Parents FAQ

My child is interested in joining clubs and or pledging a fraternity/sorority. Will it be difficult for them to do that and be in BHP?

Although BHP courses are rigorous, we highly encourage our students to get involved outside of the classroom. BHP students typically choose from Greek life, McCombs-affiliated organizations, University of Texas organizations, or even organizations off-campus. It's even common for BHP students to start organizations on-campus. We recommend that freshmen discuss their extracurricular plans with their BHP academic advisor to ensure a good balance of academics and involvement.

How is BHP different than other honors programs at UT and other colleges?

BHP is both a program and a major, and provides a unique experience both inside and outside the classroom. Academically, BHP students take an honors version of 14 different business classes (e.g. Managerial Accounting Honors, Business Law and Ethics Honors, etc.). The full list can be found in our sample course sequence. These honors classes offer smaller class sizes, case-based discussions, and more rigorous curriculums, similar to MBA courses. Students take these honors classes throughout their 4 years at UT, so they are always immersed in the program.

Outside of the classroom, BHP has a variety of social events for BHP students as well as academic and professional development opportunities. The Honors Business Association is an organization open to all BHP students, and they put on fun events such as Dinner with a Professor (DWAP) and Company Field Trips. BHP also sets up networking events such as BBQs, Top Golf and Coffee Chats with companies. We do our best to help BHP students succeed and have fun in the process.

My child is interested in combining BHP with another major outside of business. Is that possible and would it be challenging for them to do that?

Most BHP students combine BHP with another major within the business school (e.g. Finance, Accounting, Marketing, etc.), but we do have some students that add a major outside the business school. In the past, we’ve had students with Plan II Honors, Mathematics, Biology, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Economics, Sport Management, and several others.
Adding an extra major outside the business school does mean an increased course load; however, students that come into college with significant AP credit can still finish both the BHP major and the other major in 4 years. As long as students focus on their coursework and talk to academic advisors from both departments to ensure they are always on track to graduate, pursuing a major outside the business school is feasible.

**What are BHP alumni doing after graduation and where are they living?**

Immediately out of college, students work in a variety of roles: management consultant, investment banker, derivatives trader, financial analyst, marketing analyst, technology analyst, etc. Students also graduate and live in a variety of locations: Austin, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Boston, New York, Minneapolis, San Francisco, etc.

Alumni of the program have gone on to be very successful in a variety of fields. BHP alumni are C-level executives, entrepreneurs, partners at law firms, venture capitalists, managers in the tech field and much more. Many of our alumni have greatly valued the broad based business education they received in BHP which allowed them to be successful in the field of their choice.

**What percentage of BHP alumni go on to graduate school and what is BHP’s reputation at these schools?**

Roughly 15 percent of BHP students pursue the Integrated MPA program where they receive their undergraduate degree in Business Honors and Accounting, and they also receive a Master’s in Public Accounting in 5 years total. We also have students that pursue graduate programs like law school, medical school either immediately after graduation, or after a few years of working. In recent years, we’ve had students go on to Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Baylor Medical School, and Washington University Medical School, just to name a few. Students who apply to these programs explain that the BHP background helps differentiate them from other candidates.

Many BHP graduates pursue Business School after working for a few years. We have had BHP students receive MBAs from all the top programs including Harvard, Stanford, University of Chicago Booth School, Wharton and Northwestern, just to name a few.