

# COMPONENTS OF UNDERGRADUATE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

The curriculum structure of each degree program comprises in varying degrees of these elements.

## First-Year Gateway Experience

Bryant University's First-Year Gateway Curriculum is the cornerstone of Bryant's foundation program. The Gateway welcomes our newest members into our scholarly community, sets the foundation for success inside and outside of the classroom, and cultivates the qualities of character vital for leadership and for the health of a democratic society. Built around fundamental questions about the role of the individual and groups in a fast-paced, ever changing world, the Gateway provides students with a myriad of integrated and interdisciplinary opportunities to develop the cognitive, affective and behavioral skills essential to making sense of the world and their place in it. Students explore the global foundations of character and leadership, and of organizations and business. Throughout the curriculum students hone their communication skills through reflective writing assignments with faculty members as their guides. Coursework is complemented by an immersive program, the Bryant IDEA, which emphasizes experiential learning and an understanding of the innovation process. The First-Year Gateway Experience encourages students to draw meaningful connections between curricular and co-curricular experiences, apply knowledge and skills from multiple perspectives, effectively communicate ideas, and meaningfully reflect on learning experiences.

## Business Core Requirements

The business core provides the student with an in-depth view of the various functional areas of business and a broad business perspective. The business core consists of an introductory course and courses selected from these business areas:

- Accounting
- Information Systems
- Finance, Management, and Marketing

## Business Minor Requirement

A business minor is required in all degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students may choose from the menu of available business minors, but may not apply a combined total of more than 30 credit hours of business courses to any Arts and Sciences degree program. The business minors develop basic business knowledge and skills to provide a foundation for entering a career directly following his/her undergraduate education.

## Liberal Arts Minor Requirement

Business programs are enhanced by a minor in the liberal arts, emphasizing the importance of developing the whole student. A liberal arts minor is required in all business administration degree programs in the College of Business. Students may choose from the menu of available liberal arts minors. All students in the Bachelor of Science in International Business program are required to complete a language minor.

## Liberal Arts Core Requirements

The liberal arts core consists of study in mathematics and statistics, economics, Literary and Cultural Studies – two writing intensive courses – and historical surveys in literature, history, and philosophy. These courses develop basic knowledge and skills and provide the foundation for advanced study in both the liberal arts and business disciplines.

## Liberal Arts Distribution Requirements – Modes of Thought

The liberal arts distribution requirements are designed to provide students with exposure to various modes of thought and academic inquiry consistent with and in support of the mission of the University. The modes of thought, or methods of inquiry include literary, scientific (including a laboratory science), social science, historical, and cultural. While some areas are best filled by courses in specific departments (science courses, for example, to fill the Scientific Mode), interdisciplinary and cross-listed courses in the Bryant University catalog will allow students to fulfill the Modes of Thought component.

- **Social Sciences:** Study from the perspective of the social and behavioral sciences including psychology, sociology, political science, and economics.
- **Historical:** Study in the upper division (300-400 level) providing access to and experience with historical methodology.
- **Literary:** Study in the upper division (300-400 level) providing access to and experience with literary analysis and analytical writing.
- **Scientific:** Study in any area of natural science and scientific technology. One course must be taken in the upper division (300-400 level).
- **Cultural:** Study in non-U.S. cultures, U.S. minorities, foreign languages, race, ethnicity, gender, or international cultural issues. If language studies is applied to this category, courses must be at the second-semester 100-level or 200-, 300- or 400-level.

## Major or Concentration Requirement

Majors and concentrations consist of a mixture of required and elective courses designed to build a foundation of knowledge in the subject area and to allow the student to explore the discipline in detail. Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree choose concentrations in one of the areas of business: Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Financial Services, Global Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Information Systems, Leadership and Innovation, Marketing, and Team and Project Management. The Bachelor of Arts degree offer students the opportunity to pursue a major in Applied Psychology, Chinese, Communication, Economics, Global Studies, History, Literary and Cultural Studies, Politics and Law, Sociology, or Spanish. Students wishing to focus their studies on applied economics, mathematics, or statistics may pursue the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Actuarial Mathematics, Applied Economics, or Applied Mathematics and Statistics. Students wishing to focus their studies in the natural science or scientific technology can choose the Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Biology or Environmental Science. Students wishing to focus their studies in the technology arena can choose the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Data Science. Students interested in focusing on international business and global perspectives pursue the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in International Business and select a concentration in one of eight business functional areas including Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Supply

Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Information Systems, Leadership and Innovation, Marketing, and Team and Project Management.

## **Business and Liberal Arts Minors**

Business and liberal arts minors provide students with an opportunity to use elective courses to develop additional depth and coherence in a specific area of business or liberal arts. Some degree programs require a minor while in others the minor is optional.

- Business minors include:
  - Business Administration, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Information Systems, International Business, Management, Marketing, Marketing Analytics, and Sales.
- Liberal arts minors include:
  - Africana/Black Studies, Applied Statistics, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Chinese, Communication, Economics, Environmental Science, Film Studies, French, Global Studies, History, Italian, Latin American and Latina/Latino Studies, Legal Studies, Literary and Cultural Studies, Literature, Mathematics, Media and Cultural Studies, Political Science, Professional and Creative Writing, Psychology, Sociology, Sociology and Service Learning, Spanish, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

## **Electives**

Elective courses are selected from a wide range of disciplines to complement the major or concentration and provide students the flexibility to pursue other areas of interest, including additional minors or dual majors or concentrations. Electives are designated as liberal arts electives or open electives. Students must select courses in the liberal arts disciplines to fulfill a liberal arts elective requirement. Open electives can be met by selecting courses from either the business or liberal arts disciplines.