

# GRADUATE EDUCATION

## 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 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 or analytics.

## 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.

## 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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