



## B R Y A N T U N I V E R S I T Y

# MINORS

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A Bryant education is founded on a curriculum that balances contemporary and traditional business and liberal arts courses. All business students must complete a liberal arts minor. The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program is an exception and does not require a liberal arts minor. All liberal arts students must complete the Business Administration minor as part of their academic program. Students who pursue a degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences may take up to an additional 12 hours of business courses. The Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Mathematics is an exception – only nine additional hours may be taken.

Combining studies in this way allows students to develop a diverse knowledge base and a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

### LIBERAL ARTS MINOR

#### ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICS

The focus of the Actuarial Mathematics minor is on the application of actuarial mathematics to banking, investments, insurance, and pensions. Students also learn advanced concepts in the mathematics of finance. Course work is required in statistics and actuarial mathematics, and electives are chosen from finance, economics, and computer programming.

#### AFRICANA/BLACK STUDIES

Africana/Black Studies is an interdisciplinary minor that gives students a critical opportunity to examine global traditions and cultural contributions made by people of African descent. By considering African, African American, Afro-Latino/a, Afro-Brazilian, and Caribbean communities, students stretch their worldview and develop effective communication and innovative problem-solving skills across racial lines.

#### APPLIED STATISTICS

Many disciplines are dependent on the information provided by statistics. Through the Applied Statistics minor, students can deepen and extend their knowledge and skills in statistics and enhance their ability to solve more complex quantitative problems.

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY

Biotechnology is the commercial application of living organisms that involves the deliberate use and manipulation of DNA. Students who complement their studies in biotechnology open up a number of opportunities in growing fields. The biotechnology sector broadly impacts human health, agriculture, forensics and ethics, while incorporating basic business practices. In the required courses, students will be exposed to applications of biotechnology in diverse markets and begin to appreciate the profound legal, social, economic, and ethical implications of this technology for society. Students learn basic chemistry, biology, and the technology of manipulating DNA through hands-on lab experiences.

#### CHINESE

The Chinese minor is designed to provide students with an advanced level of language proficiency in Standard Mandarin and a solid foundation for the development of cultural understanding and communication skills across an array of social contexts and settings in China. The minor also prepares students to live, study, and work in China, and to take advantage of the steadily growing international market for professionals in all fields who have a background in Chinese language and culture.

#### COMMUNICATION

Students who pursue a Communication minor work with a faculty advisor to create a personalized course of study. Students develop a coherent approach to the discipline that reflects their own interests in the field, with options that include interpersonal communication, writing and mass media, and television production.

#### ECONOMICS

The Economics minor provides students with skills that can be applied to areas of business, law, and other studies. Bryant's Economics minor follows two primary objectives: the interdisciplinary implications of economics and a core competency that integrates critical thinking, human capabilities, ethical sensibilities, and personal resourcefulness.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Students who complement their studies with an Environmental Science minor are prepared for positions in the wide open area of environmental related-fields. For instance, environmental science broadly impacts fields such as toxicology, sustainable development, resource and wildlife management, land use and reclamation, green manufacturing, analytical analysis, and others, where effective communication between scientists and business professionals is essential. The minor is also a good foundation for employment with manufacturers who must comply with changing environmental regulations. Students will be exposed to important environmental issues that face today's society by participating in hands-on exercises and experimentation.

## FRENCH

The French minor is designed to provide students with communicative competence and an understanding of the culture of France and French-speaking countries. French is now spoken as a first or second language by more than 200 million people, and it is one of the official languages recognized by the United Nations.

## HISTORY

The study of history offers insight into our present and future. The History minor emphasizes personal resourcefulness, the ethical dimensions of history, and the awareness of diversity and differences in the human experience. Students can choose from a series of topics in United States, European, or world history.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The International Affairs minor incorporates courses from economics, history, legal studies, and political science to expose students to different perspectives on key issues that affect international business, politics, and communication. This minor provides the analytical tools needed to evaluate international issues and policies.

## ITALIAN

The Italian minor is designed to provide students with communicative competence and a strong understanding of the culture of Italy. Learning Italian equips students with the necessary tools to become excellent communicators in an increasingly international community.

## LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINA/LATINO STUDIES

The Latin American and Latino/a Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program available to all students that focuses on the Latino/a presence in the United States and its influence on social and cultural diversity. The minor is customized for each student and draws upon courses in literary and cultural studies, history, and foreign languages. The program's flexibility allows students to foster a deeper understanding across multiple disciplines, as well as familiarity with Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking nations.

