

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION



Brookdale Community College

AGENDA



- Welcome, Introductions, & Ice Breaker
- Brookdale Community College
- International Education Center
- Immigration Documents & Maintaining Your Status
- Getting Started, Student Services, Academics & Student Life
- USA Culture & Life in New Jersey
- Conclusion & Questions
- Lunch

INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Home Country
- Program of Study



ICE BREAKER

- My partner would love to learn how to _____.
- My partner has never _____.
- If my partner had a million dollars he/she would _____.
- When my partner graduates he/she wants to _____.
- If my partner could only eat one thing for the rest of his/her life it would be _____.
- The one word my partner would use to describe him/herself it would be _____.

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

About the college



BROOKDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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- ❑ Founded in 1967
- ❑ COMMUNITY College
- ❑ Associates Degree & Certificate Programs
- ❑ 15,800 students in Fall 2010
- ❑ 120 international students in F-1 status
- ❑ Higher Education Centers in Neptune, Hazlet, Wall, Long Branch and Branch Campus in Freehold



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

Who we are

What we do

Where to find us



IEC – WHO WE ARE

- Janice Thomas – Director & PDSO
- Anna Flood – Associate & DSO
- Howard Miller – Faculty Liaison



IEC - WHAT WE DO

- Provide international student services for matters related to F-1 students & immigrant students
- Sponsor and co-sponsor globally themed events for campus and community
- Organize and host long and short-term study abroad programs



IEC - WHERE TO FIND US



**MAC Building
Room 114**

- Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:30am -5pm (4:30pm in summer)
- Phone: #732-224-2799; Fax: #732-224-2980
- Web: <http://international.brookdalecc.edu>
- Email: international@brookdalecc.edu

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

Arrival and departure



IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

Departure Number

OMB No. 1651-0111

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I-94

Departure Record

14. Family Name

S T U D E N T

15. First (Given) Name

I M A

16. Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr)

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17. Country of Citizenship

A N Y C O U N T R Y

CBP Form I-94 (10/04)

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IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status - For Academic and Language Students (OMB NO. 1115-0051)

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Please read Instructions on Page 2
This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

SEVIS

1. Family Name (surname): First (given) Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Country of birth: ROMANIA Date of birth (month/day/year): 05/28/1973 Country of citizenship: ROMANIA Admission number: _____		For Immigration Official Use Visa issuing post _____ Date Visa issued _____ Reinstated, extension granted to: _____	Student's Copy M0000175206 
2. School (School district) name: Oregon University System Oregon State University School Official to be notified of student's arrival in U.S. (Name and Title): Valerie Rosenberg Associate Director, Office of International Education School address (include zip code): Oregon State University 444 Snell Hall, Office of International Corvallis, OR 97331-1642 School code (including 3-digit suffix, if any) and approval date: M0021490002009 approved on 12/30/2002			
3. This certificate is issued to the student named above for: Continued attendance at this school.			
4. Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States: MASTER'S			
5. The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, majoring in Mathematics, General. The student is expected to report to the school no later than 04/01/2003 and complete studies not later than 04/30/2006. The normal length of study is 48 months.		8. This school has information showing the following as the student's means of support, estimated for an academic term of 12 months (Use the same number of months given in item 7). a. Student's personal funds \$ 1,242.00 b. Funds from this school \$ 22,258.00 Specify type: SA/Tuition Waiver c. Funds from another source \$ 0.00 Specify type: _____ d. On-campus employment \$ 0.00 Total \$ 24,000.00	
6. English proficiency: This school requires English proficiency. The student has the required English proficiency.		9. Remarks: Health insurance is required; summer tuition and books are not included above.	
7. This school estimates the student's average costs for an academic term of 12 (up to 12) months to be: a. Tuition and fees \$ 12,500.00 b. Living expenses \$ 6,000.00 c. Expenses of dependents () \$ 0.00 d. Other (specify): bks. supp. ins \$ 5,499.00 Total \$ 24,000.00			
10. School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above in items 1 through 9 was completed before I signed this form and is true and correct; I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form; the school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school; the student will be required to pursue a full course of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6); I am a designated official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form. Valerie Rosenberg Associate Director, Office of International Education 03/01/2003 Corvallis, OR Name of School Official Signature of Designated School Official Title Date Issued Place Issued (city and state)			
11. Student Certification: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Print Student Name _____ Student Signature _____ 3/1/03 Name of Student Signature of Student Date			
Name of parent or guardian _____ Signature of parent or guardian _____ Address (city) _____ (State or Province) (Country) _____ (Date) _____ If student under 18			

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IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR F-1 NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT STATUS AND THE RELATING IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER YOUR FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISOR ON CAMPUS OR A NEARBY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE.

