



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

2020-2021



BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY

WE FLY

WHY BALL STATE?

Founded as a small teacher training college in 1918, Ball State University has grown far beyond those roots into a **world-class University**. With about 22,000 students, enrollment for the 2018–19 academic year came from all 50 states and 72 countries. Propelled by an **innovative, immersive approach to education** and guided by clear and enduring values, we learn, grow, and take flight. Ours is a simple promise: to challenge each other to excel. And with *Beneficence* as our guide—*We Fly*. bsu.edu/international



Among the **Top 100**
Public Universities
—*U.S. News & World Report*

120
undergraduate majors

100+
graduate programs

94%
career placement

201,000
alumni worldwide

Accredited by
the Higher Learning Commission



“Coming to Ball State was a time of self-discovery. Ball State is small enough that I made close friends and worked closely with my professors, but it’s big enough to offer amazing resources.”

—Yosef Tekle-Wold (center), MS '17, information and communication sciences, Yatebon, Ethiopia

OUR ACADEMICS

Learning isn't confined to the classroom or the campus at Ball State. We **empower faculty, staff, and students** and encourage them to take risks because we believe failure is a step closer to success. Through creative, hands-on, **real-world experiences**, our students apply new knowledge to solve problems for local and global communities. Our faculty and staff treat students as partners from day one. In classrooms and labs, in immersive learning projects off campus—with agility and perseverance—Cardinals fly.

CAREER OPTIONS

Our academic programs will help you turn your passions into a fulfilling career. Find out what majors or careers best fit your personality by taking our free Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test online.
bsu.edu/myersbriggs

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students in an average class

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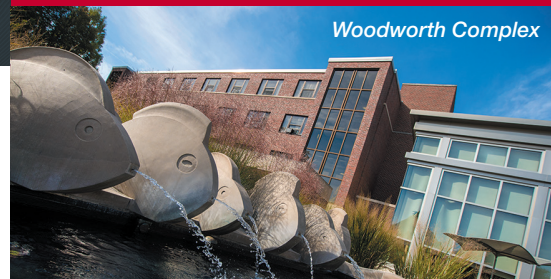
student-faculty ratio

1,100

Honors College scholars

50+

study abroad countries



Woodworth Complex



Unified Media Lab

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Bachelor’s and associate degree programs are listed below in **white**. Concentration areas or options within degree programs are in **black**.

All degrees are bachelor’s unless noted.

Art/Design

- Animation (Visual Arts/Animation)
- Apparel Design
- Architecture
- Art
- Art Education (Teaching)
- Art History (Art)
- Ceramics (Visual Arts)
- Drawing (Visual Arts)
- Environmental Design
- Glass (Visual Arts)
- Graphic Design/Visual Communication (Visual Arts)
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Metals (Visual Arts)
- Painting (Visual Arts)
- Photography and Intermedia Arts (Visual Arts)
- Printmaking (Visual Arts)
- Sculpture (Visual Arts)
- Studio Art (Art)
- Urban Planning and Development
- Visual Arts
- Visual Arts/Animation
- Visual Communication (Visual Arts)

Business/Industry

- Accounting*
- Actuarial Science (Mathematics)
- Business Administration*
- Business Analytics
- Business Economics (Economics)
- Business Law (Legal Studies)
- Construction Management
- Economics*

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- Economics and Law (Economics)
- Entrepreneurial Management*
- Fashion Merchandising
- Finance*
- Financial Analyst (Economics)
- Financial Economics (Economics)
- Graphic Arts Management
- Hospitality and Food Management
- Human Resources Management*
- International Business*
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management*
- Marketing*
- Mathematical Economics
- Professional Selling
- Residential Property Management
- Risk Management and Insurance*
- Sales (Professional Selling)
- Sport Administration (Exercise Science)
- Travel and Tourism (Geography)

Communication/Media

- Advertising
- Communication Studies*
- Digital Production (Telecommunications)
- Film and Media Studies (Telecommunications)
- Graphics (Journalism)
- Interpersonal Communication (Communication Studies)
- Journalism
- Journalism Teaching
- Magazine Media (Journalism)
- News (Journalism/Telecommunications)
- Organizational Communication (Communication Studies)
- Photo (Journalism)
- Public Communication (Communication Studies)
- Public Relations
- Sales and Promotion (Telecommunications)
- Telecommunications

