

PRiME

*an initiative of the
United Nations Global Compact*

2025 Sharing Information on Progress **(SIP) Report**

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About the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in their classrooms through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet.

PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact. Driven by its mission to transform management education, PRME equips today's business students with the understanding and ability to deliver change tomorrow. As a voluntary initiative with over 800 signatories worldwide, PRME has become the largest organized relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.



“*The PRME initiative was launched to nurture responsible leaders of the future. Never has this task been more important. Bold leadership and innovative thinking are needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*”

Antonio Guterres

Secretary-General (2017 - Present)

United Nations

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Principles of PRME



Purpose

We advance responsible management education to foster inclusive prosperity in a world of thriving ecosystems.



Values

We place organizational responsibility and accountability to society and the planet at the core of what we do.



Teach

We transform our learning environments by integrating responsible management concepts and practices into our curriculum and pedagogy.



Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.



Partner

We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.



Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.



Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of Agenda 2030 are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind. Successful implementation of the SDGs will require all players to champion this agenda; the role of higher education is critical to this.





Getting Started

This section provides foundational information about Bentley University, including key details and basic institutional data.

Vision

As a preeminent business university, Bentley will be a knowledge-producing, engagement-based institution that develops learners for an innovation economy and empowers its community and stakeholders to address some of the world's most consequential challenges. We will achieve this by broadening our reach and impact, strengthening our programmatic portfolio, and creating a culture that becomes a beacon for inclusion and equity.

Strategy

Strategic Plan

Bentley University's strategic plan can be found at this link: <https://www.bentley.edu/about/strategic-plan>

Strategy Alignment

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Institutional History

History of PRME at Bentley

Information about Bentley University's commitment to PRME can be found here: <https://www.bentley.edu/academics/prme>



Graduates & Enrollment

2024 Statistics	Number
Graduates	2540
Faculty & Staff at the University	1109

2024 Statistics	Number
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	1109
Student Enrollment at the University	5780
Student Enrollment at the Institution	5780
Undergraduate Attendance	4637
Masters-Level Postgraduate Attendance	1041
Doctoral Student Attendance	53
Certificate, Professional Development, or Continuing Education Attendance	49

Degrees Offered

Bachelor Programs

 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. or B.S.)  Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Masters Programs

 Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)  Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Doctoral Programs

 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)



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Letter of Commitment

Our Mission

“Bentley University changes the world with a transformative business education, integrated with arts and sciences, that inspires and prepares ethical leaders who will confront the challenges of today and shape the opportunities of tomorrow.”

I am pleased to present the 2025 update to Bentley University’s update on our ongoing commitment to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

From Convocation to Commencement, and at all the classes, clubs and activities in between, Bentley students learn what “good business” means. We believe that good business can impact more than just the bottom line – it can change the world. Our commitment to responsible management is embedded in our curriculum, culture and community partnerships.

Our sustainability practices are powerful examples of this commitment in action. From energy-efficient buildings and waste reduction initiatives to sustainable dining and transportation programs, Bentley’s campus serves as a living laboratory for environmental stewardship. These efforts not only benefit our bottom line, our campus and our surrounding community, they also model ethical, fiscally responsible decision-making for our students.

In 2025, the next generation of business leaders face a new wave of ethical challenges that demand moral clarity. Urgent issues like the responsible use of artificial intelligence, data privacy and digital ethics as well as maintaining positive and inclusive corporate cultures continue to challenge our students. We offer unique learning opportunities through The Hoffman Center for Business Ethics, Bentley’s Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center, and the Gloria Cordes Larson Center for Women and Business. Each center provides students with resources as well as dedicated faculty and staff who help them align business performance with ethical conduct, civic responsibility and inclusive leadership.

Bentley remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate business leaders who are grounded in ethics and prepared to navigate the complexities of the future. We are proud to uphold the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) and the United Nations Global Compact, and we look forward to continuing this important work.

E. LaBrent Chrite
President, Bentley University



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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

- ❖ Individual leader
- ❖ Centralized sustainability office

Values Voices

HCBE information

The Hoffman Center for Business Ethics (HCBE) is a nonprofit educational, research and consulting organization whose vision is a world in which all businesses contribute positively to society through their ethically sound and responsible operations. Our mission is to give leadership in the creation of organizational cultures that align effective business performance with ethical business conduct. We endeavor to do so by the application of expertise, research, education and a collaborative approach to disseminating best practices. HCBE strives to connect ethical thought and action, inspire ethical leadership, enrich ethical knowledge and promote ethical collaboration.

