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The Robert “Bob” Elmore [Honors Institute](#)

One of the most highly rated two-year Honors Programs in the country; the Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors Institute at Broward College serves approximately 850 students annually.

Honors Institute Advantages

Honors sections of required General Education courses are taught in a dynamic seminar style by Honors Faculty. Classes are capped at twenty students to create an enriched and specialized learning experience. Honors Institute members receive special recognition and benefits, including but not limited to, priority registration privileges.

The Honors Institute Mission Statement

The mission of the Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors Institute of Broward College is to provide an enriched program in a vibrant, active community of students, faculty and staff which:

- 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

Students who have completed 12 college-level credit hours and have earned a minimum of a 3.5 overall GPA are eligible to join the Honors Institute. In addition, up to 100 students are recruited annually from Broward County High Schools who earn an unweighted GPA of 3.25 or greater and have appropriate Honors Institute placement scores on the PERT, SAT, or ACT. These students are invited to join the Honors Institute and could be eligible to receive a scholar award. Students who

- complete Home Schooling Certificates and have SAT scores of 1000 or higher;
- place in the top 1-2% of GED scores are also eligible.

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/honors

[Honors Institute Scholarships](#)

The Honors Institute offers Term scholarships to qualifying part-time and fulltime Honors students to cover the cost of books each major term. The Honors Institute also offers Scholars Award scholarships annually to high school graduates who meet eligibility criteria or who demonstrate advanced capability. Through BC’s International Education program, eligible Honors students can apply for a subsidy for International Study Abroad Programs. Honors students may also receive scholarships for holding leadership roles in Phi Theta Kappa or for their participation on the Brain Bowl and Math Teams. All graduates of the Honors Institute are eligible for transfer scholarships at public and private universities. Scholarships are also awarded to officers in Phi Theta Kappa, BC Brain Bowl and Math Team members. NOTE: For those who apply and are eligible to receive it, Federal and State financial aid are awarded first and any scholarship aid is awarded if there is still unmet need.

The Honors Certificate

The Honors Certificate is awarded upon graduation to students who achieve at least a 3.5 overall cumulative GPA in college-level credit coursework, and to those who earn at least fifteen hours in Honors classes completed at Broward College, including three credits for the Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar, IDH 2121. Additionally, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Bachelor in Science, and Bachelor in Applied Science students who earn fifteen credits in Honors classes and graduate with a 3.5 overall GPA in college-level credit coursework will receive Honors certificates. The Honors Institute Gold Seal is affixed to the diplomas of qualifying graduates and Honors cords are awarded for graduation regalia.

Annual Honors Institute [Awards Celebration](#) and University Transfer Scholarships

Each year in April, the Honors Institute hosts a college-wide Honors Colloquium, which ends with an Awards Celebration. Departmental and 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.

Honors Student Committees, Social and Cultural Events

. Honors students are encouraged to join the Honors Student Committee on their campus for special social events and volunteer activities in the community. In addition, 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 Tournaments may 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 completing 12 college-level credit hours, are eligible for membership. Students do not have to be part of the Honors Institute to become members of PTK. And, not all PTK members are part of the Honors Institute. PTK 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 scholarships and competitions as well as opportunities to attend regional, state and national conferences and seminars. Students who continue beyond their two-year degree have opportunities to become members of four-year honor societies as well.

Internship Education

(Formally known as 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 all employers that are for-profit pay their interns 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 students with a meaningful experience directly related to their course 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 number 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 contacts in your professional field

For more information about internships, log on to www.broward.edu or [contact](#) the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at:
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
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International Education Programs

Study Abroad 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 Study Abroad Office at 954- 201-7709.

A. College Consortium for International Studies

Broward College is an active member of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) 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 three

programs through CCIS: Seville, Spain, Heidelberg Germany and Lima and Cusco, Peru.



Summer and Semester Length Programs

The Broward College 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 each semester or 6-7 semester hours in the summer term by participating in the program. Students may enroll at the International College of Seville or the University of Seville, Spain. 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.

Similarly, the College offers study abroad programs in liberal arts in Heidelberg, Germany through Schiller International University or intensive German language study at the International House Heidelberg.

Semester and summer opportunities also are available in Lima and Cusco, Peru through the College's affiliation with the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, which has campuses in both cities.

For more information about this program contact the Greene International Education Institute at 954-201-7709.

B. Faculty-led Summer Study-Abroad Program

Broward College also conducts several short-term overseas academic programs in foreign locations during the summer terms. These courses combine

foreign travel experience with academic instruction. Participants typically earn three to six semester hours of credit in a variety of subjects. 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 954-201-7709 or online at www.broward.edu.



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 a number of educational institutions located in Europe, Asia and South America. Broward College's regional 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:

- Pan American University of Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador
- Caribbean-American Institute of Higher Learning (CAIHL), Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Hyria Education, Ltd., Hyvinkaa, Finland
- Center for American Education (CAEG), Guatemala City, Guatemala Universidad Autonoma del Caribe (UAC) Barranquilla, Colombia

- National Management School (NMS), Chennai, India

SACS Approved International Centers

Broward College also conducts programs approved by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) where students enroll and register in college credit courses as Broward College students at five locations:

- Center for American Education (CAE) Singapore
- [Center for American Education at Broward College of Ecuador \(BCE\), Guayaquil and Quito, Ecuador](#)
- American College of Higher Education (ACHE), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIL), Lima, Peru
- [Vietnamese-American Technical College \(VATC\), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam](#)

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 also 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 earn their bachelor's degree and complete the ROTC program will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Military. 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