Facilities and Services

Bradley University provides a comfortable setting designed for living and learning. A beautiful 75-acre campus contains both historic buildings and state-of-the-art learning centers. Surrounded by an historic residential district, the campus has restaurants, shops, and a supermarket within walking distance.

Bradley continuously updates facilities to keep pace with new methods of teaching and learning. The Caterpillar Global Communications Center features state-of-the-art audio and video technology and worldwide communications systems. The completely renovated Olin Hall of Science provides new and innovative teaching and laboratory space for physics, chemistry, biology, and physical therapy.

St. James Place, a student residential community, provides suite-style living for upperclass students and new outdoor intramural facilities—Meinen Field. In addition to these new playing fields, the university recently added lighted tennis courts to campus. A food court in Williams Hall opened in 1999 and offers a variety of dining options for all students seven days a week until 10 p.m.

Center for Academic Transition Programs and Assessment Services

For students who are unsure about what major or career would be best for them, the Center for Academic Transition Programs and Assessment Services can provide valuable information to help with their decision-making. Tests and inventories, specially selected for individual needs, can match primary interests and abilities as well as personality and learning styles. Each student receives a personalized interpretation of their test results regarding compatible majors and careers. Informational materials are provided to assist with educational and career planning.

Bradley University Bookstore

The Bradley Bookstore provides the books and supplies necessary for coursework at the university. A large selection of emblematic clothing and gifts, as well as medical, reference, and general reading books, are available at the bookstore. Any book not carried in stock can be special ordered. All students, faculty, and staff with a valid school ID may purchase the required textbooks and associated lab manuals at the bookstore.

Personal checks written for up to $30 can be cashed for a small fee. Discover, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express cards or Quick Cash are accepted at the Bradley Bookstore. Barnes and Noble gift cards are also accepted and available for purchase to be used at any Barnes & Noble college bookstore or superstore.

Computing Services

Computing Services supports both the academic and administrative aspects of university computing. Computing Services supports campus-wide computer networks, network connections to the Internet, and electronic mail. Bradley is a member of Internet2, which provides high-speed network access to more than 225 research-oriented universities, laboratories, and companies. In addition, Internet2 participation provides high-speed access to all major research networks in the United States, as well as access to the major international research networks.

Customer Support Services

Academic resources include a variety of computer systems and software used for instruction, research, and public service. Workstations available for student use are located in the library and many academic buildings. All residence hall rooms and St. James suites have network connections giving access to the campus network as well as the Internet, and student are encouraged to bring their own workstations with them to campus. There is no charge to access the campus data network or the Internet.

Student e-mail accounts

E-mail and network access accounts are automatically established for every student at Bradley University. You will receive your account and password when you arrive on campus. Beginning August 2003, Bradley uses e-mail as an official means of communication with students, so you should check your account on a regular basis.

Romeo B. Garrett Cultural Center

Located at 824 North Duryea Place (across from Williams Hall), the Garrett Center houses the office of Multicultural Student Services. Multicultural Student Services functions to meet the various needs of international students and students of color. The Center serves as a meeting place for students and community groups as well as a place for social and cultural events. It also has a fully-equipped computer lab and small multicultural library. Named in honor of the late professor emeritus of sociology, Dr. Romeo B. Garrett, the Center is open every day during the regular academic year.

Haussler Hall

Haussler Hall is the main recreational facility for students, faculty, and staff at Bradley University. Contained in the building are several workout areas including a weight training room with Cybex equipment and free weights; a cardiovascular room with treadmills, life cycles, stair machines, and ellipticals; three racquetball courts; 25-yard, 6-lane swimming pool; and three basketball courts for recreational purposes. Also there are men's and women's locker rooms where equipment can be checked out and lockers rented.
Center for Student Health Services

Student Health Services is an outpatient clinic that provides service to enrolled Bradley students who experience health problems. Students are assisted through advisement, treatment, consultations with health providers, and referral for extended treatment if necessary. While there is no charge for most on-site treatment, services provided through referral to outside agencies are charged by that care provider and are the student's financial responsibility.

