The College of
Public & International Affairs
UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PROGRAMS
"We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours."  
Dag Hammarskjöld  
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

At the University of Bridgeport’s College of Public and International Affairs, you will join a diverse community of students and faculty who share a commitment to intercultural communication through the study of media, politics, justice, religion, culture and the social sciences.

Working toward your goals in small class settings, you’ll find that your industry-connected, supportive professors are highly approachable and dedicated to your success.

At UB, you will build connections beyond the classroom as well. Our secure, beautiful seaside campus is only a short ride from major metropolitan centers—New York and Boston—where you will have access to vast opportunities for recreation, cultural exposure and invaluable professional experience.

Quite simply, the University of Bridgeport helps you build the future you want.
An integrated program, the Criminal Justice and Human Security curriculum employs the latest technology and methods to help you gain understanding of the underlying elements that lead to crime and violence.

Criminal Justice and Human Security
A degree in Criminal Justice and Human Security will open many doors to professions in domestic and international security. Some of the career paths available to students upon completion of the program include positions in legal firms, non-profit organizations, police departments, the Coast Guard and US Marshal offices, as well as high-profile government agencies such as the CIA, DEA and FBI.

Program Goals
As a student in the Criminal Justice and Human Security program, you will:
• Develop the skills required for law enforcement in today’s globalized society.
• Learn about areas of international crime and justice such as arms creation, terrorism, deviance and crime prevention.
• Explore aspects of human security, a concept developed by the UN, and its implications for international and domestic security.

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/cjhs

Degree Concentrations
Human Security
Comparative Justice
Criminology

I chose UB for its diversity—I didn’t have that in my hometown in Rhode Island. I value the opportunity that the program gives me to exchange ideas and become close with students from so many backgrounds. My heightened sensitivity to different cultures will be valuable as I pursue a career in the FBI.

Kerri Agresta, Criminal Justice and Human Security
Some of the best classroom experiences I had included simulations of real-world situations that allowed me to apply my knowledge in a very concrete way.

Simon Alejandro Arias, International Political Economy and Diplomacy (IPED)

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in an internship with a local law enforcement organization, legislature, legal firm or bank or to take advantage of UB’s NGO status at the UN. 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 College of International and Public Affairs. In addition to the internship, students have the option of writing a senior thesis related to their field of concentration. Depending on the scope of the project, the thesis may account for 3 to 6 credit hours.

AMERICAS STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY AND DIPLOMACY (IPED)

As an interdisciplinary program, UB’s International Political Economy and Diplomacy draws primarily on political science, economics and international relations and also on areas of study such as sociology, history and cultural studies. Students who complete the IPED program often go on to pursue advanced degrees in law, political science and education. Career opportunities in this field exist in nongovernmental organizations, civil service, education, public relations, business, banking and more.

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The IPED program enables you to study a wide range of viewpoints and cultures. Incredible opportunities, including a chance to attend briefings at the United Nations, will help you to develop an appreciation of the complex issues that face leading international institutions.

Become a {Student of the World}
We are proud to be the first American institution of higher learning to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Martial Arts Studies. This unique degree combines a wide range of liberal arts courses with a martial arts practicum. Students 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 many career paths to choose from including martial arts instructor, business entrepreneur, recreational/physical therapist and law enforcement officer.

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Program Goals
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 working knowledge of at least one other.
• Evaluate the psychosocial dimensions of the martial arts and their impact upon personality and society.

Dr. Youngsun Kim, Co-Director of Martial Arts Studies

"With commitment to the integrity of the art form, our Martial Arts Studies program—the first of its kind—combines innovation with tradition. It instills confidence, and through hands-on instruction and practice of ancient techniques and methods, prepares our students to apply a unique expertise to their future careers."
As mass communication expands into various forms of emerging media, UB students stay at the leading edge. In our state-of-the-art production studio, you will use the latest technology to become well prepared for a career in the dynamic field of communication.

Mass Communication

The Mass Communication program provides you with the basic theory and skills needed to become a media practitioner. In addition to traditional classroom learning, you will engage in your field of choice through internships, not-for-profit advertising, public relations campaign creation and independent projects. Many of our faculty members work in the media, offering students unique insights and career connections into this complex, ever-changing industry.

Graduates go on to work in advertising, public relations, social media, corporate communications, journalism and broadcasting, both in traditional and digital delivery platforms.

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/masscomm

BA Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communication

Degree Concentrations

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

Program Goals

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

- Demonstrate effective speaking, listening and writing skills for communication in personal, public and media arenas.
- Help a nonprofit develop its brand.
- Learn how to observe events, gather information, write news reports and news releases, report on events and write the writing of others.
- Explore how media shapes and is shaped by politics, society, culture, economics and our daily lives.
- Recognize the power of persuasion and ethical responsibilities in communication at all levels.
- Learn how to apply communication theories to analyze contemporary problems.
- Understand the history, development and practice of print, electronic and new media.

