



RECRUITING BROCHURE

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

Are you looking for a university that emphasizes both academic and athletic success?

Varsity student-athletes at BSU are offered the best of both worlds: an excellent education and an opportunity to play their game at a highly competitive level. While we don't offer athletic scholarships, we have a tremendous variety of sports, superb facilities and affordable academic programs. Our students are able to focus on their goals both on and off the field. The result? They achieve great success in both arenas with equal enthusiasm and success.

As a student-athlete at BSU, you'll gain valuable insights about the benefits of teamwork, cooperation, leadership and determination. We believe that athletics are a vital part of the total collegiate experience—and a sound body contributes mightily to a sound mind.

Expect more. Achieve more.



Important Dates To Remember



- Fall Preview Days - Admissions**
- October 15 - College of Education and Allied Sciences
- October 29 - College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- November 5 - Ricciardi College of Business/ College of Science and Mathematics
- November 15 - Early action application deadline
- February 15 - Regular application deadline

Bridgewater State University
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A Message From Our
Athletics Director
John Harper



We are proud of our intercollegiate, club, and intramural programs that offer athletics and recreational activities for all interests and skill levels. Whether you want to compete on a varsity team at a national level, on a club team in a

a less structured atmosphere or play an intramural sport that requires no previous experience, we offer a program to suit your tastes.

None of our participants could enjoy the benefits of our various athletics and recreation programs without first taking care of the academic requirements of their individual major. Our department takes a personal, hands-on approach to helping students succeed in the classroom. Without academic success, no athletics success could be possible.

I encourage you to stop by the Athletics and Recreation Office to learn more about our programs and our staff.

“Every day is a great day to be a Bear!”

Athletics Achievements

Many BSU student-athletes achieve recognition for their prowess as individuals, and many have been selected as conference Players-of-the-Week and/or as members of regional teams, All-America teams and the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) All-Academic Team.

BSU’s Division III teams often compete in conference championships, and we are usually a top contender for the MASCAC Howard C. Smith Cup, awarded annually to the state school that has performed best overall across all championship sports. In recent years, BSU has come home with the cup nine times—and we plan to continue the tradition.

Athletics Success:

- NCAA Qualifier: 70
- MASCAC champions: 101
- LEC Champions: 3
- NEWLA Champions: 6
- ECAC Qualifiers: 22



Intercollegiate Sports

Fall: Men’s & Women’s Cross Country, Men’s & Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball, Field Hockey, Football, Women’s Tennis

Winter: Men’s & Women’s Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Men’s & Women’s Indoor Track, Men’s & Women’s Swimming

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Men’s Tennis, Women’s Lacrosse, Men’s & Women’s Outdoor Track & Field

Conference Affiliations

BSU IS A MEMBER OF:

- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Division III
- Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC)
- Little East Conference (LEC)
- New England Football Conference (NEFC)
- Pilgrim Wrestling League (PWL)
- New England Women’s Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA)



Athletics Fields & Facilities

At BSU, we are constantly improving our campus and our offerings—including what we offer to student-athletes.

Adrian Tinsley Center:

- 84,000-square-foot building
- Multipurpose gymnasium
- 9,000-square-foot fitness center
- 32,000-square-foot NCAA competition basketball venue



That’s just what you’ll find indoors...

Swenson Athletic Complex:

- Underwent a \$5 million renovation in 2010
- Multipurpose synthetic field with lights and modern drainage
- New eight-lane track
- New seats & bleachers
- Handicap accessible stadium (1,500 capacity)
- New 650-square-foot press box with filming platforms



With these improvements, BSU’s facilities rank as among the best—if not the best—in its conference.

Athletics Fields & Facilities

Alumni Park:

Baseball & Softball Fields

- Natural grass outfield
- Traditional infield cut
- Above ground dugouts
- Seating for 500
- Press box and filming deck



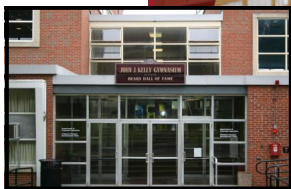
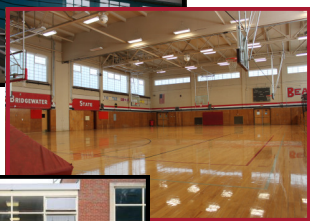
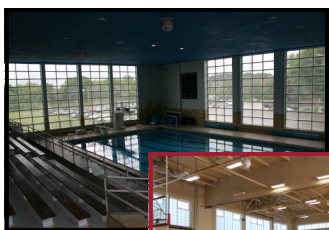
Dr. Henry Rosen Memorial Tennis Courts:

- 6 official tennis courts
- Short walk from a number of student residence halls



Dr. Mary Jo Moriarty Pool:

- 6 lane swimming pool
- Each lane 25 yards in length
- Semi public pool, accommodates 300 spectators & 150 swimmers



John J. Kelly Gymnasium:

- Houses a large and small gym with basketball courts
- Weight room
- Swimming pool
- Class rooms & offices

Recruiting Process

Here's some pointers athletes interested in attending BSU and competing at the collegiate level should take into consideration:

- Go online and fill out prospective athlete form at www.BSUBEARS.com
- Follow up by contacting the coach of your sport of interest.
- Send an actual game tape of you playing your sport (highlight tapes not recommended)
- Take a Campus Tour and contact the coach to let them know when you will be on campus for a meeting.
- Plan on attending a game and/or a practice at BSU of the sport you are interested in.
- BSU is Division III non-scholarship
- Make sure your major of interest is offered, and you are happy with the campus, coach and community.
- All first year student-athletes (freshmen) must have a physical stating that they are able to participate in competitive athletics without restriction. The physical must be within 3 months of your entrance to BSU. Proof of a physical must be submitted to the Athletic Training Services Department in order to obtain medical clearance.