FAMILY NAME: XXXXXXXXXX FIRST NAME: XXXXXXXXXX		SEVIS Student's Copy M0001234567 
Student Employment Authorization: Employment Status: _____ Type: _____ Duration of Employment - From (Date): _____ To (Date): _____ Employer Name: _____ Employer Location: _____		
Comments: _____		
Event History Event Name: _____ Event Date: _____		
Current Authorizations: Start Date: _____ End Date: _____		
This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.		
Name of School: _____ SEVIS / PASS Coordinator: _____ Shohreh Harris r, ISSO 04/12/2007 Waltham, MA		
Name of School Official	Signature of Designated School Official	Title
Date Issued	Place Issued (city and state)	
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MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS

Staying Legal and Avoiding Violations

MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS



THE F-1 STUDENT GOLDEN RULE

- ❑ **ALWAYS CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER REGARDING ANY BIG DECISIONS**
 - ❑ Change of major
 - ❑ Change of address
 - ❑ Change of name
 - ❑ Change of immigration status
 - ❑ Travel outside of the USA
 - ❑ Transfer to a new institution

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT

- 12 credit hours per semester
 - ▣ Exceptions for first semester difficulty, final semester enrollment
- You **MUST** be enrolled full-time during **FALL & SPRING** terms – 15 week or 11 week
 - ▣ Winter and summer terms are optional
- Online classes
 - ▣ You **ARE** eligible to enroll in online courses as long as at **LEAST 9** credit hours are on campus
- Higher Education Centers & Branch campus
 - ▣ Brookdale courses taken here **DO** count towards your degree!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ❑ **On-Campus Employment**
 - ▣ Bookstore, Cafeteria, Tutor, Student Ambassador, Office Assistant
 - ▣ May not exceed 20 hours in any week during academic year
- ❑ **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**
 - ▣ Off-campus employment related to program of study
 - ▣ F-1 status for at least one year
 - ▣ May not exceed 20 hours in any week during academic year
 - ▣ Approval from Career Services & International Education Center
- ❑ **Optional Practical Training (OPT)**
 - ▣ Off-campus employment related to degree
 - ▣ After completion of program of study
 - ▣ Full or part-time
 - ▣ Apply through the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) up to 90 days before program completion/60 days after

PROGRAM COMPLETION

- 2.5 years to complete your program
- May apply for an extension through the International Education Center (IEC) BEFORE current I-20 expires
 - ▣ Counselor verification
 - ▣ Updated financial documents
- Must let the IEC know if you complete your program before program end date cited on I-20
- 60 day grace period upon completion of program
 - ▣ 1.) Transfer to another school
 - ▣ 2.) Depart the USA
 - ▣ 3.) Apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT)

IMMIGRATION REVIEW...

□ True or False:

- 1.) F-1 students are not required to enroll for the summer or winter term; it is optional.
- 2.) F-1 students at Brookdale may not take online courses.
- 3.) F-1 students will apply for a new F-1 visa in the United States if their current visa has expired.
- 4.) Fulltime status at Brookdale is 12 credit hours.
- 5.) F-1 must apply for a program extension through the US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS.)

REMEMBER...



It is ultimately **YOUR**
responsibility to maintain your
status...

(But we're here to help!)

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GETTING STARTED

What to do now that you're here

CHECKING IN

1. **Check-in with IEC**

- ▣ Submit copy of I-94 card, passport, stamped I-20

2. **Update your address**

- ▣ For immigration purposes at IEC
- ▣ With the College in 1st Floor CAR Building

3. **Check with Student Health Center – MAC 112**

- ▣ Be sure your immunizations are up-to-date or submit records

4. **Attend New Student Orientation**

- ▣ August 30-31 from 9-5 pm in the basement of Student Life Center - Twin Lights Rooms I & II

