

# GRADUATE EDUCATION

## College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Degree Programs

### Mission

The faculty and students of the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Programs share the commitment to advancing the study and practice of the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural and applied sciences. We fulfill our commitment through teaching, scholarship, creative work, and outreach. In faculty and student research, we generate new knowledge. In our teaching, publications, presentations to peers, and engagements with private and public organizations, we disseminate and share our knowledge.

### Master of Arts in Communication

The Department of Communication offers a Master of Arts degree in Communication with three concentrations: Health Communication, Organizational Communication, and a general M.A. degree with no designated track, which allows students to create their own specializations under the guidance of program faculty. The Master's program consists of thirty credit hours that include core courses and electives in a student's area of specialization, culminating with their choice of a master's thesis, a major research project, or comprehensive exams. Placements are available in some of the most prestigious private, non-profit, and governmental organizations in the area. Courses are offered year-round, and students can enroll on a full- or part-time basis.

In addition, the Department offers Certificates of Graduate Study (CGS) in a variety of specific and general areas of professional communication. To earn a Certificate of Graduate Study, individuals must complete a coherent set of four courses chosen under the guidance of a faculty member.

The Integrated 4+1 program offers current undergraduate students majoring in Communication (or related fields) the potential to complete an M.A. degree within one calendar year of receiving the B.A.

### Admission Requirements for Master of Arts in Communication

Applications are accepted and considered at any time. There is no application deadline. To be admitted to the M.A. Communication program, prospective students must:

1. Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. An official transcript is required.
2. Have earned an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the Communication major or the major of some related field. Non-Communication undergraduate majors with an overall GPA of 3.0 may be admitted to the program, but must achieve a 3.0 GPA by the end of six graduate course hours. Depending on their undergraduate degree and/or professional experience, non-Communication degree holders may be asked to take foundational coursework.
3. Submit three letters of reference, at least two of which should be academic references from individuals who can comment on the candidate's ability to be successful as a graduate student.
4. Complete an online Graduate Program admission application, <http://gradschool.bryant.edu/arts-and-sciences/macomm.htm>
5. Submit GRE or Miller Analogies Test score, OR submit a brief essay (approximately 1,000 words) to serve as a sample of the candidate's writing.

6. If English is not a candidate's native language, he/ she must submit the writing sample. Nonnative speakers may also be required, at the discretion of the Admission Committee, to submit TOEFL scores and/or to meet with the members of the committee for a personal interview.

For more information, contact Chris R. Morse, Graduate Program Director, Department of Communication, at [cmorse2@bryant.edu](mailto:cmorse2@bryant.edu). ([cmorse2@bryant.edu](mailto:cmorse2@bryant.edu))

## College of Business Graduate Programs

The Graduate College of Business at Bryant University empowers its graduates with the ability to compete and excel in a dynamic business environment. Bryant's dedicated faculty equip students with the analytical, technological, and interpersonal skills required to meet the challenges of working today.

### Master of Business Administration (MBA)

To meet the need for graduate education, Bryant University initiated the Master of Business Administration (MBA) graduate program in the fall of 1969. The MBA provides the theoretical framework and practical experience that enable students to lead people and effectively manage resources in a complex, global marketplace.

The educational model of the Bryant MBA enables students to move through the program as a cohesive group. Students work in small study teams, fostering strong professional bonds throughout the cohort.

Bryant offers a one-year, full-time MBA designed for students from all academic majors who have recently completed their undergraduate degree. A part-time program is available for experienced professionals seeking career advancement. This program is designed to be completed in two years (six consecutive semesters). MBA students may specialize their studies in the areas of Business Analytics, Global Supply Chain, Global Finance, or International Business.

### Master of Science in Taxation (MST)

In 1978, a Master of Science in Taxation (MST) program was developed for tax practitioners to enhance their technical and theoretical knowledge. The Master of Science in Taxation (MST) is a part-time program designed for professionals who have a basic knowledge of the Internal Revenue Code and who seek in-depth knowledge of federal and state tax laws and applications. Students have the opportunity to acquire expertise in all tax areas including individual, corporate, partnerships, and trusts and estates. MST applicants should possess a strong academic record and are strongly encouraged to have at least two years of professional tax experience.

### Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAc)

The Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAc) program was introduced in the summer of 2007. This innovative program was developed in partnership with the industry's top international and regional accounting firms. The MPAc has been designed to satisfy the "150 Hour Requirement" that is necessary for accounting students to become Certified Public Accountants. The program combines advanced technical accounting classes with courses that focus on project management, research, and communication. Success in the accounting industry demands the technical competence associated with the CPA designation, in addition to the ability to work in and lead teams, to present complex information to diverse audiences, and to manage multiple projects and client relationships efficiently. This program can be completed in two semesters on a full-time basis using a summer/

summer, fall/spring, spring/summer, or summer/fall option. Students may also elect to enroll in an MPAc program with a concentration in tax.

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## **Admission Requirements for College of Business Graduate Programs**

To be admitted to a Bryant University business graduate program, the applicant must be (or about to become) a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university. The admission documents include an application with a statement of objectives, a current resume, official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, one letter of recommendation, and a competitive score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). GMAT waivers are granted for MBA applicants who hold an earned doctorate degree. GMAT waivers are granted for MPAc applicants who have completed 60 credits or more as a Bryant University undergraduate student and achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 or greater. GMAT waivers for MST applicants are granted to those who are Certified Public Accountants or who are enrolled agents.

## **Academic Program Planning and Advising**

Graduate programs in business are administered by the Graduate School of Business. MBA courses for the part-time program are offered in the evening to provide an opportunity for qualified professionals to obtain graduate degrees while working during the day. The one-year MBA and the MPAc courses are offered on a full-time, day schedule. Academic advisors and graduate school staff are available to assist students with the planning and selection of courses appropriate to their career goals. Students are encouraged to contact the Graduate School of Business with any questions or concerns regarding course selection and/or program planning.

## **Management Concepts and Skills**

A one-credit, introductory course to the MBA program occurs over three days at the beginning of the semester. It is designed to provide students with an overview of the graduate experience, including case analysis, team building, and presentation skills. Students will have the opportunity to meet the graduate school staff, selected faculty, and students. A similar introductory seminar is conducted for the MPAc program which occurs over two days at the beginning of each semester.

## **Amica Center for Career Education for Graduate School**

The Amica Center for Career Education Office offers a comprehensive range of services to graduate students. These include counseling on and assessment of career decision making as well as assistance with resume writing, interviewing, and job search strategies.

A career resource library and the Alumni Career Network can be accessed by students who are researching careers or companies, and the job source weekly publication lists immediate job openings, some of which are appropriate for graduate students.

## **Information**

For further information about the Graduate School of Business and its programs, write, call, or fax:

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