

Program Overview

You're a student like no other – so you deserve an education like no other. That's why Drake University has redefined the two-year college experience to get you where you need to go faster. We believe in offering an education that is useful in the real world, one that inspires determined, curious, and eager students like you to achieve their highest potential.

Bright College students learn as part of a cohort—a team of classmates they will work with to take on real-world challenges and solve problems creatively, collaboratively, and effectively. They will gain knowledge in core subject areas—like business, humanities, STEM, and the arts—and will apply that knowledge through hands-on experiences. Bright College focuses on transferable skills like critical thinking, systems literacy, intercultural understanding, collaborative problem-solving and effective communication.

Choose one of our two full-time degree programs, specially designed for commuter students in Central Iowa with family, community, and employment responsibilities beyond school.

- **Associate of Arts degree in Business, Organization, and Professional Studies (BOPS)**
Full-time, 2 years
60 credit hours
- **Associate of Arts degree in Integrated Arts, Sciences, and Humanities (IASH)**
Full-time, 2 years
60 credit hours

Graduates from Bright College will be prepared to enter the professional workforce as creative thinkers and leaders *or* to continue their education by completing four-year degrees—or both.

Curriculum

Two Calendar Years, 60 Credit Hours

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
<p>Summer Bridge (August)</p> <p>Seminar A (August-December) “Communication, Representation & Cultural History” <i>12 Credit Hours</i></p> <p>Interterm (January) “Organizational Improv” <i>3 Credit Hours</i></p> <p>Seminar B (February-May) “Media, Information, and Data Literacy for Citizen Engagement” <i>12 Credit Hours</i></p>	<p>Organizational Culture + Internship (June – July) <i>6 Credit Hours</i></p> <p>Seminar C (August-December) “Global Natural and Social Systems” <i>12 Credit Hours</i></p> <p>Practicum (January-May) <i>15 Credit Hours</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applied Business and Organizational Studies (for BOPS degree) <i>OR</i> - Applied Arts, Sciences and Humanities (for IAHS degree) <p>Graduation (May)</p>

Application for Admission

We are looking for creative and driven learners who want the opportunity to do school differently—students eager for the challenges of teamwork and innovation in a uniquely supportive environment focused on real-world learning.

Applications open December 2020, enrolling for Fall 2021. Applicants will submit:

- ⇒ High school transcripts
- ⇒ Two references from teachers, counselors, or coaches who can attest to their abilities and promise
- ⇒ A completed application form including responses to questions about their strengths, potential, and life experience

After submission and initial review, we will invite qualified applicants to a brief interview.

Investing in Your Future

In order to consider the cost of attending Bright College, it is critical to review the whole picture. While the price of Bright College is \$18,678 per academic year (including the \$178 student activity fee), that does not mean it will be your out-of-pocket cost.

We strive to offer scholarships to lower the cost when financial need is demonstrated. After deducting your “Estimated Family Contribution” (calculated by the FAFSA—The Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the remainder of your tuition & fees will be fully covered with a combination of scholarships, grants, and a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan not to exceed \$1,500, which won’t earn interest while you are enrolled. *(Valid for Iowa residents who enroll as first-time, full-time college students in the Fall 2021 semester, and who complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA by July 1, 2021.)*

Room and board are available, but not required for Bright College students.

Contact

We want to hear from you. Please email bright.college@drake.edu or visit our website drake.edu/bright for more information.