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### **The Honors Institute**

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](http://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-Berkeley, 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. More information about any of the BCC Foreign Study programs may be obtained by contacting the 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 a semester or summer in Spain at reasonable cost. Students live and attend classes in the beautiful city of Seville, 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, 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 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 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. 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 programs are offered each summer, with opportunities to study in many countries around the world.

### **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 Programs**

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 University of Euenca, Cuenca, Ecuador
- Center for International Education, Marbella, Spain
- American College of Higher Education, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Broward Community College also conducts accredited programs in Singapore and Bangalore, India, in cooperation and maintains a technical assistance agreement with the Centre for American Education in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

### ***BCC Internship Program (Cooperative Education)***

***An internship is an academic program that combines on-campus study with directly-related work experience.***

The College defines an internship as:

- Any short-term supervised work experience specifically related to a student's declared major, for which the student earns academic credit.
- The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid. In order to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, it is required that for-profit employers pay their intern at least minimum wage, unless the intern is receiving academic credit (unpaid internships offered by for-profit organizations must result in academic credit for the student). Paid internships are highly encouraged.
- The internship should provide the student with a meaningful experience directly related to the student's program of study. The Faculty Internship Instructor ultimately approves the suitability of the internship for course credit.

### **Eligible Students**

To qualify for an internship, the student must have a declared major and be in good academic standing. It is strongly recommended that the student have completed at least 24 credits (unless waived by the appropriate Associate Dean).

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Meet with the appropriate Faculty Internship Instructor
- Prepare a professional resume

- Acquire an internship (paid or unpaid) in a field directly related to their declared academic major
- Register and pay for the internship class
- Obtain supervisor's signature on Student Internship Application. Obtain supervisor's and faculty instructor's signature on the Learning Objectives. Provide one completed copy of each document to the instructor and another to the respective Job Developer
- Provide supervisor with instructor's contact information and Employer Internship Packet
- Notify the instructor and respective Job Developer of any change in the internship
- Complete all required assignments/reports/projects and paperwork
- Fulfill the required amount of working hours (144 hours for 3 credits)
- Perform all work duties as assigned
- Learn as a result of the work experience

#### **Benefits of an Internship**

- Earn academic credit
- Gain practical experience and job knowledge
- Test your career decisions
- Make valuable contact in our professional field

For more information please contact the Accelerated Learning Coordinator at 954-201-7668.

#### **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.