



Canfield BHP FAQ

What is Canfield BHP?

The Canfield Business Honors Program (Canfield BHP) is part of the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. We are a four-year major that provides a breadth of business education. We are also an honors program and community for our students. When students complete the program, they will earn a BBA in Business Honors. Canfield BHP provides a world-class education, countless opportunities, and a tight-knit student community.

Who is Phil Canfield?

In November 2018, Phil Canfield, BHP '89, gave a transformative gift to the Business Honors Program. His gift recognizes the strong, foundational business skillsets he received from the program. With this gift, Canfield BHP will be able to increase student scholarships, recruitment and program recognition, and student resources. Phil Canfield is a private equity investor. He and his wife, Mary Beth, live in Chicago, IL.

What type of student are you looking for?

Are you a leader at your high school? Have you challenged yourself by taking the most difficult classes available and mastering them? Do you go above and beyond to succeed inside and outside of the classroom? These are some of the questions we ask our high achieving future students. Grades and test scores are important to the admissions process, as are leadership and extracurricular activities. Our admits go on to be successful students and top university leaders.

What makes Canfield BHP unique?

The Canfield Business Honors Program is modeled after case-based MBA programs. Small classes focus on discussion, presentation, group collaboration, and analytical exercises. Robust programming and dedicated advisors provide students with personalized attention and unique opportunities. Students not only learn from esteemed professors, but also from each other.

Canfield BHP students build on the strong foundation provided by the number-six ranked McCombs School of Business. With a program consisting of approximately 500 students across all four years (comparable to the size of the entire business school of some peer institutions), our students receive the benefits of a small program and a large research university.



Can I combine Business Honors with other majors?

Yes! Almost all of our students choose to study additional subjects. Most students will decide to double major within McCombs (Accounting, Finance, Marketing, etc.). Some students gravitate towards other fields of study and might select a second major in Liberal Arts or Natural Sciences. Many students diversify their academic experience with minors and certificates. Students interested in careers in technology might consider applying for [Texas Honors Computer Science and Business](#) (Texas CSB). Additionally, Canfield BHP has a strong partnership with [Plan II Honors](#). Business is important in any industry, so having a Business Honors degree will help you achieve whatever career goals you have in mind.

What's the difference between Business Honors classes and BBA Program classes?

Our Business Honors classes are modeled after MBA classes. Average class sizes range from 30-45 students. These small classes allow for networking and increased student/faculty interaction. The accelerated, MBA-style curriculum allows for case-based study in which students are simultaneously learning and applying knowledge on various subjects. Canfield BHP selects top professors to teach its courses. These professors are equipped with a combination of professional expertise in their fields, as well as world-renowned research on various business disciplines and subjects.

Will I have to take courses outside of Business Honors? What can I expect from my other classes?

Students will be required to take classes outside of McCombs to complete their UT Austin core curriculum. If they take on a second major or a minor/certificate, they will be required to take other courses to complete those programs.

Upper-division BBA Program classes will be similar in size to Business Honors classes, with roughly 40–50 students per class. Outside of McCombs, upper-division classes could be even smaller. There are some large, introductory classes at UT, but professors have been working to shrink the size of those classes by using innovative teaching techniques and smaller discussion sections. In general, our students have found that they have been in very few large classes with the “hundreds of students” they might imagine when they think of a school the size of UT Austin.



Is UT affordable compared to other top universities?

Cost is a big factor for most students. When comparing scholarship and financial aid awards, it is important to look carefully at the net cost of each school and think about what you are getting for that amount. UT Austin is consistently recognized as one of the best value universities for the money invested. In addition, McCombs has one of the top career services offices in the nation. Canfield BHP has a 100% job placement rate upon graduation over the last four years! This means that students aren't just getting an education; they are also getting the resources they need to land the jobs they want.

How does the Canfield BHP application process work?

Applicants are evaluated holistically. This means there are no cut-offs or minimums; we look at all aspects of the application. We are looking for students who are strong academically, engaged in their schools and communities, and have taken on leadership roles. We review all items included in the student's application, and we consider the context of the individual student.

To apply, students will use either the ApplyTexas or Coalition Application. Students *must* list "Unspecified Business" as their first choice major and indicate their interest in an honors program. Please follow the application instructions and ensure that all other required materials are received by the deadline.

What is the November 1 Priority Notification Deadline?

Students who complete their application by November 1 will receive an admissions notification for UT Austin and Canfield BHP by February 1. We highly encourage students to apply to the program by November 1. Applying by the Priority Notification Deadline will not influence a student's chance of admission. This is *not* Early Decision or Early Action, and if admitted, it is a non-binding decision. The Regular Decision Deadline is December 1, and all students receive a decision by March 1.

If I am not admitted my freshman year for Canfield BHP, can I reapply?

Yes, the Canfield Business Honors Program has a sophomore admissions process. We admit a limited number of students who have completed their freshman year of college. We accept applications from current McCombs BBA students, internal transfers, and external transfers. We use a holistic approach when reviewing applicants. Our admissions staff will place emphasis on your college GPA, total credit hours, and the academic challenge of the courses you have taken. We will also look for evidence of college-level extracurriculars and leadership on a resume. We will only look at what you have done since entering college. High school transcripts and activities will not be considered.



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Can I visit Canfield BHP or talk to a current student about the program?

Students wanting to learn more about Canfield BHP or the McCombs School of Business can attend a Business and/or Canfield BHP information session, held regularly on campus. Our team of Student Recruiters host these info sessions and can discuss their experience in Canfield BHP and the admissions process. You can also email our Student Recruiters or call our main line during business hours to chat with a current student.