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Studying Abroad in the City of Light

Learning How to Think

Rocking the World from BU

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• Academic challenge and the support you need to meet it.

• Deep-rooted values and principles to help you become a good global citizen.

• Social and professional connections: to students, faculty, staff and career professionals.

In these pages you’ll meet students who’ll describe the studies, sports, community engagement and international experience that have helped them connect. You’ll hear from Samuel Yeboah, a young alumnus who helps people get well. And you’ll meet professor Kate Bulinski, who wants to help you learn to think for yourself.

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About
Bellarmine University is an independent liberal arts university, founded in 1950 by the Archdiocese of Louisville. In 1968, Bellarmine merged with Ursuline College and became an independent university governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. Bellarmine continues in the Catholic tradition, the oldest continuing tradition of higher education in the history of the western world. The university is named for Robert Bellarmine – Jesuit, cardinal and saint.

Finding inspiration in the life of the internationally renowned monk Thomas Merton, who was our Kentucky neighbor, our campus community embraces the care and dignity of each individual and the quest for holiness/wholeness. In this spirit we strive for international unity and diversity, hospitality, social justice and global sustainability. In our constant searchings, we seek to honor Bellarmine’s founding motto: In Veritatis Amore – in the love of truth.

Academics
We offer more than 50 majors in the arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and health sciences. We also offer numerous graduate degree programs covering various fields of study, a doctor of nursing practice and a doctor of physical therapy. Learn more at www.bellarmine.edu/programs.

Admission Criteria
Minimum: Four years of English; algebra I & II and geometry; three years of history/social studies; two years of a foreign language. Honors and AP courses are a plus. Bellarmine also looks at grades, extracurricular activities, leadership roles, part-time work, awards and honors. Middle 50 percent of SAT scores range from 1040-1220, and ACT from 22-27.

Financial Aid
Bellarmine awards more than $12 million in institutional scholarships and grants to freshmen. In fact, 100% of our freshmen receive one of these awards. Visit our website for information on scholarships, grants, financial aid and tuition.

Application Deadlines
Nov. 1: Early Action
Apply by this date and Bellarmine will waive the $25 application fee and make a decision on your application promptly. You do not have to commit to a college choice early. If eligible, your institutional merit award will be awarded in December.

Dec. 1: Priority Admission/BU Scholars Application
Recipients of Bellarmine’s most prestigious academic scholarship get full tuition and a study abroad stipend. Application must be received by December 1, and must include a Bellarmine Scholar essay.

Feb. 1: Regular Decision
Applications submitted by this date will receive full consideration for institutional merit awards. No separate scholarship application is required. All admitted students are considered for these awards.

Bellarmine University admits qualified students of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletics and other school administered programs. Bellarmine University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.
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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BELLARMINE?
One of the major reasons I chose Bellarmine was because of the welcome that I received when I arrived on campus. The students who showed me around were very friendly and informative, especially to someone from out of state. I was assured that I would find a place on Bellarmine’s campus, and looking back, I have found that they were right.

WAS IT EASY MAKING FRIENDS?
Making friends at Bellarmine came easily. Crossroads gives students the ability to get to know their classmates before classes start and to form friendships that will last throughout their four years at Bellarmine. Some of the best friendships I have at Bellarmine are those that I formed at Crossroads. Also, living in the dorms gave me a wonderful opportunity to form lasting relationships with the girls on my floor.

IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A CAMPUS VISIT BEFORE CHOOSING A COLLEGE?
When you step foot on campus, you should feel like you belong and that you’re welcome there. Bellarmine had that lasting effect on me.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME OTHER THAN ACADEMIC WORK?
I am involved with CREW [freshman orientation team] SGA (Student Government Association), BAC (Bellarmine Activities Council), and intramurals. Bellarmine offers hundreds of things to do on campus and allows the students to explore opportunities that they would otherwise not have had the chance to do.

ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH ATHLETICS?
I am involved in women’s club soccer. The team allows students to participate in a competitive sport without having to practice every day of the week and travel constantly. Club soccer is in between intramurals and collegiate sports and allows female students to participate in something they love.

HAVE YOUR PROFESSORS MADE AN IMPACT ON YOU?
My professors have taken time to get to know me, eat lunch with me, and learn my goals for the future. They have helped form the person I have become. Without the small classes* and the relationships that I have formed with some of my professors, I would not have been influenced as much as I have been and would not have the same mindset.

