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One of the most highly rated two-year Honors Programs in the country, the Honors Institute at Broward Community College serves approximately 800 students annually. Honors sections of required General Education courses are taught in a dynamic seminar style by Honors Faculty and are capped at twenty students to create an enriched and specialized learning experience.

The Honors Institute Mission Statement

The mission of the Honors Institute of Broward Community College is to provide an enriched program in a vibrant, active community of students, faculty and staff that:

- stimulates independent and creative thought;
- challenges the intellect;
- enhances career and professional development;
- builds self-confidence and empowerment;
- provides opportunity for cultural enrichment; and
- promotes a global perspective.

Eligibility for the Honors Institute

All students who have completed 12 college credit hours and have a minimum of a 3.5 overall GPA are eligible to join the Honors Institute. Up to 100 students from Broward County High Schools who rank in the top ten 10% of their class are also recruited annually to join the Honors Institute at BCC. Eligibility information, campus contact information and the Honors Institute Application are available on the BCC website, Honors Institute home page, www.broward.edu.

Honors Institute Scholarships

The Honors Institute offers more than 100 scholarships to qualifying Honors students to cover the cost of six semester hours of tuition each major term. The Honors Institute offers 100 tuition scholarships annually to high school graduates who rank in the top 10% of their classes or who demonstrate advanced capability. Through BCC's International Education program there is a 50% subsidy for students who wish to take part in the International Honors Experience. All graduates of the Honors Institute are eligible for similar scholarships at transfer universities. Scholarships are also awarded to BCC Brain Bowl and Math Team members.

The Honors Certificate

The Honors Certificate is awarded upon graduation to students who achieve at least a 3.5 overall cumulative Grade Point Average, and who earn at least eighteen hours in Honors classes, including three credits in the Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar. Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science students who earn nine credits in Honors classes will receive Honors Recognition. The Honors Institute Gold Seal is affixed to the diplomas of qualifying graduates and Honors cords are awarded for graduation regalia.

The Honors Institute Convocation University Transfer Scholarships

Each May, the Honors Institute hosts a college-wide Honors Convocation. Departmental and Academic Deans' Honors Awards are presented from each campus. The highlight of the event is the official recognition of more than 150 university transfer scholarships awarded annually to Honors Institute Graduates for all ten of Florida's State Universities and many private universities such as Nova Southeastern, Barry University, and the University of Miami. Qualified graduates of the Honors Institute have also been awarded scholarships to the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation such as Harvard, Tulane, Cal-Berkley, Smith, Georgetown, MIT, University of Chicago, University of Texas/Austin and many more.

Social and Cultural Events

Special campus and college-wide social activities are provided for students in the Honors Institute. Honors Institute students are encouraged to participate in the many cultural events presented by Broward Community College.

The Brain Bowl

Students in the Honors Institute have the opportunity to compete for a place on the Broward Community College Brain Bowl Team. Regional and state winners of the annual Florida Community College Brain Bowl receive cash prizes and earn scholarships to upper division universities. BCC's highly successful Brain Bowl team, whose members all receive scholarships, competes in five tournaments a year throughout the state and the South. BCC is the only College to have a Brain Bowl team win five consecutive state championships and the only College to have two teams simultaneously win first and second place.

Phi Theta Kappa

The National Scholastic Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, has a chapter on each campus of Broward Community College. Students earning at least a 3.5 overall cumulative GPA, after 12 credit hours, are eligible for membership. The Society provides opportunities for scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship with other students of high academic standing around the nation. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa also brings opportunities to enter state and national competitions as well as opportunities to attend regional, state and national conferences and seminars.

Foreign Study Program

Broward Community College provides students with opportunities to enroll in several different overseas academic programs. BCC has conducted study programs in foreign locations since 1974, and students participating in these programs earn transferable college credit. BCC offers several

overseas academic programs for students of all ages. Both short-term (summer) and long-term (semester) programs are offered, as illustrated in the following selection of programs. More information about any of the BCC Foreign Study programs may be obtained by contacting the Director of International Education at (954) 201-2206.

Semester in Spain Program

The BCC Center in Spain was established in 1979 to provide students with an opportunity to study for several months in a foreign country at reasonable cost. Students live and attend classes in the beautiful city of Seville, Spain, and earn 15-18 semester hours of credit by participating in the program. Unlike other programs in Spain, the Broward program does not require proficiency in Spanish; any student may participate, as the language of instruction is English. Students participating in the Spain Program may choose from several housing options including Spanish families, residencias, dormitories, and pensions. The approximate cost is \$4,900 per semester, plus airfare.