The Center's qualified staff of physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, and nurses is located in modern treatment offices in Heitz Hall. They provide a point-of-entry for all university students to receive health care both at the Center and in the Peoria community.

Professional counselors and supportive staff are trained to work with Bradley students in their growth and total development — social, emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual, and occupational — as well as the environment in which they live.

Personal growth and development issues of adjustment to college, relationship concerns, alcohol and substance abuse, anxiety and stress management, communication skills, eating disorders, assertiveness, and lifestyle choices are some of the issues addressed by the counselors. Often, students can see a counselor the same day that they call for an appointment. Visits are confidential and free for Bradley students.

The Center is open during the school year 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Center is open limited hours during breaks and regular summer school sessions. Students are seen on an appointment basis. At times when the Health Center is closed, patients are referred to the after hours number, 677-3200, which connects to OSF St. Francis Phone Nurses Triage or Saint Francis Emergency Room.

In addition to regular medical services, the Health Center also offers special men's and women's clinics during the regular academic year.

All students are required to have a student health form on file at the Health Center before registering.

To avoid penalties and delays in registering, return the completed health form and then verify through the Health Center that it has been received and is complete.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT: To comply with Illinois State law, all students registering for classes for the first time in a four-year college must show proof of proper immunization or titer showing immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria.

Cullom-Davis Library

The Bradley University Library serves chiefly the needs of the University's students and faculty. Its collection encompasses more than 1,304,000 items — including approximately 518,000 books, periodicals, and government documents, 788,000 microforms, and a variety of audiovisual resources, manuscripts, and archival materials. Major microform collections include the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) documents, Library of American Civilization, and Library of English Literature. The Library is a depository for both U.S. and Illinois government documents.

The Library's resources and services are housed in the Cullom-Davis Library, which was renovated and enlarged to 107,000 square feet (nearly double its previous size) in 1990. The facility provides seating for 1,000 students.

Among the facilities is the Virginius H. Chase Special Collections Center, established in 1979 in honor of a Peorian who became a widely recognized authority on the botany and natural history of Illinois; it houses and exhibits rare books, manuscripts, archival materials, and other resources that require special management, including the collections of the Peoria Historical Society and the Citizens to Preserve Jubilee College.

About 13,400 music scores, 10,000 recordings, and selected music reference materials are in the Music Resource Collection, which is located on the third floor.

As a participant in OCLC, a computerized bibliographic network, the Library and its clientele have ready access to millions of resources in over 6,000 libraries across the country and abroad. The Library also provides access to a wide variety of electronic journal indexes and abstracts and to several full text databases at no charge to Bradley students and faculty. Through the University's participation in the Alliance Library System, students and faculty may borrow materials from most other Peoria-area libraries.

The Library is a member of CARLI (Consortia of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois), which provides an online catalog and circulation system that incorporates Bradley's holdings and those of 64 other academic libraries in Illinois.

Instructional Technology and Media Services (ITMS)

Instructional Technology and Media Services provides a diverse range of instructional media and production services in support of the academic and administrative needs of faculty, students, and staff. Primary services include: the Instructional Technology Assistance Center (ITAC); Blackboard course management system; technology training; AV equipment and staff assistance; Internet/IP/ISDN videoconferencing; digital graphic, photographic, video, and copy production services; and a variety of general media services.

Instructional Technology Assistance Center (ITAC)

Located within Instructional Technology and Media Services, ITAC provides instructional technology training and assistance to faculty, staff, and students as they apply technology to teaching and learning. Services available include application training, instructional design, production seminars, use of mediated facilities, and multimedia support. ITAC also administers and assists faculty in the creation of Web-enhanced supplemental and asynchronous course sites using Blackboard software.

Safety and Security

Bradley University makes every attempt to provide a safe and secure campus.

