Become a Miller Scholar

Ball State University
Miller Business Honors Program
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 3.4 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.

In high school, our students immersed themselves in organizations such as the National Honor Society, student government, mentoring their peers, and every conceivable academic, athletic, and arts activity from academic decathlons to theatre productions. They volunteered in communities and with national organizations. Many lettered in sports and participated in state-level competitions. They also traveled abroad for cultural immersion, to practice foreign language skills, and for mission work.

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

3.67 average GPA

90% complete professional internships

98% graduate in four years or less

30 community service opportunities

90% study abroad

15 students receive full Miller Scholarships each year

24 freshmen accepted

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Our programs are specially timed to coordinate with the curriculum to best meet your needs. 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 (formerly 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.

“Miller College provided professional development and helped me in amazing ways. It taught me the value of persistence, dedication, hard work, and having a purpose, and helped me develop relationships within the community. The program’s great mentors are sounding boards when you need them. All of these things are very valuable and will make an impact on my career.”

—Emily (Looney) Betz, '15

Human resource management
Talent management partner, Finish Line
Orr Fellow
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. Study abroad trips and immersive learning experiences will boost your education.

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 through self-designed study groups, choose to be roommates, join similar organizations, promote leadership opportunities for one another, and travel on study abroad trips together.

We emphasize collaboration over competition, and enhance your education with special activities, resources, and opportunities that focus on success.

Four-Year Curriculum
Courses are accelerated and enriched. They are more stimulating and challenging but not more time-consuming or difficult than other business courses. 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 as freshmen extending through Business Policy and Strategic Management as 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 to find mentors and understand my options. By talking to 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
Accounting and finance
Internships included Katz Sapper & Miller, EY, and Crowe Horwarth
In fall 2017, pursuing a master’s in accounting at Ball State with a graduate assistantship
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
- 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

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

Once you are admitted to Ball State and have indicated a major in business, submit your Miller Scholars application at bsu.edu/business/honors. Deadline is March 1.

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
The Miller College of Business offers a wide range of majors and nationally ranked academic programs in six departments. The college is also home to several centers plus 15 business-based student organizations.

Miller College is accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier professional accrediting body for schools of business. Less than 5 percent of the world’s business schools earn this accreditation, which requires strict adherence to rigorous standards of excellence.

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