

**IDEAL PROGRAM
COURSE SYLLABUS
University of Bridgeport - Stamford Campus
MGMT 342 LABOR LAW AND ARBITRATION**



COURSE SYLLABUS

Please read the following course syllabus carefully, especially the course dates, times and location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with the IDEAL Program office, your academic advisor, or the instructor.

The IDEAL degree-completion program is designed with the adult learner in mind. Adult learners approach learning with specific goals, want to be able to directly apply new learning to their work and personal lives, and tend to learn best when the coursework is problem-centered so that they are actively engaged in the learning process. In addition, adults bring rich and varied experience to the classroom, which becomes a valuable learning resource for other students.

The IDEAL Program assumes joint responsibility in the learning process. The activities and assignments in the courses build on the shared experience of all learners in each class. This is why each student's preparation, participation and interaction in class activities and discussions are critical to the success of each course. The accelerated format of each course requires a significant amount your time outside the classroom to prepare for and complete the course assignments. This varies between students and courses; however, students typically spend nine-twelve hours per week on course material.

To participate in the IDEAL Program, it is expected that you will do the following:

1. Attend every class session. Be on time.
2. Obtain the required course materials prior to the first class session.
3. Complete the first assignment prior to the first class session and all subsequent assignments to the best of your ability.
4. Participate in the class discussions and demonstrate respect and consideration to the instructor and other students when they express themselves in discussion.

If you cannot perform these four expectations, it is recommended that you drop the course. We look forward to your academic success in each course and the ultimate completion of your degree.

Spring Session 2014
Section: Tuesdays 6pm to 9 pm
January 14th through March 4th
Instructor: Professor L. Jacob
Office Hours: by phone: (203) 961-0227
Email: ljacob@bridgeport.edu

Please note there is an assignment due on the first day of class at 6 pm.

The paper must be emailed to ljacob@bridgeport.edu by 6 pm on 1/14/2013 and a hard copy brought to class.

You must check your UB email account regularly as it is the only email address to which emails will be sent.

Please note the following important information:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides an overview of the US labor union movement within the context of business and organizational development. Historically important events will be discussed through the use of films, documentaries and lecture. Course will introduce students to the laws governing labor relations and employee rights in the workplace, legal framework in which collective bargaining takes place, including union organizational campaigns, negotiations for and enforcement of collective bargaining agreements, and the use of economic pressure. Students will examine various aspects of Alternative Dispute Resolution including mediation, negotiation and arbitration. Students will be expected to participate in “mock” contract negotiations and arbitrations.

Learning Objectives:

Students will be familiar with the historical perspective relating to the Union movement in the United States. Students will understand and take part in simulated negotiations, arbitration and mediation sessions. Students will investigate and examine local union issues

Required Textbook: Fossum, J.A., Labor Relations: Development, Structure, Processes, McGraw Hill, 11th Edition.
ISBN: 978-0-07-802915-8

Grades

% of Points Earned	Letter Grade
100-94	A
93-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-84	B
83-80	B-
79-77	C+

% of Points Earned	Letter Grade
76-74	C
73-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-64	D
63-60	D-
Below 60	F

Writing Requirements and Academic Honesty - Wikipedia Policy

In academic research, it is important to distinguish between informal media, which are useful for background information and idea generation, and formal media, which are acceptable sources to cite in academic papers. Informal media include blogs, online discussion forums, and Wikipedia (as well as other Wikimedia) **All papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. You can also submit your papers to turnitin.com as well.**

None of these informal sources are acceptable as cited sources in your reference list. **Papers that contain informal media including Wikipedia in their reference list will be subject to a grade penalty of 10% for each occurrence.**

Late Assignments - Late assignments will be penalized with a 10% grade deduction for each day late. Due dates are defined as of the start of class meeting on which the assignment is due.

All papers must be typed, double spaced and free from typos and contractions and must be submitted in a WORD DOCUMENT as an attachment.

All papers are graded on content, grammar, spelling and general writing ability. Please see grading rubrics below. This is a Third Year University Course. If you have difficulty writing or English is not your first language please reach out to your Academic Advisor for assistance.

