2100

Super 8 Motel-Milford

1015 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT
(203) 878-3575

Transportation

Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, CT
www.bradleyairport.com

John F. Kennedy Airport

Jamaica, NY
www.jfk-airport.com

LaGuardia Airport

Flushing, NY
www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html

Newark Liberty International Airport

Newark, NJ
www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html

Westchester County Airport

White Plains, NY
<http://airport.westchestergov.com>

Connecticut Limousine Service

Transportation to JFK, LaGuardia, Hartford Bradley, and Newark Liberty airports
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www.ctlimo.com

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Discount for UB Students
(800) 377-8745 or (203) 891-1280
www.2theairport.com

Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Ferry

Transportation to Long Island, NY
1-888-44FERRY or 203-335-2040
www.88844ferry.com

Red Dot Taxi Service

(203) 330-1003

Yellow Cab

(203) 334-6162, (203) 334-2121

Greyhound Bus Line

1-800-231-2222 or (203) 335-1123
www.greyhound.com

Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBTA)

35 John Street, Bridgeport, CT
(203) 333-3031
www.gbtabus.com

Amtrak-Metroliner

1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245)
<http://www.amtrak.com>

Metro North

(212) 672-1290
www.mta.nyc.ny.uc/mn

Shopping

IKEA

450 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT
(203) 865-4532
www.ikea.com/us

Target

Westfield Trumbull Mall and Westfield Connecticut Post Shopping Mall
(203) 873-2013

Walmart

150 Barnum Avenue Cutoff, Stratford, CT
(203) 502-7631

Westfield Connecticut Post Shopping Mall

1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT
(203) 878-6837
www.westfield.com/connecticutpost

Westfield Trumbull Mall

5065 Main Street, Trumbull, CT
(203) 372-4500
www.westfield.com/trumbull

The Early History of UB

In the early twentieth century Bridgeport was one of only six U.S. cities of over 100,000 people with no institution of higher education. Local physics and mathematics teacher E. Everett Cortright believed that equal access to education was necessary for national success, stating, “Ability and leadership must be sought in all groups.” He and two friends, founder of the dental hygiene profession Alfred Fones and Raybestos President Sumner Simpson, decided to create a two-year junior college, the first one in New England.

On May 5, 1927, the state charter of the Junior College of Connecticut was signed to resounding local and regional acclaim. Dr. Fones bought a large brick building at 1001 Fairfield Avenue to use as the first college building. Aspiring men and women entered the new college to take general education classes, as well as specialties like Hungarian and aeronautics. Almost immediately President Cortright realized that the college needed to grow and began building dormitories. By 1935 he had absorbed New Haven’s Arnold College, and opened a School of Business. He purchased more property, including P.T. Barnum’s former estate near Seaside Park.

At the end of World War II, veterans flooded the school, taking advantage of the GI Bill. The new president, James Halsey, saw this as an opportunity to expand the successful junior college into a full university, and students agreed, signing petitions and writing to newspapers. In 1947, the University of Bridgeport was created on its campus by Seaside Park. New majors and schools were added, all contributing to the diversity of ideas and opportunities that have distinguished the university ever since.

The innovative thinking that led to the founding of UB almost a century ago continues to guide us today as we connect to a wider world.

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City of Bridgeport

Founded much later than its neighbors, in 1836, Bridgeport experienced tremendous growth almost immediately when the first trains of the Housatonic Railroad Company steamed into town four years later. In the 1850s, the city led the world producing Elias Howe’s newfangled sewing machines, and this helped spark the rise of a relatively obscure village to one of the industrial powerhouses of America.

Bridgeport’s growth was helped by the presence of the showman, entrepreneur, and mayor P.T. Barnum, who was one of the most famous men in the world. His protégé, actor Charles Stratton, hailed from the north end of town, and as “Tom Thumb” became the most popular entertainer of the 19th century. With his eyes always on the future, Barnum helped develop a hospital, ferry system, and beautiful green spaces that prompted the nickname “Park City.” As the world leader in silverware, corsets, machine tools, and more, the city became the most prosperous between Boston and New York by the early 20th century.

Inventors like Lewis Latimer, Harvey Hubbell, Gustave Whitehead, and Igor Sikorsky all lived and worked in Bridgeport. Known as the “arsenal of the nation” during World War I, the city produced two-thirds of all American ammunition, and contributed Locomobile trucks, Remington firearms, and inventor Simon Lake’s submarines to the war effort. More than sixty ethnic groups established themselves in diverse neighborhoods, which today form the backbone of the largest city in Connecticut.

Bridgeport has spent the last few years undergoing a strategic revitalization effort which continues to provide opportunities for residential and commercial development. Unlike most nearby urban centers, downtown Bridgeport is compact and easy to negotiate. Residents can walk to theaters, restaurants, museums and galleries, or to the Intermodal Transportation Center for bus, cab, train or ferry service. This variety and accessibility provides an appealing part of the urban experience for both working and playing in Bridgeport.



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