

WHAT CAN I MAJOR IN AT BRESCIA?

Accredited Schools Online has named Brescia University #1 in their ranking of Best Online Colleges in Kentucky for 2015-2016. This award recognizes BU Online for our exceptional 4-year online degrees as well as affordability and accreditation status.

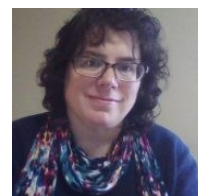


Brescia Online's Bachelor of Arts in Theology program was ranked 8th best Online Bachelor of Theology Programs for 2016-17 by [Affordable Colleges Online](#).

WHAT MAKES A THEOLOGY DEGREE AT BRESCIA UNIQUE?

Brescia University's Bachelor of Arts in Theology with an Emphasis in Pastoral Studies is for students who are interested in ministry as a volunteer, or as a full- or part-time career option. Our online Bachelor of Arts in Theology program forms lay ecclesial ministers in accordance with the directives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These national standards identify competencies in four main areas: Human, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Pastoral. What

makes the experience at Brescia unique is the rich heritage we have in the Ursuline tradition of personal and social transformation through education, with its attention to individual needs and circumstances and its deep appreciation of education as holistic, touching body, mind, and



Lisa M. Gulino, D. Min (candidate)

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A THEOLOGY DEGREE?

Allow me to say that this is a very exciting time to be studying theology and preparing to serve and participate in the mission of the Church. Since the Second Vatican Council opportunities for lay ecclesial ministers have continued to unfold and expand, and the last four popes have reminded, invited, and supported formation of the laity as co-collaborators in the vineyard of the Lord. Recently Pope Francis spoke to this commitment: "We need well-formed lay people, animated by a sincere and clear faith, whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Christ Jesus" (Francis, 17 June 2016). He continued, "(The laity) also need to be able to go out and play a major role in the life and mission of the church....We need laypeople with a vision of the future" (Francis).

Positions within the church would include but certainly not be limited to the following:

- Coordinator of Religious Education
- Parish Youth Minister
- Campus Minister
- High School Theology Teacher
- Parish Young Adult Minister
- Parish Pastoral Associate
- Coordinator of Evangelization
- Director of Life Long Formation
- Director of RCIA
- Coordinator for Faith and Justice
- Adolescent Pastoral Care Worker
- Diocesan Ministry
- Not-for-profit Agencies/Organizations

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WHAT ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY?



Brescia Online's Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program was ranked 3rd best Online Bachelor of Psychology Programs for

2016-17 by [*Affordable Colleges Online*](#). Schools were recognized for a balanced combination of affordability, academic rigor, support and flexibility.

The Online Psychology degree program serves as a "stepping stone" and is adaptable to a wide variety of career opportunities. The Bachelors of Psychology forms a basis for understanding human behavior and development, and students will develop a variety of interpersonal and strong communication skills from this knowledge.

The Online Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program is designed to provide an efficient and high quality opportunity to study the ways in which psychology describes and explains both animal and human behavior. Students will learn how psychology is applied, and will have a solid undergraduate foundation for advanced (graduate) studies in Psychology.

BUonline students can choose between an Online Bachelor of Arts in Psychology or an online Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree with an Emphasis in Addictions Counseling. This program prepares students for leadership posi-

tions in the community in the areas of human services, particularly drug prevention.

The Online Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program provides a vehicle for individuals who want to complete their bachelor's degree in an on-line format. An undergraduate degree in psychology serves as the first step toward an advanced degree and career path in psychology and related fields.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

The Bachelor of Science in Accounting, one of Brescia University's destination programs, is designed to prepare students with the knowledge, skills and abilities for responsible citizenship and leadership roles in today's ever-changing business and society. Performance expectations are high for both students in the programs and for graduates in their careers.

A major component of the program is to provide a broad educational base through sub-

stantial general education and through a common body of business and accounting knowledge. Faculty members continually monitor courses and curricula to assure a timely fit of competencies and skills to professional performance demands.

Brescia Online's Bachelor of Science in Accounting program was ranked 22nd best Online Bachelor of Accounting Programs for 2016-17 by [*Affordable Colleges*](#)

[*Online*](#). Schools were recognized for a balanced combination of affordability, academic rigor, support and flexibility.



WHAT MAKES BRESCIA'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM UNIQUE?

