

# The Graduate School

Since 1947 the Graduate School has focused upon master's level education, emphasizing applied research and creativity within the context of coherent and innovative programs. In many disciplines, interdisciplinary and intercollegiate academic arrangements allow for scholarly investigations which are not generally available in the traditional master's degree. In 2005, Bradley University introduced graduate certificate programs. These programs are narrower in scope than the degree programs, but are designed to fulfill many of the same needs. They are particularly designed for individuals wishing to enhance their work skills or change work emphasis. Detailed program descriptions may be found in the Graduate Catalog or on the Internet at [bradley.edu/grad](http://bradley.edu/grad).

The University and its location offer broad learning opportunities. The Bradley Cullom-Davis Library, Information Resources and Technology, and extensive laboratories and studios provide students with opportunities for conducting research and creative productions. The graduate faculty of 172 full-time professors is complemented by lecturers and research personnel from off-campus. Bradley is located in Peoria, Illinois, a population center of 350,000. This area is characterized by an economically sound industrial complex contained within a highly productive agricultural region. The area provides unique resources for students of industry, art, business, science, healthcare, and education.

Students with undergraduate degrees often find that advanced education at the master's or certificate level can be the entry point for new and better job opportunities. It can lead to further study and rewarding careers as university faculty, researchers, or scientists. In some fields, the master's degree is necessary in order to obtain the professional credentials or recognition needed to be successful. The master's degree and/or certificates can also help working professionals upgrade their skills, keep abreast of new knowledge in the field, or enhance their own personal development.

Bradley seniors who are within 6 semester hours of graduation, or who are registering for the semester during which they will complete their bachelor's degree requirements, may register for graduate courses for graduate credit provided they also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater. They must also have the approval of: 1) their undergraduate advisor, 2) the instructor of the course,

who determines if the course is appropriate for graduate credit, and 3) the graduate program director/coordinator if the course is part of a graduate program, or the department chairperson if the department does not house a graduate program. A senior may not take more than 9 semester hours of courses for graduate credit while registering as a senior. These hours will not be counted toward the baccalaureate degree. The student must secure the approval signatures on the *Request by a Senior to take Courses for Graduate Credit* form and file it with the Registrar. Forms may be obtained from the Graduate School.

More detailed information on Graduate School programs and policies, as well as the *Graduate Catalog* and admission and academic forms, are available from the Graduate School, 200 Bradley Hall, (309) 677-2375, [bugrad2@bradley.edu](mailto:bugrad2@bradley.edu), or on the Internet at [bradley.edu/grad](http://bradley.edu/grad).

## Degrees

Bradley University offers the following graduate degrees:

### Graduate School Interdisciplinary Degree

Professional Master of Arts in STEM Education .....P.M.A.  
Elementary Math, Science, and Technology Education

### Foster College of Business Administration

Accounting ..... M.S.A.  
Business Administration ..... M.B.A.  
    Finance  
    Management  
    Marketing  
Executive Master of Business Administration ..... M.B.A.  
Quantitative Finance..... M.S.

### Slane College of Communication and Fine Arts

Art ..... M.A. and M.F.A.  
    Ceramics  
    Drawing/Illustration  
    Interdisciplinary Art Studies  
    Painting  
    Photography  
    Printmaking  
    Sculpture  
    Visual Communication & Design

### College of Education and Health Sciences

Curriculum and Instruction .....	M.A.
Assessment	
Early Childhood Education	
Educational Technology	
Gifted Education	
Literacy and Reading	
Science Education	
Middle School Education	
Multidisciplinary	
Science Education	
Special Education	
Curriculum and Instruction—Learning Behavioral Specialist I	
<i>Additional endorsement options available:</i>	
Learning Behavior Specialist I Endorsement	
Reading Endorsement	
Middle Level Education Endorsement	
Human Development Counseling .....	M.A.
Community and Agency Counseling	
School Counseling	
Leadership in Educational Administration.....	M.A.
Leadership in Human Service Administration.....	M.A.
Nursing Administration.....	M.S.N.
Nursing-General .....	M.S.N.
Nurse Administered Anesthesia.....	M.S.N.
Physical Therapy .....	D.P.T.

### College of Engineering and Technology

Civil Engineering.....	M.S.C.E.
Electrical Engineering.....	M.S.E.E.
Industrial Engineering.....	M.S.I.E.
Manufacturing Engineering .....	M.S.M.F.E.
Mechanical Engineering .....	M.S.M.E.

### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Biology .....	M.S.
Chemistry .....	M.S.
Computer Information Systems.....	M.S.
Computer Science.....	M.S.
English.....	M.A.
Liberal Studies.....	M.L.S.

### Graduate Certificate Programs

Bradley University offers the following graduate certificate programs:

#### College of Education and Health Science

Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction .....	Cert.
Assessment	
Early Childhood Education	
Educational Technology	
Gifted Education	
Literacy and Reading	
Middle School Education	

Multidisciplinary	
Science Education	
Certificate in School Counseling.....	Cert.
Certificate in Nurse Administered Anesthesia .....	Cert.
Post-Master's Certification in Educational	
Administration (Type 75).....	Cert.
National Board Certified Teachers Fast Track Type 75 ..	Cert.

### Integrated Programs

Integrated degree programs offer students three major advantages: greater availability of financial aid, earlier guarantee of admission to the graduate program, and more flexibility in the sequencing of classes. The *Graduate Catalog* provides a complete description of each program's requirements.

#### BA/BS and MSA

The Department of Accounting offers an integrated Bachelor's (BA or BS) and Master of Science in Accounting degree. Admission to the program is available when students are initially admitted to Bradley University or during their junior year.

#### BA/BS and MS in Quantitative Finance

The Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods offers an integrated Bachelor's (BA or BS) and Master of Science degree in quantitative finance. Students will begin courses in the BS/BA-MSQF track of undergraduate courses when they are initially admitted to Bradley as freshmen, or by transferring from other majors, colleges in the university, or from other colleges and universities by application. These students must be subsequently admitted to the BS/BA-MSQF Program during their senior year (90 or more credit hours); provided they maintain at least an overall 3.0 grade point average. BS/BA-MSQF students are admitted as graduate students to the Graduate School subsequent to the completion of 124 undergraduate hours and the BS/BA-MSQF undergraduate track, provided they maintain at least an overall 3.0 GPA.