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# **Benjamin Franklin University Collection**

## **An inventory of Benjamin Franklin University at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Benjamin Franklin University (Washington, D.C.)
<b>Title:</b>	Benjamin Franklin University Collection
<b>ID:</b>	114
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1925-1964
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Benjamin Franklin University was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1925, and was a successor to Pace Institute. The University was based in Benjamin Franklin's doctrine of thrift and self-reliance, and was aimed at students who worked full-time. After completing three years of courses in both accountancy, and business administration, students were eligible to earn a Bachelor's degree in Commercial Science. The University also offered master's degrees in Commercial Science. The University closed in August 1987 after the District's accountancy board introduced new regulations for degrees which would require expanded liberal arts courses and additional full-time faculty members. Although the University was open to women from its founding, Black students were barred from enrolling until 1964. By its closing in 1987 the University had graduated approximately 8,000 students. Those students enrolled when the University closed were granted reduced tuition at George Washington University to complete their degrees.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of yearbooks and alumni and student books.

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## Arrangement

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Collection arranged without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

### Processing Information

Basic archival procedures were used at the time of processing.

### Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Benjamin Franklin Univeristy records, RG0116, George Washington University: <https://searcharchives.library.gwu.edu/repositories/2/resources/666>

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Education, higher
- Yearbooks
- College students

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Yearbook, 1925-1926	Box 1	Folder 1
Yearbook, 1926-1927	Box 1	Folder 2
Yearbook, 1927-1928	Box 1	Folder 3
Yearbook, 1928-1929	Box 1	Folder 4
Yearbook, 1929-1930	Box 1	Folder 5
Yearbook, 1930-1931	Box 1	Folder 6
Yearbook, 1931-1932	Box 1	Folder 7
Yearbook, 1932-1933	Box 1	Folder 8
Yearbook, 1934-1935	Box 1	Folder 9
Yearbook, 1935-1936	Box 1	Folder 10

Yearbook, 1937-1938	Box 1	Folder 11
Yearbook, 1938-1939	Box 1	Folder 12
Yearbook, 1940-1941	Box 1	Folder 13
Yearbook, 1941-1942	Box 1	Folder 14
Yearbook, 1942-1943	Box 1	Folder 15
Yearbook, 1944-1945	Box 1	Folder 16
Yearbook, 1945-1946	Box 1	Folder 17
Yearbook, 1946-1947	Box 1	Folder 18
Yearbook, 1947-1948	Box 1	Folder 19
Yearbook, 1948-1949	Box 1	Folder 20
Yearbook, 1949-1950	Box 1	Folder 21
Yearbook, 1955-1956	Box 1	Folder 22
Yearbook, 1958-1959	Box 1	Folder 23
Yearbook, 1961-1962	Box 1	Folder 24
Yearbook, 1963-1964	Box 1	Folder 25
Alumni and Student Books, 1937	Box 1	Folder 26
Alumni and Student Books, 1941	Box 1	Folder 27
Alumni and Student Books, 1942	Box 1	Folder 28
Alumni and Student Books, 1955	Box 1	Folder 29

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