## LEGAL STUDIES

An understanding of the law and the legal system of the United States is beneficial to everyone, regardless of whether or not they join a profession that makes laws or enforces them. The Legal Studies minor is designed to encourage ethical thinking in legal problem solving. Studying law also enhances analytical skills that are essential for any profession.

## LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

The Literary and Cultural Studies minor is designed to foster and sustain a cultural background based on the mastery of literary and cultural texts that inform the modern citizen. Students design their minor in accordance with their own interests in consultation with a program advisor.

## MATHEMATICS

Employers often seek graduates with mathematical and analytical skills. Students who desire a more in-depth understanding of mathematics may select this minor. All of the courses in the Mathematics minor focus on problem solving and include various computer software programs that may not be covered in other courses.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Government policies regulate the business environment and affect citizens' private lives in areas such as health care and education. Political science is the study of government behavior and government-citizen interaction in public policymaking. Bryant's curriculum includes American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political philosophy.

## PROFESSIONAL AND CREATIVE WRITING

Students pursuing a minor in Professional and Creative Writing develop their writing skills in a variety of settings designed to provide a full exploration of genres. Options range from feature writing for magazines and the web, to newspaper journalism, to creative writing in poetry and fiction.

## PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology minor strengthens preparation for any career by expanding knowledge and understanding of people. Psychological inquiry helps students learn to critically analyze information about human behavior. The specialized skills of this field can be applied to many other professions.

## SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology minor helps students develop a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which individual behavior is the product of social experience. Such study offers insight into society and culture and provides a critical understanding of the global community.

### **SOCIOLOGY AND SERVICE LEARNING**

The objective of the Sociology and Service Learning minor includes those of the Sociology minor with the added component of service in the community. Students build a greater awareness of the issues affecting their own community and the global community, and develop ways to get involved and help find solutions.

### **SPANISH**

The Spanish minor is designed to provide students with communicative competence and a strong understanding of the cultures of Spanish-speaking societies. This minor equips students with the necessary tools to become excellent communicators and rigorous thinkers. It also prepares them to live and work within an increasingly international context.

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## **BUSINESS MINORS**

### **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Technology is an integral part of nearly every business profession, and businesspeople everywhere rely on technology to complement and maximize their personal effectiveness. The CIS minor is designed to enable students to specialize in and leverage the ever-increasing role of information technology in the business world.

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The entrepreneurship minor is designed to give students a working perspective for small to medium sized enterprises, including the development of new enterprises. This minor helps students cultivate an understanding of entrepreneurship and the traits of entrepreneurial leaders.

### **FINANCE**

The Finance minor gives students the opportunity to develop the analytical and managerial tools needed to make sound financial decisions. Students are required to take four courses and can either specialize in a particular area of finance (e.g. investments, financial services) or develop a general finance minor.

### **GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

The ability to manage complex global supply chains is key to success in the modern economy. The Global Supply Chain Management minor is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of supply chain management as an integrative value-creating strategy for complex business-to-business networks designed to enhance global competitiveness. Students will learn a process approach to integrating the key functions of marketing, logistics, operations management, computer information systems, accounting, and finance.

### **WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES**

The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor engages students in an interdisciplinary study of women's issues and examines the ways that gender, race, class, and sexual orientation operate in conjunction with each other. The minor also challenges students to raise questions, correct misconceptions, and theorize about the place of women in society, while developing strategies for positive change.

### **HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Students pursuing a minor in Human Resource Management explore all different facets of managing people in organizational contexts. Students will explore all the HR functions and learn about the legal implications of managing people. They will also be able to learn in depth the challenges developing employee compensation and training policies and also about managing people in a global setting.

### **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

The International Business minor addresses cross-cultural communications, global market expansion, international financial markets, and competitive global business strategies. This minor helps students develop a broader and deeper understanding of the issues faced by companies competing in today's global business environment.

### **MANAGEMENT**

There is an increased demand for management skills at all levels of organizations. The objective of the Management minor is to allow both business and liberal arts students to gain an understanding of complex managerial issues that corporations are facing today. Students also learn how to lead projects and manage groups.