Career Support

Our students learn how to prepare a portfolio—a critical step in obtaining employment. Students write resumes, cover letters and follow-up letters as well as receive training to prepare for a job search, interview and employment. UB students regularly intern at high-profit NYC companies including AOL, ESPN and Goldman Sachs.

UBreak {New Ground}
The Social Science program at UB provides you with a unique liberal studies experience that draws on many disciplines. Focusing on practical skill development and application, you will emerge ready to pursue exciting careers in law, government and private industry.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**
Whether you are pursuing graduate studies or entering the professional world, our bachelor’s in social science prepares you for any challenge. You will gain a well-rounded comprehension of society and the relationships between individuals. With a degree in social science from UB, you can pursue a career in government, foreign service, education, public and civil service, international business and law. UB students have gone on to graduate studies in prestigious schools such as Yale, Columbia and Harvard.

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/socialsciences

**Program Goals**
As a student in the Social Science program, you will:
- Develop an understanding of how social and historical events influence human values and institutions.
- Emerge with an understanding of social science research methods.
- Become familiar with political science, economics, international studies and sociology.
- Develop strong written and verbal skills.

**Degree Concentrations**
- Criminal Justice
- HISTORY
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- PRE-LAW
- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- PSYCHOLOGY
- SOCIOLOGY

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Robert Riggs, Assistant Professor of Religion and Politics and Assistant Professor in the M.A. program in Global Development and Peace

In the Religion and Politics program, UB focuses on building your understanding of the impact of religion on culture and politics. You will develop an analytical, unbiased perspective that broadens your worldview and prepares you to shape politics and culture throughout the world.

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/religion

Program Goals
As a student in the Religion and Politics 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.

• Cultivate 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

Study abroad programs in 40+ countries
The East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies program provides you with the knowledge, skills and experience to interpret and influence developments in the Pacific Rim. With our economies more closely intertwined than ever, you will have vast career opportunities in this fascinating part of the world.

EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC RIM STUDIES

The Master of Arts in East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies is a degree designed for students who demand an in-depth understanding of East Asia, a region increasingly influential on the world political stage. Having developed a foundation in an East Asian language and participated in an overseas internship, you will be prepared for influential careers including: diplomat, intelligence specialist, NGO manager, journalist, international security expert and international banker.

Program Goals
As a student in the East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies program, you will:
• Take advantage of opportunities created in the fused economies of the US and China.
• Witness ancient traditions at work in some of the world’s oldest developed regions.
• Participate in an internship and experience parts of East Asia first hand.
• Study the progress and development of societies in the Pacific Rim.

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/eaprs

I strive to expose students to principles of good governance and cultural values of the East, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and experience they will need to lead in the expanding political and economic landscape in that part of the world.

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students will participate in a two-month overseas internship at a company or institution located in China, Korea, Japan or Taiwan. Hands-on experience and use of the foreign language studied are integral components of the program. UB students from East Asian backgrounds may be allowed to pursue an internship within the US.

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Michael McCarthy, Global Development and Peace

Preparing you for the increasingly international political and business climate of today, the Global Development and Peace master’s program is for students eager to become front-line players on the world stage.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
Program Goals
As a student in the Global Development and Peace program, you will:
• Compare the major current 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.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Domestic students will spend a minimum of two months in an overseas internship. International students may pursue their internship either in the US or abroad. This experience can be with an international governmental or nongovernmental organization or a multinational corporation.

UB BREAKS DOWN {Barriers}

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Globally focused, the program offers concentrations in Global Communication, Global Management, International Political Economy and Development, and Conflict Analysis and Resolution. These concentrations provide students with the necessary skills to work in a wide range of fields, from government and nongovernmental organizations to multinational corporations.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

For all course and program requirements, visit: bridgeport.edu/gldp
UBalance {World Views}

As technology plays an increasingly integral part in the globalization of communication, society, culture, politics and media, distance is rendered nearly insignificant. With UB’s newest M.A. program, you will gain a global perspective to help redefine transnational and intercultural communication.

FOR ALL COURSE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, VISIT: bridgeport.edu/glmcs
The Office of Student Financial Services at the University of Bridgeport is committed to helping students navigate and understand the financial aid process and identifying financial tools to help make education affordable.

The university offers many different forms of aid to make your education affordable. 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 affect their ability to seek an education at the University of Bridgeport.

**HOW TO QUALIFY**

To be eligible to receive assistance, students must meet specific academic or financial criteria, depending on the program. More detailed descriptions of these programs are available on our website at www.bridgeport.edu/finaid.

If you are interested in applying for federal assistance, you will need to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The University of Bridgeport’s Federal School Code is 001416.

Questions?
For more information about the application process, visit us online at www.bridgeport.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at (203) 576-4552.
The UB {Mission}

The University of Bridgeport offers career-oriented undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees and programs for people seeking personal and professional growth. The University promotes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and commitment to service. Distinctive curricula in an international, culturally diverse supportive learning environment prepare graduates for life and leadership in an increasingly interconnected world. The University is independent and non-sectarian.