More information can be found here: <https://www.bentley.edu/centers/center-for-business-ethics>

Celebrating Values

The following demonstrates a way in which our institution celebrates values in various specializations.

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Courses that support RME

Bentley University reports 1 course in 2024 that support responsible management education and sustainable development goals.

Business Ethics: Corporate Social Responsibility

| Philosophy 130

See attached syllabus.

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💡 Fostering Innovation



To a great extent

Teaching and learning at our institution strongly foster innovation.

💡 Experiential Learning



To a great extent

Teaching and learning at our institution strongly encourage experiential learning.

💡 Learning Mindset



To a great extent

Teaching and learning at our institution strongly promote a lifelong learning mindset.

💡 Method of Teaching and Learning



In person

Traditional classroom-based learning with face-to-face instruction.



Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.

Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development

167 Peer-reviewed articles were published by Bentley University from this past calendar year. **vs** **17** Peer-reviewed articles were published by Bentley University from this past calendar year in support of RME.

Research Funding

In 2024, Bentley University was awarded funding for research that is:



National



Regional



Local



International

Socializing Research

In 2024, Bentley University contributed research findings to:

- ❖ Community organizations
- ❖ Government and policy makers
- ❖ Industry and business networks
- ❖ International media
- ❖ Local media
- ❖ National media
- ❖ Open-access platforms
- ❖ Public events and lectures
- ❖ Research collaborations
- ❖ Social media and digital outreach

Research Projects

In 2024, Bentley University reported 1 research project that implemented responsible or sustainable activities.

Research at Bentley

Period Covering: September, 2024 - September, 2025

Department: Business Administration | Accounting | Business Analytics | Computer Information Systems | Economics | Entrepreneurship | Finance | Human Resource Management | International Business | Marketing | Management

Bentley University faculty publish many articles and books each year on a range of topics relevant to the SDGs. For more information on research at Bentley, follow this link: <https://www.bentley.edu/research>



Publications Related to RME and/or Sustainability

Against the Sale of Homeopathy (and Other Ineffective Medicines)

Authors: Jeffrey Moriarty

Date of publication: September, 2025

Department: Business Administration | Economics | Entrepreneurship | Management | Marketing

See above.





Partner

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Institutional Partnerships

- ❖ AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
- ❖ United Nations Global Compact non-business signatory
- ❖ Responsible Research in Business & Management (RRBM)

Student Organization Partnerships

- ❖ None

Partnerships

The following provides more details on 1 key partnership at Bentley University.

Bentley Service-Learning and Civic Engagement

The mission of the Bentley Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center is to enhance student learning through academically-connected service and co-curricular programs, working with our local, national, and international nonprofit community partners to help address important public issues. Guided by the undergraduate curriculum, the Service-Learning program provides a service experience that complements student coursework, while developing impactful programs in partnership with the community. Guided by Bentley's commitment to ethical leadership, the Civic Engagement program engages students in social change, social justice, and social entrepreneurship work toward creating sustainable solutions to local, national, and international issues.

More information can be found here: <https://www.bentley.edu/centers/service-learning-center>



Practice


We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Institutional Policies and Practices

- ❖ Buildings/real estate
- ❖ Carbon reduction or offset commitments
- ❖ Employee equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Environmental stewardship policies
- ❖ Ethical data sourcing guides
- ❖ Ethical leadership or good governance policies
- ❖ Greenhouse gas emissions
- ❖ Local staff/student/faculty transportation
- ❖ Professional training opportunities
- ❖ Responsible procurement policies
- ❖ Student equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Sustainability strategy or strategic plan (school or university level)
- ❖ Climate action plan

Policy Documents Related to RME and/or Sustainability

Bentley Sustainability Climate Action Plan_1_1

View document  Download document 



Share

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Engagement Opportunities

Bentley University offers transparent engagement opportunities for members of our institution and community to contribute to our sustainability and responsibility efforts in the following ways:

- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Annual reports
- ❖ Feedback mechanisms (e.g., surveys, suggestion boxes)
- ❖ Open faculty and student meetings and town halls
- ❖ Public events and panel discussions
- ❖ Publicly accessible sustainability data and dashboards
- ❖ Sustainability-focused research and collaboration Opportunities
- ❖ We are currently working to offer engagement opportunities

Communication Audiences

Bentley University communicates its policies and progress on sustainable development and responsibility with:

- ❖ Faculty and staff
- ❖ Media and public relations channels
- ❖ Prospective and current students
- ❖ Research and academic networks

SIGNATORY

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