*At Bellarmine, 86 percent of classes have 29 or fewer students and the average class size is 19 students.
With exciting NCAA Division II basketball, the first collegiate NCAA Division I lacrosse team in Kentucky and the beautiful new Owsley B. Frazier Stadium, Knights Nation has more to cheer about than ever. More than 20 percent of students play on one of our 19 intercollegiate teams; we also have a full roster of men’s and women’s intramural sports.
For more on the Knights, visit www.bellarmine.edu/athletics
I have a passion for audio and video production, I helped develop Bellarmine Radio into the product that is today and I’m currently working on a documentary about the Louisville music scene. I eat the stems of broccoli, I think storms are cool, and I enjoy long walks on the beach. If you’d like to know more, I’d be more than happy to chat over a cup of hot chocolate at one of Louisville’s many wonderful Heine Bros. coffee shops.

ROCKIN’ ACROSS THE POND

I signed up for a documentary film making class and took on the lead as director of a video project about the music scene in Louisville. The documentary started small, sending e-mails, going to local shows, talking to bands. Getting invited to the All Tomorrow’s Parties Festival in Great Britain was not on the to-do list. My friend Alex Koch and I scrambled to work out the logistics of traveling abroad and filming a local band’s performance at one of the largest music festivals in the world.

We met up with the guys from the Louisville band, The For Carnation, to help load gear on a cold rainy night in December and went on to ride by van, cab, plane and train until we finally arrived at the coastal town of Minehead, Somerset, UK. During our stay we had press passes and backstage access to most of the shows including performances by Modest Mouse, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, the Melvins, Mudhoney, Explosions in the Sky, Tortoise and nearly 60 other bands. We lived like rock stars, or at least like humble ones, and we had the time of our lives. My first experience abroad was a little unconventional, and it wasn’t even part of a study abroad course, but if it weren’t for the documentary film making class I signed up for and the enthusiasm of the Communication Department’s staff, I wouldn’t have been able to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.
Internet radio is the next step in digital broadcasting and Bellarmine is already doing it. I had the opportunity to serve as the production director and station manager. We also rebranded the station, launched a new website, gutted the booth and rewired the station, set up a production space for in-studio performances and recordings, started offering play-by-play coverage of athletic events, and launched two on campus concert series. Listen Live! at www.bellarmineradio.com

The Bellarmine Communication Department became my second home and I probably spent more time there than I did at my apartment. Even when I was finished with classes I would find something to do or someone to talk to that made it worth sticking around for a few more hours. The professors I had and the friends I made at school were like a family and the relationships we built will always be remembered. The same can be said for the crew that I befriended as an intern in the office of Communications and Public Affairs.

I’m not sure how many other schools have professors that know you by name or better yet, know when you aren’t in class; but I know Bellarmine does. Some professors are even willing to give out their cell phone numbers. Thanks to Bellarmine’s quality courses and dedicated staff I was able to succeed as a student because I knew I was more than a number.

*On a side note, the president of the university has invited students to come over for dinner on more than one occasion and let me be the first to tell you-don’t pass these up, the food is to die for!*

I was one of the lucky ones, I knew going into college that I wanted to be an entrepreneur and based my course selection on classes that would help me once I moved on to the real world. I took several music technology courses and English classes to fill my electives and focused my studies on Communication. I also took several business and accounting classes before partnering with one of my friends who is currently pursuing his MBA, and together we started a media production company. The courses that I took at Bellarmine were a perfect fit for my own ambitions and the resources provided by faculty and staff helped me make the transition into life after college.
Learning How to Think

At Bellarmine, your professors will challenge you. They won’t give you all the answers; they’ll ask you to make your own discoveries – then explain and defend them. They won’t tell you what to think; they’ll help you figure out how to think.
“It’s what college is supposed to be: a way of figuring out who you are and how you think about things.”

Take Dr. Kate Bulinski, for example. She’s a paleontologist and a practicing Catholic who teaches Honors 150: Creationism and Evolution, a freshman seminar. Just those words, creationism and evolution, are enough to stir up controversy in some quarters these days. But take note: The course isn’t called “Creationism versus Evolution.”

“I thought it would be nice to explore both,” she says. “As college students, they’re a little more sophisticated. They’re able to look at both and understand the logic that underpins both of them, rather than just having the notion of them being embattled, which is what we see in the media all the time – that one is completely diametrically opposed to the other.”

Bulinski’s class is small – a dozen students – and largely discussion-based. Students read assigned pieces and prepare at least one discussion question for each. They also have a Facebook page where they can comment on the readings and post links to other related content.

