GOOLSBY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
BNSF EARLY LEADER PROGRAM
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

About
The Goolsby Leadership Academy at The University of Texas at Arlington was founded on the principle that people become great leaders when they discover, understand and apply their own talents. Tomorrow’s leaders will succeed not by fixating on weakness or imitating others, but by exploring and nurturing their distinctive strengths.

For over a decade, the Academy has enhanced conventional learning by challenging students to be problem solvers and ethical leaders. Focusing on integrity, courage and impact, the Academy has developed outstanding alumni that are excelling in their professional careers. Now, thanks to a gift from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), the Goolsby Leadership Academy has created the BNSF Early Leader Program. This extension of the Academy will accept incoming business-intended freshman and is dedicated to strengthening the leadership ability of students.

Program Format
Fall of Freshman year: Students will enroll in a special section of a FLC (Freshmen Learning Community)

Spring of Freshman year: Students will enroll in ECON 2306.

Fall of Sophomore year: Students will enroll in a special section of MANA 2302 – Communications in Organizations, taught by a Goolsby Academy faculty member. Plus, additional non-class activities will be scheduled.

Spring of Sophomore year: The students will enroll in BCOM 3360.

Other events include: guest speakers, team building activities, and fieldtrips.

To be considered for the BNSF Early Leader Program as a freshman you must:

• Be an incoming freshman.
• Have less than 12 hours of college credit.
• Be a Business-Intended student or business major throughout the program while completing business curriculum.
• Maintain full-time enrollment.
• Have a score of 1250 on the SAT or a score of 26 on the ACT.
• Apply through MAV ScholarShop including completing the online essay.

To be enrolled as a sophomore in the BNSF Early Leader Program you must:

• Have 20 hours or more college credit.
• Be a Business-Intended student or business major throughout the program while completing business curriculum.
• Maintain a 3.1 GPA.
• Maintain full-time enrollment.