

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

## First Year (Domestic and International)

Bradley welcomes applications for admission from all students who feel that they can benefit from and contribute to the varied academic and extracurricular offerings of the University. High school students are encouraged to apply early in their senior year but later applications will be considered as space permits.

## Admission Requirements

Admission is based on a review of each student's comprehensive academic and extracurricular record to predict their likelihood to be successful at Bradley. In determining an applicant's qualifications, the following criteria are used:

1. Required
  - a. Completed Application
  - b. High School Transcript. Students may submit either an unofficial or official transcript for consideration for admission. If an official copy of the transcript is not provided at the time of application, an official copy must be sent prior to enrollment.
  - c. One or two-page personal statement or essay. Be sure to include your full name on each page
2. Optional
  - a. One letter of recommendation may be valuable for some students. Students may elect to include a letter from a teacher, school counselor, coach, or school activity advisor. No specific form is required.

In addition, all international applicants are required to submit proof of English language proficiency. Approved test scores and possibilities for a waiver can be found on the international admission website.

International admission information (English proficiency, app deadlines) can be found on First Year (<https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/first-year/>), Transfer (<https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/transfer/>), and Graduate (<https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/graduate/>) admissions sites.

## Entrance Examinations

Bradley University is test-free for applicants to the first year class who graduate from a high school accredited in the United States within the year prior to enrollment at Bradley.

Non-U.S. citizens may submit an ACT or SAT score which will only be used to determine English language proficiency, and will not be used for any other admission decisions. If a student wishes to include standardized test scores, the student must request that they be forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from the testing service or request that their high school send a transcript with the official scores reported.

## General Admission Requirements

Generally, minimum curriculum requirements for all entering freshmen are as follows:

- 4 units (years) of English (1/2 or 1 unit of which may be speech),
- 3 units of college preparatory mathematics,

- 2 units of laboratory science, and
- 2 units of social sciences.

See listings below for special requirements within the individual colleges and programs. (Applicants deficient in special admission requirements may be admitted but will be required to take preparatory courses in addition to the program described elsewhere in the catalog.)

## Business

Required:

- 2 units of algebra,
- 1 unit of geometry,
- 4 units of English (1/2 or 1 unit of which may be speech).

Recommended:

- 2 units of history and/or government.

Students entering the Foster College of Business should have a minimum of two units of algebra and one unit of geometry. Students not meeting these minimums generally must make up the deficiency, at Bradley or elsewhere. Test results will be used to help ascertain the degree of deficiency that exists. High school students are also encouraged to take additional math such as a third unit of algebra, analytic geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, and solid geometry. Generally, the more mathematics courses the better. **Standardized test scores, if provided, may be used to help determine math proficiency.**

## Engineering

Candidates are urged to take as much mathematics and science as possible. Required:

- 2 units of algebra,
- 1 unit of plane geometry,
- 1/2 unit of trigonometry,
- 1 unit of physics.

Recommended:

- 1/2 unit of solid geometry,
- 1 unit of pre-calculus, and
- 1 unit of chemistry;
- 1/2 unit of graphics for Industrial Engineering.

Applicants who have not completed all of the recommended math and science courses before enrollment may be admitted. However, it is expected that students will complete these courses prior to enrollment. Standardized test scores, if provided, may be used to help determine math proficiency.

## Construction and Engineering Technology

Required:

- 2 units of algebra,
- 1 unit of plane geometry,
- 1/2 unit of trigonometry,
- 1 unit of physics.

Recommended:

- 1/2 unit of solid geometry and
- 1/2 unit of graphics.

## Health Science

In addition to meeting University and College of Education and Health Sciences requirements, admission to the health science major as a freshman requires three units of high school mathematics and science. Biology/physiology, chemistry, and physics are recommended.

## Liberal Arts and Sciences

Recommended: 2 units of a single foreign language.

## Music

Required: An audition either in person or on tape. (Contact the chairperson of the Department of Music for an audition appointment.)  
Recommended: A minimum of four years experience in orchestra, band, choir, and/or chorus or four years of private music instruction. No musical experience or music audition is required for students enrolling in the Music and Entertainment Industry major.

## Nursing

Three units of high school mathematics and science (anatomy and physiology, biology, and chemistry are preferred).

Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses must apply to the program, meet the above requirements, and submit a transcript from an approved school of nursing and evidence of licensure to practice in at least one state. All registered nurses and licensed practical nurses should contact the Department of Nursing for additional information concerning the program.

## Notification of Admission and Reply Date

Admission notifications begin September 1 prior to enrollment in the following fall semester. After that date, all notifications will be mailed as soon as the student's application file is complete and reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Applicants for spring, interim, or summer terms will be notified as soon as admission decisions are made.

