Welcome to UB!

Welcome to the University of Bridgeport! The entire UB community is looking forward to having you join our dynamic campus of activists, artists, athletes, clinicians, scholars, scientists, and writers.

Orientation is a multi-day program designed to assist students in making the transition to UB and is valuable to any incoming student whether this is your first college experience directly from high school, you are transferring from another institution, are a graduate student, or you are coming to school later in your life. For the first-time ever, we are also excited to offer a parent orientation that runs concurrently with the student program.

Orientation Highlights

› Meet with academic representatives. Receive answers to your question about majors and other academic requirements.

› Finalize your course schedule. You will leave Orientation with your fall semester schedule in hand!

› Learn about student support services and important activities that occur beyond the classroom. We are structured to help you succeed at UB.

› Meet the Orientation Leaders. These experienced students have been trained to assist your transition. We promise they will be an invaluable resource throughout the entire program.

› Be informed about certain social issues that college students often face. College is about growing into an independent and responsible person.

Letter from the President

Welcome to the University of Bridgeport and thank you for choosing this institution as your place of higher learning. We will do everything in our power to make your UB experience one that will enrich you for the rest of your life.

What exactly do I mean by the “UB experience?” You are about to embark upon a journey that will not only prepare you for a career but will also prepare you to better understand the world and your place in it. Here at UB, we have students from 88 different countries and 44 states. Nowhere in America will you find so many students from so many different countries in so intimate a campus setting.

Whether it is in the classroom or in social activities, you will begin to interact with people from all corners of the world; you will be exposed to global perspectives that will better prepare you for both your career and your ability to make a positive difference in this world. The cross-fertilization of cultures and ideas is an everyday experience for our students and creates what biologists call “hybrid vigor.”

We believe that one object of education, beyond career training, is character development, and it is often in extracurricular activities that you will have the opportunity to do this. Get involved! Before you know it, you will proudly come to call UB your second home.

I appreciate your feedback and look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,
Neil Albert Salonen
President

Orientation Dates

Session A: Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27
Session B: Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18
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**BY AUTOMOBILE**

**Traveling South on I-95:** Take Exit 27. At the traffic light, go straight on to South St. (Keep to the right to avoid the I-95 South on ramp.) Take third Left on to Park Avenue. Turn Right on to University Avenue. Parking lot will be two blocks down on your left.

**Traveling North on I-95:** Take Exit 27. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right on to Myrtle Avenue. Take a Right on to Austin Avenue. Take first left on to Park Avenue. Turn right on to University Ave.

**BY BUS OR TRAIN**

Amtrak, Metro North trains, and Peter Pan buses all make regular stops at the Bridgeport railroad and bus stations, which are located in the Bridgeport Transportation Center. From there you can take a five-minute taxi ride to campus. The University of Bridgeport Shuttle will be running from the bus/train station from 7:30–9:30 am.

**BY AIR**

If you arrive at LaGuardia or JFK airports, go to the Ground Transportation Center and request a Prime Time Shuttle to Bridgeport. The Shuttle goes directly to campus and costs $59. Prime Time can be contacted at 1-866-284-3247, option 1 or online at www.2theairport.com. If you arrive at Newark Airport, go to the Ground Transportation Center and request Connecticut Limousine. It costs $90 (additional 5% discount if booked online) and goes to the Connecticut Limousine depot in Bridgeport. From there, take a taxi to the University. Connecticut Limousine can be contacted at 1-800-472-5466 or www.ctlimo.com. **DO NOT TAKE A TAXI FROM ANY NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY AIRPORT TO CAMPUS.**

**ARRIVING ON CAMPUS**

1. Orientation signifies the beginning of your college journey. The program is two days, beginning at 8am on the first day and concluding at noon the following day.

2. Check-in begins at 8am at Seeley Hall (Building #9 on the campus map). For those driving to campus, we advise parking in one of two parking lots next to the Arnold Bernhard Center (Building #11) or the John J. Cox Student Center (Building #4). Please access the campus map on our website to visually locate the check-in and parking locations: [http://www.bridgeport.edu/welcome/map-and-directions/campus-map/](http://www.bridgeport.edu/welcome/map-and-directions/campus-map/)

3. Students will be residing in Seeley Hall on Friday night. The overnight component is required regardless if you plan on living on campus or commuting in the fall. The optional parent program features overnight accommodations in nearby Chaffee Hall, although space is very limited. (Transfer students do not stay the night, only freshmen students).

