

STUDENT SERVICES

Accessibility Services

Bryant University upholds the mandates of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Students with documented disabilities may request accommodations through the Director of Accessibility Services. The request process will include completion of an online intake form, a personal intake meeting with an Accessibility Services Staff member, and a review of appropriate documentation. All requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis with a focus on how the student's disability impacts daily living and learning at Bryant.

Accessibility Services also includes the Academic Testing Center, where students with approved accommodations or other special circumstances may take exams in a distraction-reduced space. For more information about requesting accommodations or using the Academic Testing Center, please call 401-232-6746.

Academic Advising

The Undergraduate Advising Office provides comprehensive academic advising services including offering program planning and policy information for all undergraduate students. At the start of the first year, all undergraduate students are assigned a professional academic advisor.

Through participation in academic advising, students will:

- Demonstrate the ability to make effective decisions concerning their degree and career goals.
- Develop an educational plan for successfully achieving their goals and selecting courses each semester to progress toward the completion of their undergraduate degree.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the value of higher education.
- Utilize the resources and services on campus to assist them in achieving their academic, personal, and career goals.
- Understand, interpret and effectively utilize a degree audit in their educational planning.
- Graduate in a timely manner based on their educational plan.

Academic advising is a collaborative educational process whereby students and their advisors are partners to ensure that students meet essential learning outcomes, achieve academic success, and outline the steps for meeting personal, academic, and career goals. An effective advisor and student partnership requires participation and involvement from both the advisor and the student. This relationship is built over the student's entire educational experience at the University. Both the student and the advisor have clear responsibilities for ensuring that the advising partnership is successful.

Centers for Student Success

The Centers for Student Success are dedicated to helping all Bryant University students achieve academic success. The goal is to help students become self-reliant, independent, confident learners so that they may successfully meet the demands of their chosen academic curricula. This is achieved through an internationally accredited peer tutoring program and study skills instruction. Professional staff members, peer tutors, and faculty work together to foster a supportive learning environment.

Academic Center for Excellence

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) offers academic programming and support for all currently enrolled students at Bryant.

The ACE peer tutoring program is certified by the **College Reading and Learning Association** (CRLA). ACE provides a comfortable location where tutors assist students by reinforcing concepts in their academic subjects, while strengthening college level study strategies. The tutor-student relationship is a collaborative one, where both individuals have defined roles and responsibilities. Tutoring at ACE is offered through individual appointments with peer tutors and math specialists and in learning labs.

Students may choose to work with a tutor/specialist for any of the following reasons:

- Assistance with understanding course concepts
- Questions about homework
- Test or quiz preparation
- Review of course material

ACE also provides support to students in order to help them develop college level academic skills and become more successful learners. Learning specialists meet with students individually and present workshops. Students can receive guidance and skill-building in the following areas: reading, note taking, time management, test preparation, test taking, learning styles, organization, and general learning assistance.

ACE and The Writing Center also offer a variety of workshops to all students throughout the semester. These workshops address academic and writing skills development.

For more information, visit The Centers for Student Success or call (401) 232-6746

ACADEMIC SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The Academic Center for Excellence and the Writing Center offer individualized learning support for international students and English language learners to help them achieve their academic potential as Bryant students. Services include: assistance with adjusting to academic life at Bryant and in the United States; taking advantage of ACE and Writing Center academic support resources; navigating the range of support services available to international students on campus; developing study skills for college success; improving written and oral English language skills; and setting goals for academic improvement.

ACADEMIC SERVICES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Academic Center for Excellence, in partnership with Undergraduate Advising and the Department of Athletics, provides tailored assistance for the unique needs of student-athletes. Students in our Division I athletic programs have challenging schedules and often need additional help finding a balance between the demands of athletics and academics. ACE provides these students with support in general study skills, time management and overall organization. Student-athlete study hall requirements can be fulfilled using any of ACE's services, including tutoring, the Writing Center, learning specialist appointments, attendance at workshops, and time spent in the student-athlete quiet study hall.

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neurodevelopmental disabilities/disorders may request academic accommodations through the Assistant Director of ACE, Access Services. Students must submit documentation from a qualified professional (i.e. results of diagnostic testing, diagnosis from a medical provider) that describes the nature of the disability and its impact on learning in the university environment. All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will include an intake interview to augment documentation. Please call (401)232-6746 to request an appointment.