Note:

- If offered a scholarship by a DI or DII institution.
 - * Make sure it is guaranteed for four years in writing.
 - * Is the scholarship a grant or a financial aid package?
 - * Will you owe anything upon graduation?
 - * Will you have a chance to play within your first two years?



Admission Info

Admission Contact Info:

Office: (508)-531-1237

Email: Admission@bridgew.edu

BSU Athletics suggests that any potential student-athletes submit their application for Early Action.

Early Action Program:

For a greater chance of receiving on campus housing, applicants may choose to apply under the early action program.

Early Action Program Requirements:

- Complete SATI or ACT on or before the November test dates
- Have application complete and transcripts on file in our Admission Office by November 15

Early Action applicants are notified of the decision on their applications by mid-December. Applicants are either offered admission, denied admission, or the decision is deferred and the application is reviewed again during the Regular Decision process in the spring. Freshmen offered admission under the Early Action Program have until the May 1 Candidates Reply Date to respond to our offer.

Admission works on a sliding scale:

3.0 GPA and 1000 SAT - Good

2.7 GPA and 1200 SAT - Good

Regular Application Deadline:

Freshman applicants for the fall semester must submit their completed application by February 15. Notification of the Admission decision will be mailed by April 15. Candidates for January admission must submit the application by November 1.

Note:

- If accepted for housing make sure to send your room deposit in before the assigned deadline to guarantee on campus housing.
- Not sending your room deposit in on time could cause students to lose their housing

Undergraduate Admissions

Gates House

40 Cedar Street

Bridgewater, MA 02325

Academic Excellence

Being a student-athlete is not an easy task. It is important to remember that being a student comes before the athlete. Student-athletes must manage their time properly and make sacrifices in order to be successful in the classroom and in their sport.

The “Student Side” of our athletes...

- BSU has one of the largest numbers of All-Academic Team student-athletes in the MASCAC conference each year
- Annually, more than 100 of our student-athletes achieve Dean’s List
- We provide excellent academic support programs—including experience workshops and peer mentors to help our freshmen student-athletes on all teams succeed as students
- Former BSU student-athletes have gone on to have great careers & live rewarding lives



BSU offers **30 majors** along with **10 graduate & doctoral programs**. Below is a list of some of the more popular majors among our student-athletes:

- Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Aviation Science.

Visit: www.bridgew.edu/academics.cfm

to see a full list of majors that we have to offer.



Why We Play D-III Athletics

It's not about getting a scholarship, getting drafted, or making *Sports Center*. It's a deep need in us that comes from the heart. We need to practice, to play, to lift, to hustle, to sweat.

We do it all for our teammates and for the student in our calculus class that we don't even know. We don't practice with a future major league first baseman; we practice with a future sports agent. We don't lift weights with a future Olympic wrestler; we lift with a future doctor. We don't run with a future Wimbledon champion; we run with a future CEO. It's a bigger part of us than our friends and family can understand.

Sometimes we play for 2,000 fans; sometimes 25. But we still play hard. You cheer for us because you know us. You know more than just our names. Like all of you, we are students first.

We don't sign autographs. But we do sign graduate school applications, MCAT exams, and student body petitions. When we miss a kick or strike out, we don't let down an entire state. We only let down our teammates, coaches, and fans. But the hurt is still the same.

We train hard, lift, throw, run, kick, tackle, shoot, dribble, and lift some more, and in the morning we go to class. And in that class we are nothing more than students. It's about pride—in our selves, in our school. It's about our love and passion for the game. And when it's over, when we walk off that court or field for the last time, our hearts crumble. Those tears are real. But deep down inside, we are very proud of ourselves.

We will forever be what few can claim...college athletes.



Academic Requirements

The university has strict requirements student-athletes must follow in order to compete in their sport.

- All student-athletes are required to maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above in order to remain eligible
- Student-Athletes must be fulltime students, which means they must carry at least 12 credits to compete or practice.
- Must have successfully completed 24 credits the previous academic year.



Transfer Student Info

If you are a student-athlete interested in transferring to BSU it is important that you take the proper steps:

- Division III transfers can submit a self release form at www.ncaa.org under the DIII section
- Self release form is good for 30 days
- Division III transfers can also have their current institution’s athletic department fax a release to 508-531-1356
- Division I, II & Junior College student-athletes need to have their current athletics department send a release to the BSU Athletics Department

Any questions concerning these issues can be directed to Sue Crosby-Tangen—Associate Director of Athletics—Compliance and Academic Support

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2 Sport Athlete: Tennis & Basketball
Major: Exercise Science
Year: Sophomore

How was your experience as a freshman at BSU?

