

## HONORS PROGRAM



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### WHY JOIN THE BRYANT HONORS PROGRAM?

Our Honors Program fosters a community of exceptional students and mentors who inspire one another to excel. In addition to a focus on academic excellence, the four-year program also cultivates a sense of civic responsibility and hones key leadership skills. Through a commitment to scholarship, service, success, and self-awareness, the program creates an environment that sparks students' curiosity – and enhances both their personal lives and professional futures.

➤ Join a community of some of the University's most talented and driven students and educators to engage in comprehensive analysis and discussion of topics across a wide range of disciplines.

➤ Forge key relationships with faculty and peer mentors that will inspire you to achieve more than you've ever imagined and help you build a bright future.

➤ Conduct original, in-depth research with guidance from a faculty mentor on a topic that fascinates you and adds to the body of knowledge in your discipline.

#### **KAI-LOU YUE '20**

Northeast Regional Honors Council  
2020 Student of the Year  
Westford, MA



**MAJOR:** Biology: Pre-Health Track

**MINORS:** Business Administration;  
Psychology

**HOMETOWN:** Westford, MA

**HONORS THESIS:** Examining the relationships among mindfulness, disability, social support, and stress

Under the guidance of **Professor of Psychology Joseph Trunzo**, Yue examined how the interplay between a variety of factors affected stress levels in an emerging adulthood population.

*“Being able to work alongside students who are just as motivated as you, and are just as curious as you, means a lot. Having the opportunity to work on a long-term project like the Honors Thesis allowed me to explore a topic of interest unrelated to my major.”*

## INSPIRING FACULTY

The Honors faculty are **award-winning educators** and dedicated mentors, as well as researchers and consultants in various industries and marketing functions. Representing a wide range of departments and fields, they combine the latest theory with direct experience. These caring and supportive professors get to know you as an individual in our close-knit, student-centered community.

### THE MISSION OF BRYANT'S HONORS PROGRAM:

Our Honors Program challenges students to expand their education and prepares them to make a difference in their future professions and in the world. A complement to their studies in their major and minor, the program encourages members to step out of their comfort zones and fully experience the interdisciplinary nature of learning. Members extend their education far beyond textbooks by taking part in a wide variety of experiences designed to explore subjects in greater detail.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Classroom and curricular rigor set a higher standard for Honors students and prepares them for graduate study and career excellence.

### SCHOLAR-MENTOR RELATIONSHIPS

- World-tested mentors offer a wide range of support, including guidance, motivation, program knowledge, experience, and connections to key resources.

### CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ENRICHMENT

- Activities that spark creativity and drive innovation help students develop a broadened perspective and competitive advantage. Critical thinking and team building are emphasized.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Diverse learning opportunities, conferences, and project collaborations aid students in building a formal framework for earning academic and professional credentials.



*The Bryant Honors Program prepares our students to rise to the top of their professions and make a difference in their chosen fields by exploring the curiosity that inspires them to achieve great things.*

**GLENN M. SULMASY, J.D., LL.M.**

Bryant University Provost and  
Chief Academic Officer

### JASNOOR KAUR '19

Financial Analyst  
Fidelity Investments  
Boston, MA



**MAJOR:** International Business: Finance; Applied Analytics and Spanish Concentrations

**HOMETOWN:** North Kingstown, RI

**HONORS THESIS:** Profiling the DotCom Bubble as a Predictor of Tesla's Future

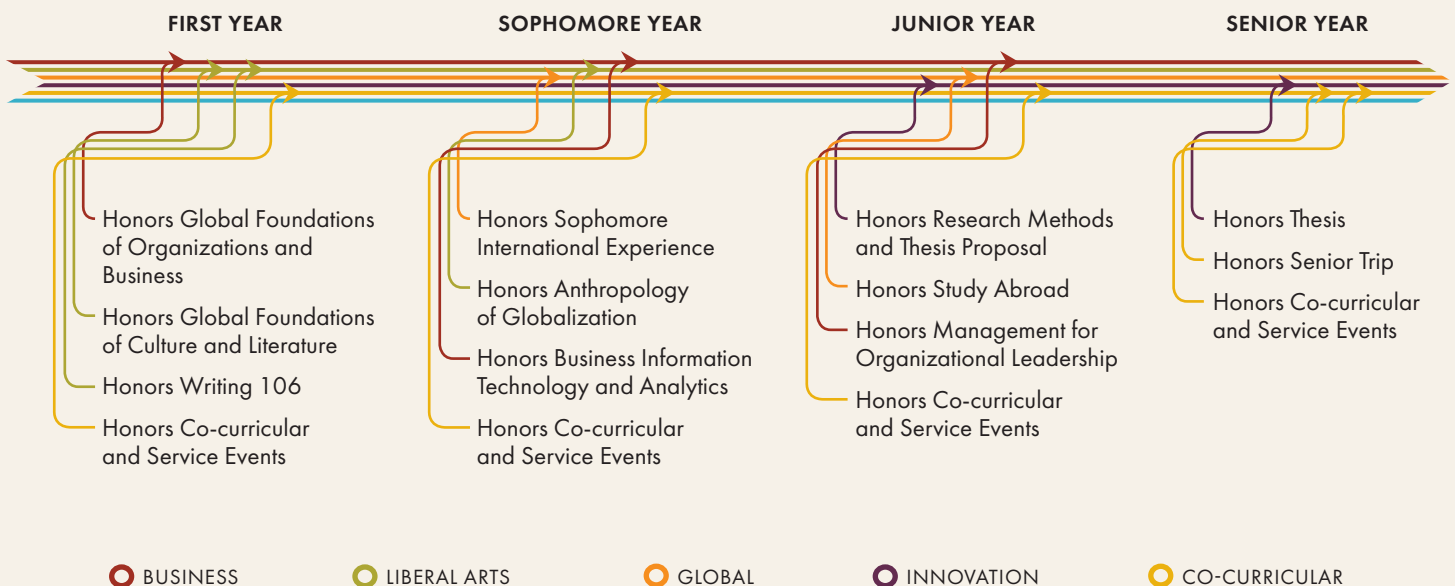
Mentored by **Assistant Professor of Finance Cathy Zheng**, Kaur researched the dot-com bubble to profile financial successes and failures and used what she learned to predict the future of current companies.

