

Bradley University Undergraduate Catalog 2007-2008

The University

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed, coeducational institution. Located on an 85-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 5,300 undergraduate and 800 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 14 degrees in 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 more than 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 240 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.

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 every residence hall. 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 96 percent. Graduates of Bradley University have become leaders in every field of endeavor.

Visits to the Bradley Campus

Visitors and prospective new students are welcome to tour the Bradley campus. Appointments for campus tours, or to discuss undergraduate admissions and financial assistance, may be made by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Visits may be scheduled between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily and between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. most Saturdays during the school year. In addition to campus visits, the University sponsors special visit programs throughout the year for prospective new freshmen and transfer students.

Call (309) 677-1000 or (800) 447-6460 or send e-mail to admissions@bradley.edu to arrange your campus visit.

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