MILLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Honors Program

CHALLENGE + OPPORTUNITY

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Ball State University’s Miller College of Business offers a comprehensive honors program to a select number of our highest-achieving students. Through a specialized curriculum and rich professional experiences, you will build the skills and connections needed to excel in the business world.

**Challenge.**
As an honors student, you’ll take business classes in an enriched academic environment providing intellectual rigor, real-world application, personal attention, and supportive peers. Our inspiring professors engage students in intimate settings that foster lively discussions and hands-on activities. Special immersive learning projects and study-abroad trips will enhance your education.

**Connection.**
Our relationships with innovative businesses throughout the world provide dynamic internship and professional development opportunities. You’ll interact with industry leaders and connect with top companies across the country. Social activities will help you build lasting friendships with other honors students.

**Acceleration.**
You’ll gain direct admission to the Miller College of Business and early entrance to upper-division, major-specific courses—putting you on the fast track to graduation.

**Recognition.**
Upon completion, your achievements as an honors student will be acknowledged on your official university transcript and at our college’s graduation ceremony.

**Distinction.**
Our most extraordinary honors students receive additional benefits and support with the Miller Scholarship, including financial assistance for tuition, study abroad, and internships. Learn more about this special opportunity inside.
HONORS CURRICULUM

Courses in the Miller College of Business Honors Program are accelerated and enriched honors sections of the required business degree courses. They are more stimulating and challenging but not necessarily more time consuming or difficult. They are smaller than regular classes and encourage active discussion and application of concepts.

Required pre-business honors sections:
- ISOM 135 Business Information Systems
- ACC 201 Principles of Accounting 1
- ECON 201 Elementary Microeconomics
- ECON 221 Business Statistics

Choose three of four honors sections:
- ACC 202 Principles of Accounting 2
- ECON 202 Elementary Macroeconomics
- BL 260 Principles of Business Law
- ISOM 249 Foundations of Business Communication

Required upper-division honors sections:
- MGT 300 Managing Behavior in Organizations
- MKG 300 Principles of Marketing
- FIN 300 Principles of Finance 1
- ISOM 351 Operations Management
- MGT 491 Business Policy and Strategic Management
- HONRS 499 Senior Honors Project (senior thesis on business topic)

SENIOR EXPERIENCE

Our annual Senior Experience integrates the capstone course in business policy and strategy management with Disney Institute workshops on corporate culture and leadership concepts. It includes a trip to Orlando, Florida. Learn more about this opportunity at bsu.edu/business/honors.
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Enhancing the educational experience are special activities, resources, and opportunities that cultivate career and academic success for honors students.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Personalized advising on major selection, degree and career plans, and graduate school
- Information sessions on study abroad and national and international scholarships
- Graduate assistantship for a tuition-free master's degree in accounting

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Networking events with renowned corporate executives, industry leaders, and alumni
- Seminars on securing internships and researching companies for employment
- Job search workshops on résumés, cover letters, interviews, and salary negotiation as well as etiquette dinners

“...The honors program has kept me motivated and challenged through being in smaller classes with top students and being able to work more closely with our professors. I was also paired with a mentor who has given me some great insight into the professional world and what to expect after graduation.”

—Kaylee Johnson, '14
Accounting/Finance

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

- Visits to company sites such as Corbett-Accel Healthcare, Cummins, Sweetwater Sound, and Build-A-Bear
- Hands-on immersive learning team projects for actual business and community clients
- Group study-abroad opportunities in various countries worldwide

SOCIAL INTERACTION

- Student-planned activities such as wallyball, laser tag, and themed dinners
OUR STUDENTS

Called Miller Scholars, students selected for the Miller College of Business Honors Program are not only academic high achievers but also motivated scholars interested in a challenging opportunity with personal attention from faculty and staff. They exemplify strong academic drive, professionalism, leadership, and ethical and moral character.

While excelling in class, our students also participate in a variety of academic, arts, cultural, athletic, and service activities. They volunteer with community and national organizations, travel abroad, and earn awards for their achievements. Many are also in Ball State’s Honors College program.

Learn more about the characteristics of our current students and see their online profiles at bsu.edu/business/honors.