REGISTERING FOR COURSES

1. **Testing** – Basement, CAR Building
 - ▣ Basic Skills (Accuplacer) Exam or ESL Test
 - ▣ Testing Center in basement of CAR Building
 - ▣ Have your student number (ID) and passport
2. **Meet with Counselor** – 2nd Floor, CAR Building
 - ▣ Schedule appointment as soon as possible
 - Counselor helps you select your courses
3. **Registration** – 1st Floor, CAR Building
 - ▣ Submit registration form & get printed Schedule
 - ▣ Pay tuition at the cashier counter
 - ▣ F-1 students are assessed at Out-Of-State Tuition rate

GETTING STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (ID)

- Take Registration Form showing payment & form of identification (passport or USA Drivers License) to Warner Student Life Center
- Validation sticker will be placed on backside of card
 - ▣ You **MUST** revalidate your ID EVERY SEMESTER
- ID Required for use of Brookdale facilities and discounts on student events
- First ID is free as well as validation of each subsequent term

SETTING UP BROOKDALE EMAIL

- ❑ Managed by Google, accessed from BCC Homepage through MyBrookdale Portal
- ❑ Login - <https://netid.brookdalecc.edu>
 - ❑ User ID example jthomas1
- ❑ Password: First initial of first name (upper case) + first initial of last name (lower case) + date of birth (MMDDYY) – for example **Jt070476** (i.e., **July 4, 1776**)
- ❑ Unsure of User ID? , check with IEC (732) 224-2632
- ❑ **Regularly check BCC email or forward emails to an account that you do use!**

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STUDENT SERVICES

Safety, success, and well-being at Brookdale

BROOKDALE POLICE

- ❑ On duty 24 hours per day, 7 day a week
- ❑ Do not be afraid to report something or to request assistance if needed!
- ❑ Call:
 - ❑ 2222 when using an-campus telephone
 - ❑ (732) 224 - 2222 when off campus or using cell
 - ❑ Or 911 to be transferred to Middletown Police
- ❑ Being proactive keeps Brookdale safe!
- ❑ <http://brookdalecc.edu/pages/237.asp>



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

- ❑ Located on 2nd Floor of CAR Building and at Higher Education Centers/Branch Campus
- ❑ Also called “Counselors”
- ❑ Meet with them often during your stay
- ❑ Help you with matters related to academics -scheduling, registration, add/drop forms, change of major AND counseling for personal issues
- ❑ Should make an appointment but they do accept walk-in appointments if there are openings
- ❑ Tel. (732)-224-2555
- ❑ <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/181.asp>



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & CAREER SERVICES

- Located in MAC 105
- Meet to discuss volunteer opportunities, internship/externships, on/off campus employment, service-learning, & complete Learning Contracts
- Also provide Career & Job Search Workshops
- Tel. # (732) 224-2385
- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/186.asp>



STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

- Located in MAC 112
- Provide limited urgent and primary care, medical referrals, vaccines, mental health assessments, health screenings, and informative programs on preventive healthcare issues, and cultural and diversity issues
- Administers Health Insurance
 - ▣ Limited coverage for full-time students (Fee automatically charged when enrolling in classes)
- Tel. # (732) 224-2106
- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/180.asp>



DISABILITY SERVICES

- ❑ Located in MAC 111
- ❑ Offers individualized accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities
- ❑ Must identify self, provide documentation of their disability and request appropriate services
- ❑ Tel. # (732) 224-2730
- ❑ <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/229.asp>



BANKIER LIBRARY

- ❑ Located at the end of the MAN Building
- ❑ Check out books, videos, DVD's, magazines - valid ID
- ❑ Media viewing rooms and study rooms for individual and groups
- ❑ Computers with internet access and WIFI
- ❑ Online catalog accessed from BCC homepage
- ❑ Tel. # (732) 224-2443
- ❑ <http://ux.brookdalecc.edu/library/index.php>



LABS – COMPUTER, MATH, READING WRITING

- Computer labs – 79 through out Brookdale campuses
- Math Lab
 - ▣ Located in MAS 204
 - ▣ Tel. # (732) 224-1808
 - ▣ <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/3610.asp>
- Reading Lab
 - ▣ Located in LAH 124
 - ▣ Tel. # (732) 224 – 2942
 - ▣ <http://ux.brookdalecc.edu/fac/reading/readingctr/index.php>
- Writing Lab
 - ▣ Located LAH 118 (and weekly at HEC's/Branch Campus)
 - ▣ Tel. # (732) 224-2941
 - ▣ http://ux.brookdalecc.edu/fac/english/writing_center/index.php

