

A Guide to Bridgewater College

For International Students



BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE

— CHALLENGE TO GROW ON —



The Town

The 1.2 km² campus is located in Bridgewater, Virginia. The town (approximate population of 5,300) is about a two-hour drive from Washington, D.C. and international airports. Bridgewater is located in a scenic area near the Blue Ridge mountains. It is extremely safe and comfortable, yet is close to larger cities.



The People

Bridgewater prides itself on its esteemed academics and lovely campus, but the College is equally proud of the people who call the community home. As a student at Bridgewater, you will be welcomed by a group of friendly, caring people who will become your teachers, mentors and friends. We invite you to make Bridgewater College your "home away from home."



The Student Life

At Bridgewater, you'll learn outside of the classroom as you participate in student organizations and sports teams and attend athletic, social and cultural events on campus. Some of the opportunities available to you include:

- **International Club:** The Bridgewater College International Club is a social organization for both international and domestic students. For the international student, the club helps ease the transition to the U.S., the Bridgewater community and campus life. The club provides a social forum to learn about different cultures and customs, have fun and make lifelong friendships.
- **Center for Cultural Engagement:** You can join a variety of educational, social and cultural activities that increase support and appreciation for diversity and respect for different cultures. Programs include cultural awareness celebrations and a conversation partners program.
- **Trips:** The Center for International Education and the Department of Student Life organize special trips for international students, which may include visits to cities such as Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia.

The Campus

The Bridgewater campus features nearly 50 buildings spread throughout beautiful grounds. Facilities include a high-tech fitness facility, dining areas serving a wide range of food, a variety of student housing options including American-style dormitories as well as luxurious apartments, and more.



The BC Experience

Bridgewater College is one of the best colleges in the southeast United States, according to *The Princeton Review*. As a student at this private, coeducational university, you'll experience a uniquely traditional American university experience. You'll take classes and live on campus in a small, undergraduate setting with a diverse student body and dedicated, involved faculty.

The Transition

To make your transition to the U.S. seamless, you'll benefit from airport pick-up services; an orientation for international students; and assistance with immigration, academics, internships and job and graduate school placements.

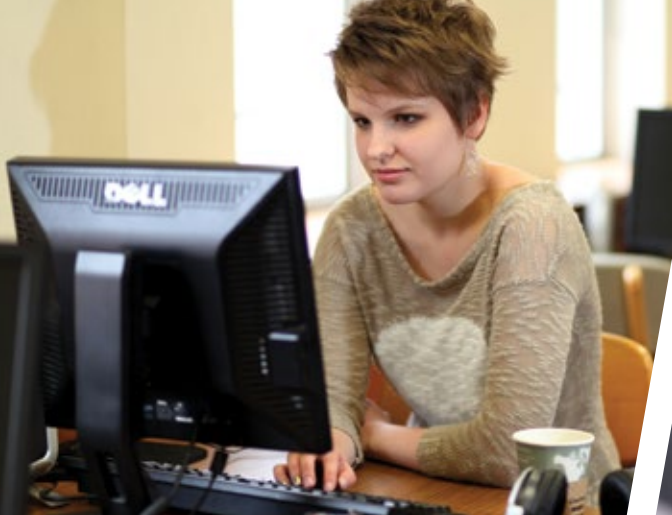
The Academics

Bridgewater offers more than 60 majors and minors, with especially strong programs in business, the sciences and dual degree offerings such as engineering with Virginia Tech and The George Washington University. With an average class size of 20 students, you'll learn from and develop relationships with faculty who are experts in their fields, providing hands-on learning combined with superb instruction. You'll also have opportunities to study outside the U.S. for a semester or month and listen to speakers and presenters who visit campus from all over the world.



The Results

Recent graduates of Bridgewater College are in careers with companies like Disney, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dell and Merck. They are in graduate programs at such schools as Yale, Princeton, Oxford, Johns Hopkins and Wake Forest, among others.