“As a freshman I had a great, successful year. Playing tennis and basketball helped me structure my college experience. Since there was no option I had to make time for my school work so I was able to play sports, which was my motivation to do well in the classroom.

If I didn't play sports I don't know if I would do as well in the classroom. Not only was I able to win championships playing sports, but the experience shaped me as a person and pushed my limits on and off the court. Due to tennis and basketball I've been able to have teammates who are now my best friends.”

- Jenna Williamson

Jenna Williamson



Sport: Baseball
Major: Exercise Science
Year: Junior

Why did you choose to attend BSU as an incoming freshman?

“Academics was an important reason as to why I chose BSU. I knew that if I chose a state school in Massachusetts, I couldn't go wrong in my choice with the challenging rigors of BSU academics. Another determinant was affordability of BSU. Being an in-state student, I was trying to limit my debts as much as possible once I finished school. By choosing Bridgewater I feel that I have made the right choice as I can see that my debts are considerably low when I compare them to fellow friends of mine attending other colleges and universities.

Athletics was another reason why I chose to attend BSU. Becoming a Bear here at BSU was something I'm truly proud of. Every time I step out on the playing field I know my teammates are giving it their all. Here at BSU there's a certain sense of prestige. Many of our teams are capable of competing at the national level as we have done so many times before. If I were to be asked if I would change my decision coming to BSU my Freshman year, my answer would stay the same. I am proud to be a Bear.”

- Jose Polanco

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WE MAKE FINANCIAL SENSE

Obviously you are working towards earning a scholarship, but if the scholarship offer is not forthcoming, then you need to consider the costs associated with paying for your education. Here at Bridgewater, we are the best financial option for you.

Sometimes a Division II college will offer you a roster spot without a scholarship, or a 2 - and - 2 offer (which means you pay for the first two years and then you will get a scholarship, if you are still on the team, for your last two years). You still need to consider the financial commitment you will be making to that college as well as other Division III colleges.

The table below shows a financial comparison among a sampling of schools from around the area. All facts were taken from <http://college.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges> (maintained by The U.S. & World News Report) and/or each school's own website (data is from the December of 2010), and reflect the cost of Tuition, Room & Board, average costs of books, and fees at these schools.

<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition & Fees</u>	<u>Room & Board</u>	<u>Est. Costs of Books, Supplies, & personal expenses</u>	<u>Total Cost per year</u>	<u>Estimated 4 year cost</u>
Brandeis	\$40,274. ⁰⁰	\$10,744. ⁰⁰	\$700. ⁰⁰	\$51,718. ⁰⁰	\$206,872. ⁰⁰
Wheaton	\$41,745. ⁰⁰	\$8,640. ⁰⁰	\$940. ⁰⁰	\$51,325. ⁰⁰	\$205,300. ⁰⁰
Bryant	\$33,357. ⁰⁰	\$10,928. ⁰⁰	\$1,200. ⁰⁰	\$44,985. ⁰⁰	\$179,940. ⁰⁰
Salve Regina Univ.	\$31,450. ⁰⁰	\$10,200. ⁰⁰	\$2,700. ⁰⁰	\$44,350. ⁰⁰	\$177,400. ⁰⁰
Clark	\$36,420. ⁰⁰	\$6,300. ⁰⁰	\$800. ⁰⁰	\$43,520. ⁰⁰	\$174,080. ⁰⁰
Assumption	\$31,305. ⁰⁰	\$9,492. ⁰⁰	\$850. ⁰⁰	\$41,647. ⁰⁰	\$166,588. ⁰⁰
Univ. of New England	\$29,330. ⁰⁰	\$9,860. ⁰⁰	\$1,000. ⁰⁰	\$40,190. ⁰⁰	\$160,760. ⁰⁰
Springfield	\$27,585. ⁰⁰	\$8,650. ⁰⁰	\$2,700. ⁰⁰	\$38,935. ⁰⁰	\$155,740. ⁰⁰
Nichols College	\$28,870. ⁰⁰	\$8,960. ⁰⁰	\$1,000. ⁰⁰	\$38,830. ⁰⁰	\$155,320. ⁰⁰
New England College	\$27,585. ⁰⁰	\$8,650. ⁰⁰	\$2,700. ⁰⁰	\$38,398. ⁰⁰	\$153,592. ⁰⁰
Bridgewater State	\$7,552.⁰⁰	\$10,367.⁰⁰	\$400.⁰⁰	\$18,319	\$73,276.⁰⁰

The cost for an out-of-state resident is also significantly less expensive than the costs of choosing a private college. As an out-of-state resident, the costs of attending Bridgewater, including living on campus, is under \$20,000 per year and the cost of a 4-year degree less than \$80,000. Over 4 years, you will pay an additional \$75,000, or more, for the same degree from a private college that you can earn at Bridgewater.
 {The cost for living in an off campus apartment will vary, depending on the property, but is comparable to living in College-provided housing}

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