SCROLL & PEN BOOKSTORE

- ❑ Located on the main floor of the Student Life Center
- ❑ Take your registration form and staff can assist with choosing textbooks
- ❑ Also has school supplies, cards, gifts, art supplies, clothing, & educational materials
- ❑ Contains Paddock Convenience store which sells food, snacks, beverages, magazines, & health/beauty aids
- ❑ <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/179.asp>



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ACADEMICS

Classroom culture and considerations

SCHEDULING CLASSES & PREPARING

- ❑ Design a schedule that works best for you – Brookdale offers morning, afternoon, and evening courses
- ❑ Brookdale publishes a course catalog in-print and online with details of classes
- ❑ Make up a class/study schedule so you can see how you're spending your time
- ❑ Attend class regularly and on-time – absence or tardiness can lower your grade
- ❑ Learn where your courses are located *before* the first day of class

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR & SUCCESS



- ❑ Read the syllabus carefully
- ❑ Turn your cell phone off during class
- ❑ Relationships between teacher and student differ from country to country – be open to change
- ❑ Find out your instructors office hours, location, and email address
- ❑ Grades and credit are awarded at the end of each semester
- ❑ Plagiarism will be met harshly

Student Life



- Getting involved outside of the classroom

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE - FYE

- Program to help students' transition and adjustment to the demands of college life through fostering connections and relationships with faculty, staff, and other students, and by offering specific college survival skills and resources
- Six category passport; stamped for participation in select events
- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/3939.asp>



OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE & ACTIVITIES

- Located in the Warner Student Life Center Building
 - ▣ Student Life Board & Student Ambassadors
 - ▣ Intramurals & Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics
 - ▣ Clubs and Organizations
- Provides services and activities for all Brookdale students like
 - ▣ Orientations, Movies, Comedy Shows, Guest Speakers, Trips to Museums, Baseball games, etc...
- Runs Help Desk on Main Floor of SLC and Game/ID Room in the basement
- Tel. # 732-224-2390
- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/112.asp>

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- ❑ Over 40 on campus
- ❑ Examples: Anthropology Club, Black Student Union, BCC Water Watch, Creative Writing Club, Brookdale Amateur Radio Club (B.A.R.C.), International Student Association (ISA), Speech Alliance Club, Theater Club, Women's Student Organization
- ❑ Learn more in the Office of Student Life or checkout the Club Cubicles in the basement of the SLC
- ❑ International Student Association (ISA) meets every Tuesday from 12 – 1pm in MAC 211

JERSEY BLUES ATHLETICS & SPORT

- Fall, Winter, & Spring Sports
- **Intramural & Recreation programs – For fun!**
 - ▣ Basketball, Coed Volleyball, Charter Fishing Trip, Tennis Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Krav Maga (Self Defense Training), Friday-Nite Recreational Tennis, Indoor Soccer, Run-4-Fun. 100 Mile Club, etc...
- **Intercollegiate Athletics – Competitive!**
 - ▣ Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Lacrosse
- **Fitness Center**
 - ▣ NEW Collins Area Fitness Center
- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/132.asp>

MEDIA AND INFO

□ **The Happenings**

- Information flier for the BCC community published weekly

□ **The Stall**

- Brookdale's student newspaper. All students can submit articles to be published.

- <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/152.asp>

□ **90.5 The Night**

- Brookdale's radio station and a good place to find out events on campus and in the community

- <http://wbjb.org/home.php/listen/>

USA Culture & Life in New Jersey

Adjusting and settling into life in abroad

YOU TELL ME...



What have you noticed that is different from your own culture or unique to the USA?

(Everyone can respond to this!)