College Consortium for International Studies

Broward Community College is an active member of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), a national organization founded for the purpose of providing high quality international and intercultural programs abroad, at reasonable cost. As a result of this membership in CCIS, Broward Community College offers summer and semester-length academic programs in over a dozen countries including England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, and Israel. Students may earn Broward Community College credits when they enroll in any of these programs.

Summer Foreign Study Program

Broward Community College also conducts several short-term overseas academic programs in foreign locations during the summer terms. These courses provide an excellent opportunity to combine foreign travel experience with academic instruction. By taking advantage of group rates and favorable arrangements with area travel agents, the College is able to offer these overseas academic programs at considerable savings. All foreign-study courses combine on-campus instruction with foreign travel. Participants typically earn three to six semester hours of credit in a variety of subjects, and many courses are of an interdisciplinary nature. These courses are fully accredited and may be applied toward a degree at Broward Community College or used for other purposes such as certificate renewal and/or incentive awards for public school teachers. Several different study-tours are offered each summer, with opportunities to study in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Mexico, and the Orient.

High School in Israel

Qualified students participating in the Alexander Muss High School in Israel Program may earn credit in one or two Broward Community College courses while studying in Israel.

International Affiliate Colleges

Broward Community College has established formal linkages with several institutions of higher education around the world. Since 1981, BCC has maintained, at various times, academic affiliations with educational institutions in Spain, Malaysia, Singapore, Argentina, Ecuador, the United Arab Emirates, India, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. Broward's COC/SACS accreditation does not transfer to these international affiliates or their students. International affiliates utilize the BCC curriculum and offer courses and programs similar to those offered at BCC. Broward Community College provides technical assistance to facilitate the parallelism and quality of the academic programs offered at all international affiliates.

Current BCC International Affiliates include:

- Pan American Center for Higher Education, Cuenca, Ecuador
- Center for American Education, Bangalore, India
- American College of Higher Education, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Broward Community College also conducts an academic program in Singapore, in cooperation with the Center for American Education (CAE), and maintains a technical assistance agreement with the Centre for American Education in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is an academic program that combines on-campus study with directly-related work experience in area businesses, industries, or government agencies. Students must complete a minimum of 144 hours of Cooperative Education work experience during the semester in which they are enrolled in a Cooperative Education course.

Cooperative Education Plans

There are three different Cooperative Education plans offered at Broward Community College.

1. **Cooperative Education Work Experience**
Part-time or full-time paid work experience providing initial entry-level training.
2. **Cooperative Education Internship**
Part-time unpaid experiences that provide entry-level training, often in social service agencies, schools and the broadcast industry.
3. **Cooperative Education for Working Adults**
Full-time paid work experience providing intermediate to advanced training. Current employment meeting program requirements may be used. Job duties may be modified or enhanced in cooperation with the employer.

Cooperative Education Program Benefits

As a Cooperative Education student you can:

- earn academic credit;
- gain practical experience and job knowledge;

- test your career decisions;
- make valuable contacts in your professional field;
- earn an income through work in your field.

Eligible Students

All students who have completed one full-time semester or at least 12 credit hours are eligible to enter the Cooperative Education Program provided they have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and are in good academic standing (Students who do not meet this criterion may apply for special entry into the program through the Coordinator of Accelerated Learning).

Cooperative Education Application Steps

Students may apply once they have completed a minimum twelve credit hours at the College.

1. Arrange for an interview with a campus faculty Cooperative Education Coordinator in the appropriate field.
2. Complete the Cooperative Education application form available from the campus Cooperative Education Coordinator.
3. Get accepted by an employer as a Cooperative Education student, employee, intern, or volunteer.
4. Obtain permission from the employer (supervisor) to take Cooperative Education if the current job has been determined to be related to the student's major.

ROTC Program

Broward Community College offers ROTC courses that satisfy the first two years of the four-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program or the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. The Army ROTC courses are offered in conjunction with Florida International University and are taught at the FIU campus in Miami. The Air Force ROTC courses are offered in conjunction with the University of Miami and are taught at the UM campus in Coral Gables.

ROTC is a four-year program that helps students learn leadership skills while in college. Eligible students who complete the ROTC program will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Military upon graduation from a four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree. The ROTC program offers scholarships and other monetary benefits to participants. Students interested in the Army ROTC program should contact the Military Science Department at Florida International University at (305) 348-1619. Students interested in the Air Force ROTC program should contact the Military Science Department at the University of Miami at (305) 284-2870. Under no circumstances should a student register in ROTC courses without first contacting one of the above programs.