The primary function of the University Police Department is to protect life and property within the University community. Its officers are commissioned by the State of Illinois, have full law enforcement powers on and off University property, and are graduates of the Illinois State Police Training Academy. University Police are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; conduct foot and
vehicular patrols of the campus and residence halls; and make crime prevention presentations to student groups.

Students may borrow from the University Police Department engraving equipment to mark valuables such as electronic equipment and bicycles. Literature on safety and security is also available.

For the safety of anyone walking alone at night on campus or in the immediate neighborhood, student escorts are available every evening during the school year from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and the University Police will provide an escort at other times.

Numerous clearly marked emergency telephones are located strategically on campus. All ring directly into a police dispatcher and automatically display the location of the caller so that help can be dispatched.

All residence halls have limited access, with some halls having all outside doors locked on a 24-hour basis and others having main doors unlocked during daytime hours. The residence hall lobby offices are staffed during the afternoon and evening and residence hall student security staff make rounds during the night.

Security-related concerns and campus crime information are reported to the campus community through the Scout student newspaper, AUDIX campus-wide voice mail, and other media.

A safe campus can be achieved only with the cooperation of the entire University community—students, faculty, staff, and visitors. For a copy of a brochure that includes crime prevention information as well as crime statistics for the campus and local neighborhood, contact University Relations at (309) 677-3164.

Robert H. Michel Student Center

The Student Center symbolizes the philosophy that makes this truly a "campus community center." The Center is the focus of many campus activities. The wide variety of facilities and multivariated programs make a significant contribution to campus life outside the classroom.

Facilities include: a ballroom, OutTakes convenience store, meeting rooms, billiards, television, browsing lounges, dining center, and Café Bradley featuring Blimpee’s, Sunset Strips, coffee, and smoothies. In addition, meeting rooms with food service can accommodate 10 to 100 people, and the ballroom can accommodate up to 500 people for a meal or a dance.

Center for Learning Assistance

The Center for Learning Assistance provides learning enhancement services to help students achieve their academic goals. Services available include peer tutoring, study skills, contract study tables, and assistance for student athletes.

The Center for Learning Assistance can assist those students with documented learning disabilities by providing "select coordinated accommodations" as defined by standardized national service-delivery models. This includes the provision of a contact person, generic support services, testing accommodations, peer tutors, and student referral service for off-campus testing resources. These services are available only during the academic year. To be eligible for accommodations the student must provide current documentation of the learning disability (testing data from within the last three years) and possess strong self-advocacy skills. The following courses are offered through the Center:

AEP 110 Speed Reading Seminar
For students who have normal college reading levels but wish to increase speed and comprehension. Develops a flexible rate, adaptable to any reading material.

AEP 115 Study Skills Seminar
Develops reading and study skills demanded in college classes. Develops flexibility in reading rate; improves critical reading techniques, skimming and scanning, and study skills such as textbook reading, notetaking, time management, and test taking.

Turning Point Program
The Turning Point Program is an academic support service program offered through the Center for Learning Assistance. Enrollment in this program is required for and limited to all undergraduate students on academic probation for the first time. When final semester grades are processed, students are notified in writing about being automatically enrolled in The Turning Point Program.

Summer Orientation
A special invitation is extended to all incoming students and their parents to attend Summer Orientation. This program is specifically designed to introduce and familiarize students and parents with Bradley University, its faculty, student body, and special services. The program is required for all incoming freshmen and highly recommended for their parents.

Multiple sessions of the 2½-day program are offered during June and July. A fee is charged to parents who attend, which can include on-campus housing and meals. Advance reservations are required; information is mailed in May to all students who have made a tuition deposit.

Telecommunications

The Telecommunications Office operates a telephone switch and voice mail system for the campus. Technical staff support telephone equipment and information outlets in offices, residence hall rooms, and many public areas. Information outlets supply voice, data, and video services through connections to SBC and other carriers’ local and long distance networks. Persons calling campus phones may call direct by dialing (309) 677- or (309) 495- and a phone’s four-digit extension.

WCBU FM 89.9

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