Academic Programs

MAJORS AND MINORS

Applied Chemistry ■◆
Applied Physics ■
► Engineering Physics ■
► Physics and Technology ■
► Physical Science ■
Art ■◆
Athletic Training ■
Biology ■◆
Business Administration ■◆
Chemistry ■
Coaching ◆
Communication Studies ■◆
Computer Information Systems ◆
Computer Science ■◆
Crime and Justice ◆
Cultural Studies ◆
Economics ■◆
English ■◆
► Language and Literature ■
► Literary Studies ■
► Writing ■
Environmental Science ■◆
Equine Studies ◆
Family and Consumer Sciences ■◆
French ■◆
German ◆
Global Studies ■◆
Health and Exercise Science ■
Health and Physical Education ■
History ■◆
History and Political Science ■
Information Systems
Management ■

Liberal Studies (only available in
PreK–6) ■
Mathematics ■◆
Music ■◆
Neuroscience ◆
Nutrition and Wellness ■◆
Peace Studies ◆
Philosophy and Religion ■◆
Physical Chemistry ◆
Physics ■◆
Physics and Mathematics ■
Political Science ■◆
Psychology ■◆
Social Work ◆
Sociology ■
Spanish ■◆
Theatre ◆

■ *Majors* ◆ *Minors*

EMPHASES

Accounting
Church Music
Finance
Financial Economics
International Commerce
Marketing
Organization Management
Wildlife Biology

CONCENTRATIONS

American Civil War
American Studies
Digital Media

Multimedia Authoring
Politics and Public Policy
Pre-Law
Public History

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Elementary (PreK–6)
Secondary (6–12)

TEACHER ENDORSEMENT (PREK–12)

English as a Second Language
Foreign Languages
Health and Physical Education
Music, Vocal and Instrumental
Theatre Arts
Visual Arts

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Dentistry
Engineering
Law
Medicine
Ministry
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Veterinary Science

Admission Requirements

Bridgewater College looks for international students who have successfully completed secondary school studies and exams, have a strong record of academic achievement and excellent English language skills.

Students who would benefit from additional English language education may enter the affiliated Intensive English Program at Eastern Mennonite University. This will allow you to take additional English classes and build your language skills before entering Bridgewater.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- ▶ **Application for Admission.** You may apply online for no charge at bridgewater.edu/applynow.
- ▶ **A copy of the front page of your passport (photo page).**
- ▶ **All academic records**, including official (original or certified) copies of all records from secondary school and post-secondary institutions. A certified English translation should be attached if the documents are in a language other than English. Please note: Transfer international students must have their foreign credential transcripts evaluated by an accredited evaluation agency such as World Education Services Inc.
- ▶ **Proof of English language proficiency** in the form of acceptable scores on the TOEFL—Test of English as a Foreign Language (79 iBT or 550 paper-based), IELTS—Intensive English Language Testing System (6.5 academic), or PTE—Pearson Test of English (60). If you are a native English speaker or have studied in an English-speaking secondary school, you should submit SAT or ACT scores in lieu of or in addition to English proficiency scores. Applicants who do not meet the minimum test score requirement (of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, SAT, or ACT) may be conditionally admitted to Bridgewater College, provided they enroll in and successfully complete an approved English language training program.
- ▶ **Dean's Reference Form** (available on website) for each institution for those students who have studied at another U.S. college or university.
- ▶ **A bank-certified statement** or letter of financial support indicating resources available that will cover school expenses for a minimum of one academic year.
- ▶ **A personal statement** (250-word minimum), written in English. Please tell us anything you would like us to know about you as we make our admission decision.



SEND YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Admissions Office
Yount Hall
Bridgewater College
402 East College Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812-1599 USA
Phone: 540-828-5375 or 800-759-8328
Email: admissions@bridgewater.edu

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Application materials should be submitted by March 15 for fall semester (late August) start or October 1 for spring semester (late January) start. Late applications may be considered if space remains.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit-based academic scholarships and diversity scholarships are available.

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