Orientation to Campus Life

Dear Entering Graduate Student:

Welcome to Brooklyn College! We are pleased that you have joined our campus community.

Today’s Graduate Student Reception and Orientation is an informative and festive event. It provides an opportunity for you to learn about the many resources, services, and extracurricular and cocurricular activities that Brooklyn College offers as well as the chance to meet and socialize with fellow students.

Before the formal part of the program, we encourage you to take a campus tour. Check the schedule in this pamphlet for information about tours and all events. There will be a Welcome by the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), the Division of Student Affairs, and the Office of the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies. You will have the opportunity to meet representatives from your program, elected members of the GSO, and members of the College administration. Most importantly, you will be able to meet your fellow students.

Please review the Orientation Program schedule. We are confident that you will find today’s events very helpful as you begin this new and challenging experience as a graduate student at Brooklyn College.

We look forward to meeting you. Once again, WELCOME to the Brooklyn College family.

Louise Hainline
Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

First Day of Classes
August 27

Best wishes for a satisfying and successful college career.

Christoph M. Kimmich
President

Orientation Program
for Entering
Graduate Students
at Brooklyn College
Beginning
Thursday, August 21, 2008
About Brooklyn College
Brooklyn College was founded in 1930, when the downtown Brooklyn branches of City College (for men) and Hunter College (for women) merged to form the first coeducational public college in New York City. In 1935, an exuberant President Franklin D. Roosevelt and a jubilant New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia came to Flatbush to lay the cornerstone of a campus being constructed on the old Barnum & Bailey circus grounds. That occasion is reflected in the names of two of the four original Georgian buildings: La Guardia Hall and Roosevelt Hall. Contemporary photographs show students teetering across campus on planks (called “duck boards”) laid across a sea of mud that was the Quadrangle when the College was still a construction site.

Students arriving on the campus today will find that it is once again a construction site. The Quad is being extended across Bedford Avenue, where a new building will anchor the western end of the campus—a plan that realizes the original design of the campus. The new building will house student services, recreation facilities, and the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science.

The Division of Graduate Studies offers more than sixty-five programs leading to the degrees master of arts, master of fine arts, master of music, master of public health, master of science, and master of science in education. A combined bachelor’s-master’s degree program is offered; a master of arts-doctor of jurisprudence program is offered jointly with Brooklyn Law School; and several advanced certificate programs in education and other fields are offered. The master’s degrees may be earned as terminal credentials or en route to doctoral degrees offered at the Graduate Center or elsewhere.

Reception and Orientation Program
Thursday, August 21
Resource Opportunities
Maroon Room, Student Center, 5 p.m.
Information about student affairs, the BC WebCentral portal, career services, financial aid, scholarships, theses, and comprehensive examinations will be available.

Library Workshops
Main Lobby, Brooklyn College Library, 4:45 and 5:15 p.m.
For Internet research information, make the library your first stop.

Welcome
Gold Room, Student Center; 6 p.m.
Brooklyn College President Christoph M. Kimmich will speak, and Dean of Research and Graduate Studies Louise Hainline and other College administrators will greet new students.

Get Acquainted with Your Department
Fourth and Fifth floors, Student Center; 6:30 p.m.
Representatives from academic departments have been invited to share information. There will be light refreshments.

Graduate Student Workshops
Student Center; beginning at 7:15 p.m.
Funding Your Education
Administrators will hold sessions about career services, financial aid, scholarships, and internships.

Information and Engagement
This discussion will address the critical elements of your graduate experience, expectations, and opportunities to enhance your portfolio.

Library Research: A Critical Key to Academic Success
Librarians will provide information on how to access the library’s numerous resources online from off campus.

Thesis and Comprehensives
An introduction to thesis writing and comprehensive examinations.

Upcoming Events
Comprehensive Exam Workshops—September 16 and October 2, 6 p.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium
Thesis Writing Workshops—September 25 and October 7, 6 p.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium

Enter the Orientation Raffle
Visit our Student Service Tables. Representatives will be available from the Admissions Office, the Bursar’s Office, the Health Clinic, the library, the Information Booth, the Financial Aid Office, the Magner Center for Career Development and Internships, and other offices and departments. You may also talk to members of graduate student-oriented clubs.

Bring your registration card to the Hospitality Table. Your card will be collected and entered in a raffle. You must be present to win a gift certificate.

Grand Prize: $175 Brooklyn College Bookstore Gift Certificate*
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To the Graduate Student Organization, Orientation volunteers, student leaders and administrators, the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Brooklyn College, the Office of the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, and the Center for Student Development, Division of Student Affairs.

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