Brescia University's social work program is unique in that it is one of the first programs to offer distance education in an online format. Our first online class was offered in 2004 and by 2008, we had degree completion available completely online. We are accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE). We also provide a

quality social work education by keeping our class size small and mandating weekly online classroom chat sessions. In addition, we have full and part-time faculty with a wide variety of backgrounds and experience.



Todd Palmer, MSW
BSW Program Director

WHY IS SOCIAL WORK IMPORTANT?

"Generalist social work practice is grounded in the liberal arts and the person and environment construct. To promote human and social well-being, generalist practitioners use a range of prevention and intervention methods in their practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The generalist practitioner identifies with the social work profession and applies ethical principles and critical thinking in practice. Generalist practitioners incorpo-

rate diversity in their practice and advocate for human rights and social and economic justice. They recognize, support, and build on the strengths and resiliency of all human beings. They engage in research-informed practice and are proactive in responding to the impact of context on professional practice."

Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards. (2008). Retrieved from [https://cswe.org/getattachment/Accreditation/Standards-and-Policies/2008-EPAS/2008EDUCATIONALPOLICYANDACCREDITATIONSTANDARDS\(EPAS\)-08-24-2012.pdf.aspx](https://cswe.org/getattachment/Accreditation/Standards-and-Policies/2008-EPAS/2008EDUCATIONALPOLICYANDACCREDITATIONSTANDARDS(EPAS)-08-24-2012.pdf.aspx)

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS GET A SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?

A social work degree helps students prepare for varying careers and further graduate study. You can begin your career with your Bachelor's Degree, or you can pursue a Master's Degree or a Doctoral Degree. If you have a desire to assist others in overcoming their barriers, promote human and social well-being, and advocate for social justice, then social work may be the career for you. The rewards of empowering others to succeed are immeasurable.

WHAT TOPICS ARE COVERED AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM?

Our curriculum includes Introduction to Social Work; Human Behavior in the Social Environment (including the entire lifespan); Cultural Diversity; Social Work Practice with individuals, families, and groups, as well as with agencies in the community; Social Welfare Policy; Research Methods and

Research Statistics; and Field Practicum. We also offer subject electives including Social Work in Criminal Justice; Social Work and Aging; Death and Dying; Women at Risk; Ethical Considerations of Social Work Practice; Child Abuse and Neglect; and Child Abuse Interventions.

Brescia Online's Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion program was ranked 27th best Online Bachelor of Social Work Programs for 2016-17 by [Affordable Colleges Online](#). Schools were recognized for a balanced combination of affordability, academic rigor, support and flexibility.



BRESCIA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATE DEGREES ONLINE:

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES

Human services is the study and provision of human and social services to individuals and communities. The Associate of Arts in Human Services prepares students for entry-level positions in a variety of human service agencies.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

The online Associate of Science in Business at Brescia University provides students with an introduction to the basic business models and modern business practices. Students also learn skills needed to conduct business in a variety of organizations and environments.

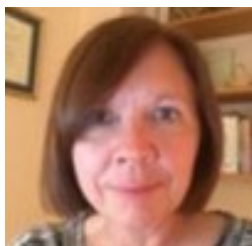
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

BUonline's Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degree provides students with a wide knowledge-base in the areas of communication, language and literature, religion and philosophy, fine arts, natural science and math. This program also examines the social and behavioral sciences.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OR SCIENCE IN INTEGRATED STUDIES

The online Associate of Art or Science in Integrated Studies at Brescia University allows students the ability to create a customized program to help them meet their personal and career goals. Students experience a broad education and learn a number of critical skills, including communication and math literacy.

DID YOU KNOW BRESCIA UNIVERSITY ALSO OFFERS MASTER DEGREES ONLINE?



**Dr. Laura Gibson, LCSW
MSW Program Director**

Master of Social Work

For decades, Brescia University's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences has brought you leading education in the field of Social Work with their Bachelor degree completion program. Brescia University is now offering their Master of So-

cial Work (MSW) degree fully online.

Brescia University offers a one year advanced standing Master of Social Work Program for students who have completed a CSWE accredited Bachelor of Social Work program in the last five years. Brescia University also offers a two year full Master of Social Work Program for students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than social work.

Master of Science in Management (MSM)

The Online MSM is a 2-year, 32 credit-hour program designed to provide early and mid-career professionals with enhanced skills and abilities to prepare them for social and ethical responsibility.

Certificate in Accounting Program – Post-Graduate

Brescia University offers an accelerated online certificate program in accounting that is designed specifically for persons who have already completed a bachelor's degree in another field. Those individuals who cannot participate in traditional classrooms can now take accounting courses online.