Undergraduate

Bryant University Mission Statement

Bryant University’s mission is to educate and inspire students to discover their passion, become innovative leaders with character and make a difference around the world.

An Overview

Since its founding in 1863, Bryant University has been developing the knowledge and character of its students to help them achieve success in life and their chosen professions. The rigorous academic programs integrate business, liberal arts, and technology to develop the skills and critical thinking that are essential in every career. In addition to mastering academic subject matter, an international dimension and ethics are incorporated into every aspect of the Bryant experience so that graduates can lead global organizations and drive positive change.

Bryant, as an institution, has chosen to evolve over time to meet the changing needs of students and the world. Traditional core values serve as the foundation for Bryant’s future. The challenging curricula will continue to define the University, even as Bryant broadens its academic offerings to support the professional interests of new generations of students. The student-centered learning community will continue to encourage intellectual discovery inside and outside of the classroom. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Bryant University prepares its undergraduate and graduate students to meet the complex demands of an interdependent society and culture. Students develop the qualities of character that are essential to personal and professional fulfillment, including integrity and personal responsibility, a global perspective, an appreciation for the arts and humanities, and entrepreneurial drive.

A Bryant education imparts The Character of Success in order to deliver on its enduring promise to provide students with an education that helps them achieve their goals. To support the University and better reflect the academic offerings, two colleges have been created, and the Graduate School has broadened its focus.

Faculty - Scholarly, Teaching

Bryant takes justifiable pride in the quality of its faculty. Bryant’s focus is on the learning experience. Professors make a special effort to turn the classroom into a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas. Teaching extends beyond the classroom when students and professors meet or use technology to exchange ideas or discuss matters of mutual interest.

Bryant prides itself on its student/faculty relationships. Faculty members are available for personal academic counseling and advising as an adjunct to formal programs.

The faculty maintain high standards of professionalism. They engage in original research projects; advise business, government, and industry leaders; author numerous scholarly books, articles, and conference papers; write and edit college textbooks; and conduct sponsored research for academic programs. Such diverse scholarly activities enable the faculty to stay current in and contribute to their fields of knowledge.

Class Size

Most class sizes range between 25 and 35 students. Language classes, Honors courses, and laboratories may be considerably smaller.

Communication and personal interaction are important in all phases of the educational process. At Bryant there are many opportunities for students to discuss personal, academic, and career concerns. Caring, dedicated faculty members, administrators, and counselors are available to talk with individual students in comfortable and supportive environments.

Campus Highlights

Bryant’s 428-acre campus in suburban Smithfield, Rhode Island, represents an inspired combination of contemporary architecture and the traditional beauty of the New England landscape.

The Unistructure

The modern and functional Unistructure houses most administrative and academic functions under one roof. A focal point of the Unistructure is the two-story plexiglass-domed Koffler Rotunda, the central gathering place for the Bryant community.

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is the centerpiece of Bryant University’s campus. The Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall, which serves as a space for exhibitions, receptions, and lectures, has The Linda and Jerry Cerce Media Wall with nine video monitors. A rotunda provides balconied meeting and study spaces. The 72,000-square-foot facility features the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center, simulating real-life trading scenarios and real-world trading conditions that provide students with cutting-edge, hands-on training.

Students, faculty, and staff have access to high-speed computers to support teaching, research, and business planning. All seating areas are equipped with Internet connectivity, and students may opt to use their personal laptops, or they may borrow one on site. In addition, there are reference and multifunction classrooms that can each accommodate up to 40 people with laptops, and 13 team study rooms with laptop power and network access available for small group meetings. The George E. Bello Center is equipped with state-of-the-art high-speed wireless connectivity. Students can roam in or outside the building with their wireless laptops, and maintain a connection to the Internet. For quiet study there is even a traditional reading room. Students also have access to presentation technologies, scanning, and digitization equipment. The Bulldog Bytes Café provides refreshments and computer access in a social setting. Also located in the Bello Center is Laptop Central, which serves as the Student IT Helpdesk and laptop repair center.

The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library

The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, located within the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, is a dynamic learning environment merging traditional library services with extraordinary technologies. Wired and wireless Internet connectivity is abundantly available throughout the building. Display technologies inform students on local and world events. Seventy computer workstations provide access to over 50 computer software packages in addition to an impressive array of electronic information resources. Laptops, Kindles®, and iPads® are also available for limited loan periods. A variety of...
spacious, comfortable study areas including study rooms for group projects further enhance the learning experience.

The library houses more than 150,000 items, and current print and electronic journal subscriptions totaling more than 50,000 titles are available via the library’s journal portal. Students can access electronic subscriptions and electronic reserve readings from anywhere on campus. Off campus access to electronic resources is available to students via their library account. Available electronic resources include information services such as LEXIS/NEXIS Academic Universe, Proquest, EBSCO, Mergent Online, ARTstor, and the Value Line Research Center. The library’s knowledge base is available to students using Google Scholar through the library’s link resolver service.

Professional reference librarians are on duty more than 80 hours per week and offer personal assistance and/or group instruction on traditional and electronic resources. Reference librarians are also available electronically using chat room technologies, text messaging, or simply via email or phone. Bryant’s membership in Rhode Island’s Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN) provides students access to nearly 5 million additional volumes for easy borrowing and physical access to other HELIN member libraries. The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library is also a member of the Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries (CRIARL) and the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). Through these library networks, students are able to get additional information needed for their research projects.

The Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center

Although Bryant is not religiously affiliated, we recognize the need to provide a special place for people of all faith perspectives to come together to express their spirituality and learn from one another. Designed to inspire all who enter, the Machtley Interfaith Center serves this vital function. Services for various religious faiths, concerts, and speakers discussing topics related to religion and spirituality are featured in this space throughout the year.

Computerized Classroom Resources

Bryant continually upgrades its classroom facilities to ensure that both students and instructors have the latest technology. For example, in the Stanton W. and Elizabeth K. Davis Electronic Classroom, each student works at a computer linked to the Internet and to the instructor’s computer. Lecture notes and assignments can be sent electronically from instructor to student, and quizzes and exams can be taken and graded on the computer.

The Unistructure contains several computerized classrooms designed to enhance the teaching and learning environment. In some classrooms, individual students work at PCs networked to the University’s computing resources and the Internet. In others, computerized instructor workstations allow for technology-based presentations and instruction. All classrooms are linked to the Internet, which allows instructors to bring real-time, real-world examples directly into the classroom. Bryant’s faculty also make use of technology to extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom through electronic discussion groups, e-mail, and by providing class materials via the Web.

Language and Learning Laboratory

Bryant’s advanced Virtual Language and Learning Lab facility provides access to tools and resources that prepare students to communicate in the international business environment. The resources offered from this facility help students develop conversational skills in Chinese, French, Italian, and Spanish.

The Lab offers an instructor’s console station, 28 student computer workstations, and international television broadcasts of 150 programs from more than 80 countries. Students can also access the Lab’s resources via the Internet from anywhere in the world. Advanced technologies from the Lab include Voice-Over-IP technologies for online group collaboration and tutoring and Video/Audio On-Demand resources that provide self-paced and interactive learning materials.

Koffler Center and Communications Complex

Koffler houses Bryant’s Communications Complex, a state-of-the-art digital and multimedia TV studio.

Communications Complex – Main Floor – Koffler Technology Center and TV Studio/ Radio Station

- The television studio serves as a pre- and post-production training ground for students enrolled in the communication degree program, those who minor in communication, or any member of the Bryant community who would like to learn more about video production.
- The studio has the capability to broadcast programming on campus.
- The 3,000-square-foot studio has a control room, three advanced multimedia editing/support rooms, and a multimedia classroom.
- The Communications Complex includes a dedicated studio for WJMF, Bryant’s student-run radio station, which is broadcast worldwide via the web at WJMFradio.com and locally on 88.7HD2.

Communications Complex – Lower Level

- Sixteen (16) personal computers available for student use.
- Open evening and weekend hours.
- Software is replaced and updated in step with the latest technology.
- Windows is installed on every computer.
- The computers in the labs can print in black and white to the lab printer. An 800-page allowance is granted each year. After that, a 5¢ per page charge, which is applied directly to the student’s Banner account. This charge will also apply to the Bello Center printers.

Communications Complex – Upper Level

- Faculty offices from various departments are located on this level.

Student Printing Facilities

- Students can print wirelessly via their laptop to several printers located on campus.
- Printers are available in the following locations:
  - Fisher Student Center, Krupp Library in the Bello Center, and on both the first and second floors of the M-wing in the Unistructure.
- An 800-page free printing allowance is granted each year. After that, a charge of 5 cents per black-and-white page and 50 cents per color page is applied directly to the students Banner account.
The Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center

The Fisher Student Center was renovated in the fall of 2013 and has lounges and study corners; meeting rooms; dining facilities offering diverse food items from pizza to ice cream, snacks, sandwiches, and sundries; socializing space; a variety of student services; the bookstore; and student organization offices.

The Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center

The two-story Chace Wellness and Athletic Center includes a six-lane pool, a multi-windowed 9,000 square-foot fitness center, The Eannarino Family Aerobics and Group Exercise Studio, and four locker rooms. The Mike '67 and Karen Fisher Lobby – a bright and airy atrium – creates an inviting main entrance to the entire athletic complex. The Wellness Center is a vibrant hub of health and recreational activities for the entire Bryant community.

The Gymnasium

Bryant’s gymnasium houses athletic offices, exercise rooms, and basketball and volleyball courts. The seating capacity for the gym is 2,600. Many University-wide events are held in the gym, which is available to off-campus programs at certain times during the year.

The Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC)

The Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC) is the site for large University functions and sporting events. The MAC features the Jarvis Varsity Weight Room; racquetball and squash courts; and multipurpose courts for popular intramural sports such as basketball, volleyball, team handball, indoor soccer, and floor hockey.

Athletic Fields and Outdoor Facilities

Thirty-five acres of athletic and recreational fields adjacent to the building include tennis courts, a 400 meter track, a 3.2-mile cross-country course, and playing fields for baseball, soccer, football, softball, rugby, lacrosse, and field hockey. Bulldog Stadium, an outdoor 4,400-seat facility, is used by the football, soccer, and lacrosse teams. Conaty Park, a first-class Division I baseball and softball complex, was opened in April 2012. There is also a golf tee and putting green.

Artificial Turf Field

This is the home field for the field hockey team. Located inside the outdoor all-weather track and adjacent to the newly constructed tennis courts, the turf field serves as a practice facility for all varsity outdoor teams. The lighted field is also available for club sports, intramurals, and night activities.

Athletics and Recreation

Recreation and physical fitness are important components of the Bryant experience. A variety of intramural programs for men and women provide competitive recreation throughout the school year for all students who wish to participate. These programs include Basketball, Dodgeball, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Indoor/Outdoor Soccer, Softball, Team Handball, Volleyball, and many more.

Bryant University is a Division I member of the Northeast Conference. Men's teams participate in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football,