



Bentley University Wall Street 101

List of FAQs

APPLICATION INQUIRIES:

What academic achievements are you looking for?

We are seeking well rounded individuals who have a passion for finance and/or a keen interest in learning more about the world of global finance and investing. Leadership skills, community involvement, sports activities, volunteer work, notable achievements, hobbies and strong grades are all very important components of your application.

Do demonstrations of leadership qualities enhance one's chance for admission?

Yes, we are seeking well rounded individuals who are interested in global finance, investing and leadership.

Can I apply to the program if I am not a rising high school junior or senior?

The program is geared towards rising high school juniors and seniors. Registration is competitive. We have made exceptions in the past for rising high school sophomores who exhibit exceptional drive and interest in the global financial markets. Feel free to register as a rising high school sophomore but note that priority is granted to the rising juniors and seniors.

Does registration require a teacher recommendation?

Recommendation letters are optional but it is always helpful to get the ball rolling for your college application process by requesting a recommendation letter from a favorite teacher or guidance counselor. A recommendation letter will also assist us in getting to know more about you as an applicant.

Does registration require an official transcript or can I send you a copy?

A copy of your transcript is perfectly acceptable.

Does registration require an official SAT/ACT score report or can I send a copy?

A copy of your SAT/ACT score report is perfectly acceptable.

What if I haven't received my SAT/ACT scores yet?

Please submit to awhittaker@bentley.edu in a separate email once you receive.

How competitive is the program?

The program is extremely competitive, we are oversubscribed every year by approximately 100 students. Please apply early and take time to demonstrate your interest and curiosity about the world of global finance.

Is a certain weighted/unweighted GPA required?

No. A student is much more than a GPA. We are more interested in the student's ability to work hard, help others, express ideas, ask questions, participate in his/her community, etc.

Is a recommendation letter required?

No, but it will help your application process as we will get to know you better through your recommendation letter.

Can my recommendation letter come from someone other than my teacher/guidance counselor?

Yes.

Do you have rolling admissions?

No, all acceptance and wait list letters will be emailed out on May 1, 2019.

When do I find out if I have been accepted?

All acceptance and wait list letters will be emailed out on May 1, 2019.

What is cancellation policy?

Payment is due in full by May 10, 2019

100% refund if you let us know by May 13

25% refund if you let us know by May 17

0% refund after May 17

(\$75 application fee is non-refundable regardless of cancellation date)

What should I talk about in my essay?

We are looking for students to express their passion and interest in finance, or their curiosity about the world of global finance and investing. We are far more interested in students' drive to learn vs. their respective GPAs. Any activities, volunteer efforts, sports affiliations, hobbies, are all helpful to include so we can get to know you.

May I apply if I am homeschooled?

Yes, we welcome applications from students who are being schooled at home.

Can I apply to the program if I will be graduating from high school in June 2019?

The program is geared towards rising high school juniors and seniors. Registration is competitive. We have made exceptions in the past for students who have recently graduated from high school and who exhibit exceptional drive and interest in the global financial markets. Feel free to register as a graduating (June 2019) high school student but please note that priority is granted to the rising high school juniors and seniors.

PROGRAM INQUIRIES:

What are the program hours?

Class starts at 9am sharp each morning and ends at 4:00pm each afternoon.

What is included in tuition?

All program materials, continental breakfast, lunch, am and pm snack breaks, Boston field trips, executive speakers, trading competitions, scholar prizes are all included in the program tuition.

How many students are in the class?

There are 45 students in each class.

Where do the students come from?

Students attend from across the globe. Past students have come from Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Japan, Pakistan, India, Venezuela, Israel, UK, Canada, Germany and France.

What is the average percentage of females in each class?

We average approximately 40% females in each class.

What can I do to prepare for the program?

While there are no advanced assignments, we recommend that you watch the documentary “The Inside Job”, narrated by Matt Damon (available on Netflix.) There are also a number of interesting books on financial literacy, the role of computer science in the future of investing, etc. It is always helpful to watch the news in order to better understand how world news affects the global markets.

What is dress code?

Dress code is business casual on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (khakis/golf shirts for men, casual, conservative pants/skirt and shirts for women.)

Dress code is business formal (suit and tie for men, pant suit or skirt suit for women) on Wednesday when we are visiting Boston area investment firms and Friday when students are delivering their stock pitches.

BENTLEY ADMISSIONS INQUIRIES:

Can I meet with an admissions counselor while I am attending Wall Street 101?

Yes, we will have a session during Wall Street 101 with an admissions counselor and you will be able to register for an interview while you are here.

Can I meet with one of the athletic coaches while I am on campus?

Yes, we recommend that you reach out to the coach prior to arrival to make sure he/she is on campus during your time at Bentley.

Does attending the Bentley Wall Street 101 Pre-College Program guarantee admission to Bentley?

No, however, attending Bentley’s Wall Street 101 program and performing well will strengthen your application to Bentley, and any other college or university. Additionally, Wall Street 101 offers many opportunities designed to help you navigate the college application process and enhance your performance in a college setting.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/FOOD ALLERGIES:

Can you accommodate my restrictive dietary needs/food allergies?

Yes, please let us know in advance of any dietary restrictions you may have and we will be able to accommodate your needs. You are also welcome to bring your own food if that is more comfortable for you.

LOGISTICS INQUIRIES:

Can I stay on campus?

No, as noted on program brochure, Wall Street 101 is a non-residential program. Bentley has no available housing during the summer months. There are a number of hotels to choose from in the Waltham area.

Is there a list of recommended housing options?

Bentley University is legally unable to provide a list of recommended housing options but you are free to google the Waltham, MA area for a list of hotel options. https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g41880-Waltham_Massachusetts-Hotels.html

How far away are the hotels from campus?

Bentley University is approximately a 10 minute drive from the local business park where most of the hotels are located. Our address is 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02054.

How do I get from my hotel to campus?

It is the responsibility of the student to get to/from campus each day. Some hotels offer shuttle services to the Bentley campus, please inquire with your hotel when booking.

Is there a list of attendees I can contact to discuss ride-sharing?

Due to privacy issues, we cannot provide a list of attendees in advance but will be able to share contact details once students arrive on the first day of class.

Can I leave early if I have a previously scheduled appointment?

Yes, we understand that summer is an extremely busy time so if you need to leave early during class time, please let Amy Whittaker, Executive Director, know when you arrive for first day of class.

What time should I book my flight home for Friday afternoon?

Our program runs from 9am to 4pm each day, for Friday flights, we recommend you book no earlier than 5pm.

How far away is Bentley from Logan Airport?

Bentley is approximately a 20 minute cab ride from Logan (assuming no traffic.) We recommend you leave yourself at least 45 minutes travel time.

If your inquiry has not been addressed, please contact Amy Whittaker, Executive Director, at awhittaker@bentley.edu