Become a Miller Scholar

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BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Miller College of Business
Through a specialized curriculum and rich professional experiences, Miller Scholars build the skills and connections they need to excel in the business world. Students must maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average, complete our business honors curriculum, and participate in the program offerings. They are encouraged to seek leadership positions in business, University, service, and community organizations.

Miller Scholars are the highest-achieving students in our comprehensive Miller Business Honors Program. They exemplify strong academic drive, professionalism, leadership, and ethical and moral character.

Who is a Miller Scholar?

Characteristics of a Miller Scholar

Consistent with Ball State’s values, a Miller Scholar is:

- intellectually curious by immersing themselves in activities and organizations such as student government, mentoring, athletics, academic decathlons, art, and theatre productions
- spirited to volunteer in their local communities and with state and national organizations
- motivated to travel abroad for cultural immersion, to practice a foreign language, or for mission work.

3.75 average high school GPA*

1300 average 2-part SAT score

28 average ACT score

*English, math, physical and social sciences, and foreign language only
By the Numbers

15
Involved in business organizations

MORE THAN
90%
complete professional internships

98%
graduate in four years or less

MORE THAN
30
community service opportunities completed

UP TO
15
students receive full Miller Scholarships each year

ABOUT
90%
study abroad

24 freshmen accepted
Professional Development

Our relationships with innovative businesses around the world provide dynamic internship and professional development opportunities. Students network with industry leaders and alumni, and connect with top companies across the country. Through company site visits, internships, and immersive learning experiences, students see firsthand how businesses work.

We offer personalized advising to help you focus on selecting a major, achieving your academic and career goals, or pursuing graduate school.

We will help you look for jobs and guide you on résumé building, interview techniques, salary negotiation, and professional etiquette. Through our annual Senior Experience workshop, students explore business policies, corporate cultures, leadership concepts, and strategic management.

Before graduation, our students complete internships, provide research for companies, and receive full-time job offers from national and regional headquarters of top companies such as:

- Cisco Systems
- Deloitte
- Eli Lilly and Co.
- EY (formally Ernst & Young)
- GE Global Operations
- Goldman Sachs
- John Deere
- Nestlé Purina
- Pacers Sports and Entertainment
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Roche
- Whirlpool

Some of our students continue into graduate school or travel abroad and are accepted into international institutions such as the London School of Economics. We also offer graduate assistantships for a tuition-free master’s degree in accounting.

“The Miller Scholars program provided professional development and taught me the values of persistence, dedication, and hard work. Faculty helped me develop relationships within the community. The program’s great mentors are sounding boards when you need them”

— Emily (Looney) Betz, ’15
Human resource management
Human resources generalist, Allegion
Orr Fellow
Collaborative Climate

We spark intellectual curiosity. Our program offers an innovative and immersive approach to education. We emphasize collaboration and enhance your experience with special activities, resources, and opportunities that focus on success.

Miller Scholars take business classes in an enriched academic environment that provides intellectual rigor, real-world application, personal attention, and supportive peers. Our inspiring professors will engage you in lively discussions and hands-on activities. We empower students and faculty to Fly. And they love it.

Social activities will help build lasting friendships with other honors students. We offer student-led activities developed by the Miller Business Honors Program Executive Board. Our students work together in study groups, choose to be roommates, join similar organizations, promote leadership opportunities for one another, and travel on study abroad trips together.

Four-Year Curriculum

Courses are accelerated and enriched. They are smaller than traditional classes and encourage active discussion and application of real-world concepts.

Our business honors curriculum begins with Economics and Accounting for freshmen and extends through Business Policy and Strategic Management for seniors. Additional courses may include Macroeconomics, Foundations of Business Communication, Managing Behavior in Organizations, a senior honors project, and more.

“Internships and meeting with alumni helped me find mentors and understand my options. By talking with them and networking with companies, I couldn’t believe the number of opportunities out there for me to explore and the impact this program has had on my life.”

— Eli Parks, ’16, MS ’18
Accounting and finance
Staff accountant, EY
Our most prestigious scholarship is the Miller Scholarship. Recipients receive:

- full tuition and fees for four years (eight semesters)
- a laptop computer
- an internship stipend to aid travel and lodging expenses
- study abroad financial support
- automatic admission into the Miller Business Honors Program

All Miller Scholars have historically received some form of scholarship support.

How to Apply

Submit your application to Ball State University at bsu.edu/admissions and indicate a major in business. Once admitted, submit your Miller Scholars application at bsu.edu/business/honors. Deadline is March 1.

Apply for the Miller Scholarship at bsu.edu/business/millerscholars. Deadline is January 31. Finalists must complete an interview on campus in late February.

You may apply to be a part of the Ball State Honors College separately. Admission to the Honors College is not required for the business honors program. Learn more at bsu.edu/honors.

“I was a direct admit into another prestigious program, but there I would have been one of 6,000 instead of one of about 25. Ball State’s Miller College was a better fit for me. I was surprised at how close everyone was within the Miller Scholars program. I loved the intimacy of it. I got more than I expected with my student-advisor relationship and personal connections with professors.”

— Robyn Vuskalns, ’19
Marketing
Study abroad in Rome and London
Ball State's Miller College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Less than 5 percent of the world’s business schools earn this accreditation, which requires strict adherence to rigorous standards of excellence.

Computer technology, hospitality and food management, residential property management, fashion merchandising, apparel design, and career and technical education have yet to be accredited by AACSB.

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