Official Name
Brooklyn College
of The City University of New York.

President
Dr. Christoph M. Kimmich

Location
2900 Bedford Avenue in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

Web Site
www.brooklyn.cuny.edu.

History
The College was founded in 1930 by the union of the Brooklyn branches of Hunter College and City College, opening its doors in rented facilities in downtown Brooklyn. Ground was broken for the Flatbush campus on October 2, 1935, by Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia. Within two years, five Georgian-style buildings were completed. President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone for Roosevelt Hall on October 28, 1936, and the College moved to the new campus the following year. Brooklyn College is one of eleven senior colleges of the City University of New York.

Accreditation
Brooklyn College is accredited by the New York State Education Department, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the Council on Education for Public Health, the Association of American Universities, the American Association of University Women, the American Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and the American Dietetic Association.
Facilities

Brooklyn College has thirteen buildings on a twenty-six-acre, tree-lined campus. The facilities include a seven-story student union building, which offers a panoramic view of New York City; extensive recreational and athletic resources; the Atrium, a 300-workstation microcomputer lab; a food services complex that includes a cafeteria, kosher dairy bar, and dining room; fine arts and performing arts spaces, including the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College (BCBC); the Brooklyn College Television Center, with two studios and field and postproduction equipment; and a radio production facility. The newly renovated and greatly expanded Brooklyn College Library, which is technologically the most advanced in the City University of New York, holds 1,300,000 volumes, 4,200 journals, 25,000 audiovisual units, 15,000 electronic subscriptions and works of reference, and several thousand electronic books. The Morton and Angela Topfer Library Café, a state-of-the-art facility, is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for word processing, Internet access, data management, and quiet study. The College has embarked on a major capital improvement program; since 1992, it has secured more than $275 million, including $54.4 million for renovation and expansion of the library and $83.2 million for the West Quad project, which will create an open common space and replace Plaza Building with a more cost-efficient West Quad Building.

Academic Programs

Brooklyn College offers more than seventy undergraduate and more than sixty graduate majors and programs in the humanities, sciences, performing arts, social sciences, education, and preprofessional and professional studies. The College offers the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of music, master of arts, master of science, master of science in education, master of fine arts, master of music, master of professional studies, and master of public health degrees as well as certificate and advanced certificate programs. The College also offers Ph.D.-level courses through the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center. Cited by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as one of the “bright spots” in American higher education, the core curriculum, instituted in 1981, is a fourteen-course foundation program for all undergraduates and provides a common core of knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences. In 1986 Time magazine called Brooklyn College “one of nine fast-rising and ambitious institutions...now challenging the nation’s elite schools.” In 1989 the College was again cited by the NEH for developing “a core that has led to revitalization of
Brooklyn College and drawn much public attention and praise. The College received a prestigious 2001 Educators of Distinction Award from Saludos Hispanos in recognition of its commitment to higher education success for Hispanics.

**Divisions**

Brooklyn College has three academic divisions: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of General Studies, and the Division of Graduate Studies.

**Enrollment**

Total fall 2002 enrollment was 15,635. There were 10,767 undergraduates and 4,868 graduate students.

**Student Diversity**

In ethnic, religious, and racial diversity, Brooklyn College is a microcosm of the borough it serves. In fall 2002 enrollment was as follows: Asian, 9.8 percent; black, 27.7 percent; Hispanic, 11.1 percent; Native American, 0.1 percent; white, 45.5 percent; and nonresident aliens, 5.8 percent.

**Student Achievements and Activities**

Brooklyn College students have been recognized for their scholarly achievements. Award winners include Toba Friedman, ’92, Marshall Scholar and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow in Humanistic Studies; Eli Komreich, ’93, Wexner Scholar; Marcia Lillian DeVoe, ’00, and Christopher A. Lee, ’93, Beinecke Scholars; Tyler Gore, ’01, Fulbright Scholar; Martine Jean, ’01, and Abena Maycock, ’02, Gates Millennium Scholars; Bobby Benjamin Hardamon, ’02, Thomas R. Pickering Fellow; Diana P. Molina, ’93, James Madison Memorial Scholar; Lisette Nieves, ’92, Rhodes Scholar; Daisy Rosenblum, ’99, Fulbright-Garcia Robles Grant; Richard Shakarchi, ’96, National Science Foundation Fellow; Melissa Donaire, ’99, Daniel Mastri, ’01, Yelizaveta Shnayder, ’96, and Jonathan Silverberg, ’01, Jonas E. Salk Scholarship from the City University of New York; David Larrick Smith, ’94, first-place winner in the prose competition and fifth-place winner in oral interpretation in the American Forensics Association national championships; and Aldo Valmon, ’97, named to the All-USA Academic Team by USA Today. The Brooklyn College Chess Team won both the U.S. Amateur Team Championship and the Pan American Intercollegiate Tournament in 1995. Brooklyn College has more than 140 academic, special interest, and social clubs; three student newspapers; and a student-run radio station. The College participates in NCAA Division III athletics and has a vibrant intramurals program.

**Faculty**

There are 509 full-time and 411 part-time faculty members, 90 percent of whom hold the highest degree granted in their field. Prominent faculty members include ASCAP Award–winning composer Tania León; Pulitzer Prize–winning historian Edwin Burrows; Pulitzer Prize–winning novelist Michael Cunningham; New York Daily News columnist Juan Gonzalez; novelist and dramatist Carey Harrison; Sidney Powers Memorial Award–winning geologist Gerald M. Friedman; Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Paul Moses; computer theorist Rohit Parikh; nuclear physicist Carl Shakin;
audiologist Shlomo Silman; and Obie Award–winning playwright Mac Wellman, Donald I. Fine Professor in Creative Writing and Bernard H. Stern Professor in Humor.

**Grants**
From 2001 to 2002 Brooklyn College received $10.8 million for faculty and program development and research. Among the many government agencies, corporations, and private foundations that have supported research at the College are the United States Department of Education, the American Cancer Society, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Lilly Endowment, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the United States Department of Energy, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Ford, Dreyfus, Guggenheim, Mellon, and Starr Foundations.

**Budget**
For the 2002–2003 fiscal year, the operating budget is $77.6 million.

**Endowment**
$22.8 million.

**Undergraduate Tuition**
For New York State residents, $3,200 a year for full-time students and $135 per credit hour for part-time students. For nonresident and international students, $6,800 for full-time students and $285 per credit hour for part-time students.

**Graduate Tuition**
For New York State residents, $1,85 per credit. For courses in which the number of hours a class meets each week exceeds the number of credits, students pay $65 for each additional credit hour. Maximum tuition each term is $2,175. Residents of other states and international students pay $320 per credit. For courses in which the number of hours a class meets each week exceeds the number of credits, students pay $85 for each additional credit hour. Maximum tuition each term is $3,800.

**Alumni**
Brooklyn College has many prominent alumni, including world-renowned biologist Seymour Benzer, ’42, discoverer of the Methuselah gene, a genetic link to longevity; United States Senator from California Barbara Levy Boxer, ’62; actor Dominic Chianese, ’62; former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, ’46; biochemist Stanley Cohen, ’43, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine; Alan Dershowitz, ’59, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Holocaust scholar and author Yaffa Eliach, ’67; Sandra Abramowitz Feldman, ’60, president, American Federation of Teachers; meteorologist Frank Field, ’47; vice-president and general manager, 1010 WINS, Scott Herman, ’80; historian Oscar Handlin, ’34; New York State Assemblywoman Rhoda Schwartz Jacobs, ’62; CNN financial editor Myron I. Kandel, ’52; cartoonist Ben Katchor, ’75, winner of the MacArthur Foundation “genius award”; Portland, Ore., mayor Vera Katz, ’55; Benita S. Katzenellenbogen, ’65, leading scientist in the field of breast cancer; late humorist Sam Levenson, ’34; film director Paul Mazursky, ’51; Pulitzer Prize–winning author Frank McCourt, M.A., ’67; 1983 American Book Award–winner Gloria Naylor; ’61; New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, ’58; actor Steven “Tony” Schirripa, ’80; late novelist Irwin Shaw, ’34; Emmy Award–winning actor Jimmy Smits, ’80; Morton Topfer, ’59, counselor to the CEO of Dell Computer Corporation; and television and movie director Joel Zwick, ’62. In a 1994 National Research Council study of baccalaureate origins of Ph.D. recipients between 1920 and 1992, Brooklyn College ranked nineteenth in the nation. A 1995 survey by Standard & Poor’s found that the City University of New York ranked first in the number of graduates who have gone on to leadership positions in corporations; Brooklyn College alumni account for nearly one-quarter of the City University’s total.

**Motto**
Nil sine magno labore: “Nothing without great effort.”