



# Graduate Academic Advising and Engagement

At Bentley University, you'll join a lively community of part-time and full-time students from around the world whose diverse experiences and backgrounds contribute to your own learning. Graduate Academic Advising and Engagement enhances your student experience by providing support outside of the classroom. We want to help every graduate student identify the campus resources to make their graduate student experience one that is robust, engaging and meaningful.

## Academic Advising

Graduate learning at Bentley is a comprehensive, holistic, transformative activity that integrates academic engagement and personal development. We work collaboratively with program directors, university staff and faculty to provide students with the resources they need to achieve their academic goals. The team provides individualized advising to incoming and current students covering: academic policies and procedures, course planning, registration assistance and academic programming.

This includes the following:

- Add/change a program of study
- Blended Term/Falcon Fast-Track
- Course waiver/appeal
- Directed study/tutorial
- Internships for credit
- Grading/grade disputes
- MBA concentrations
- Academic performance/repeating a class
- Time to degree completion

## Academic Resources

At Bentley, you'll find learning opportunities to challenge you in and out of the classroom. Our centers undertake innovative projects with corporate partners and our learning labs use the latest technologies to help students learn.

### ■ Academic Learning Centers

- Center for Languages and International Collaboration (CLIC)
- CIS Sandbox
- The Howard A. Winer '58 Lab for Economics, Accounting and Finance (LEAF)
- Mathematics Learning Center
- Writing Center

Bentley University has a large range of resources that may complement your studies. Below are a few that graduate students have found useful.

### ■ Academic Support Services

- Counseling Center
- Center for International Students and Scholars (CISS)
- Pulsifer Graduate Career Development
- ESOL Center
- Disability Services



## Engagement Opportunities

By participating in groups, events and activities, you will develop skills in leadership, teamwork and collaboration. Engagement opportunities are created by offices, departments and our graduate student organizations.

## Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents all graduate students at Bentley. The GSA plans events, provides oversight of student organizations, and advocates for graduate students on university administrative committees and on the Graduate Council, which is responsible for institutional policies and curricula.

## Graduate Student Organizations

Graduate Student Organizations are formed and led by students who share a similar interest, which is often centered around their field. There are multiple graduate organizations running events over the course of the trimester that are open to all graduate students.

## 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 hosts free food events here once a month.

## Resources for New Students

### New Graduate Student Orientation

Prior to the start of classes, you will receive our Online New Grad Guide, giving you an overview of the offices and resources available at Bentley. We also offer new graduate student orientation each trimester.

### Transportation

Bentley provides a intra-campus shuttle to help you get around campus and a shuttle that links Bentley to the local community, 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. For more information, visit <https://offcampushousing.bentley.edu>.



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