Education/Teaching

- Applied Behavior Analysis/Autism
- Child Development (Family and Child)
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education (Exceptional Needs)
- Elementary Education
- Elementary Education and Special Education* (Exceptional Needs)—dual major
- Exceptional Needs
- Hearing Impaired/Deaf (Exceptional Needs)
- Intense Interventions (Exceptional Needs)
- Mild Interventions (Exceptional Needs)
- Special Education (Exceptional Needs)

Subject-area teaching majors are listed in their respective categories.

Health/Fitness

- Aquatics
- Child Life (Family and Child)
- Dietetics
- Exercise Science
- Health and Fitness (Exercise Science)
- Health and Physical Education (Teaching)
- Health Education and Promotion
- Medical Physics (Physics)
- Medical Technology
- Nursing*
- Nutrition (Dietetics)
- Physical Education (Health and Physical Education)
- Pre-Audiology
- Pre-Chiropractic (Biology)
- Pre-Dentistry*
- Pre-Medicine*
- Pre-Occupational Therapy (Exercise Science)
- Pre-Optometry (Biology)
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy (Exercise Science)
- Pre-Physician Assistant (Biology)

- Pre-Veterinary (Biology)
- Radiography—associate degree
- Respiratory Therapy
- Speech Pathology and Audiology

Language/Literature

- Creative Writing (English)
- English
- English/Language Arts Teaching
- English Studies (English)
- Foreign Language Teaching
- French
- French Foreign Language Teaching
- German
- German Foreign Language Teaching
- Japanese
- Japanese Foreign Language Teaching
- Latin Foreign Language Teaching
- Literature (English)
- Rhetoric and Writing (English)
- Spanish
- Spanish Foreign Language Teaching

Performing Arts

- Acting (Theatre)
- Dance
- Design and Technology (Theatre)
- Directing (Theatre)
- Guitar (Music Performance)
- Jazz Studies (Music Performance)
- Music Composition
- Music Education (Teaching)
- Music Media Production
- Music Performance
- Musical Theatre (Theatre)
- Organ (Music Performance)
- Piano (Music Performance)
- Production (Theatre)
- Sonic Arts Technology (Music Composition)
- Stage Management (Theatre)
- Symphonic Instruments (Music Performance)

- Theatre
- Theatre Creation (Theatre)
- Theatre Teaching
- Voice (Music Performance)

Science/Technology

- Aquatic Biology and Fisheries (Biology)
- Astronomy
- Biochemistry (Chemistry)
- Biological Anthropology (Anthropology)
- Biology
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (Biology)
- Chemical Technology—associate degree
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education (Teaching)
- Computer Information Systems*
- Computer Science
- Computer Technology
- Earth/Space Science Education (Teaching)
- Environmental Geoscience
- Environmental Management (Natural Resources and Environmental Management)
- Field Botany (Biology)
- Genetics (Biology)
- Geography
- Geology
- GIScience (Geography)
- Human Geography (Geography)
- Life Science Education (Teaching)
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education (Teaching)
- Meteorological Studies (Geography)
- Meteorology and Climatology
- Microbiology (Biology)
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Physics
- Physics Education (Teaching)
- Pre-Engineering
- Wildlife Biology and Conservation (Biology)
- Zoology (Biology)

Society/Culture

- Anthropology*
- Archaeology (Anthropology)
- Classical Cultures
- Criminal Justice and Criminology*—bachelor’s and associate degrees
- Economics (Political Science)
- Family and Child
- Family Studies (Family and Child)
- History*
- International Studies (Political Science)
- Legal Studies
- Philosophy*
- Political Science*
- Pre-Law (Legal Studies)
- Psychology*
- Public History (History)
- Public Law (Legal Studies)
- Religious Studies*
- Social Studies Teaching
- Social Work*
- Sociology*
- Women’s and Gender Studies*

Other

General Studies—bachelor’s and associate degrees

***Degree in 3:** Major may be completed in three years by taking summer classes.
bsu.edu/degreein3

bsu.edu/majors

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Are you ready for a step up in your career, or do you want an even deeper understanding of your discipline? Ball State's Graduate School can get you there. We offer the flexibility to take classes on campus or online so you can choose what works best for you. Plus, our **world-acclaimed faculty and facilities** can immerse you in hands-on opportunities that focus on our innovative approach to learning.