HOW TO APPLY

Do our students seem a lot like you? If so, we invite you to apply for the Miller College Honors Program at bsu.edu/business/honors. The deadline is March 1.

To be considered for the program, you must be admitted to Ball State and indicate a major in business (a complete list of our majors is available at bsu.edu/business). Apply for university admission at bsu.edu/admissions/apply.

AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM

2013 Innovative Program Award, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Midwest Region

2012 Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Certificate of Merit, National Academic Advising Association

Business honors students in 2012 completed market research for First Merchants Bank through an immersive learning class project.
HONORS COLLEGE
Miller College honors students are encouraged to also participate in Ball State’s university-wide Honors College program. This involves a separate application process. Admission to the Honors College is not required for the business honors program. Learn more at bsu.edu/honors.

MILLER SCHOLARSHIP
Each year, up to 15 of our most outstanding new business students are chosen to receive the Miller Scholarship. This prestigious program provides special financial support and further challenges the students to achieve at the highest levels.

Miller Scholarship recipients participate fully in the business honors program and are granted direct admission to the Miller College of Business in their freshman year. Other benefits include:

- scholarship covering full tuition and fees for four years (eight semesters)
- laptop computer
- internship stipend
- study abroad financial support
- domestic group travel experiences

Students must maintain a minimum 3.4 cumulative grade point average, complete our honors curriculum, and participate in the program benefits. They are encouraged to seek leadership positions in business, university, service, and community organizations.

APPLY ONLINE
To apply for the Miller Scholarship, visit bsu.edu/business/millerscholars. The deadline is January 31. Finalists must complete an interview on campus in late February.

To be considered for the program, you must be an incoming freshman admitted to Ball State and indicate a major in business.

“Although I had a good GPA and extracurricular involvement, the program name on my resume helped me obtain interviews with accounting firms. Employers have started to request Miller Scholars, knowing that we are good candidates for the job. After completing two internships and receiving two different job offers, I chose to accept with Ernst & Young, thus achieving my goal of launching my career in public accounting.”
—Ashton Letsinger, ’13, Accounting
Chris Wilkey, ’13, sales and economics, and Austin Hostetter, ’13, marketing, met each other in the Miller College of Business Honors Program and are now partners in a start-up social media firm called Hosskey Consulting. Their business is built on the close friendship, shared goals, and complementary skills they developed through the program.

“This is a great balance because I have some real-world experience I can bring to the table, and Austin has a different set than I do,” Chris says. “These mix really well together and provide us with some unique ideas on problems we have to solve.”

Chris and Austin worked on separate immersive learning projects at Ball State but collaborated on a branding initiative for the honors program that helped them launch their business. As Miller College honors students, they gained the confidence to pursue their entrepreneurial vision.

“The program was there to support us when we thought we were a little crazy,” Chris says. “Very few college students are willing to pass on a high-paying job to work toward their dreams. The staff and professors were always there to support us and set us up with opportunities to grow into the people we were becoming.”
MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Students in the Miller College of Business Honors Program demonstrate excellence through the following achievements:

- Their average GPA is 3.67 (on a 4.0 scale).
- About 97 percent graduate in four years or less and say they’re glad they enrolled in the program.
- More than 90 percent complete a professional internship before graduation.
- Several have served as presidents of student government and business organizations on campus.
- Most participate in volunteer service for more than 30 community organizations.
- About 90 percent of junior and senior Miller Scholarship recipients have completed a study-abroad experience.

Our students land internships and full-time employment at prestigious firms such as Ernst & Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, Zimmer, Principal Financial Group, Allstate, Cisco Systems, Roche, Hillenbrand, and Allegiant.

LEARN MORE

Find all the details about our program online:

Website: bsu.edu/business/honors
Blog: millerhonorsprogram.wordpress.com
Facebook: Miller Business Honors Program, Ball State University

ABOUT MILLER COLLEGE

The Miller College of Business offers a wide range of majors and nationally ranked academic programs in five departments. The college is also home to several bureaus and centers plus nearly 20 business-based student organizations and honoraries.

Miller College is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the premier professional accrediting body for schools of business. Only the top 15 percent of the world’s business schools earn this accreditation, which requires strict adherence to rigorous standards of excellence.

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