

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Alpha Kappa Delta

The international sociology honor society AKD is dedicated to the ideal of Anthropon Katamanthanein Diakonesein or “to investigate humanity for the purpose of service.” The Society promotes scholarly excellence in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement of the human condition. To be eligible for membership, a student must have at least junior year standing, an overall GPA and a sociology GPA of at least 3.0, be in the top 35 percent of their class in general scholarship, and have completed at least four courses in sociology. Membership is not limited to sociology majors.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or master’s program in business or management accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 (cumulative GPA of 3.75 for graduate students), rank in the upper 10 percent of the junior or senior class, or upper 20 percent of the graduating master’s class. Members are elected to membership and publicly recognized during the spring term.

Chi Alpha Sigma

Bryant is one of only 60 institutions nationally to be recognized with a Chi Alpha Sigma chapter. Chi Alpha Sigma is the nation’s only student-athlete honor society. To be selected for induction, student-athletes must be juniors or seniors, hold at least a 3.4 overall GPA, earn a letter in their sports, and clearly exhibit strong personal character through a commitment to community service.

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a specialized honor society in Mathematics. KME was founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. Its chapters are located in colleges and universities of recognized standing which offer a strong mathematics major. The chapters’ members are selected from students of mathematics and other closely related fields who have maintained standards of scholarship, have professional merit, and have attained academic distinction. Students must have completed at least three college semesters and rank in the upper 35% of their class. In addition, they must have completed at least three courses in mathematics, including at least one semester of calculus and attained an average of B or better in all mathematics courses.

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies. It is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 hours of communication courses, have a GPA of at least 3.25, and be in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class.

Mu Kappa Tau

Mu Kappa Tau (MKT) is the only marketing honor society to be recognized by the Association of Collegiate Honor Societies and is committed to the pursuit and recognition of academic excellence in marketing. MKT exists to recognize academic achievement, to encourage high ethical standards, and to advance the marketing profession. Since 1966, marketing faculty across the nation have nominated talented marketing students to join MKT. In order to qualify for membership, students must be a junior or a senior marketing major, or business concentration with a marketing minor, with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Mu Sigma Rho

Mu Sigma Rho is the national honorary society for statistics. Its purpose is the promotion and encouragement of scholarly activity in statistics, and the recognition of outstanding achievement among students in eligible academic institutions. To be eligible for induction in Mu Sigma Rho, a student must be a junior or senior, have completed eight semester hours of statistics courses (of which, at least five semester hours must be at the junior level or higher), have a 3.25 GPA in all statistics courses, and be in the top one third of the class in all coursework.

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Election to the Gamma Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the National Economics Honor Society, recognizes seniors who have chosen economics for their major field of concentration, have attained a cumulative average of 3.0 or higher in a minimum of four economics courses, and have received the recommendation of the economics department.

Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa is a nationally recognized leadership and honor society. Students of junior or senior standing are recognized for excellence in academics (top 35 percent of the class), athletics, community service, mass media, or the performing arts. All members are nominated by current members of the society.

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society with the mission to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. The society seeks to bring students, teachers, and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways. Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (four courses) in History and achieve a minimum GPA of 3.1 in History and a GPA of 3.0 or better overall. Eligible candidates must also be in the top 35 percent of their class. Membership is not limited to History majors.

Phi Sigma Iota

The Phi Sigma Iota Honor Society recognizes outstanding accomplishment in the study or teaching of any of the academic fields related to foreign language, literature, or culture. Phi Sigma Iota is the highest academic honor in the field of foreign languages. Students in the undergraduate program at Bryant pursuing a major, minor or concentration in one of the languages offered at Bryant (Chinese, French, Italian or Spanish) who have completed at least one course at the 300 level (305 or above), have completed 45 semester hours (second semester sophomore), have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall

and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in their language courses, and rank in the top 35% of their class will be eligible for membership.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha is the only national honor society for college students of political science in the United States. Founded in 1920, there are now more than 700 chapters at colleges across the country. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of political science courses with a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.3. Membership is not limited to Politics and Law majors.

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology that recognizes academic excellence in psychology. To be eligible for membership, students must have an overall GPA that is in the top 35 percent of their class, have earned an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 and must have a cumulative average that is at least 3.0 in their psychology courses. Membership is limited to Applied Psychology majors who are at least juniors and have taken a minimum of nine hours of psychology.

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society. A member of the Association of College Honor Societies, it was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University. Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. To be eligible for induction in the Alpha Tau Rho Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, a student must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship, must rank at least in the highest thirty-five percent of her/his class, and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work.

President's List

Students earning a semester G.P.A. of 4.0 on at least 12 academic credits in a regular semester will be named to the President's List – an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers.

Traditional, full-time students will be named to the President's List each regular semester after final grades have been calculated and the standards of progress have been processed.

Nontraditional, part-time students must take at least 12 academic credits over two regular semesters of coursework in the academic year and earn a G.P.A. of 4.0 on all academic credits taken during these two semesters in order to be named to the President's List.

Nontraditional students will be named to the President's List at the end of the spring term each academic year after final grades have been calculated and the standards of progress have been processed. (Note: Special terms are included in the 4.0 calculation while at Bryant.)

Dean's List

Full-time students who have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work will be named to the Dean's List. Part-time students who have a GPA of 3.4 or better in the fall and spring terms

combined will be named to the Dean's List at the end of the academic year.

Graduation Honors

Special recognition is accorded those who show distinction in academic achievement. Honors may be awarded on the basis of cumulative averages, as follows: Cum Laude (3.45 - 3.64), Magna Cum Laude (3.65 - 3.84), and Summa Cum Laude (3.85 - 4.0). Students must have completed 60 semester hours of work at Bryant University to be eligible for Honors.

Commencement Ceremony

Commencement ceremonies honor certified graduates and candidates for degrees who have been scheduled to complete coursework by the end of the academic year (July 31). Diplomas are issued after grade reports are completed and candidates are fully certified. Graduation honors noted on the Commencement program are based on cumulative records as of the end of the fall semester; Honors recorded on the diploma are based on finalized cumulative averages.