Writing Center

Effective written communication is essential throughout an individual's education and career. With this in mind, the Writing Center's purpose is to support students as writers by helping them develop their writing strengths and overcome their writing challenges. The staff views writing as a process and is prepared to assist students at all stages of that process. The Writing Center's peer writing consultants and professional writing specialists help students with writing assignments for all courses, offering assistance in both personalized and workshop settings. They work collaboratively with students, providing advice and comments to help address students' writing concerns.

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Amica Center For Career Education

The Amica Center for Career Education offers a full range of career development and planning services for all students, including:

- Individual career coaching on all topics pertaining to choosing a major, finding an internship, applying to graduate school, or securing a full-time opportunity.
- Internship selection and registration support.
- Career planning courses to assist you with choosing a major and/or career path.
- Shadow Program, matching you with an alumna/alumnus for a day in the workplace.
- Alumni-student networking events in Boston, Hartford, New York City, Providence, Washington, D.C., and more.
- Campus recruiting program including the Bryant Career Connection (BCC) - the student job board for both internships and full-time opportunities.
- Two annual Career Fairs with more than 150 employers attending.
- Networking events designed to connect students with industry professionals.
- Specialized programs, company site visits, and alumni connections.

We encourage students to visit the Amica Career Center as early as the first year to get started with:

- Participate in the Career Planning Course
- Utilizing career assessment tools
- Writing a college résumé
- Creating a LinkedIn profile
- Finding an internship or job
- Learning how to leverage campus life to benefit your career plans

Stop by our office, visit career.bryant.edu, call (401) 232-6090, or email careers@bryant.edu to learn more about resources and services provided.

The opportunity to use the Amica Center for Career Education continues after graduation. Career coaching and other services are available to alumni who are changing careers and are in need of assistance, up to five years post-graduation.

Alumni are also invited to attend the many workshops, programs, and events offered by the Amica Center for Career Education.

Athletics and Recreation (on campus)

Bryant University is a Division I member of the Northeast Conference (NEC). Men's varsity teams competing in the NEC include: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field.

Women's varsity teams competing in the NEC include: basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

Recreation and physical fitness are important components of the Bryant experience. The University offers a variety of intramural programs for men and women, providing competitive recreation throughout the school year for all students who wish to participate. These programs include badminton, basketball, dodgeball, flag football, indoor/outdoor soccer, softball, volleyball, and many more.

Club sports include cheerleading, dance, men's ice hockey, karate, men's and women's lacrosse, racquetball, women's rowing, men's and women's rugby, soccer, squash, tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, and men's volleyball.

Campus Ministry

The chaplains in Campus Ministry address the spiritual needs of Bryant students and staff. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Protestant chaplains are available to serve as sources of support, guidance, and spiritual development for all members of the University community.

The Catholic Student Association meets Sundays before Mass. Hillel is Bryant's Jewish-student organization. The Awakening Crew is the Protestant student club.

Worship services are as follows: Catholic Mass is celebrated at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Islamic Services are held on Friday. Jewish Shabbat services are offered on Friday. Protestant services are held on Wednesday evenings.

PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Through outreach, empowerment, advocacy, and education, the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion (PwC CDI) works to promote an inclusive campus environment in which the voices and experiences of diverse individuals are valued and embodied. Our focus on the intersectionality of identities highlights the multidimensional and complex values that each of us bring to Bryant and emphasizes the imperative of being culturally competent. We view diversity and inclusion as relevant to all members of the Bryant community and define diversity in its broadest sense to include, but not to limit to, race, ethnicity, color, religious identity, spiritual beliefs, assigned sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical/mental ability, national origin, socioeconomic status, and age. The PwC CDI is comprised of the Intercultural Center, the Hochberg Women's Center and the Pride Center. We work to advance Bryant University's commitment to developing and enhancing global and diverse perspectives by:

- Ensuring Safe Spaces that welcome our constituent groups and all members of the Bryant community; and serve as a safe space for conversations, exploration, and collaboration
- Facilitating diversity and social justice education by partnering with campus and community groups to create opportunities that help expand diversity knowledge, skills, and competencies
- Supporting retention and success of diverse students through advocacy, mentoring programs, support groups, and other sources of support
- Cultivating community by sponsoring social events and educational programs that promote inclusion within marginalized identities and across communities; and supporting students working to build communities oriented towards social justice

Computers for Students - Mobile Computing Device Program

Incoming full-time students will receive, as part of their tuition, a state-of-the-art mobile computing device for use on and off campus, which will be theirs to keep upon graduation.

The Student Helpdesk (a.k.a. Laptop Central), is located in the Bello Center, in an area behind the Reference Desk (enter hallway to left of Reference Desk). Laptop Central is the main point of contact for all students when they have issues or questions regarding their mobile device, use of University websites, network, or any other technology needs. As an officially certified repair center, it can provide same-day service for repairs since most replacement parts are housed on-site. Hours of operation: M-Th, 10 am to 7 pm, Fri, 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Sun, 12 to 6 pm.

Technicians in Laptop Central also provide tier 1 support for the Residence Hall wireless network.

Wireless connectivity is available throughout the entire campus.

Counseling Services

Counseling at Bryant University is short-term and focuses on the continuum of developmental adjustment of the college years and mental health concerns. Counseling Service's mission is to support students' mental health and well-being by providing confidential counseling services, programming, and outreach. We are committed to providing holistic, compassionate, inclusive, and culturally competent services for students. Our services include assisting students with mental health issues via therapy, referrals, group work, mindfulness, and consultation. Students needing a higher level of care, or specialized treatment may be referred to off-campus mental health professionals or programs.

Cultural and Recreational Activities (nearby)

Bryant University is ideally situated so that students can benefit from the intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities of New England.

Just 12 miles from the campus, Providence is one of the largest cities in New England. For over two centuries it has been a social, intellectual, and artistic center of Rhode Island and New England. Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, and Providence College are located in Providence.

Bryant University students have many opportunities for cultural and artistic experiences. The Rhode Island School of Design Museum and several other galleries offer collections of art treasures. The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rhode Island Festival Ballet, and Trinity

Repertory Company present programs of outstanding artistic merit. The nationally acclaimed Providence Performing Arts Center presents a wide assortment of Broadway shows, and Providence's civic and convention centers host attractions ranging from college basketball and professional hockey to rock concerts and festivals.

Students who attend summer sessions can take advantage of Rhode Island's many famous summer resorts. The University is less than an hour's drive to Narragansett Pier and Watch Hill, with their miles of sandy beaches. Newport, noted for its music festivals, scenic ocean drives, and elegant mansions, is only 40 miles away. Boston, less than an hour away, is the home of internationally famous universities, high tech industries along Route 95/128, and exceptional cultural and recreational attractions from the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Museum of Fine Arts.

Employment for Students

The Office of Financial Aid provides students and their families valuable information regarding financial assistance to meet college expenses. It administers all the University's scholarship, grant, loan, and student employment programs. Refer to the financial aid section for further details.

Student employment opportunities provide a means of defraying incidental costs while they are enrolled in college. Students working on campus during the fall and/or spring terms work about eight to twelve hours per week and earn approximately \$1,600 annually, on average.

Full-time undergraduate students with work-study awards based on financial need are given hiring priority for all on-campus jobs. Students are paid an hourly wage (not less than the current mandatory minimum) that reflects experience and the skills experience required to do the job.

The library, the athletic department, the faculty and the administrative offices are among the many areas hiring work-study students. These part-time employment opportunities can serve as valuable experience in the career planning process.

The Office of Financial Aid also helps full-time undergraduate students to secure part-time employment **off campus** by locating and developing job opportunities for work-study eligible students. A limited number of positions in nonprofit agencies are available to students who qualify for Federal Work-Study funding. Every effort is made by supervisors to structure work schedules that will accommodate each student's daily class schedule during the fall and spring terms. The office also provides information about **summer** employment opportunities for students, many of which can be full-time.

Health Insurance

Bryant University requires that all full-time students provide documentation of health insurance by providing a copy of their insurance card through the Medicaat portal. It is the student's responsibility to contact their insurance plan prior to coming on to campus to ensure adequate coverage. This is especially important for those with insurance plans outside of Rhode Island. Student Accident and Sickness Insurance is available for full-time students to purchase.

Federal regulations give the University the right to require international students to purchase health insurance. An insurance fee will be included in the tuition bill of international students unless the student fills out a waiver form and provides proof of their own comparable insurance.

Health Services

Health Services is a nurse practitioner run program that adheres to federal and state law and endorses the guidelines of the American College Health Association, the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Clinical components of Health Services include treatment of illnesses and injuries, sexual health care, laboratory services, immunizations, support services for students with physical disabilities, and referrals as appropriate. All health care and medical records are confidential, and family members are notified only in the event of a life-threatening accident or illness.

Health Services is staffed by full-time Certified Nurse Practitioners, a Registered Dietician, and a Health Promotion Coordinator. Health Services does not provide written excuses for missed classes, exams, or work, due to illnesses, nor do they provide documentation of visits to Health Services.

In the event of an emergency or when Health Services is closed, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are available through the Department of Public Safety at 401-232-6001.