*"The Bryant University Honors Program has played a crucial role in my personal and professional development through offering opportunities to excel and challenge myself. It helped me establish a strong network and grow my intellectual curiosity."*

## DESIGNED FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Bryant University's innovative educational experience is focused on one objective – preparing you for success. Bryant is recognized nationally for integrating business and the arts and sciences to provide students with a powerful combination of highly marketable skills. With a strong emphasis on experiential learning, your Bryant education will include opportunities for internships, consulting, participation in national conferences and competitions, social entrepreneurship, and study abroad. Bryant's inspiring and purposeful student life is designed to enhance your learning and help you become a game-changer and impact thinker.

A supplement to students' studies in their major and minor, the four-year Honors Program combines courses from a variety of disciplines. Here's an abbreviated sample path through the program:



### WM. BRIAN GOWEN '13

Financial Analysis Senior Associate -  
Supervision Group  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
New York, New York



**MAJORS:** Economics, Global Studies

**MINOR:** Business Administration

**HOMETOWN:** Lincroft, NJ

**HONORS THESIS:** The Changing Dynamics of the Employment Gap and its Macroeconomic Implications

Gowen, assisted by **Professor of Economics Edinaldo Tebaldi**, used Vector Autoregression (VAR) to analyze the employment gap in the United States over the past six decades and examine the causes.

*"There are very few other places in the world like the Honors Program that are designed for you to explore and be curious, but also have a safety net and support system that can guide you along."*





## WHAT SETS BRYANT'S HONORS PROGRAM **APART?**

- **THE HONORS LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY:** Immerse yourself in a supportive community of high achievers committed to helping and challenging one another.
- **SPECIALLY DESIGNED COURSES:** Delve into subjects in both business and the liberal arts in a more in-depth and comprehensive manner.
- **PEER AND FACULTY MENTORS:** Build relationships with juniors, seniors, and faculty members who will help you find your path and connect with vital resources.
- **GLOBAL CITIZENRY:** Explore other countries, earn Honors credits, and foster global citizenry through opportunities such as the Honors Sophomore International Experience and semester-long study abroad programs.
- **EARLY REGISTRATION:** Register early for classes, ensuring that you are able to secure your first-choice courses.
- **THE HONORS THESIS:** Conduct a comprehensive research project in a subject of your choosing, guided by a faculty mentor.
- **STUDENT HONORS COUNCIL:** Become a leader amongst your peers and help shape Honors Program offerings.
- **HONORS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** Learn how to make a difference in your community through teamwork, planning, and active engagement.
- **HONORS SENIOR TRIP:** Travel as a group to a select destination, touring companies such as Google and Oracle and networking with Bryant alumni and other industry, government, and nonprofit leaders.
- **SPEAKERS AND SEMINARS:** Hear from and interact with a diverse range of speakers from a variety of fields.

For more information about the Honors Program, contact:

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HONORS PROGRAM

### > *How can I join the Honors Program?*

The program is open to students majoring in both the College of Business and the College of Arts and Science. Generally, students are invited to the program when they are accepted to Bryant. Contact the Honors Program Director for more information about joining the program.

### > *What are the requirements for completing the Honors Program?*

Students must complete seven Honors courses and a Senior Honors Thesis Project. These courses are integrated into their overall course requirements and are not extra course requirements. Students must also maintain an overall GPA of 3.40 to graduate with the "Honors" distinction.

Additionally, Honors students are required to participate in co-curricular program functions including Honors Community Service opportunities and the Honors Speaker Series, as well as attend at least one Senior Honors Thesis presentation each year.

### > *What is the Honors Thesis?*

The Honors Thesis is an original, in-depth research project conducted by a senior Honors student. Previous thesis projects have ranged from examining cryptocurrencies to studying the DotCom bubble to writing an original novel.

