

# BALL STATE UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

We engage students in educational, research, and creative endeavors that empower our graduates to have fulfilling careers and meaningful lives enriched by lifelong learning and service, while we enhance the economic, environmental, and social vitality of our community, our state, and our world.



## FAST FACTS

**Year Founded:** 1918

**Institution Type:** Public University

**Location:** Muncie, IN, USA

## OUR CAMPUS



Our campus is mid-size, walkable, and full of natural and architectural beauty.

**Address:** 2000 West University Avenue,  
Muncie, IN 47306, USA

## INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

Ball State University traces its roots to the late 19th century when Muncie business leaders, including the five Ball Brothers, envisioned a local college to boost the city's development. In 1918, the Ball family donated land and buildings to the State of Indiana, leading to the creation of the Indiana State Normal School Eastern Division. The school was renamed several times over the next few years.

By the 1960s, the regional teachers college had begun to attract faculty from outside the Midwest, and students sought majors in disciplines beyond teaching. Enrollment and funding surged with national trends, and new facilities and degree offerings were added. In 1965, the school became Ball State University, acknowledging its phenomenal growth in enrollment and facilities, the variety and quality of its educational programs and services, and the anticipation of the broader role it would play in the state's future.

## ABOUT INDIANA

Indiana is a welcoming Midwestern state with rich cultural heritage and endless opportunities for exploration. Discover art and history at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Beyond the cities, Indiana offers beautiful natural landscapes—from the rolling sand dunes of Indiana Dunes National Park along Lake Michigan to the peaceful forests of Brown County. Indiana's small towns exude charm, with local festivals, farmers' markets, and friendly communities inviting visitors to experience authentic Hoosier hospitality.

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## DUAL DEGREE FACT SHEET

### ABOUT THE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Our Dual Degree program offers three types of models: 1+2+1, 2+2, and 3+1+1. In the first two models, students receive bachelor's degrees from both their home university and BSU upon completing all requirements.

The 3+1+1 model differs slightly, as students earn one undergraduate degree from their home university and one graduate degree from BSU.

### CHEPD 1+2+1 PROGRAM

In 2004, Ball State became one of the first American institutions to join the **Sino-American CHEPD 1+2+1 Program**. CHEPD stands for Cooperation in Higher Education and Professional Development. We are a proud partner of the China Center for International Education Exchange (CCIEE) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

since 2004, BSU established partnerships with 27 institutions, receiving approximately 550 students through the 1+2+1 Program. Many of these students return to Ball State for their master's degrees, and others frequently go on to be accepted into master's and PhD programs at some of the top 50 institutions for higher education in the US.

Current 1+2+1 program majors offered by BSU:

- Computer Science
- Media majors with a Broadcast and Multimedia News Concentration
- Finance and Marketing
- Mathematical Economics
- Information Systems and Operations Management
- Accounting
- Business Administration



### CHEPD 1+2+1 IN NUMBERS



PARTNER INSTITUTIONS



STUDENTS ENROLLED SINCE 2004



STUDENTS WHO RETURNED TO  
BSU FOR MASTER'S DEGREES



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## INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students must provide proof of sufficient English proficiency to enroll in academic courses at Ball State. The following test scores are accepted:

| MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED TO BEGIN DEGREE PROGRAM                             | MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED FOR INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE |
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| TOEFL 79   | TOEFL iBT 42   |
| IELTS Academic 6.5   | IELTS Academic 4.5                                     |
| Pearson PTE 53   | Pearson PTE 40   |
| Duolingo 110   | Duolingo 65  |
| SAT Critical Reading section or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 500 | SAT Not Applicable                                     |
| ACT English Section 21   | ACT Not Applicable                                     |

Students whose scores do not meet the minimum requirements above can enroll in the **Ball State University Intensive English Institute (IEI)** prior to beginning their degree program. The IEI provides English instruction for all levels of non-native speakers of English who have a secondary school (high school) degree.

#### IEI Classes are:

- 7 weeks in length
- 20 hours per week
- On campus at Ball State University
- Up to 15 students per class

The IEI has 3 levels, with 6 courses in each level. Courses are classified as Core or Complementary. The Core courses are Writing, Reading, Listening, and Speaking. The Complementary classes are Grammar and Cultural Experiences. All courses rely heavily on students interacting in English.

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

To learn more about the Dual Degree Program or the Intensive English Institute, you can visit the Rinker Center for Global Affairs webpage: [bsu.edu/rinkercenter](https://bsu.edu/rinkercenter)

You may direct your questions to the following contact:

- **Dr. Susan Luo, Director of Global Academic Partnerships:** email [fluo@bsu.edu](mailto:fluo@bsu.edu); 765-285-4014



# ARRIVAL & CAMPUS LIFE

## AIRPORTS

Ball State is about 70 miles northeast of Indianapolis. The **Indianapolis International Airport (IND)** is the closest airport to campus. Other airports in the region include Fort Wayne (FWA), Cincinnati (CVG), Dayton (DAY), and Chicago O'Hare (ORD). Please note that Ball State shuttle services only provide transport to and from the Indianapolis International Airport.

