

Bradley University—Our Vision and Mission

The University

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed, coeducational institution. Located on a 75-acre campus in Peoria, Illinois, Bradley was founded in 1897 as Bradley Polytechnic Institute by Lydia Moss Bradley as a memorial to her children and husband, Tobias. It became a four-year college in 1920 and in 1946 became a university and began offering graduate programs. Bradley is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

With approximately 5,000 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students, Bradley is the ideal size for living and learning. Bradley provides a broad choice of academic and preprofessional programs with more than 100 programs of study in five colleges: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Health Sciences, College of Engineering and Technology, Foster College of Business Administration, and Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts. Through its Graduate School, Bradley awards 13 degrees over 30 academic areas, including a doctor of physical therapy degree. Programs offered through Continuing Education extend the resources of the university to promote lifelong learning.

The average class size is 24 students and the student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1. Bradley has over 300 full-time faculty who are both active researchers and committed teachers, providing personalized attention in learning and academic advising. All courses are taught by professors, not graduate assistants, and team projects and collaboration are emphasized in every area of university life. After class, Bradley students have abundant opportunities for involvement in campus life—including more than 200 clubs and organizations, NCAA Division I athletics, intramural and club sports, study abroad, and the Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service, to name a few.

Technology is integrated across the campus—from the digital editing suites used by communication students to the robotics used in the engineering labs. Students

can borrow wireless laptops to use in Cullom-Davis Library, work in computer labs across campus, and have access to the Internet in the residence halls. Of the 200 universities participating in Internet2, Bradley is one of the few non-doctoral research institutions offering access to this high-performance network for faculty research and student-faculty collaborative projects.

Bradley students do exceptionally well in their chosen careers and advanced studies after graduation. Last year the overall placement rate for Bradley graduates was 94 percent. Graduates of Bradley University have become leaders in every field of endeavor.

Our Vision

Bradley University is committed to excellence. Already one of the best private comprehensive universities in the Midwest, Bradley will be one of the finest institutions of its type in the nation.

Our Mission

Bradley University is committed to nurturing the multifaceted development of students to enable them to become leaders, innovators, and productive members of society. Our graduates are prepared for life and professions in a changing world and they are able to cross academic, geographic, and cultural boundaries. A Bradley education is characterized by small classes, active learning, mentoring by highly qualified faculty, challenging academic programs, opportunities for study abroad, and numerous co-curricular activities.

We recruit, develop, and support faculty who are passionate educators and outstanding scholars whose research and creative contributions benefit society. We expect and reward pedagogy and scholarship of exceptional quality and influence.

A distinctive feature of Bradley University is our cohesive sense of community that unites faculty, students, staff, and alumni. Our tradition of collective responsibility is founded on a commitment to the values of academic freedom, civility, diversity, and respect for the individual. Our exemplary system of shared governance both represents and sustains our sense of community and fundamental values.

We promote and facilitate collaboration among all members of the University community. Students learn teamwork and leadership through group projects and collaborate with faculty on research and creative production. Likewise, faculty collaborate with colleagues across departmental, college, and institutional boundaries to elevate the quality and impact of their work. The University's strategic partnerships with business, cultural, and governmental institutions provide benefits to the community and society and create additional learning opportunities for students.