First Indication of Plagiarism will be an automatic F in the class.

Grades:

1 Assignment due January 14th 6 9m

15 Points

See Written Grading Rubric for writing expectations.

Case study review: Wal-Mart and Watching Its “Union Prevention”

Wal-Mart is one company that works hard to avoid unionization. The company says it does not have unions because it takes care of its employees. It surveys employees regularly, and many Workers have been promoted from cashier and stocker jobs to management jobs. A company-wide stock ownership program has generated significant long-term returns for employees. Unions counter that Wal-Mart uses aggressive and even unfair labor practices to prevent Unionization. When a union tries to organize workers, the company often reacts with a coordinated “union prevention” program. Mandatory employee meetings are held in stores, where managers and supervisors read prepared scripts explaining the consequences of unionizing and show videos emphasizing the negatives of unionization.

As a result, at Wal-Mart in the United States, virtually no workers are unionized. In fact, when unions have won elections in some Wal-Mart locations, the firm has outsourced the jobs to independent contractors or even closed stores. Even outside the United States, Wal-Mart has been aggressive at resisting unionization of any workers in Canada, despite more union-friendly Canadian laws.

To put more pressure on Wal-Mart, unions have formed a coalition called Wal-Mart Watch. This organization has targeted Wal-Mart organizational practices. For instance, extensive publicity about deficiencies in health benefits offered by Wal-Mart have led to the firm revising its plans. The Watch also has encouraged workers to file legal complaints that Wal-Mart has violated anti-discrimination laws. The watch has established its own Website (<http://walmartwatch.com>) that contains numerous articles discussing Wal-Mart actions. That Website has a blog that allows previous and current employees to post comments, as well as outsiders to provide input and opinions also.

The ultimate goal of the Watch is to be able to unionize employees at Wal-Mart because of its huge number of workers. As Wal-Mart grows and adds more stores, its growth also results in the decline or closing of other retailers, in which there are often a significant number of unionized workers. How Wal-Mart will change over the next years and the effects of the Watch on those changes will be interesting to observe.

Write a 1000-1500 word paper answering the following questions

1. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of Wal-Mart's aggressive union prevention efforts.
2. Go to <http://makingchangeatwalmart.org/>, and review some of the articles and blogs. Then identify your view of the Watch's efforts.

2. Class Attendance / Participation 10 Points

Class participation means:

- Weekly participation means coming to class on time, and staying until the end of class.
- Participation means that you contribute to the class discussion orally and in group work.
- Coming to class and not speaking will not earn you full marks.
- Coming to class and taking over the discussion will not earn you full marks.

3. Participation in Canvas Weekly Discussions 20 Points

To get full marks for participation you must participate in each week's discussion and respond to each post twice no later than the Sunday preceding the next class. Discussion will close on the Monday night before each class.

4. Mid Term 25 Points

In class exam based on textbook and in class discussion.

5. Final Paper Term 30 Points

Choose one of the following three topics: Write a paper of 1000-1500 words. Use at least three academic sources to support your answer. These sources cannot be Wikipedia or other social networking sites. Acceptable sources are business websites, journals, newspapers, etc.

1. Why is it important to know and understand the history of the labor movement? Defend your answer. Give examples from your working/educational experience.
2. How has the recent economic situation impacted the labor union movement?

Defend your answer. Give examples from your working/educational experience.

3. Are unions still relevant? Defend your answer. Give examples from your working/educational experience.

Papers must be emailed to: ljacob@bridgeport.edu and handed in in paper format. Papers are due at 6 pm on the day of the class.

Appropriate Sources for Papers and other Assignments.

This is a third year university course. Appropriate sources for papers and other assignments include:

Scholarly websites

- i.e. negotiation journals accessible through the online library
- Newspapers such as the Wall St. Journal, New York Times etc.
- Government websites, as appropriate.

As all other assignments, participation will be based on the quality of your posts as well as your appropriate use of written English.

