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One of the most highly rated two-year Honors Programs in the country; the Honors Institute at Broward 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 College is to provide an enriched program in a vibrant, active community of students, faculty and staff who:

- 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 BC. Eligibility information, campus contact information and the Honors Institute Application are available on the BC website, Honors Institute home page, online at [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 BC'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 BC 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 College.

### The Brain Bowl

Students in the Honors Institute have the opportunity to compete for a place on the Broward 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. BC's highly successful Brain Bowl team, whose members all receive scholarships, competes in five tournaments a year throughout the state and the South. BC 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 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 College provides students with opportunities to enroll in several different overseas academic programs. BC has conducted study programs in foreign locations since 1974, and students participating in these programs earn transferable college credit. BC 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 BC Foreign Study programs may be obtained by contacting the International Education Office at 954- 201-7707.

### College Consortium for International Studies

Broward College is an active member of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) [www.ccisabroad.org](http://www.ccisabroad.org), an international organization founded for the purpose of providing high quality international programs abroad, at reasonable costs. As a result of membership in CCIS, Broward College offers summer and semester-length academic programs in many countries including England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, and Israel. Students may earn Broward College credits when they enroll in these programs. BC sponsors two programs through CCIS: Seville, Spain, since 1979 and Bangalore, India, since 2007.

### Semester in Spain Program

The BC 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; students may participate in English or Spanish instruction depending on their level of language proficiency. Students participating

in the Spain Program may choose to live with Spanish families or in private residencies. For more information about this program contact the Greene International Education Institute at 954-201-7707.

### Summer Study-Abroad Program

Broward 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 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. For a current list of available programs contact the Greene International Education Institute at 954- 201-7707 or online at [www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu).



### High School in Israel

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

### International Affiliate Programs

Broward College has established formal linkages with several institutions of higher education around the world. Since 1981, BC 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 BC curriculum and offer courses and programs similar to those offered at BC. Broward College provides technical assistance to facilitate the parallelism and quality of the academic programs offered at all international affiliates.

Current BC International Affiliates include:

- International College of Seville (ICS), Seville, Spain
- Pan American University of Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador
- American College of Higher Education (ACHE), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Grupo Educativo de Baden Powell, Estado de Mexico, Mexico
- Universidad ETAC, Estado de Mexico, Mexico
- Vietnamese-American Technical College (VATC), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Beijing International School Education Academy (BIS), Beijing, China
- Caribbean-American Institute of Higher Learning (CAIHL), Montego Bay, Jamaica

Broward College also conducts SACS accredited programs where students enroll college credit courses as students of BC in three locations:

- Center for American Education (CAE) in Singapore
- International Center for Management and India Studies (ICMIS) in Bangalore, India
- Brookdale College of Ecuador (BCE), Guayaquil and Quito, Ecuador

### Army ROTC Program

Broward 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.

