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International Students (F-1 Student Visa Status)

Broward Community College embraces a multicultural, diverse student environment and encourages applications from students all over the world. Applicants should obtain an admission packet by contacting the International Admissions Coordinator at 954 201 7468 three to six months in advance of the anticipated semester of enrollment. The packet contains general information and specific requirements for admission to BCC. Deadline dates are included in the packet.

Admission Requirements

The following documents are required for admission to BCC:

1. A completed International Student Application and a non-refundable $75.00 application fee. Checks and money orders must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. ($) dollars. Payments in non-U.S. funds or drawn on non-U.S. banks will be returned unprocessed. Counter or starter checks are not accepted.
2. If a student has a Social Security Number (SSN) or a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), federal law requires that it be furnished to Broward Community College (BCC) so that it may be included on all documents filed by the institution with the Internal Revenue Service. Students who fail to furnish BCC with the correct SSN or TIN may be subject to an IRS penalty of $50 unless the failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.
3. A copy of a high school diploma or its equivalent: GED or four academic passes in GCE, CXC, BGCSE or HKCE exams in General Proficiency. Secondary school diplomas do not have to be translated to English with the exception of Hebrew, Arabic or Asian. All applicants must have the equivalent of a United States high school diploma and college preparatory program.
4. If a student has attended a university outside the U.S, please attach a copy of the original documents in the language of your country, along with an official translation from a certified translation company. University transcripts must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or its equivalent. Within 30 days of admission, a course by course commercial evaluation is required of all university work completed.
5. Official transcripts are required from all U.S. colleges/universities attended. If an applicant is transferring from a U.S. university, a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 is required. Transfer students are required to submit a copy of the form I-20 from the last institution attended along with verification of full time status.
6. Evidence of English proficiency if English is the applicant's second language. All applicants must provide a copy of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum TOEFL score of 500 (paper based test), or 173 (computerized based test), or 61 (internet based test) is required for admission to BCC. We also accept the IELTS test with a minimum grade of 5.5 or better. Students who are in the United States may take the BCC English as a Second Language placement test along with a writing sample. Testing will be done only after the application is submitted and the application fee is paid.
7. A statement of financial support. All international applicants must provide a statement of financial support. It should indicate that there are sufficient funds to cover the "total cost of education" (tuition, fees, books, living expenses, transportation, and incidental expenses). Currently, the total cost of education is $18,000 in U.S. dollars. Proof of the availability of $18,000 per full calendar year for all expenses is mandatory.
8. After Admission, applicants must show proof of health insurance.

After Receiving An Application

Within two to six weeks, the International Admissions Office will provide the following:

1. an acceptance letter with the I-20 eligibility form; or
2. an acceptance letter indicating the student must contact the International Admissions Office regarding his/her visa status; or
3. a letter requesting additional information, indicating which items are missing; or

4. a letter of denial, indicating the reason for the denial.

International students obtaining the student visa in their country cannot enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the first day of classes. Once in the U.S., the students will be able to complete the on-campus advisement and registration process. International Students are required to report directly to the International Student Advisor/Counselor on the campus the student plans to attend for placement testing, advisement, and registration. Placement test scores will determine if the student should enroll in developmental courses in Math, Reading or English. These are credit courses that do not apply toward a degree.

Other Requirements

International students must make satisfactory progress towards their degree objective each term to comply with immigration/legal requirements. This includes the following:

- Successfully complete at least 12 semester hours during the Fall and Winter respectively.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 24 semester hours in one academic year.
- Maintain an overall 2.0 grade point average.
- Maintain lawful F-1 visa status with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Students may not enroll beyond the expiration date of their I-20 form.
- Compliance with all BCC rules and regulations.

Students who do not meet the above regulations will not be permitted to register for subsequent terms.

Florida Residency
Students in F-1 status are considered as temporary residence of the United States and may NOT be deemed Florida residents for tuition purposes.

Federal Income Tax
International students must file an income tax return each year. Form 8843 is required if the student has not worked, and forms 1040NREZ are required if the student has worked. International students should contact the local Internal Revenue Office for further information.

Employment
In most instances, international students are not permitted to work off campus. On-campus employment is permitted. Please contact the International Student Advisor for additional information on employment.

Housing
BCC does not provide, supervise, or recommend student housing.

Financial Assistance
BCC does not provide financial assistance to international students. However, some International Student Scholarships are available after completion of 24 credits at BCC if certain requirements are met. Contact the International Admission Coordinator or an International Student Advisor for further information.

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