



# Bridge to University - Undergraduate

## Overview

The Worcester State University Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) offers a Bridge to University Program for students in the intensive full time program. This program helps students develop language fluency and awareness of how to function in a U.S. University Classroom. Students have the ability to earn college credit while taking ESL classes.

The Bridge to University Program helps students become ready to apply to Worcester State University for admission to the undergraduate program. It also helps students become successful when they are accepted into the university. Students in the Bridge program earn college credits which may be transferrable once the student is accepted in a university degree program.

## The Program:

Students take ESL classes and LASC credit classes at the same time. During a student's first semester in the Bridge program, students must also take the Bridge to University Support Class. This class provides students with individualized support to learn about the culture of a U.S. University credit class. For example, the Support Class teaches students how to access homework online or speak to a professor.

While a student is in the Bridge to University program, students receive ongoing advising to help ensure their success. Students may take up to 18 credits and stay in the Bridge program a maximum of four(4) semesters. Bridge to university allows students to satisfy undergraduate general education requirements.

## Who is Eligible?

Students who are eligible to apply to the Bridge to University program must meet the following requirements:

### Current IELI students

- Minimum skill of Level 5 in Reading/Writing and Listening/Speaking
- Recommendations from 2 IELI instructors
- Minimum score of 45 on the iBT TOEFL test or a score of 4 or better on the IELTS test

### New Students to IELI

- Test into Level 5 or higher on placement test on arrival
- Minimum score of 45 on the iBT TOEFL test or a score of 4 or better on the IELTS test

## How to Apply:

Leah Guzman is the IELI Bridge to University advisor. Students will need to complete the Bridge to University application and make an appointment to see Leah at [leah.guzman@worchester.edu](mailto:leah.guzman@worchester.edu). Students can get a Bridge to University form from the IELI office.

## BRIDGE TO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Semester: **July 31**

Spring Semester: **November 30**