Students learn about macroevolution (modifications over millions of years) and microevolution (small changes, such as bacterial resistance to antibiotics) and about various types of creationism, including intelligent design, as well as creation stories from religious traditions other than Christianity.

Creationism and Evolution examines faith and science, intent and fact, black and white and shades of gray. It’s a great introduction to the critical-thinking skills needed in a world where we’re bombarded with messages that sometimes play fast and loose with facts, whether the topic is evolution or global warming or health care.

“It’s a lot more than just the topic of evolution and creationism – it’s understanding how to communicate and how to use logic and how to use reason,” Bulinski says. “To be able to analyze what is out there, and what is fact and what is not, and what is opinion and what is emotional response – being able to discern between those things is a very important skill, and not everybody knows how to do that.”

She enjoys watching students’ ability to process complex ideas evolve, although she acknowledges that only so much of that can happen in one semester. “I think it’s something that takes four years. It’s what college is supposed to be: a way of figuring out who you are and how you think about things.”
In her 19th-century French Literature class, Bellarmine University French instructor Melody Carriere is keeping her students on their toes. The day’s lesson, all in French, includes a discussion of literature, history and art represented by the work of French sculptor Auguste Rodin.

But rather than peering at a textbook or a YouTube video at Rodin’s Burghers of Calais, the students are gathered around the actual massive sculpture in the garden of the breathtaking Musée Rodin in Paris, part of a five-week summer study abroad session in the City of Light. They will also visit the Louvre, the Musée d’Orsay, the Centre Georges Pompidou, the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur, Notre Dame, and, of course, the Eiffel Tower.

Bellarmine offers a wide variety of study abroad options on six continents in more than 50 countries, ranging from summer programs to semester or academic-year exchanges at more than 150 partner universities.

“Place can be very important,” says Dr. Julien Carriere, Dr. Melody Carriere’s husband and another Bellarmine French professor who taught in France. “Paris hasn’t changed that much since these works were written, and you can still get a very authentic experience by going there and looking at what might have inspired the writer or visit the exact location where the writer was writing or producing plays.”

“I’d say I learned more French just being out in the city talking to Parisians rather than sitting in the classroom going over vocabulary.”
For students, the experience is life-changing. Biology major Ashley Shaw studied photography and French in Paris. “We had a chance to photograph more of Paris than just the great tourist attractions,” she said. “Looking for specific things like everyday Parisians living their normal lives gave me a chance to really pay attention to the personality and character of the city. I’d say I learned more French just being out in the city talking to Parisians rather than sitting in the classroom going over vocabulary. However, it was nice to have a sort of base camp to meet and discuss what we learned.”

Rachel Keyser, a math major, boosted her French-language skills the thrilling way: on a “bus relay” around the city. “Our professor chose important locations around Paris for us to research and write a paragraph about in French,” she said. “We had to navigate the bus system to lead the rest of the class to our specific location and then read our informative paragraph. It was a great way to practice writing and speaking French while actually visiting the historic places we researched.

“I was surprised by how fast the month flew by!”
When he was considering a career in medicine, Samuel Yeboah explored all the options. He decided to become a nurse because he wanted to have “a one-on-one relationship with patients – to really feel like I was helping people to get well.”

And after exploring all the options for getting his nursing degree, he decided on Bellarmine because it had one of the best nursing schools – the Donna and Allan Lansing School of Nursing & Health Sciences.

“I wanted a place where I would be sure to pass my NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination, the standardized test that all practicing nurses must pass) and Bellarmine’s pass rate was nearly 100 percent.” He also liked that Bellarmine was a moderate-sized school, with small teacher/student ratios.

The nursing program was intense, Samuel says. “But at the end of the day, it was worth it. Everyone I graduated with passed the NCLEX. They train you very well and you go out very prepared.”

Preparation is critical for his work as a floor nurse at University of Louisville Hospital, Samuel says. “Sometimes I might have six patients, and their lives are in my hands.”

While he enjoys his role at University Hospital, Samuel hopes one day to return to his home in Ghana, West Africa. He wants to gain more experience and education first, perhaps a master’s degree in nursing at Bellarmine. “I don’t want to be just a floor nurse (in West Africa),” he says. “I want to be able to go back and teach nursing and have a bigger impact.”