**ITEMS TO BRING**

1. We do not provide the common amenities featured at hotels, so it is essential that you bring personal care items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.), a bath towel, and bed sheets, blankets, and pillows for a twin sized bed. **Bring flip flops for the communal shower facilities.**

2. Bring clothes for sleeping and the next day.

3. You will only be in the residential buildings from approximately 10:30pm until 8am, so we highly advise against bringing items of value (iPads, televisions, etc.).

**PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE**

**DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS**
- Meet your Orientation Leader (OL)
- Advise and register for fall classes
- Presentations on campus involvement opportunities and support resources

**DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS**
- Receive your UB Student ID
- Choose your residential roommate and space
PARENT PROGRAM

UB values its connection with the parents! The parent program is designed to inform on the various extra-curricular activities, educational programming, and academic support services available to your students here. The program runs concurrently to the student one, although some workshops are combined and meals are integrated.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

› Meet with academic and student affairs representatives.
  Receive answers to your questions from majors to attendance policies to office hours.
› Meet other parents. For some, having kids in college is an old habit, but for others this is their first venture. Meet, greet, and socialize!
› Ask current students questions. Student leaders will be available throughout the program as Orientation Leaders and workshop facilitators. The best way to understand what your child’s experience will be like is to ask a current student and here’s your chance!
› The program schedule is sequential in nature. We encourage full attendance to gain maximum value but understand how certain circumstances may not allow this.

Registration information is included on the backside of this newsletter.

INFORMATION TO KNOW

Students need to bring their acceptance letter with them. Transfer students should bring the course catalog from their previous institution and a copy of their preliminary transfer credit evaluation so that we are able to properly evaluate transfer credits.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Students not providing proof of health requirements will not be able to register for classes or reside in any of our residence halls. For more information, please contact Student Health Services at 203-576-4712, or healthservices@bridgeport.edu. The Health Examination Form, to be filled out by your doctor, can be found at www.bridgeport.edu/healthforms.

Connecticut State Law and the University of Bridgeport require proof of the following:

Tuberculosis Risk Assessment/ TB Test:
All students must have a Tuberculosis Risk Assessment or a TB test within six months of admission to the University.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella:
Two vaccines are required after age one. This pertains to all students born after December 31, 1957.

Meningitis:
All students living in residence halls within the past 5 years.

Varicella (Chicken Pox):
Two vaccines or documented history of disease. Students born in the United States before 1980 are exempt.

ENGLISH/MATH PLACEMENT

All new undergraduate students will be placed into English courses based on SAT scores. Additionally, students will be placed into Math M 105M, a mid-level, modular math course. Transfer students may be exempt. New students have the option to request a placement test if they wish to try to waive these courses. Placement tests are available at summer orientation or in August, when students arrive for the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Orientation Sessions:
Session A: Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27
Session B: Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

Move-in for residential students is Thursday, August 20
Welcome Weekend is Friday, August 19–Sunday, August 23
First day of classes are Monday, August 24
Letter from the Dean

To the Class of 2019: We are a community rich in traditions, diverse in cultures, and friendly in spirit! You will soon join a University community of other students, staff, faculty, and administrators who are eager to welcome you. Many alumni and alumnae have called their student experiences at UB some of the best years of their lives. We hope that you will be able to say the same.

I am sure you have been reflecting on your own intellectual and personal goals. To be prepared to meet them, you will need to think through, plan, and carry out an academic program that will challenge you in ways that you have yet to imagine. Our responsibility is to assist you in this task. We acknowledge that it is difficult to plan and prepare for a complex experience, and therefore have worked hard to assemble information and programs that will help you begin that process thoughtfully and with confidence.

Much will depend on the choices you make and how you handle the academic and personal challenges that you will face. You cannot anticipate everything, but you can plan for some things and talk them through with any number of people who are here to do exactly that with you. The Division of Student Affairs is a team of people committed to helping make your life outside the classroom productive and pleasurable.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus and assisting with your smooth and enjoyable transition into the UB community.

My office is located in the Student Center and my e-mail is: deanofstudents@bridgeport.edu. Feel free to visit or contact me anytime.

Best wishes,

Edina Oestreicher

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please visit our webpage at http://www.bridgeport.edu/life/orientationub/ to register!!

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