Sursa Performance Hall

More Than 100 Graduate Programs

You can pursue a master's or doctoral degree in one of our dozens of accredited graduate programs. Or if you're looking to learn more in a specific, focused area, a certificate might be right for you. We also offer two specialist in education degrees that let you go a little more in-depth than with a master's.

Nationally Ranked Programs Across Campus
Education agencies, industry organizations, national media, and other observers are routinely ranking our graduate programs as the top of their types throughout all seven academic colleges. Our Center for Information and Communication Sciences, master of business administration, and landscape architecture programs are just a few examples.

Research Opportunities Abound
Our faculty travel the world, exploring various cultures and diving deep into their areas of expertise. And graduate assistants are often by their sides, helping in their research.

GRADUATE DEGREES

Doctoral Degrees

Audiology
Counseling Psychology
Educational Psychology
Elementary Education
English (Literature, Rhetoric and Composition)
Environmental Science
Human Bioenergetics
Music
School Psychology

Specialist Degrees

Educational Psychology

Master's Degrees

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Adult and Community Education**
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with an Emphasis on Autism*
Architecture I
Art MFA (Ceramics, Glass, Metals, Sculpture and Intermedia)
Biology
Biomechanics
Business Administration (Entrepreneurship; Finance; Health Economics, Policy, and Administration; Logistics and Supply Chain Management; Sales Management; General MBA)**
Business and Marketing Education*
Career and Technical Education*
Chemistry
Clinical Exercise Physiology
Clinical Psychology
Communication Studies (Liberal Arts and Sciences, Organizational and Professional Communication and Development)
Counseling (Clinical Mental Health, Rehabilitation, School)
Curriculum and Educational Technology*
Educational Psychology*
Elementary Education*
Emerging Media Design and Development**
English (General English, Creative Writing, Literature, Rhetoric and Composition)
Environmental Geoscience

Executive Development for Public Service*
Exercise Science (Athletic Training, Biomechanics, Clinical Exercise Physiology, Human Bioenergetics and Exercise Physiology, Sports Performance)
Geography
Geology and Natural Resources
Historic Preservation
History (General History, Digital History, Teaching)
Information and Communication Sciences**
Interior Design*
Journalism (Media Analytics and Management, Reporting and Storytelling)*
Landscape Architecture
Linguistics
Mathematics
Mathematics Education (Secondary Math)
Master of Music (Composition, Conducting, History and Musicology, Music Education, Music Performance, Music Theory, Piano Chamber Music/Accompanying, Piano Performance and Pedagogy, Woodwind Performance)
Music (Master of Arts)
Natural Resources and Environmental Management
Physical Education and Sport (Athletic Coaching Education*, Sport Administration, Sport and Exercise Psychology)
Physics
Physiology
Political Science

Public Relations**
Quantitative Psychology**
Residential Property Management
Science Education
Secondary Education*
Social Work
Sociology
Special Education*
Speech-Language Pathology
Statistics
Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Linguistics (Dual Major)
Technology Education*
Telecommunications (Digital Storytelling)
Urban and Regional Planning

* Online

** Online or on campus

Supplement your graduate education with a certificate in a specific, focused area of study outside of—or related to—your degree program. Certificate programs are shorter in length than a master's degree program, and most are available to any graduate student. Learn more about all our graduate programs at bsu.edu/gradprograms.

OUR CAMPUS

Ball State's beautiful campus in **Muncie, Indiana**, provides the intimate atmosphere of a smaller college plus the plentiful resources of a large university. It's pedestrian- and disability-friendly, alcohol- and tobacco-free, and full of rich traditions. **Cutting-edge technology** powers innovative experiences in both historic and brand-new facilities. Our campus is also home to several performance venues that host both student and professional artists, the David Owsley Museum of Art's extensive collection of world art, and the state-of-the-art Charles W. Brown Planetarium.

