

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

PRE-LAW



WWW.BRYANT.EDU/AREASOFSTUDY

You have always been captivated by the diversity of the law and how it affects our nation's citizens. You are fascinated by the fact that the Constitution of the United States is a "living" document, crafted more than 200 years ago by brilliant minds and intended to be interpreted differently as time and circumstances change. You can picture yourself arguing the finer aspects of the law for a client in a courtroom or a conference room, or researching precedent in a law library.

At Bryant, our graduates find the support of qualified faculty who will help them succeed at law school and beyond. Our Pre-Law Advising Program helps students understand and navigate the law school application process. From learning how to apply, to writing a personal statement that gets noticed by law schools, to uncovering the varied careers that exist for people with a Juris Doctorate degree, you will learn all you need to know about the subject and gain valuable experience at Bryant.

Bryant also offers a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Politics and Law, which comprises 10 courses that prepare students for a world shaped by political and legal questions and decisions. The Legal Studies minor requires four courses and exposes students to the study of "law in context."

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

You will learn how to conduct insightful analyses of relevant legal issues through classroom and practical experience. Whether it is a research project with a professor, an internship, or directed study with a local firm or courthouse, you will have hands-on opportunities for learning in the field before graduation. The student-run Mock Trial Club, examines and argues legal cases against other colleges and universities throughout the Northeast. You may also join the Legal Studies Society, the student organization that brings in speakers from law schools and practitioners with a variety of expertise.

"I like to think that I have been preparing for law school since my first day at Bryant. Participating in organizations such as Mock Trial and the Legal Studies Society has helped me develop contacts, network with professionals in the field, and understand the various careers in law."

Michael Mullane '10
Second-year law student, Roger Williams University School of Law

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

Bryant students begin law school with the significant advantage of having important skills in the areas of analysis and problem solving, critical reading, writing, oral communication, listening, general research, organization, and management. And because Bryant integrates business and liberal arts in the curriculum, you will be exposed to a great diversity of ideas, which will help you stand out from others in the law school applicant pool. Bryant graduates have gone on to practice in the fields of tax, corporate, real estate, civil, and criminal law, to name just a few. The Pre-Law Advising Program at Bryant provides opportunities for those interested in attending law school to learn more about the field. Events such as the Law School Forum, which features representatives from up to 40 schools, and seminars on how to write a personal statement and how to apply to law school are offered each semester.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn more at www.bryant.edu/areasofstudy or contact Ron Washburn, pre-law advisor, at rwashbur@bryant.edu.

THE BRYANT MISSION STATEMENT

The Bryant Experience promotes academic excellence and cultivates the leadership skills, qualities of character, and diverse perspectives required to succeed in an age of unlimited global opportunity.

Type of school: Private/Independent
Founded: 1863

Campus: 428 acres, located 12 miles northwest of Providence, R.I.; 50 miles from Boston, MA; 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; Consortium for Undergraduate International Business Education (CUIBE)

Undergraduate Enrollment:

Total: 3,332 from 29 states and 60 countries

Entering class – 850 Freshmen and 100 Transfer students

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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
- Standardized Test Optional
 For more information, visit admission.bryant.edu/TestOptional

- Class rank/GPA, counselor recommendation, and most current senior grades
- TOEFL – 80 minimum requirement for the Internet-based test and 6.5 IELTS. TOEFL/IELTS can be waived for students who have demonstrated English proficiency.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 15 – Early Decision I
 December 1 – Early Action
 January 16 – Early Decision II
 February 1 – Regular Decision

COSTS 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition: \$34,288
 Room and Board: \$12,579
 Student Activity Fee: \$336

FINANCIAL AID

Required form: FAFSA

FAFSA filing date:

February 15 – Freshmen
 April 1 (preferred) – Transfers

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

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

85 percent of students reside on campus.

LIFE AT BRYANT

- Approximately 6.5 percent of the student body belongs to 9 sororities and fraternities.
- Affiliated clergy: Catholic, Jewish, Protestant

VARSIITY ATHLETIC TEAMS

DIVISION I NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

- 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 12 club sports and 10 intramural sports. For a complete list go to: www.bryantbulldogs.com.

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bryant has nearly 100 student organizations. For a full list go to: www.bryant.edu.

STUDENT SUCCESS

97 percent of graduates begin their careers or graduate school within six months of Commencement.

360° CAREER SERVICES

Comprehensive services include workshops, internship programs, career resource library, career development course, alumni career network, shadowing program, mock interviews, and individual counseling. In addition to prestigious law schools and other graduate programs, recent graduates have gone on to careers with a wide variety of employers, many of them

among the more than 350 companies that participate in our corporate recruiting program.

- Amica
- Bank of America
- Bank NY Mellon
- CIGNA
- Citizens Financial Group
- CVS Caremark
- EMC Corporation
- Ernst & Young
- FDIC
- Fidelity Investments
- Hanover Insurance
- Hannaford Bros. Co.
- Hartford Investment Management Co.
- Hershey Foods Corporation
- IBM
- Internal Revenue Service
- JP Morgan Securities
- Liberty Mutual
- PepsiCo
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Raytheon Company
- Readers Digest
- Ross Stores
- Ruder Finn, Inc.
- State Street Corporation
- Swarovski North America
- Target
- TJX Companies
- Travelers Insurance
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Watson Wyatt Worldwide
- Wells Fargo Financial

LAPTOP PROGRAM

As part of tuition, every incoming full-time student receives a Thinkpad® notebook computer with software and wireless capability. Students keep their computers upon graduation.

Academic Programs

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

ADDITIONAL MINORS*

- Africana/Black Studies
- Applied Statistics
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Film Studies
- French
- Global Supply Chain Management
- International Affairs
- Italian
- Latin American and Latina/Latino Studies
- Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Professional and Creative Writing
- Sociology and Service Learning
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

** All majors except Information Technology are also available as minors.*