### **MARKETING**

The Marketing minor gives students a business perspective that is market-oriented. It allows students concentrating in other business areas and in liberal arts to cultivate an understanding of key aspects in the field of marketing. Students can gain knowledge in specialized areas such as sales, advertising, and research, or develop a general marketing minor.

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## THE BRYANT MISSION STATEMENT

Bryant is a student-centered university focused on academic excellence that prepares its students to achieve their personal best in life and their chosen professions.

**Type of school:** Private/Independent  
Founded: 1863

**Campus:** 420 acres, located 12 miles northwest of Providence, R.I.; 50 miles from Boston, Mass.; and 195 miles from New York City. Take Exit 8B off I-295; Bryant is two miles north on Route 7.

**Accreditations:** New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

## Undergraduate Enrollment:

Total: 3,347 from 27 states and 50 countries

Entering class – 911 Freshmen and 97 Transfer students

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Acceptance is based on scholastic achievement.

- Transcript-minimum of 16 units with the following courses recommended: 4 years of English, 4 years of college preparatory math including a year beyond Algebra II, 2 years of history or social science, 2 lab sciences, 2 years of foreign language

- Required test: SAT or ACT
- Class rank/GPA, counselor recommendation, and most current senior grades
- TOEFL – 550 minimum requirement (213 on computerized exam)

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 16 – Early Decision I  
January 4 – Early Decision II  
February 1 – Regular Decision

## COSTS 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition: \$31,794  
Room and Board: \$11,757  
Student Activity Fee: \$312

## FINANCIAL AID

**Required form:** FAFSA

## FAFSA filing date:

February 15 – Freshmen  
April 1 – Transfers (preferred)

Scholarships, need-based grants, loans, and work-study awards are available.

## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

87 percent of students reside on campus, and freshmen may have cars.

## LIFE AT BRYANT

- Approximately 6 percent of the student body belongs to:  
(2) Sororities and (5) Fraternities
- Affiliated clergy: Catholic, Jewish, Protestant

## DIVISION I NORTHEAST

### CONFERENCE

### VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS

Baseball (M)  
Basketball (M & W)  
Cross Country (M & W)  
Field Hockey (W)  
Football (M)  
Golf (M)  
Indoor Track and Field (M & W)  
Lacrosse (M & W)  
Outdoor Track and Field (M & W)  
Soccer (M & W)  
Softball (W)  
Swimming (M & W)  
Tennis (M & W)  
Volleyball (W)

There are 11 club sports and 9 intramural sports. For a complete list go to: [www.bryant.edu](http://www.bryant.edu).

## STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bryant has more than 80 student organizations. For a full list go to: [www.bryant.edu](http://www.bryant.edu).

## CAREER SERVICES

Comprehensive services include: workshops, internship programs, career resource library, career development course, alumni career network, shadowing program, mock interviews, and individual counseling. The corporate recruiting program involves more than 350 companies, among them:

Aetna, Inc.  
American Express Financial Advisors  
Amica Mutual Insurance Co.  
Bank of America  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.  
CBS News  
CIGNA  
Citizens Bank  
Deloitte & Touche  
Ernst & Young  
ESPN/ABC Sports  
Fidelity Investments  
Hasbro, Inc.  
Hershey Foods Corporation  
IBM  
Internal Revenue Service  
KPMG International  
Lifespan  
NBC 10 (WJAR)  
OSRAM Sylvania Inc.  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Putnam Investments  
State Street Corporation  
Tyco Engineered Products  
UBS PaineWebber, Inc.  
United Technologies  
U.S. Department of State

# Academic Programs

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Actuarial Mathematics  
Communication  
Economics  
Environmental Science  
Global Studies  
History  
Literary and Cultural Studies  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Politics and Law  
Psychology  
Sociology

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting  
Computer Information Systems  
Entrepreneurship  
Finance  
Financial Services  
Information Technology  
International Business  
Management  
Marketing

## A SAMPLING OF OTHER AREAS OF STUDY

Advertising and Public Relations  
Africana/Black Studies  
American Studies  
Biotechnology  
Chinese  
Creative Writing and Fine Arts  
Electronic Media Production  
Film Studies  
French  
Global Supply Chain Management  
Human Resource Management  
International Affairs  
International Finance  
Journalism  
Latin American and Latina/Latino Studies  
Law, Ethics and Science  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Operations Management  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Public Policy  
Risk Management  
Spanish  
Sports Studies  
Web Design  
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies