

# Student Handbook

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**Brooklyn  
College**

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## I. Welcome to Brooklyn College

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On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, welcome to Brooklyn College!

We are thrilled that you have chosen Brooklyn College to pursue and/or complete your academic goals. With a student body composed of individuals from 143 countries, speaking 100 different languages, Brooklyn College boasts a diverse, vibrant, and engaged community filled with bright, ambitious individuals eager to explore a wide range of academic disciplines. The administration, faculty, and staff at Brooklyn College are committed to providing a challenging and enriching environment for all of our students.

Within the Division of Student Affairs, we have a number of programs and services to complement your academic experiences, such as the Black and Latino Male Initiative, Center for Student Disability Services, LGBTQ Resource Center, Magner Career Center, Personal Counseling, Veteran and Military Programs and Services, and Women's Center. In addition, Student Activities Central supports approximately 150 registered student clubs and organizations that span a broad range of interests, including academic and professional, cultural and identity-based, governance, graduate students, Greek lettered, health and wellness, performing arts, political and social awareness, publications and media, special interest, spiritual and faith-based, sports and recreation, and volunteer and service. It is our hope that you will take full advantage of the opportunities available to you at Brooklyn College.

This Student Handbook serves as your guide to Brooklyn College. Inside, you will find essential information about the college's policies, procedures, and myriad resources and opportunities, including academic resources, campus safety, financial aid, student disciplinary procedures, and tuition and fees. The handbook is broken down into sections to make it easy for you to find information. Wherever possible, direct contact information, hyperlinks, and hours of operation have been included. Updated annually, the Student Handbook will be of great benefit to you from your first day on campus until your last.

Once again, welcome to Brooklyn College. We are excited to have you as a student and look forward to aiding you in your success. If there is anything we can do to assist you, do not hesitate to contact us by visiting 2113 Boylan Hall, calling 718.951.5352 or [e-mailing us](#). Best wishes on your college career!

With Bulldog Pride,

Ronald C. Jackson, Ed.D.  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Graduation: Your Dream, Our Focus

## II. Brooklyn College of the City University of New York

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### **History of Brooklyn College**

Founded in 1930, Brooklyn College was New York City's first public coeducational liberal arts college. The school was envisioned as a stepping-stone for the sons and daughters of immigrants and working-class people toward a better life through a superb college education.

The first campus was set in the busiest section of downtown Brooklyn, within the shadows of Borough Hall and court buildings, and near a busy commercial thoroughfare. A student in the 1930s joked poetically: "Oh, Brooklyn College, thou art loveliest seen in gentle springtime, when traffic lights are green."

Within two years, the idea of constructing a formal campus took hold. The college's first president, William Boylan, embraced a large tract in the Midwood neighborhood promoted by a young architect, Randolph Evans. At the time, the land was a golf course, a football field, and the staging area for Barnum & Bailey Circus. Even before the site was chosen, Evans had drafted a design for the college of a Georgian-style campus facing a central quadrangle, anchored by a library with a tall tower.

Despite being in the throes of the Great Depression, Boylan and Evans made quick progress. In December 1934, the city approved the purchase of the Midwood lot for \$1,625,528. The federal Public Works Administration allocated \$5 million for the buildings' construction. And in October 1935, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, in the presence of Boylan and Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll, took a silver-plated shovel and broke ground on the new Brooklyn College campus. Workers enlisted in the Works Progress Administration (WPA) completed most of the buildings and landscaping within two years.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt came to campus and laid the cornerstone for Roosevelt Hall, he said, "I am glad to come here today and to wish Brooklyn College the fine and successful future that it deserves. May it live through the generations to come for the building up of a better American citizenship."

The college's reputation grew in the following decades, driven by a prominent faculty across the disciplines, an excellent student body, and a strong curriculum.

In 1961, Brooklyn College became a member of the City University of New York, just as the college was entering one of its most tumultuous periods. The Vietnam War, combined with the demands of emerging ethnic and racial empowerment movements, led to almost weekly protests on campus. Both the student body and the faculty engaged in vigorous debates, hosting visits by public figures such as Abbie Hoffman and Malcolm X.

In 1970, CUNY instituted an open-admissions policy that granted any New York City resident, regardless of academic credentials or ability, the right to attend a CUNY school. Enrollment at Brooklyn College swelled to more than 30,000 in a few years. There was severe overcrowding in classrooms and budget concerns that resulted in an acute fiscal emergency in 1975.



By 1981, Brooklyn College began to regain some of its former luster, led by the creation of a nationally recognized Core Curriculum that gave students a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. The college began to hire new faculty again, invigorating the departments with their enthusiasm and research acumen.

The rejuvenation of the curriculum was mirrored by an effort to improve facilities and an ambitious building campaign. A major renovation and expansion of the library began in the late 1990s, increasing space for its holdings and providing facilities for new media and online services, classrooms, and the college's Special Collections. The West Quad Center, the first new building to be added to the campus in decades, followed, grouping student services and athletic facilities under one roof.

In 2011, the college created four new schools. The School of Business, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, and the School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts joined the existing School of Education. In 2015, the School of Business was named the Murray Koppelman School of Business in honor of prominent philanthropist Murray Koppelman, Class of 1957. In 2015, the Barry Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, named after Barry Feirstein, Class of 1974, enrolled its first cohort of students. The school, housed in Steiner Studios at Brooklyn's Navy Yard, is the first comprehensive public graduate cinema program in the state of New York.

In 2018, the college will cut the ribbon on the new Leonard & Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts, which will include rehearsal and performance space, set design and construction workshops, ground-floor exhibition space, a double-height theater seating 200, a grand lobby and arcade, classrooms, and meeting and reception rooms. The college continues to renovate its science facilities and enhance its leadership in arts and sciences as well as business education.

### **Mission Statement**

Brooklyn College of the City University of New York transforms lives by providing access to outstanding undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences, business, and education, and a vibrant Core Curriculum in the liberal arts. We are an urban, public institution, proudly situated in one of the most dynamic and diverse communities in the country. We are committed to student success and to our historic mission to provide an affordable, high-quality education to students of all backgrounds. We seek to develop knowledgeable students who are engaged in the life of the college and our community, and are prepared to think critically, lead responsibly, act ethically, and contribute globally.

### **Brooklyn College Motto**

The Brooklyn College motto is *Nil sine magno labore*. This Latin phrase means "Nothing without great effort," a reminder that nothing can be achieved without hard work. This motto symbolizes the dedication and achievement that have always been the hallmark of Brooklyn College students.

### **College Mascot**

The Brooklyn College mascot is Buster the Bulldog.

### **Brooklyn College Academic Calendar**

The [Brooklyn College Academic Calendar](#) lists important dates throughout the year.

### **Campus Map**

The [campus map](#) includes a key to the Brooklyn College building codes.

## **III. Campus Information**

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### **Brooklyn College Directory**

The [Brooklyn College Directory](#) provides phone, location, e-mail, and webpage information for faculty and staff. It also provides descriptions, staff listings, and webpage links for departments and offices.

### **Brooklyn College Information Line**

The campus switchboard is in operation Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, until 5 p.m. During off-hours, an auto attendant guides callers to individual departments. Specific information, including a departmental directory, may be accessed from menus.

### **Information Booth**

Staffed by students, the Information Booth, 1139A Boylan Hall, 718.951.4748, provides information on campus activities and services.

### **Electronic Information Kiosks (BC Link)**

Kiosks are located in the lobbies of Boylan Hall, Ingersoll Hall, and Whitehead Hall. Touch-screen computers permit users to learn about campus services and events, call up a campus map, find an office or staff phone number, and reach the college website. Students will be able to obtain unofficial copies of transcripts, grade reports, and bursar statements. Additional booths will be installed throughout the campus.

## **IV. Student Discounts**

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Pay less and save more on clothing, entertainment, computers, office supplies, communications, and much more. Promotional discounts, special giveaways, and free software are also available for members of the CUNY community. To access the CUNY eMall, you must log in to your CUNY portal account.

### **Communications**

AT&T offers generous discounts to the college community. In addition to waiving the activation fee, it offers faculty and staff members a 20 percent discount, and students an 18 percent discount. Contact the local AT&T at 1610 Flatbush Avenue.

## **Entertainment**

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden offers Brooklyn College employees and students free admission with a validated Brooklyn College ID.
- Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts offers discounts on most performances. To find out more, call 718.951.4500 or visit the box office, in the Walt Whitman Theater vestibule, Tuesday to Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Brooklyn Museum offers Brooklyn College employees and students free admission with a validated Brooklyn College ID.
- A [New York Knicks CUNY Pass](#) gains you access to last-minute tickets for the 2017–18 Knicks, valid on select seats and games. Information is available in September.

## **Food**

In the Junction, show your Brooklyn College ID when you go to Burger King, Dynasty Chinese Restaurant, and Subway to receive a discount up to 10 percent on your order.

[Restaurant.com](#) offers Brooklyn College students, faculty, staff, and employees 40 percent off gift certificates to more than 15,000 restaurants nationwide. The Brooklyn College discount code is CUNY.

## **V. Academic Resources**

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### **Academic Advisement**

#### **i. Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success**

The [Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success](#) (CAASS) provides academic advisement to all entering and continuing undergraduate students. The mission of CAASS is to assist students in establishing, monitoring, and achieving graduation requirements. CAASS provides student-focused, developmental advisement in an environment that recognizes the unique spirit and individuality of each student. CAASS works with academic departments and administrative offices to develop and maintain a coordinated and comprehensive approach toward advisement. In other words, it helps students graduate!

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#### **ii. Pre-health Professions Advisement Office**

The director of the [Pre-health Professions Advisement Office](#) monitors the academic progress of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate pre-health professions students, meets with them individually on a regular basis throughout their academic career at Brooklyn College, and helps them plan suitable academic programs, prepare for standardized examinations, and prepare their applications for health professions schools. The office also maintains a credential service for forwarding letters of recommendation to admissions offices of health professions schools. The office has two locations: The director may be found in 2231 Boylan Hall, 718.951.4706; two assistants who handle advisement and letters of recommendation are located in 1122 Boylan Hall.

The [Pre-health Professions Handbook](#) (pdf) provides students who are interested in a health science career with a detailed path to follow (including prerequisite course work) in order to be fully prepared to enter a professional school.

A chapter of the American Medical Students Association is active at Brooklyn College.

### **iii. Pre-law Professional Advisement**

The [Pre-law Program](#) helps achievement-oriented students make informed decisions about pursuing a career in legal professions; assists them in assessing the academic, personal, and professional competencies and credentials they need to become successful applicants to and students at the law schools they aspire to attend; and provides access to the academic and career advisement, resources, opportunities, and professional networks that will support them in clarifying and achieving their goals.

The [Brooklyn College Pre-law Handbook](#) (pdf) will answer most questions about preparing for law school and legal careers.

Students interested in legal careers should contact Jhonny Trezil, Magner Career Center, 718.951.5696, to have their name added to the list of pre-law students and to receive information about workshops and panels, LSAT preparation, and internships. The Magner Career Center Pre-law Resources webpage contains more information.

### **College Bulletins**

The Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins describe the academic policies, services, and course and program offerings of Brooklyn College for undergraduate and graduate students. Bulletins are updated annually and may be found on the [Brooklyn College website](#).

### **DegreeWorks**

The DegreeWorks system is a road map that provides you with details about the courses and requirements you have taken and those that are still required for graduation. Use your CUNY Portal username and password to log in to DegreeWorks, then click “Student Advisement Degree Audit” and follow the onscreen prompts.

### **First College Year**

The [First College Year](#) program offers first-year success initiatives such as First-Year Learning Communities and Learning Blocks, the First-Year Seminar (INDS 1011), and the First-Year Common Reading Program, all of which facilitate the transition to college and integrate students into the college community as engaged learners and participants in campus life. This coherent curricular and co-curricular program strengthens the academic, personal, and civic skills that will set students on a successful path to graduation.

First-Year Learning Communities consist of three courses—two general education courses and a First-Year Seminar (INDS 1011). Learning Communities offer integrated course content and support from important campus resources, such as the Learning Center, the library, the Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success (CAASS), Peer Mentoring, and the Magner Career Center. The First-Year Seminar (INDS 1011) is designed to help students practice

strategies to develop academic self-awareness and self-reliance and guide them through their first interactions with Brooklyn College's academic resources, requirements, and services. First-Year Learning Blocks consist of two general education courses without the first-year seminar (INDS 1011) or course collaboration.

The First-Year Common Reading Program provides a shared intellectual experience around a text that students read during the summer. Students use the text as a springboard for their first college writing course, and it is often the basis of the first paper in that course. Additionally, Common Reading events during the fall semester include faculty panels, film screenings, live performances, and an author campus visit.

Academic advisers from CAASS work regularly with first-year students to develop short- and long-term plans focused on general education courses, declaration of major, and degree requirements.

For information, contact the program via [e-mail](#); by telephone, 718.951.5771; or in person, 3208 Boylan Hall.

### **International Education**

The [Office of International Education and Global Engagement](#) (IEGE) develops and administers study abroad programs, student exchanges, and faculty-led programs; develops international agreements with foreign partner institutions and campus-based international programs; and provides support for the international interests of faculty. IEGE administers the Furman Fellows Scholarship for Study Abroad and the Karen L. Gould Study Abroad Fund. Students interested in study or research abroad should visit the IEGE webpage and attend the Study Abroad 1.0 information session at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays to learn about program selection, funding, and academic planning. Students can meet with a study abroad adviser to explore their options and identify appropriate programs. IEGE collaborates with offices across campus and with academic departments to promote international engagement.

For information, contact International Education and Global Engagement via [e-mail](#); by telephone, 718.951.5189, or in person, 1108 Boylan Hall.

### **Learning Center**

The [Learning Center](#) offers Brooklyn College students free peer tutoring in courses across the curriculum in a comfortable, supportive environment well stocked with computers and reference materials. Students working on writing assignments can get help with every stage of the writing process. Those who wish to work on their writing are advised to schedule an appointment for regular weekly meetings or an individual session. For all other subjects unrelated to writing, students may drop in without an appointment during advertised days and times. Sessions are conducted in small groups or one-on one, depending on availability. Additionally, the Learning Center offers comprehensive review sessions before midterm and final exams. Students are encouraged to visit the [website](#) or [e-mail](#) the center for updated schedules and additional information.

### **Brooklyn College Library**

The [Brooklyn College Library](#) serves as the intellectual and creative center of academic life at the college. Visit the library—in person or online—to find books and articles, ask reference questions, listen to music, or examine government documents and archival manuscripts. Students can bring their own computer and log in to the wireless network or use one of our four computer labs, including the Library Café, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and features Starbucks coffee.

### **Schedule of Classes**

Undergraduate and graduate [schedule of classes](#) are published on the Brooklyn College website every semester.

For the most up-to-date schedule information, including course status and enrollment data, you may also search in [CUNYfirst](#).

### **Transfer Student Services Center**

The [Transfer Student Services Center](#) processes transfer credit evaluations for college courses completed prior to attendance at Brooklyn College. For transfer credit evaluation policies and procedures, see the “Admission” section of the [Undergraduate Bulletin](#).

## **VI. Campus Resources**

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### **ATM Banking**

Automated teller machines (ATMs), installed by HSBC Bank, are located adjacent to the Information Booth, 1139A Boylan Hall, and in the lobby of the West Quad Center. Open 24 hours a day, ATMs perform all transactions except deposits. The service is free of charge to users with HSBC accounts, but fees are charged to those who have accounts at other banks and whose own bank charges for ATM use.

### **Bicycle Rack**

The Office of Campus and Community Safety Services supplies bicycle racks at Campus Road and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, at the West Gate, inside the West Quad entrance on Bedford Avenue, and inside the gate at the Whitehead Hall entrance during the hours the campus is open. Students, faculty, and staff may use the enclosures upon presentation of a valid Brooklyn College photo ID card. There are also two racks outside the East and West Quad entrances on Bedford Avenue, supplied by CityRacks and are not maintained or overseen by the college. Bicycles must be properly secured to the rack with sturdy chains or locks. Overnight storage of bicycles is discouraged.

### **Bookstore**

The [BC Bookstore](#) operates completely online. The bookstore offers students the best deals on course materials. Students can select new, used, eBook, rental, and marketplace options. If you have questions, visit the website or call 888.286.8249 to talk to a customer service representative. School-branded merchandise can be purchased online at [the CUNY store](#).

## **Computer Labs**

### **i. ITS Public Computing Labs**

The computing infrastructure at Brooklyn College is one of the most advanced in CUNY. These systems support applications in all disciplines and are used by students and faculty to access critical administrative data. [Information Technology Services](#) provides support to students, faculty, and administration through the Help Desk and on-site. All students may use the college's public-access computer labs and extensive Web and distance learning systems. Every registered student is provided with an advanced Microsoft Exchange e-mail account that may be accessed on or off campus via the Internet.

Brooklyn College maintains several large-scale public access computing facilities, supplemented by departmental discipline-specific labs and electronic classrooms. Overall, nearly 1,500 computers are available to students. Facilities include the ITS Public Computing Labs in the West End Building, the New Media Center and lower-level labs in the library, the 24/7 Morton and Angela Topfer Library Café in Whitehead Hall, and the Learning Center off the Boylan Hall lobby. The ITS Public Computing Labs, which are open seven days a week, have more than 250 PCs, MACs, and Unix workstations along with lounge areas and food service. The library labs have more than 500 PCs and MACs; the Library Café has more than 100 PCs and MACs. All campus labs have shared network printing linked to free black-and-white printing quotas, high-speed Internet access, group-study rooms, express printing, and helpful support staff.

The college supports various computing platforms, including Windows, Apple MAC, and Linux/Unix systems. All of these are available at public-access facilities and are used in various instructional contexts. The college also maintains a sophisticated videoconferencing and multimedia facility that is used in many courses for distance learning and facilitates interaction with students from other CUNY colleges. An extensive inventory of adaptive computer equipment enables students with disabilities to utilize the computer resources. These facilities and associated technical support are concentrated in the ITS Public Computing Labs, the library, and the Mamie and Frank Goldstein Resource Center in the Center for Student Disability Services.

### **ii. Morton and Angela Topfer Library Café**

The Library Café, located on the first floor of Whitehead Hall, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and features 80 PC- and Macintosh-networked computer stations. Each has the latest versions of multiple software packages and Internet browsers. Notebook computers, Wi-Fi for personal laptops, and high-quality laser printers (in color and black and white) are also available. There are group-study rooms and areas for individual study or reading. Modeled on the style of Internet cafés, the sleek, state-of-the-art facility, with large windows facing a landscaped courtyard providing natural light, is a popular site for computing, study, and student interchange or merely having a sandwich, coffee, or soda.

### **iii. Student Center Computer Corner**

The Computer Corner, located on the first floor of the Student Center, has less traffic than other labs on campus with the same bandwidth. You must go to the Student Center

Information Booth in the main lobby and present a valid college ID to register for a computer and retrieve printouts.

Student Center, First Floor  
P: 718.951.5528  
Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m.–10 p.m.  
Friday: 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### **Copy Center**

The [BC Copy Center](#) is the campus mini-reproduction center. It offers full-color and black-and-white photocopying of documents up to 11 x 17 inches. The center also copies and sells course packs, and provides résumé copying, transparencies, laminating, disk printing, and faxing services. Finishing options include coil binding and stapling of documents.

0714 James Hall  
P: 718.677.6166  
Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### **Early Childhood Center Programs for Infants, Toddlers, and Young and School-age Children, and Laboratory School of the School of Education**

The [Early Childhood Center](#) (ECC) is the Lab School for the School of Education and provides nationally recognized high-quality early education and care programs, primarily for the children of Brooklyn College students. Programs are available for children ranging in age from four months through 12 years. The ECC provides on-site, supervised field experiences for teacher education candidates, students in allied professional fields, and students in the liberal arts and sciences. The ECC consists of a diverse community. The Program for Infants and Toddlers and the Program for Young Children address early education and care for infants, toddlers, and young children, offering day and afterschool programs. The Afterschool/Evening Programs for School-age Children provides a stimulating and nurturing environment where children choose from a variety of activities. Homework assistance is also provided. A partnership with the New York City Department of Education allows for the provision of a free UPK (Universal Pre-Kindergarten) program for four-year-old children. Summer programs for infants, toddlers, and young children are available. An Occasional Care Program for School-age Children is offered during the fall and spring semesters. The ECC also houses a lactation room on-site, available to the college community.

### **Enrollment Services Center**

Designed to provide students with a “one-stop” location for student services, the [Enrollment Services Center](#) (ESC), located in the lobby of the West Quad Center, enables students to accomplish routine tasks quickly and efficiently. The ESC is the home of the registrar’s information counter, tuition and fees payment processing, photo ID services, check distribution functions, general financial aid information, and recreational passes functions. For hours of operation or other information, visit the [website](#), call 718.951.8150, or [e-mail](#) the center.



## **Food Pantry**

The [Food Pantry](#) offers healthy, nonperishable food selections to currently enrolled Brooklyn College students who may be experiencing hunger, so that they can focus on their academic studies. All information about applications to this program will be kept confidential. Students are encouraged to bring their own grocery bag or to reuse the grocery bag they are given upon their initial visit to the pantry.

### Student Eligibility

- A valid Brooklyn College ID is required.
- Applicants need to complete a brief intake form.
- Two visits per month are permitted.

### How to Make an Appointment

To schedule an appointment, contact the Food Pantry via [e-mail](#) or telephone, 718.951.5059.

### Location

524 Student Center

P: 718.951.5059

E: [civicengagement@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:civicengagement@brooklyn.cuny.edu)

### Hours of Operation (by appointment)

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1–3 p.m.

Wednesdays: 2–6 p.m.

Note: The Food Pantry is closed when classes are not in session.

### How to Make Referrals to the Food Pantry

Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer students who express a need that could be addressed by using the Food Pantry. Contact the Food Pantry at 718.951.5059 with any questions.

### How to Donate

Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted in 524 Student Center between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Special arrangements can be made by calling Maribel Cordero-Garcia at 718.951.5059.

## **Food Service**

[Brooklyn College dining facilities](#) are located on the lower level of Boylan Hall. They include cafeteria service, a kosher dairy bar, a gourmet coffee bar, and a buffet service dining room. The main cafeteria offers bagels, salads, sandwiches, vegetarian and vegan offerings, and expanded vending machine snack choices. The cafeteria is open from morning until evening. Catering is available for receptions and other special events. Vending machines are located in several buildings throughout the campus, and sandwiches and snacks are available in the lobby of the West Quad Center. Starbucks, in the Library Café, serves hot beverages as well as cold drinks, baked goods, and snacks.

### **General Information Line**

The campus switchboard, 718.951.5000, is in operation Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, until 5 p.m. During off-hours, an auto attendant guides callers to individual departments. Specific information, including a departmental directory, may be accessed from menus.

### **Health Clinic**

Services at the [Brooklyn College Health Clinic](#), 114 Roosevelt Hall, include the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of acute and chronic illnesses. Health education, prevention, and wellness are emphasized, along with early screening and detection of disease. Gynecological care, including family planning options, is offered. Medication and laboratory testing are available for free or at greatly reduced prices. All services are strictly confidential.

#### **i. Hours**

While appointments are preferred for most visits, walk-in hours are available for those with acute illnesses.

To make an appointment, call 718.951.5580 or stop by 114 Roosevelt Hall.

#### **ii. Clinical Hours**

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (last scheduled appointment at 5:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m. (last scheduled appointment at 6:30 p.m.)

Hours of operation are subject to change based on staff availability.

The Health Clinic typically remains open throughout reading and exam periods and between semesters.

Note that patient care is not necessarily determined by the order of arrival.

#### **iii. Nutrition Clinic Hours**

The Nutrition Clinic, 326 Ingersoll Hall Extension, is a collaborative effort between the Health Clinic and the Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences. Appointments are available by arrangement for Mondays; walk-ins or scheduled appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m. Contact the Nutrition Clinic by phone, 718.951.1403, or [e-mail](#) for further information.

### **Lost and Found**

Contact us, or come to us in person, if you lose or find any personal belongings on campus.

0202 Ingersoll Hall

P: 718.951.5511

F: 718.951.4840

E: [security@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:security@brooklyn.cuny.edu)

## **Parking**

Street parking is available but is very limited. There are metered spaces on Bedford Avenue, Campus Road, Glenwood Road, Nostrand Avenue, and East 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Most meters allow parking for up to six hours. There is a pay-parking garage at the Target store at Nostrand Avenue and Avenue H.

## **Student Center**

The [Student Center](#), the hub of student life, is a part of the Division of Student Affairs and is home to the three student government offices (CLAS [daytime], SGS [evening], and GSO [graduate]), the Fraternities and Sororities Council, and the Academic Club Association. It is also home to Student Activities Central, where students can receive information about joining clubs and attending club events/activities, and gain program and planning advisement. In addition, the Student Center offers meeting and conference rooms for registered club groups, a computer corner, Information Desk, and game room. The Conference Center, located on the top floors, contains a meeting complex that is available to student groups, faculty, staff, and the community at large for presentations, conferences, and workshops.

### **i. Rules and Procedures for Access**

#### **I. Brooklyn College Community**

All faculty, staff, and students are required to present a valid Brooklyn College ID upon entering the Student Center. Alumni are required to present their alumni ID card. A public safety officer may request a picture ID.

#### **II. CUNY (Non-Brooklyn College)**

CUNY (non-Brooklyn College) faculty, staff, and students are guests at the college and must adhere to the following procedures to gain entry into the Student Center:

1. Enter at the East Gate on Campus Road and Amersfort Place.
2. Present a valid CUNY ID.
3. Present an additional acceptable government-issued photo ID if requested by the officer on duty. Other forms of picture ID may be acceptable as determined by the administration of the Student Center or the Office of Public Safety.
4. Be listed on a RSVP or guest list. Walk-ins may be permitted upon approval of the Student Center director or designee.
5. Sign and complete Guest Registry. A BCSC Visitor's Pass will be issued if the above procedures are satisfied. This pass is valid only for the Student Center. It must be worn and visible at all times.

#### **III. Guests arriving for administrative purposes and for student club-hosted or external events/meetings**

1. Enter at the East Gate on Campus Road and Amersfort Place. (If under age 18, see section IV).
2. Present acceptable photo ID and, if requested, an additional acceptable government-issued photo ID. Other forms of picture ID may be acceptable as determined by the administration of the Student Center or the Office of Public Safety.

3. Sign and complete Guest Registry. A BCSC Visitor's Pass will be issued if the above procedures are satisfied. This pass is valid only for the Student Center. It must be worn and visible at all times.
4. Be listed on a guest list. Walk-ins may be permitted upon approval of the Student Center director or designee.

#### IV. Minors

1. Minors (under age 18) are allowed in the Student Center with parental/guardian supervision only. Minors must remain with parent/guardian at all times. (Note: This excludes Brooklyn College/CUNY students with valid IDs who are under 18 years of age).
2. Related college departments/entities such as BCA, STAR, and College Now students who are under the age of 18 are not allowed in the Student Center without authorized staff from the respective organization(s).

During major events, Brooklyn College faculty, staff, and students, as well as CUNY and all other guests will not gain entry to specified event(s) without a prior RSVP. Metal detection may be used at the discretion of Brooklyn College Office of Public Safety.

## VII. Campus Safety and Emergency Services

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### **Anonymous Reporting Hotline**

A reporting hotline, 718.951.4628, is available for use by anyone wishing to report suspicious activity anonymously.

### **Annual Security Report (ASR)**

The Office of Campus and Community Safety Services is in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act (formerly the Campus Security Act of 1990) and publishes an [annual security report](#) each fall. The report, available on the office's website, includes campus crime statistics. A campus log of reported crimes is open to the public in the office.

### **Campus and Community Safety Services**

The staff in the [Office of Campus and Community Safety Services](#) seeks to ensure that the rights of every member of the campus community are respected and that the campus enjoys a safe and secure atmosphere conducive to the pursuit of educational objectives. Public safety personnel are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Criminal actions or other emergencies on campus should be reported immediately, in person or by telephone, to Safety Services or to any public safety officer on patrol. Reports of crimes may also be made in writing. The college maintains a close working relationship with the New York Police Department and has in place an Emergency Response Plan for dealing with emergencies on campus.

Campus and Community Safety Services

0202 Ingersoll Hall

Office: 718.951.5511

Emergencies: 718.951.5444 or 911 from any college telephone

### **Emergency Closings/Inclement Weather**

You can receive text or voice alerts of emergencies or weather-related closings on your campus via cell or home phone and e-mail through CUNY Alert. CUNY Alert is an emergency notification system that enables the university's campuses to advise students, faculty, and staff of an emergency (a severe hurricane or snowstorm, for example), and provide timely information to protect lives and minimize campus disruption. It is strongly recommended that all students [sign up for the CUNY Alert system](#).

In addition to CUNY Alert, you can also find out about emergency closings by calling 718.951.5444 or 5445, or by listening to the following radio stations:

- WCBS 880 AM / 101.1 FM
- WINS 1010 AM
- WLIB 1190 AM
- WFAS 1230 AM
- WBLS 107.5 FM
- WADO 1280 AM (Spanish)

### **Emergency Services**

Emergencies, accidents, injuries, and other unexpected events can occur at any time and place. Being prepared both mentally and physically for the unexpected is the first and best defense to minimize an incident. For contact information for on and off campus emergency services, [contact the appropriate office or service](#).

### **Escort Service**

Escorts are provided by Public Safety personnel to campus parking lots and nearby public transportation (bus and subway) for students, faculty, and staff members who request them. Requests should be made at least 20 minutes before an escort is needed by calling 718.951.5511.

### **Shuttle Van Service**

Security shuttle service operates during campus hours and upon request. The shuttle transports students, staff, and faculty to the college campus parking lots, nearby subway stations, the Residence Hall at Brooklyn College, and local street parking adjacent to the campus. Van service can be arranged by calling 718.951.5511 or by informing an officer at any of the college entry points.

### **Volunteer Emergency Medial Squad (EMS)**

Emergency medical assistance and ambulance service are offered by the student volunteer [Emergency Medical Squad](#), 021 Ingersoll Hall Extension. A number of public safety officers are certified EMTs and are available to respond to medical emergencies 24 hours a day. To contact EMS, call 718.951.5858.

## VIII. Enrollment Services

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### **Enrollment and Degree Verifications**

Students can request Enrollment or Degree Verification [online, in person, or via telephone](#). Students who would like to verify a degree may visit the [Brooklyn College Transcripts webpage](#) to request an official transcript.

### **Registration**

[Registration](#) takes place four times per academic year, once for each semester: fall, January intersession, spring, and summer.

Incoming student registration is a comprehensive program that includes a success workshop, advisement, program planning, and course registration. SEEK students register in person. New undergraduate first-time degree-seeking first-semester freshmen and transfer students are required to register in person with an adviser, by appointment. Registration instructions are included in the admissions acceptance packet.

All continuing degree- and nondegree-seeking undergraduates register via Self Service in CUNYfirst at an assigned appointment time. Students are not required to attend in-person registration. Registration information is communicated via e-mail to Brooklyn College e-mail accounts. Some academic departments or programs may require students to obtain permission for certain classes or departmental advisement before being allowed to register. Every semester, the Office of the Registrar publishes an online schedule of classes, the final examination schedule, an academic calendar, and course registration information.

### **Student ID Card**

All students and members of the faculty and staff are required to carry a Brooklyn College photo identification card on campus. A student is issued a photo ID card for the entire period of enrollment. The card must be validated each term. The card must be displayed in order to gain access to the campus, library, and Student Center. It is required identification for receiving checks distributed by the college.

Photo ID card services are located in the Enrollment Services Center, West Quad Center. Students who wish to enter or remain on campus after hours must obtain written permission from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs or have a 24-hour photo ID.

Students must report a lost card to the Security Office, and the card must be replaced. A fee of \$5 is charged.

#### **i. Mobile Digital ID**

The Brooklyn College Mobile Digital ID—bundled with the official BC Navigator app for iOS and Android—is a convenient and secure replacement for your plastic college ID card. See Section XI. Online Navigation, below, for details.

### **Transcripts**

Brooklyn College makes it easy to [order and view your transcript](#). If you need assistance at any time, contact the Enrollment Services Center via telephone at 718.758.8150 or [e-mail](#). Note: The

Registrar's Office cannot provide “on the spot,” same-day pick up or 24-hour pickup service for transcripts. Plan ahead and submit your requests at least two weeks prior to your deadlines.

If you attended Brooklyn College in the last two years, you can view your transcript online through CUNYfirst.

## **IX. Financing Your Education**

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### **Office of Financial Aid**

The Office of Financial Aid assists students with the expenses of tuition, fees, books, and other costs related to pursuing a higher education in the form of federal grants, scholarships, Work-Study, and loans. In order for students to receive these benefits, they need to maintain certain academic, state, and federal eligibility requirements, and the Office of Financial Aid helps with that process.

Much of the calculations and eligibility requirements for financial aid are determined by information that is provided by students on their [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), so it is extremely important that students file their FAFSA accurately and as soon as they plan or begin to attend Brooklyn College. Some financial aid funds are finite, so students are strongly encouraged to file early. Eligible New York State residents should also [file for TAP \(Tuition Assistance Program\)](#) for state aid. Detailed information on programs and how to apply is available on the [Office of Financial Aid webpage](#). International students should contact the [Office of International Student Services](#), 718.951.4477. For information regarding Brooklyn College scholarship application and opportunities, contact the [Office of Scholarships](#), 718.951.4796.

Applications and additional comprehensive information regarding application procedures, eligibility requirements, and rights and responsibilities of recipients may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid.

Office of Financial Aid  
308 West Quad Center  
P: 718.951.5051  
F: 718.951.4778  
E: [finaid@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:finaid@brooklyn.cuny.edu)  
W: <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/offices/financial.php>

### **Additional Offices and Financial Aid Services**

1. [Enrollment Services Center](#)  
The ESC, located in the lobby of the West Quad Center, is the point of financial aid inquiries and intake of financial aid documents and forms.
2. [Student Financial Aid Advisement Services](#)  
This initiative is the point of financial aid advanced inquiries and counseling. An appointment for a 15-minute one-on-one or telephone session with your assigned financial aid adviser should be made if your questions cannot be easily handled by the ESC. To make an appointment, log into your [BC WebCentral](#) account and, under e-services, find the link to F.A.S.T. (Financial Aid Scheduling Tool). Appointments may be

made Monday through Wednesday. Usually on Friday new appointment slots will open. Walk-in hours are generally between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

217–218 West Quad Center  
P: 718.758.8313

### **Cost of Attendance**

The following estimates of the costs of academic year 2017–18 may help students determine if they need assistance. The estimates are based on full-time study (12 credits) for New York State residents while attending school for a nine-month budgeted year or the fall and spring semesters. Note that a student’s budget can increase or decrease based on semester (summer, fall, winter, and spring) enrollment status and other individual circumstances.

#### Students living at home

Books and supplies	\$1,364
Transportation (MetroCard)	\$1,088
Lunch	\$1,232
Personal expense	\$1,788
Room and board	\$4,290
Total variable cost	\$9,762 + Tuition and fees

#### Students living away from home

Books and supplies	\$1,364
Transportation (MetroCard)	\$1,088
Lunch	\$1,232
Personal expense	\$4,342
Room and board	\$12,486
Total variable cost	\$20,512 + tuition and fees

Adjustments to a student’s budget are possible by contacting the Office of Financial Aid.

### **Verification**

Students may be selected for a process called Verification. If you are selected you will be notified and the Financial Aid Office will compare information from your FAFSA with information you provide on your verification worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, the Office of Financial Aid could require additional documentation, and/or your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You may not receive federal financial aid until all verification requirements are met and the necessary corrections made.

### **Types of Aid**

- Grants (money you do not need to pay back)
- Loans (money you borrow now and pay back later with interest)
- Work-Study (money you earn by working at an approved Brooklyn College or CUNY Work-Study job site)



## **Grants**

### **i. Federal Pell Grant**

[Federal Pell Grants](#) are available to eligible matriculated first-degree undergraduate students only. The amount of the award is determined by the student's enrollment status, estimated family contribution (EFC), and approved award amount per year, as determined by Congress. It can be used to pay for tuition or other education-related expenses if tuition is already paid for by other means. A student can receive the Federal Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters (approximately six years if enrolled full time or its part-time equivalent). This is called a student's Pell Lifetime Eligibility Usage, or LEU. The 2017–18 maximum annual Pell Grant will be \$5,920, or \$2,960 per semester. Pell awards are subject to change due to individual EFC and enrollment status.

### **ii. Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant**

[Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants \(FSEOGs\)](#) provide between \$100 and \$4,000 (approximately \$400 on average) to undergraduate matriculated students who demonstrate exceptional need. Amounts can vary, as approved each year by Congress. Eligible students must be enrolled for at least six credits and be eligible to receive at least one qualified Pell disbursement for the 2017–18 academic year. Funds for this award are finite and, therefore, even if eligibility requirements are met, receipt of an award is not guaranteed.

### **iii. Federal TEACH Grant Program**

The [Federal TEACH Grant Program](#) is offered to matriculated graduate students and does not require repayment as long as the student completes the program. To be considered for this federal financial aid, you must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen admitted as at least a half-time student to an approved degree program, and you must maintain satisfactory academic progress to preserve your continuing aid eligibility. (Students not yet admitted into an approved degree program do not qualify.)

As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve, in which you agree to (among other requirements) teach: in a high-need field; at an elementary or secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families; and for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant. If you do not complete your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant was disbursed (paid to you or on your behalf).

### **iv. The Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program**

The [Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK \(Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge\) Program](#) is the legislatively mandated higher education opportunity program of the senior CUNY colleges. It provides special academic, financial, and counseling assistance to students entering college for the first time.

All SEEK students must demonstrate and document financial need prior to entrance into the program. The SEEK Program awards financial assistance to economically eligible

students to help with such expenses as transportation, books, and college fees. Prospective students must have a high school diploma as well as a high school average less than is normally required for admission to Brooklyn College (usually around an 80 CAA) or a New York State high school equivalency diploma or its equivalent from another state; resided in New York State for at least one year prior to application; not previously attended an institution of postsecondary education, except in the case of veterans who are permitted up to 18 credits earned during or prior to their tour of duty in the armed forces; and a gross family income in the qualifying range.

**v. New York City Council Merit Scholarship**

The [New York City Council Merit Scholarship](#) rewards New York City high school graduates who have proven their ability to succeed academically while in high school. Students receive \$800 per year (\$400 per semester). Scholarship awards may vary for each academic year per availability of funds.

How to apply

There is no separate application for the scholarship. Students are automatically considered for the award when they apply for admission to CUNY.

Qualification requirements

To qualify, students must:

- pass at least 12 college preparatory courses in high school,
- graduate from a New York City high school with at least an 80 (B) college academic average,
- graduate from high school in or after June 2014,
- enroll at a CUNY college as a full-time student within one year of graduating from high school,
- attend CUNY before attending any other postsecondary institution, and
- register as a full-time student each semester (except summer).

Pursuit and progress

To continue to be eligible for and receive the scholarship, students must maintain:

- continuous full-time (12 credits) enrollment within the CUNY system, and
- a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Students pursuing an associate's degree may receive the New York City Council Merit Scholarship for a maximum of six semesters. Those seeking a bachelor's degree are limited to eight semesters of eligibility.

The award is not restored once it has been lost.

**vi. Tuition Assistance Program**

The Tuition Assistance Program ([TAP](#)) is a New York State-based grant that is available to qualified undergraduate full-time matriculated students who have resided in the state for at least a year. There are also certain degree and progress/pursuit requirements that need to be satisfied in order to qualify.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for TAP, a student must:

- meet one of the U.S. citizenship requirements;
- meet New York State residency requirements;
- enroll as a full-time student;
- enroll in an approved program of study in a New York State postsecondary institution;
- be matriculated;
- be in good academic standing;
- have at least a cumulative C average after receipt of two annual payments;
- not be in default on any state or federal student loans or on any repayment of state awards;
- have a minimum tuition liability of at least \$200 per academic year (\$100 per semester, \$67 per trimester);
- not exceed the income limitations established for the program;
- be enrolled for at least 12 credits required to meet his or her degree; and
- have a U.S. high school diploma or the recognized equivalent, or a passing score on a federally approved ability-to-benefit test identified by the New York State Board of Regents and independently administered and evaluated by the Commissioner of Education.

Students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits or the equivalent. Courses may be counted toward full-time study only if they are applicable toward a degree, as described in the Bulletin. Electives are acceptable when taken in accordance with published degree requirements. A student may take courses not applicable to a degree in a given semester as long as the course work is above the minimum full-time requirement of 12 credits. Undergraduate students may receive TAP awards for eight semesters; SEEK students may receive TAP awards for 10 semesters.

To receive each TAP payment, a student must:

- have completed a specific number of credits in the previous TAP semester,
- have accumulated a specific number of credits toward his or her degree,
- maintain a specific minimum grade point average (GPA),
- have declared a major by the time he or she completes 60 credits, and
- meet specific academic standards.

Students will be evaluated depending on when they received their first TAP payment and whether they are in a remedial program.

### TAP progress chart (New York State TAP Satisfactory Academic Progress)

For financial aid purposes, good academic standing consists of two elements: satisfactory academic progress and pursuit of program. Satisfactory progress is a measure of the student's *achievement*, of earning credits toward a degree or certificate with a specified GPA. Pursuit of program is a measure of the student's *effort* to complete a program.

In accordance with section 145-2.2 of the *Regulations of the Commissioner of Education*, each institution participating in state student financial aid programs must determine

whether a student is in good academic standing based on a standard of satisfactory academic progress comprising a minimum number of credits to be accrued (earned) with a minimum cumulative GPA in each term an award payment is received. The progress standard is most clearly presented in chart format (see below).

Initially, the regulation provided that each institution establish and submit for the commissioner’s approval its proposed standard of progress. However, for the 1995–96 academic year and thereafter, new legislation mandated a minimum cumulative C average after a student has received four full-time semester award payments or the equivalent (24 payment points).

Effective for the 2010–11 academic year and thereafter, New York State Education Law requires that a non-remedial student whose first award year is in 2010–11 or thereafter must meet new standards of satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Non-remedial students whose first year was 2007–08 through 2009–10 must meet the SAP requirements enacted in 2006. Those meeting the [definition of “remedial student”](#) are not subject to the new SAP standards but will use the requirements established in 2006. The law enacted in 2006 mandated minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress for students receiving their first state award in the academic year 2006–07.

First-time TAP Recipients: 2010–11 and Thereafter, Nonremedial Students

To receive payment number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
You must have accumulated this many credits toward your degree:	0	6	15	27	39	51	66	81	96	111
You must have a GPA of:	0	1.50	1.80	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

First-time TAP Recipients: 2006–07, 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11, and Thereafter, Remedial Students

(If a student’s first award was in 2010–11 or thereafter, and he or she does not meet the definition of a remedial student, see charts for nonremedial students.)

To receive payment number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
You must have accumulated this many credits toward your degree:	0	3	9	21	33	45	60	75	90	105
You must have a GPA of:	0	1.50	1.80	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

## First-time TAP Recipients: 2005–06 and Prior, Nonremedial and Remedial Students

To receive payment number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
You must have accumulated this many credits toward your degree:	0	0	6	18	31	45	60	75	90	105
You must have a GPA of:	0	0	1.00	1.20	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

### One-time TAP waiver

Regulations permit students to receive a one-time waiver of the good academic standing requirement as an undergraduate student. Reasons for granting a waiver may include:

- personal illness involving either hospitalization or extended home confinement,
- illness in the immediate family requiring your absence from classes for an extended period of time,
- emotionally disabling condition that prevented you from attending classes,
- change in working conditions of your job on which you and your family are dependent, and
- military duty, incarceration, or other involvement with agencies of government.

### Waiver of C-average requirement

Unlike the good academic standing waiver, it is possible, should circumstances warrant it, for a student to receive more than one C-average waiver. The C-average requirement may be waived for undue hardship based on:

- death of a relative of the student,
- personal injury or illness of the student, or
- other extenuating circumstances.

### Repeated courses

Repeated courses in which you have already received a passing grade cannot be included in meeting the TAP full-time study requirement unless:

- You repeat a course for additional credit (e.g., certain seminar courses).
- You need to meet a minimum grade requirement for that course. (Check the Brooklyn College Bulletin or specific department. GPA requirements do not count.)

## **vii. Other New York State programs**

Information on the following scholarships and awards administered by the Higher Education Services Corporation of New York State is available on the [HESC website](#).

### Veterans Tuition Awards

Eligible students are those who are New York State residents discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. armed forces and who are:

- Vietnam veterans who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961, and May 7,

1975.

- Persian Gulf veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990.
- Afghanistan veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veterans of the armed forces of the United States who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961, as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

#### Other Programs

- New York State Memorial Scholarship for Families of Deceased Firefighters, Volunteer Firefighters, Police Officers, Peace Officers and Emergency Medical Service Workers
- New York State World Trade Center Memorial Scholarships
- New York State Aid to Native Americans
- Flight 587 Memorial Scholarships
- Flight 3407 Memorial Scholarships
- Military Service Recognition Scholarships
- New York State Math & Science Teaching Incentive Scholarships
- New York State Scholarships for Academic Excellence
- New York State Volunteer Recruitment Service Scholarships
- New York State Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans
- New York State Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program

#### **viii. Part-time TAP**

To be eligible for Part-time Tuition Assistance Program (PTAP) for New York State students, students must have been freshmen in the 2006–07 academic year or thereafter, have earned 12 or more credits in each of two consecutive semesters, and maintain at least a C average. PTAP allows for partial TAP payment for students taking six to 11 credits.

To be eligible for PTAP, a student must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- be a legal resident of New York State;
- have a U.S. high school diploma or the recognized equivalent, or a passing score on a federally approved ability-to-benefit test identified by the New York State Board of Regents and independently administered and evaluated by the Commissioner of Education;
- be matriculated in an approved program of study;
- be in good academic standing;
- be taking at least six but fewer than 12 credits per semester;
- not be in default on any state or federal student loans; and
- meet income eligibility limitations.

#### **ix. Aid for Part-time Study**

Aid for Part-time Study (APTS), a New York State–based grant, is available to

qualified undergraduate part-time matriculated students who have resided in the state for at least a year and meet stipulated economic criteria. There are also certain degree and progress/pursuit (academic) requirements that need to be satisfied in order to qualify.

#### Application requirements

APTS recipients are subject to the same requirements for good academic standing that govern the TAP program (see the TAP charts, above). Students must demonstrate program pursuit every semester they receive an APTS award and meet the academic progress standard every two semesters. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the loss of APTS eligibility.

To be considered for APTS, a student must be:

- pursuing an undergraduate degree as a part-time student;
- registered for at least six credits, or equated credits, with at least three of these being degree credits (all credit-bearing courses must count toward the degree to be payable under the APTS program);
- in good academic standing for New York State award programs;
- be a legal resident of New York State; and
- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or hold an I-94 visa as a refugee, paroled refugee, or conditional entrant.

#### How do I apply?

1. Apply for APTS by filing a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). (Be sure to indicate Brooklyn College as one of your college choices.)
2. [Apply for TAP](#). You must also submit the New York State TAP application in order to be considered for an APTS award.
3. Complete the CUNY supplement form located in [CUNYfirst](#), under Student Center – Finances section – Financial Aid – Supplement Form.

You must complete the APTS application process by an established deadline in order to receive an APTS award. For deadline information, contact the Office of Financial Aid.

#### **x. Veterans Administration Educational Assistance**

Information about Veterans Administration education benefits under the GI Bill and for post–Vietnam-era veterans may be obtained from any Veterans Administration office and from the Brooklyn College [Veteran and Military Programs Office](#), 1407 James Hall, 718.951.5105. Educational benefits are described in VA pamphlet 20-67-1, which may be obtained from the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20420.

#### **Loans**

Unlike grants or Work-Study, loans are forms of financial aid that you must pay back at interest rates that are typically lower than consumer rates, usually not until after your studies have been completed, or you fail to be enrolled at least half-time. The amount of the loan you seek and commit to should be determined only after all available grant-aid has been applied for. Federal loans are available to matriculated students only.

Many graduate students at Brooklyn College fund their education through Federal Direct Loan Programs. The loans allow eligible students to borrow money directly from the federal government at terms that are lower than typical consumer rates. Only graduate students can qualify for unsubsidized loans. Some loans may be forgiven if the student works in a particular program or government job after graduation. For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

**i. Federal Perkins Loans**

Federal Perkins Loans are sunsetting with the federal government. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid or refer to the [Federal Student Aid website](#).

**ii. William D. Ford Direct Loan Program**

Federal direct loan programs consist of [low-interest loans](#) and are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Each loan also carries a small origination fee.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans

Subsidized loan eligibility is based upon demonstrated financial need (filing the FAFSA), and the interest is subsidized (paid) by the federal government until you are enrolled less than half time. The loan interest rate can vary (capped at 8.25 percent) and can be adjusted annually by Congress. Subsidized graduate loans will not be offered. If you are a first-time borrower on or after July 1, 2013, there is a maximum period of time (measured in academic years) over which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans. This time limit does not apply to Direct Unsubsidized Loans or Direct PLUS Loans. Students will not be able to receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150 percent of the published length of their program. This is called the “maximum eligibility period” and is determined by the published length of a student’s program. For example, if a student is enrolled in a four-year bachelor’s degree program, the maximum period for which he or she can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is six years (150 percent of four years). If a student receives Direct Subsidized Loans for one program and then changes to another program, the Direct Subsidized Loans received for the earlier program will generally count toward the student’s new maximum eligibility period. For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

*Elimination of Graduate Subsidized Loans*

The Subsidized Direct Loan is no longer available to graduate and professional students for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012. The graduate Federal Direct Loan program has become entirely unsubsidized, which means that the borrowed amount accrues interest while the student is in school. The annual and aggregate borrowing limits will not be affected (the maximum amount a student can borrow in the Federal Direct Loan program will remain at \$20,500 per academic year), and all students are automatically evaluated for loan eligibility.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans

Interest accrues while the student is enrolled in school at least half-time or interest payments can be made on a monthly basis. The loan interest rate can vary (capped at 8.25 percent) and can be adjusted annually by Congress. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).



### Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program

Parents of dependent undergraduate students may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid resources under the PLUS Program. Applicants for these loans are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Loans may not exceed the cost of attendance less financial aid. Parents who have no adverse credit history as determined by the Federal Direct Loan Servicer may be eligible. There is no aggregate loan limit. Borrowers are charged an origination fee and an insurance fee, which are deducted from the loan proceeds before disbursement. For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

### Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program

Graduate students may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid resources under the Graduate PLUS Program. Applicants for these loans are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Loans may not exceed the cost of attendance less financial aid.

Students who have no adverse credit history as determined by the Federal Direct Loan Servicer may be eligible. There is no aggregate loan limit.

Borrowers are charged an origination fee and an insurance fee, which are deducted from the loan proceeds before disbursement. For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

### Elimination of loan fees rebate

Effective July 1, 2012, the rebate has been eliminated and the full fee is charged to students.

### How much can I borrow?

The loan amounts below may be subject to reduction, if the combination with all other aid received within the 2017–18 year plus the amount of your loan exceeds the cost of attendance (see above). For more information, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

#### *Aggregate Undergraduate Loan Limit*

- Dependent students: \$31,000. No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
- Independent students: \$57,500. No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.

#### *Aggregate Graduate Loan Limit*

The limit for graduate and professional students is \$138,500 (no more than \$65,500 of which can be subsidized), including any Federal Direct Loans received for undergraduate study.

Loan Limit by Undergraduate Year	Dependent Students (except students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)	Independent Students (and dependent undergraduate students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)
First Year	\$5,500. No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$9,500. No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
Second Year	\$6,500. No more than \$4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$10,500. No more than \$4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
Third Year and Beyond	\$7,500. No more than \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$12,500. No more than \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.

Year	Dependent Students (except students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)	Independent Students
Graduate or Professional Students	Not applicable. All graduate and professional students are considered independent.	\$20,500 (unsubsidized only)

*Federal Direct Loan Proration*

Federal regulations require that when a student is enrolled in a program that is one academic year or more in length, but is in a remaining period of study that is shorter than a full academic year, the loan must be prorated. Students who graduate in the summer session or fall semester will have their loans prorated. PLUS Loans and loans for graduate or professional students are not subject to proration.

**iii. Alternative Student Loans**

These loans are typically sought by nonmatriculated students, international students, students attending less than half time, and students who have reached their federal aggregate or annual loan limits. Alternative loans are credit-based, private education loans facilitated by a nonfederal third-party lender. Students interested in alternative loans may borrow up to the full cost of their education, minus all other aid. However, alternative loans generally carry a significantly higher interest rate because it is based upon individual credit score.

## **City University of New York Programs**

### **i. Graduate Assistantships**

A small number of graduate assistantships are available primarily in departments awarding M.F.A. degrees, awarded to graduate students on the basis of academic qualifications. The duties of graduate assistants may include teaching, research, laboratory work, graduate program administration, and similar assignments as specified by the academic department. Students should contact their graduate deputy about such assistantships.

### **ii. Fellowships**

As a graduate fellow, a student teaches, does research, or engages in other related activities. Limited fellowship funds are available for master's students. Some appointments are made possible by college funds, others by research grants from outside agencies. Inquiry should be made to the department of major study or the Office of Scholarships.

There are also external fellowship opportunities for support both during the course of study and following completion of the degree or advanced certificate. Such programs include the Fulbright Scholars Program. Information on external fellowship opportunities is available in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 2158 Boylan Hall, 718.951.5622, and the Office of Scholarships, 213 West Quad Center.

### **iii. Internships**

Internships are opportunities to learn valuable skills, make professional contacts, and gain real-world work experience. Increasingly, internships lead directly to employment. Brooklyn College may provide stipends to support students during their internships. Students may meet with an internship counselor to discuss appropriate internship placements. For more information, contact the Magner Career Center, 1303 James Hall, 718.951.5774, or visit the [BC WebCentral portal](#).

### **iv. CUNYCAP: A Graduate Internship Program**

The City University of New York Counseling Assistantship Program (CUNYCAP) aims to provide graduate students who have CUNY undergraduate degrees with the opportunity to intern in college offices. The program includes more than 200 students CUNY-wide. At Brooklyn College, CUNYCAPs work in such offices as Admissions, Undergraduate Studies, Student Development, Athletics, and Student Affairs. Students receive at least \$10 per hour for up to 20 hours per week and six credits of in-state CUNY tuition. The experience acquired from working within administrative offices is invaluable. The networking and support help students both academically and professionally. For an application or further information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall, or the CUNY Central Office, 212.290.5709.

### **Federal Work-Study Program**

The Federal Work-Study Program is an employment program that pays eligible students in good academic standing an hourly wage for work done at approved sites at the college or at public or other nonprofit agencies. Students may work up to 20 hours per week while enrolled with a minimum of six credits in their division of matriculation. Information on this program is available through the [Office of Financial Aid](#).

### **Withdrawing**

Circumstances may necessitate your withdrawing completely from Brooklyn College for a semester in which you are already registered. Withdrawing from all courses impacts your financial aid differently depending on when the withdrawal is initiated and the type of financial aid you have received. However, in all cases, your financial aid must be recalculated.

#### **i. Return of Title IV Funds Formula**

Title IV financial aid is recalculated based on the number of days attended, using total federal aid and total institutional charges. The percentage of unearned aid to be returned is equal to the number of days remaining in the semester divided by the number of calendar days in the semester. If you initiate an official complete withdrawal after the 60 percent point in the semester, you will have earned 100 percent of the aid you received for that semester. The date of withdrawal is counted as a completed day. Scheduled breaks of more than five consecutive days within a semester are excluded.

If a return of Title IV aid is required, Brooklyn College will return the unearned portion of Title IV financial aid funds to the federal programs on behalf of the student. Any return of financial aid funds made by the college on behalf of the student will be charged to the student's account. Payment for these charges is due on demand. Pay the Brooklyn College Bursar's Office directly for these charges, not the U.S. Department of Education.

If you are one of the few students who are eligible for a post-withdrawal disbursement, you will be sent a letter of notification of your eligibility, which must be returned within 14 days from the date of the notice, or the offer will be rescinded. Students are strongly encouraged to ensure that the mailing address on file with Brooklyn College is always correct.

Title IV funds included under Title IV of the Higher Education Act are Federal Pell Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Work-Study, and any other type of federal financial aid.

Note that any Pell funds disbursed as a result of a return of Title IV Funds calculation will be added toward your overall Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU).

For purposes of complete withdrawal and the Return of Title IV Funds Formula, Federal Work-Study is not considered. However, in all cases of total withdrawal, you cannot continue to work under the Federal Work-Study Program after your date of withdrawal. Also, any students whose enrollment falls below six credits because they drop/withdraw (officially or unofficially) or stop attending classes must stop working immediately.

Students are responsible for notifying their site supervisor regarding changes in class schedule/enrollment and the Federal Work-Study staff at the Office of Financial Aid. If you have further questions specifically regarding FWS and the impact of withdrawing, contact the FWS staff at 718.951.5178 or 5816, or via [e-mail](#).

## ii. Official Withdrawal

Depending upon the date of withdrawal, certain situations and recalculations of federal aid may apply:

- If the semester has not yet begun and you drop or cancel your registration, any financial aid transmitted to your account will be removed. However, failure to cancel your registration and failure to attend classes will result in the cancellation of your financial aid, and you will be responsible for tuition and fee charges.
- If you drop all classes prior to the first day to officially withdraw (always check the [academic calendar](#) for each individual semester for these important dates). You may also be billed for tuition charges for that semester (see the bursar's [tuition liability schedule](#)).
- If you officially process a withdrawal form before the 60 percent point of the semester has lapsed, the Office of Financial Aid will recalculate your Title IV aid based on the Federal Return of Title IV Funds Formula. You will be responsible for any balance due to the college for that term. In addition, depending on your college entry date, there is a possibility that you may not qualify for federal aid or state aid in future semesters. See Satisfactory Academic Progress, below.
- If you officially process a withdrawal form after the 60 percent point of the semester, you will not be required to return any Title IV aid you received for the semester up to the point of withdrawal. Note that any disbursed Pell funds will be added toward your overall Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU).
- Federal Direct Loans will be subject to a Return of Title IV Funds calculation for the current semester. However, if funds have not yet been disbursed for the current and future semesters within the same academic year, the college will cancel your loan. Also, if your enrollment status drops to less than half time (six credits), your loan will be cancelled.
- If you have an outstanding balance on a Perkins and/or Federal Direct Loan, the date on which you drop to less than half-time is the date used for the start of your grace period; you will go into repayment as soon as six months afterward. Let your lender(s) know when you drop to less than half-time.
- If you withdraw or drop to less than half-time, you must complete an Exit Counseling for your Federal Direct Loan, which will go into repayment six months after you are less than half-time.

## iii. Unofficial Withdrawal

If you stop attending classes and do not initiate an official withdrawal, it is unlikely that you will receive passing grades for the semester and you will incur significant financial aid penalties, including full or partial cancellation of the financial aid you received for the semester. Therefore, it is critical that you initiate an official withdrawal prior to the end of the semester and that you keep your personal information current with Brooklyn College.

- Federal Direct Loans will be subject to a Return of Title IV Funds calculation for the current semester. However, if funds have not yet been disbursed for the current and future semesters within the same academic year, the college will cancel your loan. Also, if your enrollment status drops to less than half-time (six credits), your loan will be cancelled.
- Courses attempted prior to withdrawal from Brooklyn College will count in the calculation of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP is calculated annually and is checked when you reapply for financial aid. You could be denied future aid if you do not meet the standards of SAP.
- If you have an outstanding balance on a Perkins and/or Federal Direct Loan, the date on which you drop to less than half-time is the date used for the start of your grace period; you will go into repayment as soon as six months afterward. Let your lender(s) know when you drop to less than half time.
- If you withdraw or drop to less than half-time, you must complete an Exit Counseling for your Federal Direct Loan, which will go into repayment six months after you are less than half time.

**iv. Withdrawal Never Attended**

A WN grade is given to students who never began attendance in a course. Students will be considered not to have earned any Title IV aid. Students will be liable for the tuition.

**v. Withdrawal Drop**

A WD is a grade assignment for official drops. If a student drops or withdraws from all classes, a Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4) calculation will be performed. If this calculation is required, Brooklyn College will return the unearned portion of Title IV financial aid funds to the federal program(s) on behalf of the student. Any return of financial aid funds made by the college on behalf of the student will be charged to the student's account.

**Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Title IV Financial Aid**

Students must satisfy the following qualitative and quantitative federal financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education and Brooklyn College, in order to remain eligible for federal financial aid.

Federal aid programs governed by these regulations are:

- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
- (PLUS) Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal TEACH Grant
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
- All other Title IV aid programs

SAP is defined in three components: Qualitative Standard, Quantitative Standard/Pace of Progression, and Maximum Time Frame.

**i. Qualitative Standard**

Undergraduate students must achieve the following minimum grade point averages:

- 1–12 credits: 1.50
- 13–24 credits: 1.75
- 25 or more credits: 2.00

The regulations also stipulate that, if enrolled in an educational program of more than two academic years, a student must have a GPA of at least 2.00 or the equivalent at the end of the second academic year. This means that a student must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA after being at the school for four semesters or six quarters without regard to enrollment status and superseding the above requirements.

Graduate students must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.00.

**ii. Quantitative Standard/Pace of Progression**

For baccalaureate programs, accumulated (or earned) credits must be equal to or greater than a certain percentage of the total credits attempted according to the information on the [Brooklyn College financial aid website](#).

Graduate students accumulate credits toward the degree greater than or equal to two-thirds of the cumulative credits attempted at the institution.

**iii. Maximum Time Frame**

Both undergraduate and graduate students may not attempt more than 150 percent of the credits normally required for completion of the degree.

**iv. Determination of cumulative attempted credits and cumulative earned credits**

Attempted credits, as defined in this section, pertain to the courses and credits that must be included in the quantitative measure of progress to calculate pace of progression and maximum time frame. The accumulation of attempted credits usually reflects the semester course enrollment maintained in a student’s permanent record at the college and will usually reflect a student’s enrollment as of the Form A date, which is the last day to add a class. Accumulated credits should reflect credits that the student has earned toward the completion of the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

In applying the Title IV SAP standard, the college must address how the following types of courses, situations, and procedures may affect a student’s GPA and pace of progression:

Withdrawals

Since the Form A date usually reflects a student’s course load for the term, net of program adjustments, withdrawals as part of the program adjustment period (i.e., “drops”) will not be included as cumulative attempted credits. Withdrawals that are recorded on a student’s permanent record will be included as cumulative attempted

credits and will have an adverse effect on the student's ability to meet the pace of progression standard.

Note: Retroactive "nonpunitive" administrative withdrawal activity may result in the requirement for the student to repay any assistance received as a result of the student's enrollment at the time of receipt of the student assistance funds.

#### Incomplete grades

Courses with incomplete grades are included as cumulative attempted credits. However, these courses cannot be used as credits accumulated toward the degree because successful completion is the criterion for positive credit accumulation. If the student fails to meet the pace of progression standard due to a lack of successful completion grades for incomplete courses, the recording of successful completion grades within a term that brings the accumulated credit level to the appropriate standard will restore eligibility for the term and subsequent terms within the academic year.

#### Repeated courses

Successfully completed courses can generally be accepted toward degree requirements once. However, each time a student attempts a course, even if that course is part of a forgiveness or amnesty policy whereby credits attempted and grades earned in prior semesters are excluded from the GPA, it must be included as part of the cumulative attempted credit record for the measuring of pace of progression. Therefore, repeated courses, regardless of the prior grade, reduce a student's capacity to meet the pace of progression standard.

Note: Revised regulations allow students to receive Title IV aid for one-time repeat of a previously passed course as long as the student is again receiving credit for the course. Should the student subsequently fail the course, any additional attempt of that course cannot be included in the student's enrollment status for Title IV assistance. There is no regulatory limit on the number of times a student may be paid to retake a failed course, unless the student has also previously passed that course.

#### Transfer of credit

Transfer students shall have their pace of progression status initialized for purposes of Satisfactory Academic Progress measurement by using the number of credits determined to be acceptable toward the degree as both cumulative attempted credits and cumulative earned credits.

### **v. Treatment of Nonstandard Situations**

#### Readmitted students

A student not making SAP cannot re-establish eligibility for Title IV program assistance by re-enrolling after a period of non-enrollment of one year or longer. Upon readmission after any period of non-enrollment, the student's Title IV progress standing must be re-evaluated for SAP under the standard as the record stood at the end of his or her last term of attendance. If the student has taken any action during the period of non-enrollment that would bring him or her into compliance with the progress standard (e.g., successfully completing transferable courses at another institution during the period of



absence), this should also be factored into the reassessment. If the readmitted student has not taken any such action, or if the action taken is not sufficient to bring the student back into compliance with the progress standard, the student remains on financial aid suspension and must file a successful appeal to re-establish eligibility.

#### Second-degree Students

A student enrolling for a second baccalaureate shall have his or her pace of progression status initialized for purposes of SAP measurement by using the number of credits determined to be acceptable toward the degree as both the student's cumulative attempted credits and cumulative earned credits.

#### Change of Major

Students who change majors within the same degree or certificate program must complete the degree within the maximum time frame, unless the college has allowed for such changes by establishing various time frames for different programs leading to the degree or by individually re-evaluating the time frame for these students.

#### Change of Degree

If a student changes his or her objective and begins pursuing a different degree or certificate, the college may make the student subject to the maximum time frame it establishes for the new objective without regard to time spent pursuing the previous degree or certificate. The college also has the flexibility to develop a policy that is more restrictive and limits the student to an overall time frame for the completion of his or her studies.

#### **vi. SAP Changes Effective as of July 1, 2011**

The following are required by the U.S. Department of Education and have been implemented as of the 2011–12 academic year:

- Students found to be unsatisfactory due to failing one or more components of SAP at the annual review are ineligible for financial aid. No tolerance is permitted.
- First-year students must earn a minimum of a 1.50 GPA within their first 12 credits and a 1.75 by their 24<sup>th</sup>. Continuing students at 25+ credits must earn a minimum of a 2.00 GPA.
- Students' records are reviewed annually at the end of each academic year. A student who is found to be deficient in one or more components as defined above is ineligible for any future financial aid immediately. A student who is ineligible has the right to appeal if there are extreme extenuating circumstances that contributed to the deficiency.

#### **vii. Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal**

The Office of Financial Aid has established an appeal process for suspension of financial aid related to satisfactory academic progress. All students will be notified of their SAP status. Students who have failed to meet the requirements and wish to submit an appeal must complete the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form, which can be found on the [Office of Financial Aid website](#). Any student who wishes to appeal the suspension of financial aid should read the following instructions.

Procedure: Complete the [Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form](#). Be sure to attach documentation to support your appeal. Appeals submitted without supporting documentation will not be reviewed. Submit your appeal at the financial aid counter of the Enrollment Services Center.

Guidelines: Be specific when explaining your circumstances. Lack of information or documentation may result in a denial of your appeal. If health problems played a role in your circumstances, attach supporting documentation from a physician or counselor. Print legibly and sign the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form.

Appeals are approved for documented extreme situations only. Students who appeal will be approved only for the following federally defined reasons: serious physical or mental illness of the student or of a member of the student's immediate family; death of a member of the student's immediate family; or other extreme circumstances.

The circumstance must have occurred during the time the student struggled academically. All appeals must have documentation of the circumstances claimed in the appeal. Approved appeals can result in no more than one term of financial aid eligibility. Students whose appeals are approved are granted one term of financial aid probation. For continued eligibility, students must resolve all SAP deficiencies during the period of probation. Students who cannot mathematically resolve all deficiencies within one term will once again become ineligible for federal financial aid.

There is no limit to the number of times a student may follow the financial aid appeals procedure. Although a student may file only one appeal per payment period (semester), additional appeals to extend financial aid probation to subsequent semesters must vary in nature from the originally appealed and approved appeal reason, or show cause as to how it may still remain relevant.

As in the original appeal, the student would indicate the mitigating circumstances, the reasons why SAP was not achieved, and what has ensured or will ensure that the student will be able to meet SAP at the next evaluation.

#### **viii. Re-establishing Eligibility**

Other than having eligibility restored through filing a successful appeal, a student on financial aid suspension may regain eligibility only by taking action that brings him or her into compliance with the appropriate progress standard. The mere passage of time is insufficient to restore Title IV eligibility to a student who has lost eligibility due to not meeting the SAP standard. Therefore, students may not re-establish eligibility solely by leaving the college for at least one year because this action, by itself, would not bring the student into compliance for Title IV SAP.

Students who choose to remain enrolled without receiving Title IV aid may request a review of their academic record after any term in which they were on financial aid suspension to determine if they were able to re-attain appropriate standard.

#### **ix. Unusual Enrollment History**

Beginning with the 2013–14 award year, the U.S. Department of Education added the Unusual Enrollment History (UEH) Flag to the Institutional Student Information Record. According to Dear Colleague Letter GEN-13-09, the purpose of the UEH Flag is to identify instances of potential fraud and abuse of the Federal Pell Grant Program.

While some students have legitimate reasons for unusual enrollment histories, other students may enroll in postsecondary schools long enough to receive credit balance payments, leave the institutions, and repeat the process at other schools. For this reason, the institution is responsible for collecting all official transcripts, validating that the student has earned credit during the last three years.

##### Determining Title IV Aid Eligibility

Brooklyn College has established policies and procedures to determine whether the documentation obtained supports the student's explanation and demonstrates that the student did not enroll only to receive a Title IV credit balance payment. Brooklyn College must document its decision in the student's file, and the student cannot appeal the decision to the department.

##### Eligibility Approved

If the documentation supports an assertion that the student did not enroll in multiple schools/programs solely to obtain the credit balance payment, then the student is eligible for additional Title IV funds. Brooklyn College must document its determination in the student's file and process the student's Title IV aid accordingly.

##### Eligibility Denied

The student loses eligibility for all Title IV aid if both of the following are true: the student did not earn academic credit at one or more of the prior schools, and, after reviewing a student's submitted UEH Appeal Form, Brooklyn College determines that the documentation fails to disprove that the student enrolled in multiple programs solely to obtain the credit balance payment.

Brooklyn College will document its determination in the student's file and provide the student with an opportunity to question and appeal the decision. The Office of Financial Aid will also provide students with information about regaining eligibility.

##### Reinstatement of Eligibility

All students who have lost eligibility for all Title IV aid and would like to appeal for reinstatement must complete a UEH Appeal Form. If granted, students must adhere strictly to all conditions of their reinstatement.

*Note:* The department indicates that it expects the school's policies to require that the student complete academic credit as at least a part of the basis for a UEH appeal and potential reinstatement of Title IV aid. When a student regains eligibility under these provisions, eligibility for Pell Grant and campus-based aid begins in the payment period during which the student regained that eligibility. For Direct Loans, eligibility begins with the period of enrollment during which the student regained eligibility.

## **X. Tuition and Fees**

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Tuition and fees are set by the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York and are subject to change without notice. If tuition or fees are increased, payments already made are counted as partial payments. Students will be notified of the additional amount due and of the payment deadline. The bursar's webpage lists [current tuition and fees](#).

Students pay tuition and fees for each term they enroll. Tuition is determined by a student's place of residence and classification as a full-time or part-time, matriculated or non-degree student. Fees consist of the Technology Fee, Student Activity Fee, CUNY Consolidated Services Fee, and University Student Senate Fee. Other fees may be applicable based on program or course requirements. The Technology Fee is determined by full- or part-time enrollment status. For undergraduate students, the Student Activity Fee is determined by enrollment as a day student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) or as an evening student in the School of General Studies (SGS).

Students who have applied for, or are receiving, financial assistance and do not plan to attend classes for a semester must officially drop all courses before the first official day of classes or they will be liable for payment of tuition and fees. Students who are receiving financial assistance and withdraw prior to the 60 percent attendance requirement may have a financial obligation to the college.

Students who are delinquent in paying tuition or fees may have their classes cancelled and will not be permitted to register for subsequent semesters or obtain academic transcripts or other records until all financial obligations have been satisfied. Failure to receive notices of balances due after a student has registered does not relieve the student of the responsibility of covering all payments by the stated due dates. Students are expected to verify whether any payments are due by accessing their account in CUNYfirst; failure to pay will normally lead to a student being dropped from classes. However, students who register but fail to attend classes should not depend on the college to remove them from their classes for nonpayment. Depending on the timing of registration, a student who has not paid may still continue to be registered for the semester; such students will be liable for tuition even if they do not pay tuition or attend classes. It is the responsibility of the students, not the college, to officially drop or withdraw from any classes they have registered for because the failure to drop classes keeps another student from being able to register for that seat in a class.

If a student does not make full payment on his or her tuition and fees and his or her account is sent to a collection agency, he or she will be responsible for all collections costs, including agency fees, attorney fees and court costs, in addition to whatever amounts he or she owes the college. Furthermore, nonpayment or a default judgment against the student's account may be reported to a credit bureau and reflected in his or her credit report.

### **Payment of Tuition and Fees, and Payment Plans**

#### **i. Bills**

Bills are not mailed by the college and are issued by special request only. A student can view his or her account by logging on to [CUNYfirst](#) and visiting his or her Student

Center page. If an official bill is required, the student must [e-mail](#) the Office of the Bursar and a copy will be mailed to the address on file.

**ii. Payment deadlines**

Each semester, [payment deadlines](#) are posted on the bursar's webpage. If a student's account is not properly settled by the specified due date, registration will be subject to cancellation.

**iii. Payment options**

Tuition may be paid online, by mail, in person, or under the terms and conditions of an approved university payment plan. Brooklyn College does not accept telephone or faxed payments.

Online

Bills may be paid in full online for free via e-check.

By mail

Payments may be mailed to the Office of the Bursar/Student Payment Services, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Students may send any combination of check and money order payments. All checks and money orders should be made payable to Brooklyn College. Students should include their name, CUNYfirst EMPLID, and the semester that they are paying for on all checks or money orders. Do not mail cash.

In person

Bills may be paid in person at the Enrollment Services Center, West Quad Center. The balance due may be paid in cash, by check or money order, or any combination thereof. Credit cards are not accepted in person.

Monthly Tuition Payment Plan

Under the terms of a CUNY-wide program, students may enroll in the approved budgeted [tuition payment plan](#). To maximize the benefit of this plan, students should enroll as soon as possible. There is an enrollment fee and interest is not charged, but late payment fees do apply. Credit cards are accepted via the payment plan option only. There is no payment plan for the January intersession.

**Refund Policy**

The following tuition refund schedule for fall and spring semesters is subject to change by the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York:

- 100 percent refund for dropped courses before the scheduled start date of classes;
- 75 percent refund for dropped courses within one week after the scheduled start date of classes;
- 50 percent refund for dropped courses during the second week after the scheduled start date of classes;
- 25 percent refund for dropped courses during the third week after the scheduled start date of classes;

- no refund for dropped courses later than the third week after the scheduled start date of classes.

Tuition refunds are also processed for [summer sessions and the January intersession](#). A schedule for these refunds is established by the number of days in the term. Unless the college cancels a student's registration, or he or she drops his or her courses before the first scheduled day of classes, no portion of the Student Activity Fee or special fees is refunded. Refund of the NYPIRG contribution paid by undergraduate students may be obtained during a two-week refund period set by the organization.

Students who enlist in the armed services, Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps and who have not attended classes long enough to qualify for a grade but continue in attendance to within two weeks of induction receive a refund of tuition and all fees, except application fees, as follows:

- 100 percent refund for withdrawal before the beginning of the fifth calendar week (third calendar week for summer session) after the scheduled start date of classes;
- 50 percent refund for withdrawal thereafter.

In instances where students who are drafted into the military or are recalled to active duty do not attend for a sufficient time to qualify for a grade, there shall be a 100 percent refund of tuition and all other fees except application fees. Service must be documented with a copy of induction or service orders. No refund is made to a student who has been assigned a grade, whether the grade is passing or failing. To obtain a grade, a student must have been enrolled for approximately 13 weeks, or for five weeks in a summer session.

### **Tuition for Continuing Matriculated Undergraduate Students**

#### **New York State residents**

- Full-time \$3,265 per semester
- Part-time \$285 per credit

#### **Nonresidents and international students**

- Full-time \$580 per credit (no limit)
- Part-time \$580 per credit

#### **Undergraduate tuition for nondegree students**

- New York State residents \$415 per credit (no limit)
- Nonresidents and international students \$865 per credit (no limit)

### **Student Classification**

#### **iv. Full-time students**

Matriculated students who are enrolled for 12 credits or more each term are classified as full-time students.

#### **v. Part-time students**

Students who are enrolled for fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent each term are classified as part-time students. All courses taken by part-time students are billed on a

per-credit basis except developmental courses, which are billed on an equated credit basis. The tuition charged part-time students on a per-credit basis in any one term may not exceed the term rate for full-time students.

#### Summer and January Intersession Tuition

Students enrolled in the summer session and January intersession pay tuition at the per-credit rate according to their classification.

#### Student Activity Fee

Students pay the Student Activity Fee for each term and summer session in which they enroll. It covers funding of student government, student organizations, college newspapers, use of athletic equipment and campus facilities, admission to certain social and cultural events, and maintenance and amortization of the Student Center.

Item	Day Students	Evening and Weekend Students	Summer Session – Day Students	Summer Session – Evening Students
Student Center	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$32.50
Athletics and Recreation	\$18.60	\$5	\$10	\$10
Early Childhood Center	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Student Government	\$10.70	\$3.74	\$2.50	\$2.50
Academic Club Association	\$3.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Central Depository	\$18.10	\$2.26	\$2.50	\$1
Health Clinic	\$20	\$10	\$20	\$10
NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group)	\$5	\$2	\$5	N/A
Total Student Activity Fee	\$113.40	\$60.50	\$77.50	\$61
<b><u>Additional Fees</u></b>				
University Student Senate	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.45
CUNY Consolidated Services Fee	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Technology Fee	\$125 per term for full-time students and \$62.50 for part-time students	\$125 per term for full-time students and \$62.50 for part-time students	\$62.50 for all sessions	\$62.50 for all sessions

#### Compensatory and Developmental Courses

Compensatory courses offer excess contact hours to provide skills needed for success in the course. Excess hours in compensatory courses are not counted as equated credits and are not

calculated in tuition and financial aid load. Equated credits are used to determine tuition and financial aid enrollment status.

Developmental courses carry excess contact hours of a remedial nature that may be counted as equated credits in addition to degree credits. Equated credits are used to determine tuition and financial aid enrollment status.

**i. Compensatory Courses**

- Chemistry 1050 and 2050
- Mathematics 1011, 1021, 1026, and 1031
- Physics 1112

**ii. Developmental Courses**

- ESLR 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, and 1009

Special Fees\*

- Application \$65 for undergraduate nondegree students  
\$70 for first-year and transfer students  
\$125 for graduate degree and nondegree students \$65 for visiting students (non-CUNY students only)
- Readmission Fee \$20
- Duplicate diploma \$30
- Late registration \$25
- Program change \$18 for adding a course, changing from one course to another, or changing from one section to another if changes are made at one time.
- Recreation and Athletics Evening students: \$13.60  
Graduate students: \$18.60  
Summer session: \$10
- Replacement of ID card \$10
- Reprocessing \$20 for a check returned by bank as uncollectible.
- Special examination \$25 plus \$5 for each additional examination.
- Speech and Hearing Center \$200 for speech-language diagnostic evaluation;  
\$175 for audiological evaluations;  
\$770 for 14 45-minute individual speech therapy sessions one time per week; \$1,400 for 14 individual speech therapy sessions two times per week; \$150 per semester for aphasia group. Brooklyn College students, staff, and faculty with valid college ID receive a 40 percent discount.
- Transcript \$7, waived for transcripts sent to other CUNY schools
- Library fines Students should consult the library for the policy on fines.
- Material fees Some courses entail a fee to cover the costs of special materials, film rental charges, transportation, field trip expenses or other non-instructional costs. Material fees are subject to change and are nonrefundable. Details may be found in each term’s Schedule of Classes.



- Private music lessons \$250. This fee is for the following music courses and is charged per course, per semester: MUSC 3791, 3792, 3793, 3794, 3795, 3796, 4841, and 4842.

\* Fees are subject to change.

#### Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Courses

Undergraduate students who take graduate courses for graduate credit pay applicable resident or nonresident tuition rates set for graduate students and are subject to the maximum tuition rate set for undergraduate students. Graduate Division tuition rates are listed in the [Graduate Bulletin](#) and on the [bursar's webpage](#).

Undergraduate students who take graduate courses for undergraduate credit pay applicable tuition rates set for undergraduate students.

#### Post-graduation Enrollment

Students who have satisfied their degree requirements but wish to take additional credits beyond the degree are charged the nondegree rate per credit unless they have filed for a second degree.

#### Auditing Fee

The fee for auditing a day, evening, or weekend course is the same as if the course were being taken for credit. The fee for senior citizens (New York State residents age 60 and older) is \$65 plus the \$15 CUNY Consolidated Services Fee per term. Senior citizens who take courses for undergraduate credit must pay the applicable tuition and fee rates set for undergraduate students. The \$65 auditing fee applies only to undergraduate courses. Senior citizens who wish to audit graduate courses will pay at the established tuition rates for graduate students and receive the AUD grade.

### **Tuition for Graduate Students**

#### Tuition for New York State Residents

Students residing in New York State who are enrolled for 12 or more credits per semester are classified as full-time students. For them, tuition is \$5,225. Students who are enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester are classified as part-time students. All courses taken by part-time graduate students are billed on a per-credit basis. Part-time students residing in New York State pay tuition at \$440 per credit. For courses in which the number of hours a class meets each week exceeds the number of credits, part-time students pay \$440 per credit plus \$65 for each additional class hour. Some departments have noncredit thesis research and supervision courses that are billed as three-hour, three-credit courses.

To be classified as a New York State resident, an applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and must have resided in the state of New York for the 12-month period preceding the first day of classes of the term in which the applicant enrolls.

Students classified by the Office of the Registrar as out-of-state residents must pay tuition as nonresident students. They may apply to change their status to New York State resident by filing a [CUNY Residency Application](#).

Students must provide all documents proving residency status no later than the last day of classes of the semester in which that status would take effect. Documentation provided after that time will delay the new residency status until the following semester. An applicant for residency who does not provide the Office of the Registrar with the required information or documentation may be classified as an out-of-state resident. Students denied resident status by the Office of the Registrar may appeal the decision within 10 days of the date of notification.

#### Tuition for Non-New York State Residents and International Students

There is no full-time tuition rate for nonresidents and international students. Regardless of the number of credits, all courses taken by these students are billed at the rate of \$805 per credit. For courses in which the number of hours a class meets each week exceeds the number of credits, students pay \$805 per credit plus \$85 for each additional class hour. Some departments have noncredit thesis research and supervision courses that are billed as three-hour, three-credit courses.

#### Maintenance of Matriculation

Master's students must be in a matriculated status to complete degree requirements. This includes resolving INC grades, taking comprehensive examinations, and filing theses as final requirements in preparation for graduation. Students must also be registered during the semester in which they intend to graduate. If they are not registered for any credit-bearing classes recognized as degree-related by their program, they must register for maintenance of matriculation status and pay the required fee, which cannot be waived. The nonrefundable fee for maintenance of matriculation is \$215 for New York State residents and \$350 for nonresidents. Students should plan their academic program with this fee in mind and discuss options for credit-bearing courses that are acceptable in their program with their deputies as they plan their schedules near the point of graduation.

#### Graduate Students Taking Undergraduate Courses

Graduate students who take undergraduate courses to satisfy graduate degree prerequisites, co-requisites, conditions of admission, or other requirements pay tuition rates set for undergraduate part-time matriculated students.

Generally, graduate students can enroll in undergraduate courses without any special permission, but in some cases the academic department may need to be consulted for course permissions, prerequisite overrides, or other enrollment permissions.

#### Fees

Graduate students pay a Student Activity Fee, a University Student Senate Fee, a CUNY Consolidated Services Fee, and a Technology Fee each semester and summer session in which they enroll. Together, the fees cover the funding of student government, student organizations, college newspapers, and other student activities; funding to support the Early Childhood Center; and services and maintenance of the Student Center. The entire fee must be paid at registration. No part of the fee is refundable.

Item	Fall and Spring Semesters	Summer 1 and Summer 2 Sessions
Student Center	\$32.50	\$32.50
Student Government	\$10	\$2.50
Early Childhood Center	\$5	\$5
Central Depository	\$6.75	n/a
Health Clinic	\$20	\$20
Total Student Activity Fee	\$74.25	\$60
<b>Additional Fees</b>		
University Student Senate Fee	\$1.45	\$1.45
CUNY Consolidated Services Fee	\$15	\$15

Students registered at the college must also pay a fee to cover the costs of equipment and technology used in teaching. The Technology Fee is \$125 for full-time students, enrolled for 12 or more credits per semester, and \$62.50 for part-time students, enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester. Graduate students taking either summer session must pay the part-time Technology Fee once during the summer.

### Special Fees

- Application \$125
- Readmission Fee \$20
- Duplicate diploma \$30
- Late registration \$25
- Library fines Students should consult the library for the policy on fines.
- Makeup examination \$25 for the first examination; \$5 for each additional examination
- Material fees Some courses entail a fee to cover the costs of special materials, film rental charges, transportation, field trip expenses or other non-instructional costs. Material fees are subject to change and are nonrefundable. Details may be found in each semester's Schedule of Classes.
- Program change \$18 for adding a course, changing from one course to another, or changing from one section to another if changes are made at one time
- Recreation and athletics \$18.60 for use of athletics facilities (optional); \$10 for summer

- Replacement of ID card \$10
- Reprocessing \$20 for a check returned by bank as uncollectible
- Speech and Hearing Center \$200 for speech-language diagnostic evaluation; \$175 for audiological evaluations; \$770 for 14 45-minute individual speech therapy sessions (per semester) one time per week; \$1,400 for individual speech therapy sessions two times per week; \$150 per semester for aphasia group. Brooklyn College students, staff and faculty with valid college ID receive a 40 percent discount.
- Transcript \$7 (waived for transcripts sent to the admissions offices of other units of the City University of New York)
- Visiting student \$65 processing fee (non-CUNY students only)
- Academic Excellence Fee \$4,470 (full time); \$2,235 (part time). This fee is for students in the M.F.A. program in the Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema.
- Private music lessons \$250. This fee is for the following music courses and is charged per course, per semester: MUSC 7791, 7792, 7793, and 7950; MUSC 6791, 6792, 6793, and 6794; MUSC 7795, 7796, 7797, and 7798.
- Excess Contact Hour Fee \$65 for in-state residents and \$85 for out-of-state residents. This fee is charged for courses that meet beyond the established credit hours. These courses are listed in the Graduate Bulletin.

\* Fees are subject to change.

## **XI. Online Navigation**

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The [Online Resources and Tools Reference page](#) lists many services that can be accessed online. A [setup guide](#) will assist you with CUNYfirst, BC WebCentral (student e-mail and on-campus Wi-Fi), and CUNY Portal (Blackboard).

### **BC Navigator App**

[BC Navigator for Students](#) gives you access to core Brooklyn College services and personalized information directly from your mobile devices. Both current and prospective students are welcome to explore the college in this convenient form. Login is not required for most uses. The app is currently available for iOS on the App Store, and for Android on Google Play!

## BC Navigator Features

### 1. Mobile Digital ID

The Brooklyn College Mobile Digital ID is a convenient and secure replacement for your plastic college ID card. It features auto-validation (you can skip the trip to the ESC) and numerous internal security features, and can easily be deactivated if you lose your device. Your Digital ID is valid at any campus entrance and the library (for entry and material checkout).

### 2. [My BC Info](#)

Log in with your BC WebCentral credentials to review your personal student information, including:

- courses,
- registration stops,
- pending advisement appointments,
- online credentials,
- current tuition balance, and
- the status of any online transactions you've submitted through the college portal (coming soon!).

Save your encrypted credentials on your device, and My BC Info can be displayed as your initial launch screen. You can also select which personal information should be displayed by default.

For a broader view of your student information, you can also explore CUNY's own [CUNYfirst mobile app](#), [My Info](#).

### 3. [Campus Map](#)

View floor layouts, search for rooms, and locate building points of interest (POI). Find food, bathrooms, elevators, public safety posts, info kiosks, and more.

### 4. [Directory](#)

Search the campus office and staff/faculty directory. Use the directory to call or e-mail offices and individuals directly, or locate the target office on a building floor plan.

### 5. [Course Catalog](#)

Search through each term's course offerings, including alternate section schedules, course catalog descriptions, and instructor name and contact details.

### 6. [Events](#)

Search for on-campus events. Locate on-campus event locations on the building floor plan.

### 7. [IT Systems Status](#)

Check the status of major campus IT systems, like BC Wi-Fi and CUNYfirst (powered by [bc-status.info](#)).

## 8. [How Do I?](#)

Find answers to frequently asked questions about the college and topics of interest.

### **BC WebCentral Portal**

Brooklyn College students may use the [BC WebCentral portal](#) to transact a wide range of academic business via the Web, including applying for scholarships, graduate school, and the pass-fail option; declaring a major; projecting their GPA based on current grades; signing up to receive grades via e-mail; and much more. WebCentral users have access to WebMail, private calendars, to-do lists, classifieds, the BC Textbook Exchange, and other useful tools. The portal provides information and services customized to each user. A single WebCentral sign-on allows users to access all authenticated services without having to re-enter their credentials.

### **Brooklyn College E-mail Address**

The college provides every registered student with a Brooklyn College Microsoft Exchange e-mail address, accessible via the Web, POP, IMAP, mobile devices, and Outlook. The e-mail account is protected against viruses and allows students to create their own folder structure. Students are encouraged to submit private e-mail addresses via the [BC WebCentral](#) portal if they prefer to receive college mail at that address. Accounts for entering students are created soon after they matriculate. ITS network support (718.951.4357, option 2) assists students with accessing their e-mail.

E-mail is Brooklyn College's primary method of communication. It is important that you keep your e-mail address current. Every student is assigned a Brooklyn College e-mail address. It is up to you if you want to use it or use a personal email account. Note: Some departments and offices, such as Financial Aid, communicate to you only via your Brooklyn College e-mail address. Therefore, it is important that you check it frequently.

### **Brooklyn College Website**

The [Brooklyn College website](#) provides a wealth of useful information about the college and its programs for prospective and current students, prospective employees, visitors, and guests.

### **Bulldog Connection**

The [Bulldog Connection](#) is your way to connect to organizations, communicate with other club members, and explore the college community.

- Find Student Clubs/Organizations. Search the available student clubs/organizations and join as many as you like online.
- Use discussion boards, news posts, and group messaging to communicate within your organizations.
- Record your activities and memberships to showcase your involvement while on campus through the Co-Curricular Transcript.

### **CUNYfirst**

[CUNYfirst](#) is a CUNY-wide software system hosted by CUNY that allows students to transact a wide range of academic business, including browsing the course catalog, registering for courses, dropping courses, paying tuition and fees online, managing personal information, viewing grades and progress toward a degree, and viewing and printing unofficial transcripts.

### **CUNY Portal**

[Citizen CUNY](#) is your one-stop access point to everything CUNY offers you as a member of the university community. View your private and secure CUNY information, such as application status and financial aid information. Register for courses and access Blackboard and Degreeworks. You can also obtain information about CUNY services and benefits, including CUNY eMail, and connect with volunteer opportunities. Citizen CUNY provides information on services available to you, and offers opportunities for you to continue CUNY's long tradition of serving the community.

### **Wireless Network Access**

Wireless network access (Wi-Fi) is available throughout the campus, including all main buildings and most outside gathering spaces. Students with Brooklyn College e-mail accounts can access it with appropriately configured laptops or mobile devices. Access requires an 802.11x-compliant secure client and a Brooklyn College e-mail address. Further information and setup instructions are available on the technology tab on the [BC WebCentral portal](#).

## **XII. Student Rights and College and University Rules**

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As a public institution of higher education that is part of the City University of New York, the college and its students, faculty, and staff are required to comply with federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations as well as university and college policies that seek to enforce them. Those currently in effect are summarized below with links to relevant websites for the complete text of each, subject to change by the appropriate authorities.

### **Academic Integrity**

The CUNY Board of Trustees has adopted a [Policy on Academic Integrity](#) that applies to all students at Brooklyn College. Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids or devices, or communication during an academic exercise. Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research or writing as one's own. Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded papers or part of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the Internet without citing the source, and cutting and pasting from various sources without proper attribution.

### **Acceptable Use of Computer Resources**

The computer resources of Brooklyn College and the City University of New York must be used in a manner that is consistent with the university's educational purposes and environment. CUNY recognizes that there is a concern among the university community that because information created, used, transmitted, or stored in electronic form is by its nature susceptible to disclosure, invasion, loss, and similar risks, electronic communications and transactions are particularly vulnerable to infringements of academic freedom. CUNY's commitment to the principles of academic freedom and freedom of expression includes electronic information. Therefore, whenever possible, CUNY will resolve doubts about the need to access CUNY computer resources in favor of a user's privacy interest.

However, the use of CUNY computer resources, including the use for electronic transactions and communications, like the use of other university-provided resources and activities, is subject to the requirements of legal and ethical behavior.

This [CUNY Policy on Acceptable Use of Computer Resources](#) is intended to support the free exchange of ideas among members of the CUNY community and between the CUNY community and other communities while recognizing the responsibilities and limitations associated with such exchange.

Brooklyn College developed a [policy statement](#) that is a modified version of a statement originally prepared by the university's Computer Policy Committee and reviewed by the University Faculty Senate and the CUNY Office of the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs.

All users of computer resources are expected to act in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation and to adhere to the regulations for their use set forth in this document. As a user of CUNY/Brooklyn College resources, you:

- must have a valid authorized account to use any such computer resources that require one, and may use only those computer resources that are specifically authorized;
- may use your account in accordance with its authorized purposes and may not use an unauthorized account for any purpose;
- are responsible for the safeguarding of your computer account;
- are strongly advised to change your password frequently and not to disclose it to anyone—take all necessary precautions to protect your account, no matter what type of computer resources you are using;
- may not circumvent system protection facilities;
- may not knowingly use any system to produce system failure or degraded performance;
- may not engage in unauthorized duplication, alteration, or destruction of data, programs, and software;
- may not transmit or disclose data, programs, and software belonging to others, and may not duplicate copyrighted materials;
- may not engage in abusive or improper use of computer hardware, including, but not limited to, tampering with equipment, unauthorized attempts to repair equipment, and unauthorized removal of equipment components;
- may not use computer resources for private purposes, including, but not limited to, use of computer resources for profit-making or illegal activities;
- may not use computer resources to engage in abuse of computer personnel or other users, including the sending of abusive, anonymous, or unsolicited messages within CUNY or beyond via network facilities; and
- are expected to be familiar with college regulations regarding the use of college computer resources.

These regulations are subject to change and/or revision. The university and Brooklyn College reserve the right to monitor, under appropriate conditions, all data contained in the system, to protect the integrity of the system, and to ensure compliance with regulations.



### **i. General Rules**

- Users of university computing resources must comply with federal and state laws, university rules and policies, and the terms of applicable contracts, including software licenses, while using university-computing resources.
- Users may not state or imply that they speak on behalf of the university or use university trademarks and logos without authorization to do so. Authorization to use university trademarks and logos on university computing resources may be granted only by the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- The use of appropriate disclaimers is encouraged.

### **ii. Enforcement**

Users who violate the policy stated herein may be denied access to university computing resources and may be subject to other penalties and disciplinary action, both within and outside the university, including:

- suspension and/or termination of computer privileges;
- disciplinary action(s) by appropriate college and/or university officials;
- referral to law enforcement authorities for criminal prosecution; and
- other legal action, including action to recover civil damages and penalties.

### **Accommodation of Service Animals**

Several federal, state, and city laws govern CUNY's obligations to accommodate disabled persons using service animals in its facilities. In addition, residence halls are subject to more expansive obligations than other university facilities. This [memorandum](#) provides a description of the relevant laws and CUNY's obligations under those laws in order to ensure compliance in university facilities, including residence halls.

### **Clip Boarding and Leafleting**

Clip boarding and leafleting may take place on campus so long as such activity is not disruptive or infringes upon the rights of others. Specifically, students engaging in these activities shall not harass, threaten, or intimidate any member of the college community.

### **Demonstrations**

Brooklyn College supports the right of individual students, faculty, staff, and student clubs/organizations to demonstrate provided such activities do not disrupt normal activities or infringe upon the rights of others. The college will not condone behavior that violates the freedom of speech, choice, assembly, or movement of other individuals or organizations. At the same time, responsible dissent carries with it sensitivity for the civil rights of others.

Accordingly, the college will take no action that limits or denies:

1. the right of any individual or group to demonstrate and publicly proclaim any view, however unpopular; or
2. the freedom of speech, assembly, and movement of any individual or group that is the object of the demonstration.

In addition, the college will take whatever steps it deems necessary to protect students who choose to exercise these rights. These rights are subject to the following guidelines, which apply to all demonstrations and/or equivalent activity:

1. Requests for demonstrations should be submitted no fewer than five business days in advance to the vice president for student affairs.
2. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.
3. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with access to or from campus buildings.
4. Persons shall not obstruct, disrupt, interrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any previously scheduled event or activity. Minor or fleeting interruptions will be permitted as long as they do not substantially interfere with the ability of speakers to conduct their events. Students are urged to treat others with respect.
5. Persons shall not engage in harassing, physically abusive, threatening, or intimidating conduct toward any person.
6. Persons shall comply with the directions issued by representatives of the university/college when performing his/her official duties.
7. Classes or other scheduled activities shall not be disrupted.
8. Use of public address systems and amplified sound will not be permitted without prior approval from the vice president for student affairs/Student Center director.
9. The safety and well-being of members of the campus community collectively and individually must be protected at all times. The college maintains the right to define the time, place, and manner in which activities occur on campus.
10. College property must be protected at all times.
11. All participants in a demonstration must be currently registered students at the college.
12. Persons engaging in activities on college grounds are subject to and expected to comply with all applicable university policies and procedures.
13. Student organizations sponsoring or organizing demonstrations or equivalent activities will be held responsible for compliance with this policy. Student organization sponsorship in no way relieves participating individuals of responsibility for their conduct. Each individual participating in a demonstration or equivalent activities, whether sponsored or not, is accountable for compliance with the provisions of this policy as well as the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order. Violation of this policy may be grounds for disciplinary action against individuals and/or the sponsoring or participating student organizations and their officers.

### **Drugs and Alcohol**

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of drugs or alcohol by anyone on CUNY property (including CUNY residence halls), in CUNY buses or vans, or at CUNY-sponsored activities, is prohibited. In addition, CUNY employees are prohibited from illegally providing drugs or alcohol to CUNY students. Finally, no student may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any CUNY residence hall, regardless of whether the student is of lawful age, except for students living in the Graduate Center's graduate housing facilities, who may lawfully possess and consume alcoholic beverages. For purposes of this policy, a CUNY residence hall means a residence hall owned and/or operated by CUNY, or operated by a private management company on CUNY's behalf.

In order to make informed choices about the use of drugs and alcohol, CUNY students and employees are expected to familiarize themselves with the information provided by CUNY about the physiological, psychological, and social consequences of substance abuse.

## CUNY Sanctions

Employees and students who violate this policy are subject to sanctions under university policies, procedures, and collective bargaining agreements, as described below. Employees and students should be aware that, in addition to these CUNY sanctions, the university will contact appropriate law enforcement agencies if they believe that a violation of the policy should also be treated as a criminal matter.

## Students

Students are expected to comply with the CUNY and college policies with respect to drugs and alcohol. Any student found in violation may be subject to disciplinary action under Article 15 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, which may result in sanctions up to and including expulsion from the university.

In addition, any student who resides in a CUNY residence hall and who is found to have violated any CUNY or college policy with respect to drugs and alcohol may be subject to sanctions under the CUNY Residence Hall Disciplinary Procedures, up to and including expulsion from the residence hall.

In lieu of formal disciplinary action, CUNY may, in appropriate cases, seek to resolve the matter through an agreement pursuant to which the student must see a counselor or successfully participate in a drug and alcohol treatment program.

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), CUNY may also choose—when appropriate—to contact parents or legal guardians of students who have violated the [CUNY Policy on Drugs and Alcohol](#).

The college recognizes the personal difficulties and complexities that are associated with drug and alcohol use. Members of the college community seeking help are invited and encouraged to use the confidential therapeutic and counseling services that are available. Professional substance-abuse counselors together with trained students have proved of great assistance over the years in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. An appointment for these services may be obtained by calling the [Personal Counseling Office](#), 0203 James Hall, 718.951.5363.

## **E-mail Policy**

The college's e-mail system is an excellent tool for enhancing communication. Our policy is a modified version of a policy statement prepared by the university's Computer Policy Committee, reviewed by the University Faculty Senate and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs.

Individual users broadcasting e-mail messages (i.e., announcements being sent to all or most campus users) are not permitted. If you have an announcement regarding a matter of widespread institutional interest, forward it via e-mail to the Office of Communications and Marketing. Allow at least two days for the announcement to be broadcast via e-mail. Because the college's policy prohibits the use of computer resources for profit-making and similar private purposes, unsolicited e-mails sent to all or most campus users inviting them to purchase goods and/or services are not permitted.

### **i. Examples of Inappropriate Uses of E-mail**

In general, e-mail shall not be used for the initiation or retransmission of:

- chain mail (e-mail sent repeatedly from user to user, with requests to send to others) that misuses or disrupts resources;
- virus hoaxes;
- spamming or e-mail bombing attacks or intentional e-mail transmissions that disrupt normal e-mail service;
- junk mail (unsolicited e-mail that is not related to university business and is sent without a reasonable expectation that the recipient would welcome such mail);
- false identification (any actions that defraud the e-mail recipient, or misrepresent or fail to accurately identify the sender);
- messages containing obscene images or materials; and
- messages that violate the university's nondiscrimination policies.

### **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)/Access to Student Records**

The college abides by provisions of the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, a federal law concerning the privacy of student records and the obligations of the institution, primarily regarding the release of records and access provided to records. Students are encouraged to review [CUNY's Guidelines for the Implementation of the Student Records Access Policy and the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#).

Under these provisions, students have the right to be advised of what student records and information are maintained by the college, who maintains them, who has access to them and for what purposes, and policies for reviewing and expunging student records, procedures for granting access to them and for challenging them, cost charged for copies, and other rights and requirements under the law. Students also have the right to deny access by others who have not obtained their written consent. Brooklyn College may disclose, without consent, directory information (student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, major field of study, class, year or date of expected graduation, degrees and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, photograph, most recent educational agency or institution attended, and the height and weight of members of athletic teams) to persons having a legitimate interest in this information. Students may stipulate that any or all of the information above not be released without their written consent. Conversely, a student may request to allow disclosure of non-directory information to specified individuals. To exercise either of these options, students must [complete and submit a corresponding form](#).

A student's education records, other than information stated above, can be released without the student's consent only to university officials—including trustees, college officials, faculty, and staff—with a legitimate educational interest. Upon request, the college may disclose education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. A student who wishes to inspect and review his or her educational records may make the request to the student records access officer in the Office of the Registrar or to the person in charge of the office who is the official custodian of the record in question, but a request pertaining to records in the custody of a teacher or counselor should be made directly to that teacher or counselor. Requests made to the student records access officer in the Office of the Registrar must be made by completing a request form. Requests for records in other locations

may be oral or written. Requests will be granted or denied within 15 days of receipt of the request.

If the request is granted, the student will be notified of the time and place where records may be inspected. If the request is denied or not responded to within 15 days, the student may appeal. Additional information regarding the appeal procedure will be provided to the student if a request is denied.

A student may request an amendment of education records that he or she believes are inaccurate or misleading. In this case, the student should write to the college official who is responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record that is in question, and specify why it should be changed. If the college decides not to amend the record, the student will be notified of the decision and advised of his or her right to a hearing. When the student is notified, additional information will be provided regarding the hearing procedures.

### **File-sharing and Copyright Infringement**

Peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing programs are a popular way to exchange music, movies, games, and software over the Internet. Academic applications of these programs are expanding, but their use is not without risk. Although P2P file-sharing programs are not illegal, they can be used for illegal copying or distributing of music, movie, software, and other files. Most material is copyrighted; downloading or distributing such material without permission of the copyright holder is a violation of U.S. copyright law.

If students use a P2P program to download, trade, or share files without appropriate permission, they may be liable for monetary damages and even subject to jail time. This kind of use is also in violation of CUNY's policy on the use of CUNY computer resources and may subject students to disciplinary action. Students are encouraged to review the [Notice to the CUNY Community Regarding File Sharing and Copyright Infringement](#).

### **Freedom of Information**

Requests to inspect public records at the college should be made to the records access officer by visiting 1405 Boylan Hall, or calling 718.951.3118. Public records are available for inspection and copying by appointment only. You have a [right to appeal](#) to the general counsel and vice chancellor for legal affairs if the college has not granted your request for access to its public records. Students are encouraged to review the [CUNY Procedures for Public Access to Public Records Pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Officers Law](#). Information is also available at the reference desk of the Brooklyn College Library.

### **Freedom of Speech and Campus Demonstrations**

As a public entity and an educational institution committed to the robust and free exchange of ideas, Brooklyn College upholds the right of free speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Under the First Amendment, the belief that a topic or viewpoint is detestable is not a legitimate ground for its suppression.

Brooklyn College supports the right of students, faculty, and staff to peaceably demonstrate, provided they do not disrupt the normal educational operation of the campus. For example, clip boarding and leafleting may take place on campus, so long as it does not disrupt the educational

environment. The college may reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner in which activities occur on campus. Persons may not block corridors or entrances to any area. They may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, or other traffic. Use of amplified sound will not be permitted without prior approval from the vice president for student affairs, and may not disrupt a conference, meeting, or class.

Free expression may not violate the civil rights or safety of others. Persons may not harass, physically abuse, or threaten any person. They may not destroy or damage college property. For safety reasons, guns, knives, sharp objects, batons, torches, glass items, sticks, poles, and anything else that may be used as a weapon are prohibited. Wood or Plexiglas cannot be used for signs and posters; they must be made of foam or cardboard. At any time prior to or during an event, should a safety concern arise that cannot be addressed effectively, the director of public safety and security may cancel an event.

Persons must comply with all applicable university policies and procedures, including the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order (commonly known as the Henderson Rules). Violations of these rules may be grounds for disciplinary action.

### **Grievance Procedures**

Grievance procedures for specific college rules and regulations differ depending on the nature of the complaint. Any student who has a grievance against another member of the college community may receive guidance on the appropriate complaint procedure in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall.

### **Hate Crimes**

All members of the Brooklyn College community are subject to New York State law on hate crimes. The law applies to criminal acts involving violence, intimidation, and destruction of property based upon bias and prejudice. In such crimes, victims are intentionally selected, in whole or in part, because of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation. [Information on the law and examples of the hate crimes that are prohibited](#) may be found on the Brooklyn College website.

### **Hazing**

The Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG, the organization that provides liability insurance to fraternities and sororities) defines hazing as:

“Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort (including, violence, abuse, or torment), embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol (on or off campus), paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house, wearing public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal

law, ritual, or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution or applicable state law.”

New York State’s law (N.Y. Penal Law §120.16) defines hazing in the first degree as follows:

“A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury. Hazing in the first degree is a class A misdemeanor.”

**i. Zero Tolerance for Hazing**

Brooklyn College has a zero tolerance policy for hazing. All students—including those who are not members of a fraternity or sorority—found to be in violation of Brooklyn College and university rules, regulations, and policies will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the college and/or criminal prosecution.

All members of the Brooklyn College community are responsible for ensuring that the college remains free from hazing.

Hazing is any action or situation created intentionally or unintentionally, whether on or off the Brooklyn College premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, pain, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule, and is any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization that causes, or is likely to cause, physical injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any student. Such activities include those cited by FIPG, cyber bullying, and any other activities that are inconsistent with Article XV of the CUNY Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order pursuant to Article 129a of the Education Law.

**ii. Failure to Adhere to University Rules and Regulations or to Report Incidents of Hazing**

Students found to have violated Article XV of the CUNY Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order pursuant to Article 129a of the Education Law shall be subject to disciplinary action by the college. Depending upon the severity of the violation, penalties may result in a suspension or immediate expulsion from the college. Students who have personal knowledge of or information about incidents of hazing have a duty to report the incident to the Office of Judicial Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall. Failure to report the incident or information may result in disciplinary action.

Student organizations found to be engaged in hazing activity may have their charter permanently revoked. Disciplinary action by the college or CUNY will not exempt individuals from civil litigation and/or criminal prosecution. Brooklyn College reserves the right to refer known incidents of hazing to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

### **Immunization Requirements**

New York State health law requires students to submit documentation proving immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella as well as a Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccination Response Form. Information on the New York State Department of Health immunization requirements may be found in the [Health Programs/Immunization Requirements Office](#). Questions may be referred to the office in person at 0710 James Hall, by telephone at 718.951.4505 or 4266, or via [e-mail](#).

### **Infectious Disease Notification Protocol (CUNY)**

From time to time, CUNY students or employees may contract an infectious disease that can be spread through casual contact. In such circumstances, which could impact the health and safety of the CUNY community, students and employees should [follow this protocol](#). If a student or an employee is in doubt whether an infectious disease is covered, he or she should contact the campus Health Services office.

When students contract an infectious disease that can be spread through casual contact, they should immediately report it to the campus health services director. If the director is unavailable, they should report it to the campus chief student affairs administrator. If the student affairs office is closed, they should report it to the campus public safety office.

Confidentiality of personal information, including medical information and the name of the individual, must be respected to the fullest extent possible. Such information shall be disclosed only on a need-to-know basis.

### **Medical Withdrawal and Re-entry**

The City University of New York is committed to the academic success and personal growth of its students. As part of that commitment, the university and its constituent campuses are responsible for providing a safe learning and working environment for students, faculty, staff, and other members of the university community. Some students may, because of a medical condition, engage in behavior that presents a direct threat of harm to themselves or to others, or substantially disrupts the learning or working environment of others. In such situations, the safety and security of the campus community, including the individual student, is paramount. This [policy](#) does not replace or supersede reasonable and appropriate security and health and safety measures, such as calling 911 or taking other immediate action in case of imminent threat to life or limb.

In addition to taking action to protect the security and safety of the campus community, a college may address the student's conduct to determine if action under this policy or under the student disciplinary process is appropriate. When a student's conduct that directly threatens or substantially disrupts the learning or working environment of others appears to relate to a medical condition, the campus may, at its option, address the student's conduct either in accordance with this policy, or through the student disciplinary process. If the student's conduct constitutes a threat solely to him or herself, it should be addressed under this policy rather than the disciplinary process.



### **Nonattendance Because of Religious Beliefs**

The New York State Education Law provides that no student shall be expelled or refused admission to an institution of higher education because he or she is unable to attend classes or participate in examinations or study or work requirements on any particular day or days because of religious beliefs. Students who are unable to attend classes on a particular day or days because of religious beliefs will be excused from any examination or study or work requirements. Faculty must make good-faith efforts to provide students absent from class because of religious beliefs equivalent opportunities to make up the work missed; no additional fees may be charged for this consideration.

If classes, examinations, study, or work requirements occur on Friday after 4 p.m. or on Saturday, similar or makeup classes, examinations, or study or work requirements will be made available on other days, where possible and practical. The faculty and the administration will not allow any adverse or prejudicial effects to accrue to students availing themselves of this regulation. If students have complaints about the application of this policy, they are entitled to bring action or a proceeding for enforcement of their rights in the Supreme Court of Kings County.

### **Nondiscrimination for Students With Disabilities**

Brooklyn College, as a unit of the City University, does not and will not discriminate against qualified students with disabilities in access to its programs and services. Disability, for purposes of this policy, is defined to mean a “physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities,” such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, or learning.

Brooklyn College operates its programs and activities so that these programs and activities will provide meaningful accessibility to qualified students with disabilities and reasonable accommodation in delivery of educational and other services. This commitment is reflected in adjustments to academic and other activities and structural modifications to college facilities if this is required for accessibility and is fiscally reasonable and does not fundamentally alter the program or activity.

Students who need individual accommodations should direct their needs to the Center for Student Disability Services, 138 Roosevelt Hall, 718.951.5538. If a requested academic adjustment cannot be implemented or if a student believes that he or she is being discriminated against on the basis of a handicap or disability, the student should contact the director of the center. Students may also consult with the Office of Diversity and Equity Programs, 2147 Boylan Hall, 718.951.4128, which will, as appropriate, refer the matter to the center, attempt to resolve the dispute among the parties, or accept a formal complaint in accordance with applicable procedures.

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

It is the policy of The City University of New York—applicable to all colleges and units—to recruit, employ, retain, promote, and provide benefits to employees and to admit and provide services for students without discriminating on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital status, partnership status, disability, genetic information, alienage, citizenship, military or veteran status, pregnancy, status as a victim of domestic violence/stalking/sex offenses,

unemployment status, caregiver or familial status, prior record of arrest or conviction, or any other legally prohibited basis in accordance with federal, state, and city laws. This policy is set forth in CUNY's [Policy on Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination](#).

CUNY's [Policy on Sexual Misconduct](#) prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, gender harassment, and sexual violence. Inquiries concerning sexual misconduct or sex discrimination may be made to the individuals specified in that policy or may be referred to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

It is also the university's policy to provide reasonable accommodations and academic adjustments, when appropriate, to individuals with disabilities, observing religious practices, who have pregnancy or childbirth-related medical conditions, and who are victims of domestic violence/stalking/sex offenses. The process for addressing these issues is set forth in CUNY's [Procedures for Implementing Reasonable Accommodations and Academic Adjustments](#),

Retaliation for reporting or opposing discrimination, cooperating with an investigation of a discrimination complaint, or requesting an accommodation or academic adjustment is also prohibited.

The following people have been designated at Brooklyn College to handle inquiries and complaints relating to the policies described above:

[Patricio Jimenez, Esq.](#)

Director of Diversity Investigations and Title IX Coordinator  
3118 Boylan Hall  
718.951.5000, ext. 6468

[Tunji J. Fussell](#)

Interim Chief Diversity Officer  
2147 Boylan Hall  
718.951.4128

The following federal, state, and local agencies enforce laws against discrimination:

- [New York City Commission on Human Rights](#)
- [New York State Division of Human Rights](#)
- [U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#)
- [United States Department of Justice](#)
- [United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights](#)

**Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order**

The tradition of the university as a sanctuary of academic freedom and center of informed discussion is long-honored and must be guarded vigilantly. The principle of intellectual freedom, rights of professors to teach and engage in scholarly research, and rights of students to learn and express their views free from external pressures and interference are deeply held values of institutions of higher education, including Brooklyn College. [CUNY's regulations](#) to secure

these benefits and ensure the academic freedom for all in this educational community and the penalties for violations may be found online.

### **Sale of Term Papers**

Title I, Article 5, Section 213-b of the New York State Education Law provides in pertinent part that: “No person shall, for financial consideration, or the promise of financial consideration, prepare, offer to prepare, cause to be prepared, sell or offer for sale to any person any written material which the seller knows, is informed, or has reason to believe is intended for submission as a dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report, or other written assignment by a student in a university, college, academy, school, or other educational institution to such institution or to a course, seminar, or degree program held by such institution.”

### **Student Complaints About Faculty Conduct in Academic Settings**

The university and its colleges have a variety of procedures for dealing with student-related issues, including grade appeals, academic integrity violations, student discipline, disclosure of student records, student elections, sexual harassment complaints, disability accommodations, and discrimination. One area not generally covered by other procedures concerns student complaints about faculty conduct in the classroom or other formal academic settings. The university respects the academic freedom of the faculty and will not interfere with it regarding the content or style of teaching activities. Indeed, academic freedom is and should be of paramount importance. At the same time, the university recognizes its responsibility to provide students with a procedure for addressing complaints about faculty treatment of students that are not protected by academic freedom and are not covered by other procedures. Examples might include incompetent or inefficient service, neglect of duty, physical or mental incapacity, and conduct unbecoming a member of the staff.

Students who have any question about the applicable procedure to follow for a particular complaint should consult with the chief student affairs officer. In particular, the chief student affairs officer should advise a student if some other procedure is applicable to the type of complaint he or she has.

Students are encouraged to attempt to resolve complaints informally with the faculty member or to seek the assistance of the department chair or campus ombudsman to facilitate informal resolution. If the student does not pursue informal resolution, or if informal resolution is unsuccessful, the student may [file a written complaint](#) with the department chair or, if the chair is the subject of the complaint, with the academic dean or a senior faculty member designated by the college president.

### **Submission of Fraudulent Documents in Support of an Application for Admission**

The submission of such documents in support of applications for admission as transcripts, diplomas, test scores, references, or the applications themselves that are forged, fraudulent, altered from the original, materially incomplete, obtained under false pretenses, or otherwise deceptive (collectively referred to as fraudulent documents) is prohibited by CUNY and may be punishable by a bar on applying for admission, suspension, and/or expulsion. The term “applications for admission” includes transfer applications. Materially incomplete applications include applications that fail to include all prior post–high school college-level courses, regardless of whether the courses were taken in the United States or abroad, whether the

applicant received a degree or the courses were taken for credit, or whether the applicant is changing academic majors or fields. The complete [text for this policy](#) may be found online.

### **Title IX—Combating Sexual Assault and Other Unwelcome Sexual Behavior**

It is the policy of CUNY and Brooklyn College to promote a diverse and respectful academic and work environment for students, faculty, and staff. Harassment, including sexual violence, of employees or students is inconsistent with this objective and contrary to the university's [Policy on Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination](#). Sexual harassment, including sexual misconduct, intimate partner/dating violence, and stalking are illegal under federal, state, and city laws. The college is committed to responding to reports of sexual harassment and gender discrimination in a professional manner that is respectful of the rights of all parties. The CUNY [Policy on Sexual Misconduct](#) includes information on prohibited conduct, how to file a complaint, and processes and procedures for investigating complaints.

Anyone—of any gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, citizenship status, race, class, or educational level—can suffer from sexual harassment, including sexual violence. The goal of the [Combating Sexual Assault and Other Unwelcome Sexual Behavior](#) website is to help you understand what sexual harassment means and let you know that there are people at CUNY and in the community who can help if you or others experience it. We want to make sure you understand your rights as a student, CUNY's policies, and other issues related to sexual harassment, gender harassment, and sexual violence.

CUNY students who experience campus-related sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual violence, including sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, or dating violence, are entitled to rights as outlined in The City University of New York [Students' Bill of Rights](#).

On every CUNY campus there is a person who has special training in helping students who are facing issues related to sexual harassment and sexual violence. We urge you to contact this person (who is known as the "Title IX Coordinator") for guidance or information.

Brooklyn College's Title IX Coordinator's contact information is listed below. Other offices that can accept reports of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct are Campus and Community Safety Services, Human Resource Services, and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

[Patricio Jimenez, Esq.](#)

Director of Diversity Investigations and Title IX Coordinator  
3118 Boylan Hall  
718.951.5000, ext. 6468

### **Tobacco-free CUNY**

Effective September 4, 2012, the use of tobacco is prohibited on all grounds and facilities under CUNY jurisdiction, including indoor locations and outdoor locations such as playing fields, entrances and exits to buildings, and parking lots. This policy applies to all tobacco and tobacco products, including chew tobacco and e-cigarettes.

### **Withholding Student Records**

According to a CUNY Board of Trustees resolution, students who are delinquent and/or in default in any of their financial accounts with the college, the university, or an appropriate state or federal agency for which the university acts as either a disbursing or certifying agent, and students who have not completed exit interviews, as required by the National Direct Defense Student Loan (now Perkins Loan) Program and the Nursing Student Loan Program, are not to be permitted to register or obtain a copy of their grades, financial aid transcripts, transcripts of their academic records, or certificates or degrees, nor are they to receive funds under the federal campus-based student assistance programs or the Pell (Basic) Grant Program unless the Financial Aid Office waives this regulation in writing due to cases of exceptional hardship, consistent with federal and state regulations.

### **Workplace Violence**

The [City University of New York Workplace Violence Policy and Procedures](#) prohibits violence in the workplace. Violence, threats of violence, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and other threatening behavior toward people or property will not be tolerated. Complaints involving workplace violence will be given the serious attention they deserve. Students are not directly covered by this policy, but they should contact the [Office of Campus and Community Safety Services](#) to report concerns about workplace violence.

## **XIII. Student Life**

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### **Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility**

The [Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility](#), 524 Student Center, strives to create and provide volunteer opportunities for students to contribute positively to the quality of life in both the campus and the larger communities. The office helps students to become critical thinkers, and responsible and ethical leaders while recognizing the role they play as a member of a diverse community. Students may find out more information by joining CESR on the Bulldog Connection, [e-mailing](#) the office, or calling 718.951.5059.

### **Graduation and Retention Initiatives/Commencement**

The [Graduation and Retention Initiatives Program](#) (GRIP), 2153 Boylan Hall, works collaboratively with the campus community to provide students with access to college services and programs, make appropriate referrals, and follow-up to ensure student success and preparedness for graduation.

GRIP also ensures that graduating students complete the necessary steps for participation in the annual commencement ceremony in late May or early June. Because commencement is a ceremonial recognition of graduation, all candidates seeking to participate must successfully complete a degree audit through the Office of the Registrar to determine their eligibility. For additional information about commencement-related processes, you may review the necessary steps for participation in the ceremony on the [Commencement website](#). If, after reviewing the processes, you have any further questions, you may complete the online [commencement contact form](#).

## **Judicial Affairs**

The [Office of Judicial Affairs](#) works collaboratively with the campus community to guide students to act responsibly and educate them about the university's policies. The office is responsible for investigating and addressing complaints and concerns about student behavior. In addition, it offers workshops and training, such as “Personal Safety Awareness” and “Habits of Successful Students.” For more information, contact the office at 718.951.5352 or by [e-mail](#).

### **i. How to Make a Report**

Students, faculty, or staff who have a complaint or concern about a student should complete a [Student Behavior Form](#). [Instructions](#) and this form are also available in 2113 Boylan Hall.

### **ii. Dean's Certification Forms**

Dean's Certification Forms are used to check students' disciplinary record and are often required by colleges and prospective employers as part of their application process. These forms (often titled Dean's Certification, Credentials, or Disciplinary Clearance) are obtained from the college or employer to which you are applying.

In order to ensure timely completion of your form, it is strongly advised that you drop off the form and an envelope with the correct destination address and postage to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall, 10 business days before you will need to have the certification ready. You may pick up the sealed certification and mail it yourself, or we can mail it to you. You must supply an envelope and postage for each certification; certifications submitted without postage will result in your certification being delayed. Dean Certification Forms are not letters of good academic standing or letters of recommendation; they deal only with disciplinary issues.

### **iii. Brooklyn College Behavioral Education and Support Team**

The Brooklyn College Behavioral Education and Support Team (BEST) seek to promote a civil campus environment and support students who may be in distress. Our work includes communication, collaboration, education, and prevention with respect to behaviors of concern, while protecting the privacy and the rights of the individuals involved.

## **Orientation Programs**

The [Orientation Programs Office](#), 302 Student Center, provides students with college policies and procedures as well as information to access resources at Brooklyn College. The office offers the opportunity for incoming students to build support networks while also providing opportunities and information that foster a sense of belonging at Brooklyn College. For more information, call 718.951.5712 or [e-mail](#).

## **Recreation, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Athletics**

[Recreational activities](#) are open to all students. Schedules for activities are made available at the beginning of each semester. The recreational facilities include a fitness center, swimming pool, basketball courts, racquetball courts, tennis courts, and running track. To use the facilities, students must present a valid Brooklyn College ID card in the Recreation Center, West Quad Center, 718.951.5366.

### **i. Intercollegiate Athletics**

The intercollegiate sports program offers a schedule of athletics competition in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). All students are encouraged to take part in the program, which includes men's and women's basketball, cheerleading, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball, and women's softball. Students who are interested in joining a team should visit the Recreation Center, West Quad Center, 718.951.5366.

The mission of the intercollegiate athletics program is to enhance the educational experience by providing opportunities for students to achieve their athletic potential while representing Brooklyn College. The program fosters friendship and sportsmanship; winning and losing are important only as they support the process of learning. Brooklyn College strongly supports a policy of gender equity.

Recognizing that the most important priority for student athletics is academic performance, the Athletics Division supports this goal by limiting the length of the season, number of contests, length of practices, and extent of travel. In accord with NCAA Division III regulations, Brooklyn College does not offer athletic scholarships. There are no revenue-producing sports, and admission to all games is free. Outstanding coaches, trainers, and physicians are assigned to all teams. Facilities and equipment are properly maintained for safety and cleanliness.

### **ii. Intramural Sports**

Intramurals provide structured tournaments in a variety of sports for men's, women's, and coed teams. The program welcomes all students, faculty, and staff members regardless of their athletic abilities. Information may be obtained in the Office of Recreation, Intramurals and Intercollegiate Athletics, 426 West Quad Center, 718.951.5366.

### **Residential Life**

The Office of [Residential Life](#), 302 Student Center, promotes campus life and programming for students who live in off-campus facilities. For students wanting to live near campus, the office offers referrals to housing sources in the Brooklyn area. The office encourages students to build a community on campus and is focused on guiding students to campus resources that can assist with their matriculation at Brooklyn College. For more information, call 718.951.6533.

### **Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership Center**

The [Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership \(SAIL\) Center](#), 302 and 314 Student Center, recognizes the importance of supporting the activities of students and providing them with proper advisement, program development, and opportunities for personal and academic growth. The center continues to focus on these core values while looking toward offering new opportunities to provide programming, mentoring, and education. In addition, SAIL Financial Services is responsible for the receipt, distribution, and accounting of all student activity fees and revenues generated by the activities funded through those fees.

### **i. Student Clubs and Organizations**

A large part of the college experience takes place outside the classroom. Student clubs and organizations offer co-curricular opportunities that both guarantee new lifelong friendships and strengthen students' résumés. Brooklyn College has approximately 150 chartered student clubs and organizations, representing such areas of interest as academic and professional, cultural and identity-based, governance, graduate students, Greek lettered, health and wellness, performing arts, political and social awareness, publications and media, special interest, spiritual and faith-based, sports and recreation, and volunteer and service. Student newspapers (*Kingsman*, *Excelsior*, and *Nightcall*) are available in the lobbies of campus buildings.

During common hours (Tuesday, 12:15–2:15 p.m.) and Flexible Common Hours (Thursday, 12:15–2:15 p.m.), when classes are generally not in session, students may participate in various programs and activities. Several common hours are usually scheduled each term for evening students. The dates, which change each term, are listed on the calendar on the [Course Schedules and Bulletins Web page](#). On common hour evenings, classes may meet for shorter periods than usual.

### **ii. Student Governance**

The student governments for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the School of General Studies (GSO) are located in 311 and 312 Student Center, respectively. The Graduate Student Organization (GSO), 308–309 Student Center, is the student government of Graduate Studies. Qualified students may seek office during the annual elections held in the spring. Student government meetings are open to all students. Through student government, students may serve on a variety of campus-wide committees including Faculty Council, Policy Council, and other governance bodies throughout the college.

To find out more information and to learn about and/or join a student club/organization, visit the [Bulldog Connection](#) or call 718.951.5712.

## **Student Diversity Services and Programming**

The mission of Student Diversity Services and Programming, 302 Student Center, is to enhance the environment of the college by offering diversity-related programs and services designed to foster unity and inclusivity among students. The office thrives as students expand their cross-cultural knowledge and understanding through cultural-based events and activities hosted and coordinated in collaboration with student clubs and organizations.

## **XIV. Student Support Services**

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### **Black and Latino Male Initiative**

The Black and Latino Male Initiative (BLMI), 3309A James Hall, is designed to support students academically, socially, and professionally throughout their college careers. The core mission is to increase the number of students of African and Latino descent, particularly men and other historically underrepresented groups, who enroll in and graduate from college. BLMI offers peer and faculty mentorship, special lectures, workshops and programs, tutoring, one-on-one



academic advisement, and use of computers for its members. For more information, call 718.951.5766, visit our [Facebook page](#), or [e-mail](#).

### **Center for Student Disability Services**

The [Center for Student Disability Services](#) (CSDS), 138 Roosevelt Hall, is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities enjoy an equal opportunity to participate in the classrooms, programs, and services that the college has to offer by facilitating the necessary accommodations. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be denied a benefit or opportunity or be excluded from participation solely on the basis of that disability.

Services provided by the center include:

- Preadmission interviews
- Priority registration
- Accommodations
- A CUNY LEADS counselor who facilitates successful academic and career outcomes
- Referrals to the most appropriate resources on campus
- Assistance in developing self-advocacy skills
- ADA Part-Time TAP Program
- Assistive technology
- Auxiliary aids (readers, writers, laboratory assistants)
- New York State voter registration

#### **i. Adaptive Software and Devices**

The center offers adaptive equipment for studying, taking tests, tutoring, and other academic activities. A wide variety of equipment and software is available, including a Dragon dictate speech-recognition system, a scanner with screen-access software, a text-to-speech synthesizer, magnification systems, CCTV systems, 17-inch VGA display monitors, braille and large print keyboards, and a braille printer. Computers allow many documents to be accessible in alternative formats, such as braille print or vocalized text.

[Adaptive equipment and software](#) are available through the center's computer lab and its Mamie and Frank Goldstein Resource Center, 138 Roosevelt Hall. For more information, call 718.951.5538.

#### **ii. Accommodations**

It is the mission of the Center for Student Disability Services to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to all campus facilities, curricula, and activities. The center's focuses on providing students with reasonable disability-related accommodations and the opportunity to maximize their academic success at Brooklyn College. The goal is to ensure an inclusive environment while maintaining and enhancing the college's academic excellence by providing students with disabilities the opportunity to achieve their highest possible academic potential.

The center serves as the primary program for ensuring the successful integration of students with disabilities into the college community. In order for a student to receive disability related academic adjustments, he or she must register with the CSDS and

provide documentation. Note: Accommodations are not retroactive. Thus, students should register at the beginning of their first semester to receive the full benefit of the accommodation.

Together with the student, the CSDS will identify appropriate academic adjustments. The student is responsible for submitting the Verification of Disabilities and Course Accommodations [forms](#) to the faculty member for his or her signature and for ensuring that the signed form is returned to the center. The [exam accommodation procedure](#) is available to students in the CSDS..

### **iii. Access-A-Ride Locations**

Listed below are drop-off/pickup locations that can be used for Access-A-Ride. The college has established a permanent Access-A-Ride stop along with a covered shelter located on 2946 Bedford Avenue (by the Roosevelt Hall entrance).

Roosevelt Hall (Bedford Avenue entrance)—Permanent Access-A-Ride Stop  
2946 Bedford Avenue

Bedford Avenue (Bedford Avenue center gate)  
2900 Bedford Avenue

Whitehead Hall (near bicycle rack)  
2710 Campus Road

Student Center  
2705 Campus Road

For more information, call 718.951.5538 or [e-mail](#).

### **CUNY Edge**

[CUNY EDGE](#) (Educate, Develop, Graduate, Empower) is a partnership between the New York City Human Resources Administration and the City University of New York. CUNY EDGE provides eligible students in pursuit of an undergraduate degree with a wide range of services, supplemental resources, and support needed to succeed in college and in their careers. Our mission is to help CUNY students who are receiving public assistance achieve academic excellence, graduate on time, and find employment by offering enhanced and structured academic support services. For more information, visit 1163 Boylan Hall or call 718.951.5067.

### **Health Programs/Immunization Requirements Office**

The [Health Programs/Immunization Requirements Office](#) is responsible for immunization processing, health fairs, seminars, blood drives, and inviting public health insurance providers to the campus.

### **International Student Services**

The Office of [International Student and Scholar Services](#), 235 West Quad Center, assists international students with visa and immigration processes and compliance, provides referrals to both on- and off-campus resources, and serves as an advocate for international students. The

office aspires to provide high-quality service and support that will help the international student achieve academic and personal success. From welcoming the student on campus to congratulating the student at the commencement ceremony, staff members help support the international student experience at Brooklyn College. Students are encouraged to visit the office in person or on the office's [Facebook](#) page.

### **LGBTQ Resource Center**

The [LGBTQ \(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning\) Resource Center](#), 219 Student Center, is both a welcoming space and supportive network for LGBTQIA students, staff, and faculty. By fostering a culture of respect, advocacy, and empowerment, the center promotes an inclusive community where everyone is celebrated for who they are and has the opportunity to learn, work, and grow in a supportive environment. Visit the office's website for hours. For more information, call 718.951.5739 or [e-mail](#).

### **Magner Career Center**

The [Magner Career Center](#), 1303 James Hall, provides students with the knowledge, skills, values, and opportunities essential to fulfilling their career aspirations. Through its workshops and services, the center assists students with a wide range of career needs such as résumé writing, interview preparation, choosing a career, searching for a job or internship, learning how to network, developing professional skills, and more. The center's career panels, company visit program, alumni mentor program, networking nights, and pre-law initiatives connect students with prestigious employers and successful alumni. The job/internship fair each semester and an online database give students access to thousands of full- and part-time jobs and internship opportunities. Students are strongly encouraged to start using the center's services in their first semester to help prepare for their career after college. For more information, call 718.951.5696.

### **Peer Mentoring Program**

Pairing experienced students with freshmen in First-year Learning Communities, the [Peer Mentoring Program](#) enhances the experience of first-year students. All peer mentors attend a class with students in First-year Learning Communities. They use this time to check in and connect with students, discuss a topic relevant to the first-year experience, and announce upcoming events. Peer mentors also hold workshops and events for students, meet with students individually and in groups, and maintain weekly e-mail contact with the class. For more information, visit the office in 2211 Boylan Hall, call 718.951.5000, ext. 6642, or [e-mail](#).

### **Personal Counseling**

[Personal Counseling](#), 0203 James Hall, assists with personal issues or problems, including stress, depression, anxiety, trauma, substance use, and emergencies. Workshops on stress management, time management, test anxiety, etc., are offered. All services are free and confidential. No information is released without consent of the student. For more information, call 718.951.5363 or [e-mail](#).

### **SEEK Department**

The [Percy Ellis Sutton Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge \(SEEK\) program](#) of the City University of New York offers economically and educationally disadvantaged students opportunities for higher education. The program at Brooklyn College provides support through financial aid, academic support, and instruction, tutorial services, and specialized counseling.

The SEEK application procedure and the CUNY admissions application procedure are the same. Applicants should complete the special SEEK section of the CUNY admissions application. Prospective SEEK students must demonstrate both financial and educational eligibility as well as New York State residency. Contact the program for additional program requirements to the Brooklyn College SEEK Program, 2208 Boylan Hall, 718.951.5931.

### **Student Ombuds Services**

The mission of [Student Ombuds Services](#) is to ensure that students are able to define and articulate their concerns or issues and are referred to the appropriate contact persons on campus to help them arrive at a solution in an effective and timely manner. Student Ombuds Services will act as a source of information on university rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, and will provide guidance in utilizing these resources as appropriate. For more information, [e-mail](#) or call 718.951.5352.

### **TransferNation**

TransferNation is a peer-mentoring program for first-semester transfer students. TransferNation students are divided into groups and assigned a peer mentor. Students also have the option of signing up for the TransferNation Seminar, which promotes the retention and success of transfer students by providing academic and professional resources in a 14-week noncredit-bearing “course” that meets during the Thursday Common Hour. For more information, call 718.951.4114.

### **Veteran and Military Programs and Services**

The [Veteran and Military Programs Office](#), 1407 James Hall, is ready to assist America’s veterans and military personnel, their dependents and survivors in obtaining all federal and state educational benefits and entitlements they have earned by serving in the United States military, and to provide guidance and support services that will aid veterans in their transition to academic and civilian life.

The office supports, empowers, and encourages all veterans, service members, their dependents, and survivors through services and programs designed to:

- ensure all educational benefits, as well as, other entitlements are received;
- assist in the transition from service to active contributing members of the campus; and
- facilitate academic success, professional growth, and meaningful employment.

#### **i. Admission and Financial Support Programs**

- Assistance with direct admission
- Application fee waiver
- Priority registration
- Assistance in obtaining military transcripts
- 60 days tuition deferment
- Assistance with discharge upgrade
- Special scholarships for dependents of deceased veterans
- Disabled veterans book cost programs

#### **ii. Military Benefits**

- Assistance with filing all GI bill benefits and entitlements

- Certification and validation of educational benefits in compliance with current Veterans Administration regulations
- Updated information regarding changes in educational benefits, federal laws, and support services
- Advisement on additional entitlements under federal and state law regarding financial aid for war veterans

**iii. Academic and Personal Support**

- Assistance with course planning to ensure academic success
- VA tutorial assistance
- Peer mentoring
- A safe space for camaraderie and mentorship for all student veterans, service members, dependents, and survivors

**iv. Access to Campus and Community Resources**

- Personal counseling
- Immigration
- Substance abuse services
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counseling
- Referrals to New York City agencies and community-based organizations when needed

**v. Internships/Career Opportunities**

- Veterans Administration internship program
- Career workshops and opportunities

For more information, call 718.951.5105 or [e-mail](#).

**Women's Center**

The [Women's Center](#), 227 Ingersoll Hall Extension, is a multi-dimensional support service hosting a wide range of needs-driven programs and activities that address the emotional, intellectual, physical, and financial well-being of Brooklyn College students. The center offers referrals to on- and off-campus legal, social, and counseling agencies, and provides a community lounge with coffee and tea and the Alice Miller Computer lab where students have access to computers and printers. The Women's Center is also fully equipped with Wi-Fi. For more information, call 718.951.5777.