Welcome to the Transfer Center. This presentation is designed to answer any questions you may have about transferring to Bridgewater State University.
Why Choose Bridgewater State University?

Reason # 1 – Dedicated *Transfer Center*

- The *Transfer Center’s* Mission is to create a student-centered environment, free of prejudice that fosters long-term relationships and challenges students to be the best they can be. Bridgewater is a transfer friendly institution, with a *Transfer Center* dedicated to helping students. Bridgewater recognizes that each transfer student has a story unique to his/her own transfer situation. It doesn’t matter what your story is, the *Transfer Center* will help you achieve your goals.
Why Visit the Transfer Center?

- The *Transfer Center* provides support and advocacy to transfer students. No student has to go through the process alone.
- The *Transfer Center* provides pre- and post-transfer services.
- The *Transfer Center* helps students transfer with ease to avoid repeating course work, wasting time, and money.
- The *Transfer Center* will clear up any myths and answer any questions students have.
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- The *Transfer Center* provides general advising and degree audit reviews, to be sure nothing has been overlooked.
- The *Transfer Center* works with other institutions to oversee course-to-course equivalencies and works collaboratively with the Office of Admissions to maintain a very vibrant database called B.E.A.R.S. (Bridgewater Equivalent Articulation Reporting System), where students can look up course equivalencies. The B.E.A.R.S. database contains over 58,190 courses from approximately 1,200 institutions, with new courses continually being added.
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Reason # 2 – Streamlined Process

Bridgewater has streamlined the transfer process for students; 
*Apply, Accept and Attend.*

- Students transferring 24 or more credits simply fill out an application online and submit transcripts from each institution they have attended.
- Students transferring less than 24 credits, must submit high school transcripts, SAT scores and an essay.
- Bridgewater does not require transfer students to come in for an interview. Your acceptance to Bridgewater will be based on your success at your prior institution. Seventy % of Bridgewater’s transfer students transfer with a 2.5 or higher GPA.
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Reason # 3 – Old Credits Never Die

- Bridgewater does not discriminate on the age of your coursework, as long as you received college credit from an accredited institution, with a grade of C- or above.

- There are Massachusetts statewide programs that do allow for the transfer of “D” grades in certain situations.
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Reason #4 – Liberal Transfer Credit Policy

- Bridgewater State University is very liberal in the number of transfer credits they accept from other institutions; 69 credits from a two-year institution and 90 credits from a four-year institution.
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Reason #5 – Accessible, Affordable + Quality

- Bridgewater is Accessible, Affordable and provides a high quality education.
  - Small class sizes
  - Over 32 undergraduate majors
  - Internships, honors and study abroad programs
  - Research opportunities
  - Community service opportunities
  - Complete evening degree programs
  - Over 65 clubs and activities
  - 21 Division III varsity sports
  - Commuter rail stops on campus
What to Expect After You Apply

- Once your application is complete, your materials will be reviewed, and a decision will be sent to you by the Dean of Admissions. Upon acceptance, you will receive a Transfer Enrollment Form. Return the enrollment form with your deposit as soon as possible to secure your place at BSU.
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- Once your enrollment form and deposit are received, the Dean of Admissions will send you the *Bridgewater State University Transfer Student Check-List*. You will need to complete the transfer check-list before the semester begins. The sooner you complete these tasks, the better chance you will have to select the courses that may fit your particular needs! The check-list will provide you with information on advising, registration, and orientation.

- If you decide to defer your enrollment, fill out the “*Request to Defer to a Later Term Form,*” located on the Admissions Web site and submit it to the Office of Admissions. You may defer up to one year.

[http://www.bridgew.edu/Admission/admissionsforms.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/Admission/admissionsforms.cfm)
The staff at the **Transfer Center** looks forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, visit or email us.

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