Applicants respond to offers of admission by forwarding a non-refundable \$200 enrollment fee. Applicants requiring on-campus housing must submit an additional \$100 housing fee. Applicants will receive preference for university housing based on the date by which both are received. No student seeking notification of admission is required to respond to an offer until May 1. Students admitted after May 1 have two weeks from the date of notification of admission to respond.

## Early Admission

Students Pursuing a Degree

Recognizing that the range of scholastic aptitude of high school students is great, Bradley University may accept students into a degree program, providing they have:

- completed their junior year of high school;
- attained a "B" or better high school average;
- forwarded a high school transcript

Exceptions to this policy will be made only under special circumstances and with the approval of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the dean of the college in which the student wishes to enroll. Students

that receive an admission denial decision may contact the Office of Admission about what steps to take for the deny appeal process.

## Admission Decision Appeal Process

Students who are denied admission may contact the Office of Admission to inquire about the appeal process. Exceptions to the admission denial will be made only under special circumstances. The dean of the college in which the student wishes to enroll, the Office of the Provost and, in some cases, the Office of the President may be included in an admission appeal.

## High School Diploma

Prior to starting classes at Bradley, first year students are required to provide the university a final high school transcript that indicates the date of high school graduation. Students who were homeschooled must provide comparable documentation as established by their respective state boards of education.

If the institution or the Secretary has reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education the Office of Admission will take the following steps to confirm high school completion:

1. Obtain documentation from the high school that confirms the validity of the student's diploma, including transcripts or other written descriptions of course requirements, or written and signed statements by principals or executive officers at the high school attesting to the rigor and quality of the coursework at the high school.
2. If the high school is regulated or overseen by a state agency, Tribal agency or Bureau of Indian Education, confirming with or receiving documentation from that agency that the high school is recognized or meets requirements established by that agency.
3. If the Secretary has published a list of high schools that issue invalid high school diplomas, the Office of Admissions will confirm that the high school does not appear on that list.

A high school diploma is not valid if it:

1. Did not meet the applicable requirements established by the appropriate state agency, Tribal Agency, or Bureau of Indian Education in the state where the high school is located
2. Has been determined to be invalid by the Department, the appropriate state agency in the state where the high school was located, or through a court proceeding
3. Was obtained from an entity that requires little or no secondary instruction or coursework to obtain a high school diploma, including through a test that does not meet the requirements for a recognized equivalent of a high school diploma under 34 CFR 600.2.

The Office of Admissions may contact the relevant department or agency in the state in which the secondary school is located to confirm that the secondary school is recognized as a provider of secondary school education. Admission may be revoked if this information cannot be confirmed and or if the validity of a transcript cannot be verified as a final official transcript. Withholding information or giving false information to the university may make a student ineligible for admission to the university or subject to dismissal.

## General Equivalency Diploma in Lieu of High School Diploma

Applicants who apply using general equivalency diploma (GED) test results in lieu of a high school diploma are required to submit GED test results.

## Student Health Form Requirement

For the benefit and protection of each Bradley student and to comply with state law, it is required that a student health form be filed with Health Services prior to the time the student begins at the University. The Bradley Health Form is available online (<https://www.bradley.edu/campus/health-wellness/>). If a form is not received, a copy may be obtained at Health Services in the Markin Center or the Admissions Office in the Visitors Center.

All students are required to have a student health form on file at Health Services before registering. To avoid penalties and delays in registration, return the form and then verify through Health Services that it has been received and is complete.

## Health Immunization Requirements

Bradley students are required to be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria. Students entering Bradley University for the first time will not be allowed to register unless they provide proof of proper immunization (Public Act 85-1315). Verification of that immunization is a component of the Health Form.

## Special Programs

### Campus Visits

Bradley University encourages all prospective new freshman and transfer students and their families to visit campus. Students may attend one of the many campus visit programs or make arrangements for an individual visit. For further information, contact:

Undergraduate Admissions  
Bradley University  
1501 W. Bradley Ave.  
Peoria, Illinois, 61625  
(309) 677-1000

E-mail [admissions@bradley.edu](mailto:admissions@bradley.edu) or find more information online at [admissions.bradley.edu \(https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/\)](https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/).

### Off-Campus Programs

Bradley University conducts many off-campus reception and interview programs throughout the year across the United States. These sessions are designed to allow prospective students and their parents the opportunity to meet with admissions or financial assistance representatives to learn more about the admissions process, degree requirements, campus life, and financial assistance and scholarship opportunities. To secure a schedule of the off-campus admissions programs or to set up an appointment with an admissions representative, interested students should go online to [bradley.edu/admissions/ \(https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/\)](https://www.bradley.edu/admissions/).

### Summer Orientation

A special invitation is extended to all incoming students and their parents to attend Summer Orientation. This program is specifically designed to introduce and familiarize students and parents with Bradley University, its

faculty, student body, and special services. The program is required of all incoming freshmen and highly recommended for their parents. Transfer students are also encouraged to attend orientation sessions designed for them.