

# MISSION STATEMENT / OVERVIEW

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## Bryant University Mission Statement

Bryant University's mission is to educate and inspire students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world.

## An Overview

Since its founding in 1863, Bryant University has inspired students to excel and achieve success in life and their chosen professions. The University's innovative 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.

As an institution, Bryant 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 rigorous curricula will continue to define the University, even as Bryant broadens its academic offerings to advance the professional interests of new generations of students. The collegial learning community will continue to encourage intellectual discovery inside and outside of the classroom. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE, formerly 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.

## Faculty - Scholarly, Teaching

Bryant's focus is on the learning experience and learning outcomes, and the University takes great pride in the quality of its dedicated faculty. Professors make a special effort to develop innovative pedagogies that 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. The University's vibrant student life programs further extend the learning environment.

Bryant prides itself on its student/faculty relationships and mentorship. 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.