CULTURE

- Melting Pot
 - ▣ U.S. mix of nationalities, ethnicities, races, and religious groups with a population of around 280 million people
- Values
 - ▣ Independence & individuality
- Norms & Customs
 - ▣ Punctuality - Being on time!
 - ▣ Gratuity – Giving an added “tip” of 10-20% of total bill to service industry workers such as waiters, bartenders, parking attendants, coat check, taxi drivers
 - ▣ Informality – titles, first names, asking questions, etc

CULTURE SHOCK

- Precipitated by the anxiety that results from losing all familiar signs and symbols of social interaction
- How to cope:
 - ▣ Develop a hobby
 - ▣ Get involved on and off campus
 - ▣ Talk to a counselor
 - ▣ Exercise, relax or meditate
 - ▣ Patience
 - ▣ Maintain ties with your ethnic group

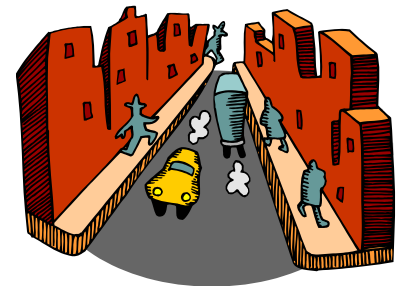
TRANSPORTATION

- **NJTransit** – www.njtransit.com
 - ▣ Buses, trains, & light rail throughout New Jersey and to/from surrounding airports and cities like NYC & Philadelphia
 - ▣ 833 Bus runs from Red Bank to Brookdale CC
- **Brookdale Shuttle**
 - ▣ Between Brookdale and Red Bank during certain evening hours after 833 Bus route ends
- **Taxis**
 - ▣ Yellow Cab – # (732) 747-0747
 - ▣ Able Taxi – # (732) 528-2253
 - ▣ Shore Cab – # (732) 222-6688)



DRIVING

- ❑ Can be expensive – Car, gas, insurance, parking, tickets, maintenance, etc
- ❑ Traffic laws are strictly enforced!
- ❑ International License good for 1 year, must get NJ license
- ❑ Cannot get a Social Security Number to get a license

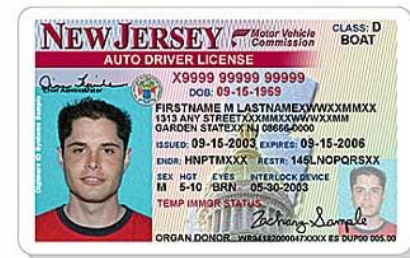


DRIVERS LICENSE

- Apply at Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Visit www.nj.gov/mcv/ to find out eligibility and requirements for obtaining license
 - Take valid I-20, I-94, passport, Social Security Card or letter of denial, Enrollment Certification from IEC, and any additional documents as required by the DMV
- Must update your address with the DMV if moving



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION



MAIL & POSTAGE

- ❑ **United States Postal Service** - <http://www.usps.com/>
- ❑ **Postal stamps**
 - ▣ To mail letters/cards within the USA
 - ▣ Cost 44 cents
 - ▣ Arrives generally in 2 – 7 days depending where
- ❑ **US Airmail Stamps**
 - ▣ To mail letters/cards outside of the USA
 - ▣ Cost 98 cents
 - ▣ Arrival time depends on destination; request airmail stickers
- ❑ If you MOVE, be sure to complete form at post office or online to have mail forwarded to new address!



PHONES & CALLS

- Must dial 011 + outside country code
- Discuss use of phone if living with sponsor/host family
- Calling Abroad
 - ▣ **Calling Cards – land lines & cell phones**
 - Purchased at stores, kiosks, online and used on land lines and cell phones
 - ▣ **Skype – www.skype.com – online**
 - Must have microphone/speakers
 - Free Skype-to-Skype or low rates for calling phones
 - ▣ **Cell Phone**
 - Check rates with company before calling abroad
 - Will consume minutes



CELL PHONES

- Unless you have a Social Security Number, your first phone will be a pre-pay plan phone (buy airtime minutes in advance)
- Major Providers include T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint, Nextel, AT&T
- Cell phone etiquette and courtesy



TRAVEL

- ❑ Major Airports: Newark, JFK, LaGuardia
- ❑ If you plan to travel outside the U.S. while in F1 status, IEC must endorse (sign) your current I-20 (risk of travel)
- ❑ Obtain Travel Instructions from IEC
- ❑ Will need valid visa to re-enter the country
- ❑ Cannot be outside of the USA for more than 5 months



IN CLOSING...

- ❑ Your success at Brookdale is our goal!
- ❑ Ask for help when you need it.
- ❑ Make time for work and play.
- ❑ Take advantage of the available opportunities.
- ❑ Do not forget to attend New Student Orientation and ask questions!



Questions or comments...?



THANK YOU!