GREEN HONOR ROLL

Recognized as a leader in environmental sustainability, we're among only 24 colleges in the country — and the only one in the Midwest — to make The Princeton Review's 2018 Green Honor Roll.
bsu.edu/sustainability



Distances from major cities (kilometers)

Atlanta	898	Indianapolis	101
Chicago	371	Los Angeles	3,429
Cincinnati	172	Louisville	278
Cleveland	429	Madison, WI	612
Dayton	141	New York	1,095
Detroit	367	Pittsburgh	530
Evansville	377	St. Louis	492
Fort Wayne	112	Washington, DC	880

790
acres on the main campus

444
acres of auxiliary properties



LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Muncie is a community of about 70,000 people. Located in the Midwestern United States, it is Realtor.com's second most affordable college town in the country, just one hour northeast of Indianapolis off Interstate 69. In Muncie, you will experience four seasons. The warmest months are May through September, with an average daily temperature of 23°C and possible rain. The hottest month is July, with an average high of 28°C. The colder months are December through February, with an average daily temperature around 6°C. The coldest month is January, when a typical day is around -4°C with snow.

Take a virtual tour of our campus to get a close look at all we offer at Ball State at bsu.edu/international.



OUR ACTIVITIES

Hundreds of student organizations and clubs at Ball State offer fun **social, recreational, service, and leadership opportunities** throughout the year. You'll also find many arts and cultural events on campus and in the local community every week. Most are free or discounted for students. If you're into **sports or fitness**, join our challenging recreation programs, play on a team, and cheer on our Cardinals in the NCAA's top level of athletic competition. Explore our student activities at bsu.edu/BennyLink.

STUDENT REC CENTER

Named a top facility nationally, our Jo Ann Gora Student Recreation and Wellness Center includes a 35-foot rock climbing wall, indoor turf field, five-court gymnasium, and Outdoor Pursuits adventures.

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400+
student organizations

30
social fraternities and sororities

19
NCAA Division I sports

35
intramural sports

38,402
student volunteer hours last year



Jo Ann Gora Student Recreation and Wellness Center

OUR HOUSING

Ball State's **vibrant residence halls**—many recently renovated or built—**and university apartments** provide the convenience of living near classes, campus dining, recreation, and important resources. Students enjoy amenities such as fitness rooms, computer labs, low-cost laundry facilities, and free internet. Campus housing will also help you make lifelong friends and better grades while getting involved in activities. In a **living-learning community**, you can be close to peers pursuing similar majors or academic interests. Learn more at bsu.edu/housing.

AWARD-WINNING FOOD

Our 12 campus dining sites offer high-quality choices ranging from meals professionally prepared by our culinary-trained chefs to franchises such as Taco Bell, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, and Papa John's Pizza. bsu.edu/dining

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residence hall complexes

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university apartment communities

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living-learning communities

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campus dining locations

Best Colleges for Food in America

—The Daily Meal

Studebaker East Complex



Starbucks



Woodworth Commons

OUR COSTS

Ball State strives to provide an affordable college education through competitive costs, scholarships for undergraduate students, and graduate assistantships.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, Ball State awards comprehensive scholarships to new international undergraduate students. We review all international applicants for scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000 per year.

bsu.edu/admissions/scholarships



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Ball State offers more than 940 graduate assistant jobs to students annually. Full-time graduate assistants work 20 hours a week and receive a majority waiver of tuition fees and a stipend determined by the department. Part-time assistants work 10 hours a week and receive a waiver for half their tuition cost and a stipend. Ball State enrolls nearly 1,500 on-campus graduate students and nearly 63 percent receive graduate assistantships. We review all international applicants for assistantships. bsu.edu/gradschool/assistantships



