OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dr. Claudia V. Schrader

The Office of Academic Affairs provides leadership for all of the College’s academic programs, with particular emphasis on curriculum and faculty development, student success and evening and weekend classes. Working in close partnership with the BCC faculty, this office helps students reach their post-BCC goals, whether they plan to transfer to a four-year college or pursue a career in their chosen field. Among Academic Affairs’ educational initiatives: study abroad, in places as diverse as China and South Africa; the ASAP program, which enables students to graduate at an accelerated pace; and the Freshman Year Seminar, a bold new approach to preparing first year students for academic success. Such innovative tools inspire our scholars to think critically, communicate persuasively and act ethically and creatively in a competitive world.

FYS 11 2 rec 1 cr
First-Year Seminar
This course combines a practical introduction to college for first-semester students with an introduction to academic study. Students complete an integrated curriculum combining college readiness activities and assignments, frequent computer lab activities, and introductory-level study of selected topics drawn from across the disciplines. College readiness subjects include time management, communication strategies, utilizing online resources, study skills, stress management and goal setting, both academic and professional. Academic activities include assignments targeted to remedial skill levels and linked to General Education proficiencies such as Communication, Reasoning and Analysis, Information Literacy, and Personal Growth and Professional Development.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Athos K. Brewer

The Office of General Counseling is committed to addressing multi-cultural issues encountered by students. Career inventories and other assessment instruments are administered to help students better understand their interests, abilities, values and psychological needs. The counseling faculty teaches the Orientation and Career Development course (OCD 01). In the OCD course, the counselor assists freshmen students to develop effective study skills, time management and career decision-making skills.

OCD 01 1 rec 0 cr
Orientation and Career Development
In this course students develop basic college survival skills in areas of academic life, such as career goals, time management, classroom behavior, assessment of instructor demands and utilization of library and other college resources. Emphasis is placed on students’ understanding the academic environment, demands required to develop successful coping and achievement behaviors.