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International Student Admissions

International Students (F-1 and M1 Student Visa Status)

Broward College embraces a multicultural, diverse student environment and encourages applications from students all over the world. Students should apply to the college three to six months in advance of the anticipated semester of enrollment. An international student application and admission brochure can be obtained from any admission office on any campus or can be downloaded from the College website at www.broward.edu. The admission packet contains general information as well as specific requirements for admission to and continued enrollment at Broward College. Deadline dates are included in the packet.

Admission Requirements

The following documents are required for admission to the College. Baccalaureate degree seeking students who have earned a two-year degree or 60 credits of transferrable credit should refer to the bachelors admissions requirements.

1. International Student Application

- Completed application with signature.
- \$75 application fee in check or money order drawn on a United States bank.

2. Official Education Records through highest level completed along with an official certified English translation (Copies must be certified by the school attended, the Ministry of Education in native country, or the US Consulate.)

- High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED) - All applicants must have the equivalent of a US high school diploma. (High school diplomas do not have to be translated to English with the exception of Hebrew, Arabic or Asian)
- For the British education system, four academic passes on the GCE, CXC, BGCSE, WAEC, WASC, or HKCE exams in General Proficiency are required.
- Official University Transcripts with a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 or its equivalent.

Students attending colleges or universities outside the US will be required to have a commercial evaluation done within 30 prior to the start of classes consisting of a course by course evaluation and upper division course identification.

4. Evidence of English proficiency (*Native English speakers or applicants for the language program are not required to show evidence of English proficiency.*)

Degree seeking students must submit one of the following:

- TOEFL - minimum score of 79 on the internet-based test or a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test.
- IELTS - minimum score of 6.5.
- Broward College English as a Second Language Placement Test (LOEP). Applicants currently in US only.
- Successful completion of English IV at a US high school or university level English at an accredited US university with a grade of C or higher.

Please note: All international students regardless of TOEFL or IELTS scores will be required to take the LOEP test for placement. *In addition, students who are degree seeking, who do not place into college-level English on the LOEP test, will be required to take English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, which will not apply towards a degree. All ESL classes must be completed before starting any course work in a degree program.

5. Evidence of financial support

- Confidential financial statement on the application must be completed signed by financial sponsor.
- Bank statement, scholarship, or loan approval indicating that there are sufficient funds to cover the “total cost of attendance for the full length of the program of study” (tuition, fees, books, living expenses, transportation, and incidental expenses). Each dependent will require additional funds in the amount of \$7,000 US dollars.

Total Minimum Balance Required:**Associate Degree or Language Program:**

\$22,500 US dollars.

Professional Pilot Program:

\$50,000 US dollars.

Bachelor Degree:

\$27,500 US dollars.

Current cost per credit:

Please refer to the College Website for the current tuition and fees. (Fees are subject to change without notice)

6. Copies of a valid passport, current I-20, and visa, if applicable.

After Receipt of Application and Admission Documentation

Within two to six weeks after receiving an application the International Admissions Office will notify you regarding one or more of the following:

1. Proof of acceptance along with the I-20 eligibility form;
2. Proof of acceptance with a letter indicating the student must contact the International Admissions Office regarding his/her visa status;
3. A request for additional information, indicating which items are missing in your application packet;
4. A denial letter with an explanation for that decision.

Please be advised acceptance to the College does not guarantee a student visa by the US Embassy in your country; neither does it guarantee a change of status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

International students obtaining the student visa in their country cannot enter the US more than 30 days before the first day of classes. Once in the US, students must show proof of the student visa before the on-campus advisement and registration process can begin. 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.

After Admission, before class registration, applicants must show proof of health insurance. Health insurance is required during your entire program of study at Broward College.

Other Requirements

International students must make satisfactory progress towards their degree objective each term to comply with immigration regulations.

This includes the following:

- Successfully complete at least 12 semester hours during the fall and winter respectively.
- The summer semester is considered the student's annual vacation unless it is their first semester or if special arrangements have been made with the international admission office.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 24 semester hours in one academic year.
- Maintain an overall 2.0 grade point average.
- Maintain lawful F-1 or M1 visa status with the USCIS.
- Students may not enroll beyond the expiration date of their I-20 form.
- Compliance with all the College rules and regulations.

NOTE:

Students receiving a W, WF, or WN as a final course grade or enrollment status are considered to be less than the required 12 credits. If the final grade or enrollment status received is correct, it is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for students to ask faculty or any college official to alter a grade in order to remain in compliance with Federal Immigration Regulations. Reported incidences of this behavior can result in expulsion.

Students who do not meet the above regulations will not be permitted to register for subsequent terms and may be reported to the USCIS for non-compliance of the immigration regulations.

Florida Residency

Students in F-1 or M1 status are considered temporary residents 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 form 1040NREZ is required if the student has worked. International

students should contact the local Internal Revenue Office (IRS) for further information. Forms can be obtained on line at www.irs.gov

All non-residents are subject to US federal income tax, unless exempted. Federal income tax may be withheld from US source funds students receive from the college such as scholarships or employment. Certain countries have tax treaties with the US where some taxes may be reduced or exempted and recouped at year end from the IRS. For participating countries, please visit the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p901.pdf>.

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

The College does not provide or recommend student housing.

Financial Assistance

Non-US Citizens or non-eligible residents do not qualify for Federal or State Student Financial aid. International students may qualify for private loans as explained in the next paragraphs. The college recommend any one lender or another and does not provide assistance or give advice regarding private loans for any students enrolled or not enrolled at the College.

The College does provide an International Student Merit Scholarship. Students are eligible for this award after completion of 24 Broward College college-level credits with an overall cumulative

GPA of 3.0. Please contact the International Admissions Office for more information.

International students may apply for private education or alternative loans to help pay for their educational expenses as long as there is a co-signer who is a US citizen or permanent resident. The guidelines to apply will vary depending on the lender, but citizenship and credit will be a requirement for many, if not all, lenders. Students are free to research ways to pay for College using all available resources afforded to them to determine whether they qualify for such. Please contact the lender of your choice for additional information.

Please note: Students using student loans as proof of financial support must provide loan approval prior to admission and all transactions regarding the loan are between the student and the lender. Admission cannot be approved prior to loan approval.

Social Security Number

If a student has a Social Security Number (SSN) or a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), federal law requires that it be furnished to the College so that it may be included on all documents filed by the institution with the Internal Revenue Service. Students who fail to furnish the College 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.

Contact Information

Contact information for international student admission can be obtained from the College website at www.broward.edu.