This syllabus is subject to change

Week 1	Chapters. 1 & 2	<u>Week One Assignment Due- (see page 3, #1 for details)</u> Introductions Syllabus review, introductions, review of paper, contemporary labor relations
Week 2	Chapter 3	Film Matewan The Evolution of American Labor Employment Law
Week 3	Chapters 4-6	Union structure and organizing campaigns Labor Unions and Employment Law
Week 4	Chapter 7	<u>Mid Term Exam</u> Union avoidance
Week 5	Chapters 8-10	Guest Speaker Preparing to Bargain Negotiating strategies; tactics Collective bargaining agreements
Week 6	Chapters 11-13	Economic impact of the union movement. Collective bargaining strategies and contracts
Week 7	Chapter 15	Mock Bargaining. Binding arbitration, resolving grievances

		Alternative dispute resolution
Week 8	TBD	Final Paper Due The New Union Movement. The knowledge economy impact on labor unions

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IMPORTANT:

- Missing one class session will drop the final grade by one letter grade (for example if a student earns a grade of “B” in the course, the final grade would be a “C”).
- Missing two or more class sessions will be cause for a failing grade.
- Note: For 15-week courses; missing two class sessions will result in a letter grade drop and three or more will cause a failing grade.

Drop Procedures

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<http://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/continuinged/ideal-academic-degree-programs-and-certificates/ideal-course-schedule/>.

Please print and complete the form and fax the form to the IDEAL Office: 203-576-4537. Prior to dropping a course, the student should contact their IDEAL Academic Advisor to understand the implications to financial aid and/or degree plan progress.

Please review the drop fees and tuition refunds at the Academic Calendar; accessed at the IDEAL Course Schedule webpage (same link above).

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More information on how to recognize plagiarism can be found at this site:
http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/plagiarism_test.html

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Academic Resource Center is available for IDEAL students seeking help in their studies. The Center is staffed by writing professionals and peer tutors. More information can be found at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2209.asp> The Center is located on the 5th Floor of the Wahlstrom Library. Make an appointment or walk-in: Telephone: 203-576-4290. **Online Tutoring** is available at: www.etutoring.org. To use this free service you must have a UBNet account.

Obtaining a UBNet Account

Every registered student should obtain a UBNet Account. The account allows you to access MyUB; the portal for grades, library services, Canvas online learning system. Also, the account allows you access to computers in the Library and computer labs, and provides an email account in which the University sends out information. Go to: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/ubnet> - Click on “New UBNet Account” and follow the instructions.

The @bridgeport.edu email address is the official email the University uses to send information to you. You can have your bridgeport.edu email forwarded to any other private email account you use. Following the activation of your UBNET account (takes 24 hours), login at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/email> and click on “forwards” at the top of the page. Follow the directions to forward email messages to your other account.

Accessing Your Grades & Schedule Online

The WebAdvisor online information system allows students to search for available classes, check grades, view semester class schedule and verify your personal profile. Grades are generally posted 2-3 weeks following the end of a course. To access WebAdvisor, login in to MyUB and follow the WebAdvisor menu on the right. If you are carrying a financial balance, access to WebAdvisor will be restricted.

Using the Library

Access to the Digital Library is through MyUB. On the MyUB home, in the central column, click on “myEureka Digital Library.” Research tools available:

- Search for books held at the library.
- Search the online databases for your academic field; business, counseling, human services, psychology, etc.
- Send questions to the Reference Librarian for assistance in research topics and searching strategy.