Required Health Forms for Incoming Students

In compliance with Department of Health regulations, all new, full-time students are required to provide an up to date physical and immunization record as well as additional incoming health information. These forms can be accessed on the Medicaat patient portal at my.bryant.edu.

All students must be in compliance with the Health Services required forms and immunizations, or course registration cannot be completed.

Intercultural Center

The Intercultural Center (ICC) is a place for international and domestic multicultural students and organizations. The Center supports and advocates for students and groups by providing culturally enriching programs and educational workshops that focus on race, culture, ethnicity, and social justice. Staff at the ICC serve as advocates for international and domestic multicultural students and are available for consultation. The Center creates programs to enhance appreciation for and awareness of cultural diversity. As part of the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Intercultural Center works in tandem with the other centers that comprise the PwC CDI to ensure an inclusive Bryant Community.

Available to all members of the University community, the ICC provides an inviting seating area, a kitchen, and a multimedia conference room. The seating area serves as an informal gathering, to exchange ideas, and facilitate the mutual sharing of perspectives. The kitchen is available for individuals to share a home-cooked meal, warm up a meal, or make a dish together. The conference room is available for small group meetings, and teleconference communication, and can be reserved for video/phone interviews or for individual video calls to home.

The Intercultural Center (ICC) offers social and educational programs related to diverse traditions, self-identity development, community building, social justice, race and ethnicity, and power and privilege. Other programs of the Center include heritage month celebrations, dialogues about culture and current events, awareness/commemoration weeks, annual awards banquets, and social/food gatherings. The staff

advises two major student organizations – The International Student Organization (ISO) and the Multicultural Student Union (MSU).

International Dimension

In addition to the International Business degree, academic departments offer student programming on international topics. There are also undergraduate study abroad and international internship opportunities. Out of the classroom, a variety of forums and programs focusing on international themes are regular parts of the international experience at Bryant University. Students and faculty at Bryant University are geographically diverse. Representing more than 50 countries, they bring the benefits of a wide range of backgrounds to Smithfield.

Pride Center

The Pride Center is safe space for all members of the Bryant community to enhance their understanding of the LGBTQ+ community and related issues through social and educational programs and trainings. The Pride Center offers opportunities for dialogue and education pertaining to gender and sexuality and affirms and celebrates the intersectional identities of its community members. The Pride Center is home of Bryant Pride, a student organization. As part of the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Pride Center works in tandem with the other centers that comprise the PwC CDI to ensure an inclusive Bryant Community.

Available to all members of the University community, the Pride Center provides an inviting seating area and a comfortable meeting space. The seating area serves as a space for informal gatherings, to relax, to do homework, to engage in dialogue, and to provide mutual support. The meeting space can be reserved by students, staff, and faculty for small group meetings, programs, support groups, and confidential conversations.

Available to all members of the University community, the Pride Center offers the Safe Zone program to all student, staff, and faculty at Bryant University to explore issues of gender and sexuality and to nurture a more open, affirming, and safe university community for LGBTQ+ identified individuals and their allies.

The Pride Center offers a variety of materials including films and literature as well as referrals to hotlines, programs, and organizations, related to gender and sexuality issues.

Security - Public Safety

Bryant's campus is a secure place to live. Public Safety officers are on duty 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. Residence hall exterior doors are locked 24 hours per day, accessible only to students. Individual key locks are on the door of each room. Visitors are checked in on weeknights and throughout the weekend.

Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women's Center

The Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women's Center engages the campus community in meaningful discussions surrounding gender equity, women's empowerment, gender, and sexuality. The Hochberg Women's Center is committed to enhancing the quality of life for women at Bryant University by providing a forum for all students to discuss issues facing women; both on campus and around the world. The Women's Center is the home of the Alliance for Women's Awareness, a student organization, and violence prevention and advocacy services. As part of the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Hochberg Women's Center works

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The Hochberg Women's Center provides social and educational programs relating to women's empowerment, gender equity, healthy sexuality, body positivity, and power-based personal violence. These initiatives offer the campus community the opportunity to enhance their understanding of gender-related issues. The Center is proud to collaborate with staff, faculty, and student organizations to strengthen co-curricular education and foster Bryant's student-centered learning environment.

The Hochberg Women's Center also offers Violence Prevention and Advocacy Services. The Advocacy Helpline, which provides guidance, support, and empowerment to survivors of violence, is operated by trained faculty and staff First Responders and is available 24/7 during the academic year. The Women's Center is also home to the University's on-campus Advocates, who are prepared to provide private support, guidance, referrals, and both on- and off-campus resources to Bryant community members impacted by violence.