## BUS SERVICES

### Campus Shuttles

Shuttles provide free transportation around campus during the Fall and Spring semesters. Shuttles run Monday through Friday, with limited service available on Sundays. Campus shuttles are free of charge.

### Airport Shuttle

Shuttle services to and from the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) can be reserved for \$55 per person on a one-way trip.

### Demand Response Bus

Students and employees approved for accommodations through Human Resources may use the Demand Response Bus to take them directly where they need to go on campus.

## CAMPUS HOUSING

Ball State offers on-campus housing in one of our eleven residence halls. Most rooms are doubles with air-conditioning. Bathrooms are private, semi-private, or community-style. Rates depend on room type and range from approximately \$2,400– \$4,500 per semester. Meal plans are required for students living in residence halls; there are many meal plan options with a cost of approximately \$2,500–\$3,500 per semester.

Please visit [bsu.edu/housing](https://bsu.edu/housing) for additional information.



## HEALTH INSURANCE

Students and scholars studying on a J visa are required by federal law to carry health insurance that meets certain minimums. Students on F (or other) visas do not have specific insurance requirements but are strongly recommended to carry health insurance as **the United States does not have a nationalized health care system.**

Ball State University does not offer an international student health insurance plan. Students and scholars can choose their health insurance coverage. **Please note that J visa students and scholars will be required to provide proof of adequate and ongoing insurance coverage to International Services.**

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact the Ball State University Police or the Muncie Police. Their phone numbers are listed below:

**University Police: +1-765-285-1111**  
**Muncie Police: +1-765-747-4832**

# ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Academic semesters (Fall and Spring) are **approximately 16 weeks long**, not including breaks and holidays.

Fall semesters run from Mid-August to Mid-December. Spring semesters run from early January to early May.

Please visit

[bsu.edu/calendar/calendars/academic-calendar](https://bsu.edu/calendar/calendars/academic-calendar) for the most current calendars.

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

### Immersive Learning

[bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/immersive-learning](https://bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/immersive-learning)

### The Learning Center

[bsu.edu/academics/collegeanddepartments/universitycollege/learningcenter](https://bsu.edu/academics/collegeanddepartments/universitycollege/learningcenter)

### The Writing Center

[bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/writingcenter](https://bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/writingcenter)

### University Libraries

[bsu.edu/academics/libraries](https://bsu.edu/academics/libraries)

### Office of Disability Services

[bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/disability-services/services-resources](https://bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/disability-services/services-resources)

## COLLEGES & DEPARTMENTS

- **R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning:** Architecture, Construction Management and Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning
- **Miller College of Business:** Accounting, Applied Business Studies, Economics, Finance and Insurance, Information Systems and Operations Management, Marketing, Management
- **College of Communication, Information, and Media:** Communication Studies, Information and Communication Sciences, Journalism and Strategic Communication, Media
- **College of Fine Arts:** Art, Music, Theatre and Dance
- **College of Health:** Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology and Counseling, Kinesiology, Military Science, Nursing, Nutrition and Health Science, Social Work, Speech Pathology and Audiology
- **College of Sciences and Humanities:** Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Data Analytics, English, Environment, Geology, and Natural Resources, Geography and Meteorology, History, Mathematical Sciences, Modern Languages and Classics, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Physics and Astronomy, Political Science, Psychological Science, Sociology, Women's, Gender, and African American Studies
- **Teachers College:** Early Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies, Educational Leadership, Educational Psychology, Elementary Education, Educational Studies, Special Education

## AT BALL STATE, WE'RE ALL ABOUT...



**EXCELLENCE**



**INNOVATION**



**INCLUSION**



# STUDENT RESOURCES

Ball State University is committed to ensuring every student can be successful, healthy, and happy throughout their academic journey. A wide variety of resources are established around campus to support students and their well-being, and *all* of these resources are available for Dual Degree students.

To find out more information about any of the resources listed here, you may visit the websites corresponding to each list item.

**WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING NEW  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS TO  
BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY!**



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

### **International Student Success**

[bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/rinker/internationalstudent-success](https://bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/rinker/internationalstudent-success)

### **International Student Services**

[bsu.edu/admissions/international/international-services](https://bsu.edu/admissions/international/international-services)

## HEALTH & SAFETY RESOURCES

### **Campus Health and Safety Resources**

[bsu.edu/campuslife/healthsafety/campus-health-and-safety](https://bsu.edu/campuslife/healthsafety/campus-health-and-safety)

### **Counseling Center**

[bsu.edu/campuslife/counseling-center](https://bsu.edu/campuslife/counseling-center)

### **The Amelia T. Wood Health Center**

[bsu.edu/campuslife/healthcenter](https://bsu.edu/campuslife/healthcenter)

## ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION RESOURCES

### **Multicultural Center**

[bsu.edu/campuslife/multicultural-center/resources](https://bsu.edu/campuslife/multicultural-center/resources)

### **Office of Disability Services**

[bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/disability-services/services-resources](https://bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/disability-services/services-resources)

### **LGBTQ+ Support**

[bsu.edu/about/inclusive-excellence/lgbtq-resources](https://bsu.edu/about/inclusive-excellence/lgbtq-resources)