Estimated 2020–21 Academic Year Costs for New Students*

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Intensive English Institute
Tuition (full-time)*	\$25,126	\$20,898	\$17,120
Room and board (starts at)	\$10,676	\$10,676	\$10,676
Student services fee	\$1,344	\$1,344	\$1,344
University technology fee	\$336	\$336	\$336
Recreation center fee	\$174	\$174	\$174
Health center fee	\$152	\$152	\$152
Residence hall technology fee**	\$120	\$120	\$120
Health insurance (family coverage additional)	\$1,488	\$1,488	\$1,488
Total Cost	\$39,416	\$35,188	\$31,410

Additional expenses (estimated):
Books/supplies, \$1,200; personal expenses/transportation, \$3,200 to \$3,800; transportation fee (applicable if living off campus), \$100.
Cost notes:
*Additional course or program fees may apply depending on major and course schedule.
Cost information is based on full-time enrollment for the Fall and Spring semesters. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to change the fees or charges for any semester or session. The most current rates are always available at bsu.edu/bursar.

ONLINE EDUCATION

Earn your degree at home with Ball State’s online programs.

- Online programs have the same admission requirements, professors, curriculum, and quality as our on-campus classes.
- More than 80 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral certificate, and licensure programs are offered online.
- Online programs hold the same accreditation as traditional on-campus programs.
- Online students receive the same diploma as all Ball State students.

Learn more at bsu.edu/online.

2020 rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* included the following online programs:

- MBA—15th
- Graduate nursing—17th
- Bachelor’s degrees—29th
- Graduate education—35th

OUR ADMISSIONS

Admission to Ball State is selective. We seek new students who have the **ability, motivation, and intellectual curiosity** needed to thrive in our innovative learning environment. Admission criteria include the strength of your **high school curriculum** and your performance, curricular patterns, and grade trends in academic courses. No grade point average guarantees admission to Ball State. We look for applicants who have demonstrated above average grades. **SAT/ACT scores are not required** for admission, but scores may be used to meet our English proficiency requirement. See our requirements at [bsu.edu/international](https://www.bsu.edu/international).

Conditional admission is available to students who are academically admissible to Ball State but do not demonstrate English proficiency. Students who are eligible for conditional admission are admitted to the **Intensive English Institute** program at Ball State and must meet English proficiency requirements before being offered full admission to the University.



English Proficiency Requirements

- TOEFL iBT 079
- IELTS 6.5 Band
- Pearson's PTE 53
- SAT Critical Reading Section or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 500
- ACT English Section 21

If you do not submit a test score, or your scores are below the required proficiency level, you will automatically be considered for conditional admission.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE

Why Study at the Ball State Intensive English Institute?

The Intensive English Institute (IEI) has been helping international students improve their academic English abilities since 1980. Our accredited program features an innovative, project-based curriculum, lively teaching and learning spaces, a strong academic support system, and world-class instructors. IEI classes are taught on campus so that IEI students gain the benefit of interacting with the rest of the student body.

Cross-Cultural Programs

Our monthly Culture Exchange Program offers the opportunity for all Ball State University students to gain experience and understanding of various other cultures and nationalities on campus. Additionally, Ball State has numerous international student organizations that provide a support system for fellow students and help to internationalize our campus. Our annual International Fair and numerous other activities throughout the year help to mingle all Ball State students into a global community.

Global Leaders in Teaching ESL

The Ball State IEI offers ESL/EFL teacher training and development around the world. The program is recognized as a leader in educational

innovation and dynamic teaching. For example, recent projects have been conducted with faculty and students from a variety of countries including Afghanistan, China, Iraq, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, and Pakistan.

Flexible Schedule

We offer rolling admission and several start dates every year. Each program module will last approximately seven weeks. Full-time IEI students will be in class 22–25 hours per week. Class sizes may range from a few students to no more than 15 students per class.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Rinker Center for International Programs is here to help make sure you have the best experience possible at Ball State. The center offers an array of services to assist you academically, as well as personally, while you are here. From academic guidance to health services, Ball State will support you on the path to a fulfilling career and meaningful life.

EXPLORE BALL STATE

We encourage you and your family to **explore our website** and **check out our virtual tour** online.

Do you have questions?

Contact International Admissions at
+1-765-285-2165 or intadmit@bsu.edu.

bsu.edu/international

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