Using Computers

Open access computer labs are available at three locations:

- Bridgeport – 1st floor of the Wahlstrom library. Check library hours of operation at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/library>.
- Stamford – Room D; Check open hours at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/stamford>
- Waterbury – Computer Lab; Check open hours at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/waterbury>

Course Cancellations

Any emergency necessitating the canceling of courses will be announced by the University through the Emergency Notification Telephone Line, (203) 576-4159. Please call this number for information on course cancellations. Also, information will be posted under “Latest News” on the UB home page, (www.bridgeport.edu). Canceled classes will be made up either the week following the end of the course or in consultation between the instructor and the students as to day and time availability. Course cancellations are also announced on television and radio stations.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Office	Telephone	Email
Bridgeport Campus Security	(203) 576-4911	ubsecurity@bridgeport.edu
Bursar	(203) 576-4472	sfs@bridgeport.edu
Cashier	(203) 576-4682	sfs@bridgeport.edu
Financial Aid	(203) 576-4568	sfs@bridgeport.edu
Grade & Fee Report	203) 576-4692	grade_fee@bridgeport.edu
Registrar	(203) 576-4635	registrar@bridgeport.edu
Emergency Notification Phone	(203) 576-4159	
IDEAL Office	(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu

CAMPUS CONTACT INFORMATION

Campus	Address	Telephone	Email
Bridgeport	126 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu
Stamford	5 Riverbend Drive Stamford, CT 06750	(203) 358-0700	ubstamford@bridgeport.edu
Waterbury	84 Progress Lane Waterbury, CT 06705	(203) 573-8501	ubwaterbury@bridgeport.edu

Directions to IDEAL Campus locations	http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2260.asp
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To fill out your financial aid report to the Federal Government, please go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for the University of Bridgeport is **001416**.
Federal Student Aid Information: 1-800-433-3243

Written Assignment Grading Rubric

<p><u>Subject Matter (35%):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key elements of assignments covered • Content is comprehensive/accurate/persuasive • Displays an understanding of relevant theory • Major points supported by specific details/examples • Research is adequate/timely 	
<p><u>Higher-Order Thinking (15%):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer compares/contrasts/integrates theory/subject matter with work environment/experience • At an appropriate level, the writer analyzes and synthesizes theory/practice to develop new ideas and ways of conceptualizing and performing 	
Organization (15%)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction provides a sufficient background on the topic and previews major points/deliverables • Central theme/purpose is immediately clear • Structure is clear, logical, and easy to follow • Subsequent sections develop/support the central theme • Conclusion/recommendations that summarize major points/deliverables follow logically from the body of the paper 	
Style/Mechanics (35%)	
<p><u>Format--10%</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citations/reference page follow guidelines • Properly cites ideas/info from other sources • Paper is laid out effectively--uses, heading and other reader-friendly tools 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper is neat/shows attention to detail <p><u>Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling--15%</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of grammar, usage, punctuation are followed Spelling is correct <p><u>Readability/Style--10%</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences are complete, clear, and concise Sentences are well-constructed with consistently strong, varied structure Transitions between sentences/paragraphs/sections help maintain the flow of thought Words used are precise and unambiguous The tone is appropriate to the audience, content, and assignment 	
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Oral Presentation Grading Rubric

Content (40%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation content clearly follows the written paper upon which it is based (if applicable) Topic is relevant and addresses assignment specifications Content presented is comprehensive, accurate, and believable Key points are noted Topic is researched adequately 	
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Organization/Structure (20%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation is well-organized, clear, and effectively structured If this is a group presentation, it is integrated rather than being a disjointed series of individual presentations There is an introduction to gain the audience's attention and explain the purpose of the presentation 	
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Style/Presentation/Appearance (10%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress and grooming are appropriate to the setting Non-verbal cues/gestures are appropriate to presentation and flow of ideas Content knowledge/confidence are evident Time was used well/not rushed 	
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Use of Visual Aids (10%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual aids are used where appropriate 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual aids are appropriately professional given the presentation's context • They are easy to see/read • Media are used correctly, e.g., overheads, videos, Power Point slides, charts, etc. • Visual aids contribute to the overall effectiveness of the presentation 	
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How Points and Percentages Equate to Grades for oral and written work:

% of Points Earned	Letter Grade
100-94	A
93-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-84	B
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69-67	D+
66-64	D
63-60	D-
Below 60	F

A = The student:

Clearly stands out as an excellent performer and has unusually sharp insight into material and initiates thoughtful questions.

