

# New Student Programs and Development



At Bentley University, you'll join a lively community of both part-time and full-time students from around the world whose diverse experiences and backgrounds contribute to your own learning.

## **New Graduate Student Orientation**

New Student Programs and Development offers a special orientation program just for Bentley graduate students. Prior to the start of classes, you will receive our Online New Grad Guide, giving you an overview of the offices and resources available to you at Bentley. We also offer an in-person new graduate student orientation each semester.

## **Transportation**

Bentley provides a intra-campus shuttle (the B Line) to help you get around campus and a shuttle that connects Bentley to the local community (the Waverley Express), where you can connect to the MBTA and Fitchburg Line commuter rail.

If you will be driving to campus for classes, you will need to obtain a parking sticker for your vehicle. Depending on location, some graduate students use other transportation options to get to campus, such as taxis, public transportation, and car-share programs.

## **Living Off Campus**

Bentley University has teamed up with Off-Campus Partners to provide graduate students with the ability to search for and find off-campus housing accommodations in the Waltham and Greater Boston area. Bentley is minutes from many of Boston's most sought-after neighborhoods and innovation centers, offering students options that span urban life with the natural beauty of our Waltham campus. For more information: <https://offcampushousing.bentley.edu/>

The Office of New Student Programs and Development works to create a foundation of success, so that new students can connect and thrive at Bentley.



## Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is Bentley's largest graduate student organization, spearheading a range of events and programs. The GSA represents all graduate students at Bentley. The GSA plans events, provides oversight of other graduate student organizations, and advocates for graduate students on university administrative committees and on the Graduate Council, which is responsible for institutional policies and curricula. Some of their signature events include:

- Duck Boat trip In Boston
- Annual Fall Gala
- Spring Harbor cruise
- Ski trip

## The Dandes Room

As the unofficial Graduate Student Lounge; this room is by far one of Bentley's best-kept secrets. Located on the third floor of Adamian Academic Center and filled with comfy couches and spacious windows, it offers a relaxing environment where you can get homework done or have group meetings if you're looking for someplace different. In addition, the Graduate Student Association host free food events here once a month.

## Engagement Opportunities

The Division of Student Affairs provides graduate students with opportunities outside of the classroom to enhance the graduate student experience. The staff within Student Affairs want to help graduate students identify resources on campus that can make your graduate student experience one that is robust, engaging and meaningful.

## Graduate Student Organizations

Graduate Student Organizations are formed and led by students who share a similar interest in a specific topic — often centered around their field. There are currently 11 graduate organizations running events on campus over the course of the semester, which are open to all graduate students:

- ASCEND Bentley Chapter
- Bentley Analytics Society
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- Accountancy Association
- Business Entrepreneurship Organization
- Finance Association
- Marketing Organization
- Taxation and Financial Planning Association
- Women's Leadership Organization
- Information Technology Student Association
- User Experience Graduate Association

## A Sampling of Opportunities:

- Programming by Student Affairs offices and departments, including the Spiritual Life Center, Equity Center, and Multicultural Center.
- Fitness facilities at the Dana Athletics Center
- Intramural sports
- Harry's Pub