

High-achieving Bentley undergraduates have the opportunity to complete a blended term that combines undergraduate and graduate courses during their last semester of senior year. Depending upon your personal and professional circumstances, you may be able to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. Master's degree requirements may be completed with one year of additional full-time academic work.

Students can schedule an appointment with an advisor in Graduate Academic Advising and Engagement (<https://www.bentley.edu/offices/student-success/graduate-students/advising/>) to discuss the blended term process and academic options.

- Students who qualify for a blended term can get a head start on a Bentley Master's degree by taking up to six graduate credits in a blended term during the final term of their undergraduate degree.
- Blended term students apply to Bentley's graduate school on the alumni application, an abbreviated application with no application fee.
- Students who participate in a blended term may delay entry to a Bentley Master's program for up to five years after graduation while beginning their professional career.
- Interested students should contact the Office of Graduate Admission (<https://www.bentley.edu/graduate/>) for more information on applying to the Graduate School along with program-specific requirements and merit aid questions.

- Undergraduate students are eligible to participate in a blended term if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher prior to the start of the term in which they plan to complete a blended term.
- The blended term is offered in the fall and spring semesters only and only one blended term is permitted.
- Graduate coursework may not be used toward undergraduate degree requirements.
- In the blended term, students can take up to two graduate courses, not to exceed a total of 16 credits in a semester.
- Students may not enroll in GBEs or graduate internships.
- Participants are not required to apply to graduate school and are not automatically enrolled in graduate school. Participants must apply to Bentley Graduate school.
- Students enrolled in the Advanced Standing Programs are not eligible to participate in a blended term.

Recipients of need-based aid (i.e., grants, loans) and merit-based aid (i.e., scholarships) should adhere to the following guidelines to retain eligibility for undergraduate aid and scholarships during their blended term. For specific information, please contact Student Financial Assistance

(<https://www.bentley.edu/offices/student-financial-services/>) with any questions or concerns.

- Financial aid recipients (need- or merit-based) must take at least six undergraduate credits and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits to maintain eligibility for undergraduate aid.
- Students who are receiving Bentley aid (grants or scholarships) are permitted to take a maximum of two graduate courses during the blended term, depending on their situation.
- Students with undergraduate merit scholarships (awarded by Bentley University) will be allowed to receive their scholarship in the blended term, provided they still meet the GPA or other requirements.