- Sees many sides of an issue.
- Articulates well and writes logically and clearly.
- Integrates ideas previously learned from this and other disciplines.
- Anticipates next steps in the progression of ideas.
- Submits assignments on time.
- Is in full attendance.
- Constructively contributes to the learning environment.

“A” work by nature could be a model to be emulated by other students.

B = The student:

- Grasps subject matter at a level considered to be good to very good.
- Is an active listener and participant in the workshop discussions.
- Speaks and writes well.
- Accomplishes more than the minimum requirements.
- Has above average performance.
- Produces work in and out of the workshop that is complete and of high quality.
- Applies understanding of concepts to assignments.
- Submits assignments on time.

“B” work indicates a high quality performance and awarded in recognition for solid work; a “B” is a high grade.

C = The student:

- Demonstrates a satisfactory comprehension of the subject matter.
- Has accomplished the minimum requirements.
- Displays initiative that is satisfactory and meets minimal expectations.
- Communicates orally and in writing at an acceptable level.
- Exhibits understanding of all basic concepts.

“C” work represents average work. A student receiving a “C” has met the requirements, including deadlines, of the course.

D = The student:

- Demonstrates understanding at the most rudimentary level.
- Submits work in and out of the workshop that is below average in quality and/or quantity.
- May submit work that is characterized by incompleteness and/or lateness.

“D” work is barely acceptable and minimally passing.

F = The student:

- Submits work that is unacceptable in quality and/or quantity.
- Submits work that is characterized by incompleteness and/or lateness.
- Lacks demonstration of understanding and application of principles to assignments.

“F” work is not passing and does not qualify the student to progress to a more advanced level of course work.

Partial points will be rounded to the nearest full point, e.g. 83.4=83 which leads to a grade of B-; 83.5=84 which leads to a grade of B.

Class Operating Norms

The **guidelines** are the code of conduct expected in our class. Further clarification will be addressed in the first session.

1. **Turn off beepers, cellphones, and any other noise making device. They can be checked during breaks. If you are expecting an emergency let me know at the beginning of class.**
2. **Take responsibility for your own learning.** If there are concepts or points in the class you do not fully understand, ask me. There are no dumb questions. This is a time to learn.
3. **Honor time limits.** There are scheduled start/stop times as well as breaks during the class. I will announce return times. Please return to the classroom promptly. This respects your classmates’ time. Classes will start promptly at 9 am.
4. **Participate by sharing your opinions and experiences.** The more business examples you can share, the more interesting the training is for all participants. You also may be able to explain your own experiences or ideas in a way that clarifies a concept for another participant.

5. **Listen and consider the opinions and feedback of others.** There are two aspects to this rule:
 - a. Be attentive when someone is speaking and listen to understand his/her point so that you can respond or react in a helpful way that will help everyone learn.
 - b. Avoid side conversations. At their worst, they are distracting to other participants. At their best, if there are side conversations good points might be missed by the larger group.
6. **If you have to leave the session for an emergency, please let me know.**

Late Assignments

Late assignments will be penalized with a 10% grade deduction for each day late unless you have made prior arrangements with me. Deadlines will be defined as 9:00 am on the night the assignment is due. Anytime you feel you might be falling behind in the course; it is best to contact me to discuss your situation. I will not accept assignments after the final day of class.

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Incomplete grade

An incomplete may be given, at the discretion of the instructor, to those students who fail to complete assignments due the last day of your course. These would include absence from a final examination or inability to complete terminal assignments (papers, presentations) due to illness, employment conflicts, etc.

Incompletes will not be given to a student who fails to complete any assignment during the term. At the discretion of the instructor, these assignments could be completed no later than the last scheduled day of your class.

