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 questions 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. Familiarize yourself with the varied options to ensure this!
- 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 77 different countries and 46 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 27 and Saturday, June 28
Session B: Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19
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.).

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 in the Marina Dining Hall (Building #7 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 Cooper Hall, although space is very limited.

DIRECTIONS TO ORIENTATION

BY AUTOMOBILE

**Traveling South on I-95:** Take Exit 27. At the traffic light at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left. Take a left at the next stoplight under the I-95 overpass (make sure NOT to get back on the I-95 North entrance ramp). At the next light, turn right onto Broad Street. Continue on Broad Street until you come to Gregory Street. Turn right onto Gregory Street. Proceed down Gregory Street for one block. Turn left on Myrtle Avenue. You may park in the parking lot on the left side. This is the parking lot nearest the Student Center.

**Traveling North on I-95:** Take Exit 27. At the bottom of the ramp, continue straight to the 3rd traffic light (make sure to bear to the right of the I-95 North entrance ramp). At the light, turn right onto Broad Street. Take your next right onto Gregory Street, proceed for one block. Turn left on Myrtle Avenue. You may park in the parking lot on the left side. This the parking lot nearest the Student Center.

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.

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](http://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](http://www.ctlimo.com). **DO NOT TAKE A TAXI FROM ANY NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY AIRPORT TO CAMPUS.**

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

- **Tuberculin test (PPD):** All students must have a PPD 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.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Two vaccines or documented history of disease. Students born in the United States before 1980 are exempt.

**Placement Tests**

All new undergraduate students will be required to take the online Math Placement Examination and the English Proficiency Test at Summer Orientation.

**Important Dates**

**Summer Orientation Sessions:**
- **Session A:** Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28
- **Session B:** Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19

**Move-in for residential students** is Thursday, August 21

**Welcome Weekend** is Friday, August 22–Sunday, August 24

**First day of classes** are Monday, August 25

**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.

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**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 base program fee is $10, with an option to purchase meal tickets during check-in. The program schedule is sequential in nature. We encourage full attendance to gain maximum value but understand how certain circumstances may not allow this.
- Housing is available at a rate of $30 per parent. We have a limited amount of beds available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Two parents per room, so if a parent is attending individually they will be paired up accordingly. Personal items, bath towels, or sheets/pillows for the twin-sized bed are NOT provided. There is a communal bathroom so we recommend bringing flip flops for the shower. Unlike the students, parents are not required to stay on campus overnight. Numerous hotels offer discounted rates including but not limited to the following:
  - Bridgeport Holiday Inn, 203-334-1234 ($109 per night)
  - Fairfield Inn, Milford, 203-877-8588 ($115/night)
  - Homewood Suites, Stratford, 203-377-3322 ($109/night)

Registration information is included on the backside of this newsletter.
Letter from the Dean

To the Class of 2018: 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!!