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**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**ACCOUNTING**
**APPLIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
**ART:**
  - Painting Emphasis
  - Photography/Digital Art Emphasis
  - Sculpture Emphasis
**ARTS ADMINISTRATION:**
  - Art Emphasis
  - Music Emphasis
  - Theatre Emphasis
**BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**
**BIOLOGY**
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
**CHEMISTRY**
**COMMUNICATION:**
  - Communication Studies
  - Integrated Communication
  - Media & Cultural Studies
**Organizational Communication**
  - Professional Writing
  - Visual Communication
**COMPUTER ENGINEERING**
**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES**
**ECONOMICS**
**EDUCATION:**
  - Early, Middle and High School
  - Learning & Behavior Disorders
**ENGLISH**
**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**
**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**
**EXERCISE SCIENCE**
**FINANCE**
**FOREIGN LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**
**HISTORY**
**LIBERAL STUDIES**
**MATHEMATICS**
**MATHEMATICS: ACTUARIAL SCIENCE**
**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE**
**MUSIC:**
  - History
  - Instrumental
  - Jazz
  - Sacred Music
  - Vocal
**MUSIC TECHNOLOGY**
**NURSING**
**PHILOSOPHY**
**PHYSICAL THERAPY*"**
**PHYSICS**
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**
**PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS:**
  - Dentistry
  - Engineering
  - Law
  - Medical
  - Pharmacy
**PSYCHOLOGY:**
  - General
  - Human Resources
  - Human Services
**RESPIRATORY THERAPY**
**SOCIOLOGY**
**SPANISH**
**THEATRE**
**THEOLOGY**

More than 20% of students play on one of Bellarmine’s 19 intercollegiate sports teams. The Knights compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, regarded as one of the premier conferences in NCAA Division II. Lacrosse is a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference and competes in NCAA Division I. Bellarmine also offers a full complement of men’s and women’s intramural sports.

**WOMEN:**
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track
  - (Outdoor/Indoor)
- Volleyball

**MEN:**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track
  - (Indoor/Outdoor)

Bellarmine, U.S.A.

Just five miles from downtown Louisville, Kentucky, Bellarmine is located in the Highlands neighborhood.

**Academic Programs**

- **Accounting**
- **Applied Information Technology**
- **Art:**
  - Painting Emphasis
  - Photography/Digital Art Emphasis
  - Sculpture Emphasis
- **Arts Administration:**
  - Art Emphasis
  - Music Emphasis
  - Theatre Emphasis
- **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**
- **Biology**
- **Business Administration**
- **Chemistry**
- **Communication:**
  - Communication Studies
  - Integrated Communication
  - Media & Cultural Studies
  - Organizational Communication
    - Professional Writing
    - Visual Communication
- **Computer Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Criminal Justice Studies**
- **Economics**
- **Education:**
  - Early, Middle and High School
  - Learning & Behavior Disorders
- **English**
- **Environmental Science**
- **Environmental Studies**
- **Exercise Science**
- **Finance**
- **Foreign Languages & International Studies**
- **History**
- **Liberal Studies**
- **Mathematics**
- **Mathematics: Actuarial Science**
- **Medical Laboratory Science**
- **Music:**
  - History
  - Instrumental
  - Jazz
  - Sacred Music
  - Vocal
- **Music Technology**
- **Nursing**
- **Philosophy**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Physics**
- **Political Science**
- **Pre-Professional Programs:**
  - Dentistry
  - Engineering
  - Law
  - Medical
  - Pharmacy
- **Psychology:**
  - General
  - Human Resources
  - Human Services
- **Respiratory Therapy**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Theatre**
- **Theology**

**Student Body Makeup**

**Bellarmine, U.S.A.**

**Day-Tripper**

- Cincinnati, OH - 1.75 hrs
- Indianapolis, IN - 2 hrs
- Nashville, TN - 3 hrs

**Over-Nighter**

- Charleston, WV - 4 hrs
- St. Louis, MO - 4.5 hrs
- Chicago, IL - 5 hrs
- Cleveland, OH - 5.75 hrs
- Detroit, MI - 7.75 hrs
- Birmingham, AL - 6 hrs
- Memphis, TN - 6 hrs
- Milwaukee, WI - 6.5 hrs
- Pittsburgh, PA - 6.5 hrs

**Weekender**

- Charleston, SC - 370 miles
- Little Rock, AR - 521 miles

**Big City**

Louisville is the 16th largest city in the United States.

**American Airlines/ American Eagle**
- Continental Express
- Delta Air Lines/ Delta Connection
- Frontier
- Midwest
- Southwest
- United Express
- US Airways Express

**12:1**

**Student to Faculty Ratio**

**19**

**Average Class Size**

**29 20**

**Different States**

**Different Countries**

**50+**

**More than 20%**

**Life Outfitter**
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