Drop Procedures

To drop a course, you must complete and submit a Schedule Change Request Form. The form can be accessed at the following web page:

<http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2595.asp>

Starting Fall 2012

- Add and/or Drop a course after the start date.....\$30.00 per transaction
- Drop prior to the start of classes.....100% Tuition Refund
- Drop prior to the second class session.....75% Tuition Refund
- Drop prior to the third class session.....50% Tuition Refund
- Drop after the third class session.....0% Tuition Refund

****Please note students will not be automatically dropped for missing the first class. Missing one class session will drop the final grade by one letter grade. If you have to miss the first class, or the first week of class for online classes, *you must contact your instructor* in writing before or after the first class/first week. However, a grade reduction will apply.**

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The Academic Resource Center is available for IDEAL students seeking help in their studies. The Center is staffed by writing professionals and peer tutors. More information can be found at: <http://myub.bridgeport.edu/academics/academicrescenter/Pages/default.aspx> The Center is located in the Wahlstrom Library, Room 506. Hours of operation are Mondays –Thursday 9am – 6pm and Fridays 9am – 1pm. Make an appointment or walk-in: Telephone: 203-576-4290. **Online Tutoring** is available at: www.etutoring.org. To use this free service you must have a UBNet account.

Obtaining a UBNet Account

Every registered student should obtain a UBNet Account. The account allows you to access your grades, access library services, access online tutoring, access the computers in computer labs, and provides an email account in which the University sends out information. Go to: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/ubnet> - Click on “New UBNet Account” and follow the instructions.

The @bridgeport.edu email address is the official email the University uses to send information to you. You can have your Bridgeport.edu email forwarded to any other email account you use. Following the activation of your UBNet account (takes 24 hours), login at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/email> and click on “forwards” at the top of the page. Follow the directions to forward email messages to your other account.

Accessing Your Grades & Schedule Online

The WebAdvisor online information system allows students to search for available classes, check grades, view semester class schedule and verify your personal profile. Grades are generally posted 2-3 weeks following the end of a course. Information on WebAdvisor is password protected and requires you to use your UBNet username and password. To access WebAdvisor, go to: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/webadvisor>

1. Login in with your UBNet username and password.
2. Click on “Student Menu.”
3. Click on “My Grades.”

If you are carrying a financial balance, access to WebAdvisor will be restricted.

Using the Library

You can access the library through the library's website: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/library>.

Research tools available:

- Search for books held at the library.
- Search the online databases for your academic field; business, counseling, human services, psychology, etc.

- Send questions to the Reference Librarian for assistance in research topics and searching strategy.

To access the online journals for research purposes, you will need a UBNNet account (see above).

Using Computers

Open access computer labs are available at three campuses:

- Bridgeport – 1st floor of the Wahlstrom library. Check library hours of operation at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/library>.
- Stamford – Room D; Check open hours at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/stamford>
- Waterbury – Computer Lab; Check open hours at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/waterbury>

Course Cancellations/ Weather Policy

Any emergency necessitating the canceling of courses will be announced by the University through the Emergency Notification Telephone Line, (203) 576-4159. Please call this number for information on course cancellations. Also, information will be posted under “Latest News” on the UB home page, (www.bridgeport.edu). Canceled classes will be made up either the week following the end of the course or in consultation between the instructor and the students as to day and time availability. Course cancellations are also announced on television and radio stations.

Please note each campus makes weather cancellations independently. You should always check with the specific campus staff. It is best to call the campus emergency phone.

Bridgeport – 203-576-4159

Waterbury - 203-573-8501

Stamford – 203-358-0700

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Cashier	Lana Mistry	(203) 576-4682	cashier@bridgeport.edu
Financial Aid		(203) 576-4568	sfs@bridgeport.edu
Registrar		(203) 576-4642	registrar@bridgeport.edu
Emergency Notification Phone		(203) 576-4159	
Distance Education Office		(203) 576-4853	ubonline@bridgeport.edu
IDEAL Office		(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu

CAMPUS CONTACT INFORMATION

Campus	Address	Telephone	Email
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Waterbury	84 Progress Lane Waterbury, CT 06705	(203) 573-8501	ubwaterbury@bridgeport.edu
Woodbridge	6 Lunar Drive Woodbridge, CT 06525	(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu
IDEAL Office		(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu

To fill out your financial aid report to the Federal Government, please go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for the University of Bridgeport is 001416. Federal Student Aid Information: 1-800-433-3243.