

CLS Pre-Arrival & Orientation Info

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Greetings! Language Students

Congratulations on being accepted into the 2009 summer intensive language program at Beloit College. In this newsletter, you will find all of the information needed to prepare for your arrival to Beloit College.

The **Eight-week Session** begins on Saturday, June 13, and ends on Friday, August 7.

Summer Session I begins on Saturday, June

13, and ends on Saturday, July 11.

Participants in the eight-week and summer session I programs should plan to arrive on campus between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13.

Please feel free to call with any questions about the program or travel. We look forward to seeing you on June 13.

Best wishes for a safe trip.

Sincerely,



Patricia Zody, Director

Arrival Information By Air or Train

For students arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, Chicago's Midway Airport, or Chicago's Union Station (Amtrak)

If you plan to fly, O'Hare or Midway airports in Chicago are the most convenient points of access to Beloit. The Van Galder bus runs a regularly scheduled shuttle between O'Hare and Midway airports and Madison, Wisconsin, stopping in South Beloit, Illinois on the way. A similar service is available

from Union Station (Amtrak) in downtown Chicago. For Van Galder bus schedules, please go to the Web site at <http://www.vangalderbus.com>. A Beloit College van will be waiting at the McDonalds/Road Ranger Travel Plaza (your bus depot) to meet all students arriving on the Van Galder bus between 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. The van will take you to the corner of College and Clary Streets where you will pick up your room

keys. If you will be arriving earlier or later than these times, please contact the Center for Language Studies at 608.363.2277 or cls@beloit.edu ahead of time so that we can be there to meet you.

Participants arriving after 5:00 p.m. may pick up keys and orientation packets at Security, which is located in the basement of Pearsons Hall.

Arrival Information By Greyhound Bus

If you plan to arrive by Greyhound Bus, please contact the CLS office at 608.363.2277 or cls@beloit.edu so that we can arrange to pick you up

and take you to registration. The Greyhound Bus station is located at least 15 minutes (by car) from the Beloit College campus.

Participants arriving after 5:00 p.m. may pick up keys and orientation packets at Security, which is located in the basement of Pearsons Hall.

Early Arrival Information

Important: Participants arriving before the listed arrival dates should make arrangements to stay in a local hotel. The residence halls will not be available before noon on June 13, 2009. Hotel information can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/beloithotels>

Residential Life – Housing

CLS students are housed in Wood and Haven Halls, air-conditioned residence halls on the north side of campus.

Wood Hall is near the Sports Center and houses 78 students. The hall is arranged in four vertical "house" arrangements, with each having a living room / lounge on the first floor and student rooms on the second and third floors. A large building lounge, two instructional rooms, and a laundry room are centrally located on the lower level for all to use.

Haven Hall is designed in suite arrangements where a small group of students share a lounge and kitchen area. These suites may or may not be coed, depending on the desires of the students. This hall has a lounge and instructional rooms on the

lower level. For the location of Wood and Haven Halls, please go to the campus map: <http://www.beloit.edu/campusmap/>

Single rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants who wish to secure a single room are encouraged to apply as early as possible to the program.

In placing participants in the residence hall, first priority is given to housing students according to language groups.

Students housed in single rooms will be charged an additional fee of approximately \$80 for the eight-week program and \$40 for the four-week program.

All dorms are designated non-smoking areas. Rock

County Law also prohibits individuals from smoking within 15 feet of any public buildings. This applies to all college buildings.

Bathrooms and showers are located down the hall from the student rooms. During the first days of the program, participants in each suite area decide whether the bathrooms will be co-ed or single sex.

On acceptance into the summer intensive language program, students will receive a questionnaire and housing contract. Assignments for single rooms will be made according to the date these forms are received by the CLS and the Office of Residential Life.

"What's it like to live on campus?"

Check-In Procedures & Calendar

Check-In Procedures:

On arrival, CLS participants will receive a room key, card key to the dormitory, and orientation materials. Participants are required to abide by the check-in procedures established by the Office of Residential Life at Beloit College. Residents in the dormitory should make sure that they fill out a room assessment form immediately after moving into their rooms and that they return this form promptly to their Residential Assistant (RA). Problems in the rooms should be reported directly to the Residential Assistant.

Session I & Eight-week Check-In

Saturday, June 13, 2009
First day of the Eight-week and Summer Session I programs

Check-In
Noon - 5:00 p.m., Corner of College and Clary Streets

Note:

Participants arriving at times other than those scheduled for check-in may pick up their keys and orientation materials at Security in the basement of

Pearsons Hall. If you have problems obtaining your keys or other orientation materials, please bring this up with program staff on Sunday at the orientation meetings. They will have extra folders to hand out.

Check-Out Procedures & Calendar

Check-Out Procedures:

It is the responsibility of each participant to attend all "hall" meetings regarding proper check-out procedures. Your Residential Assistant will post announcements for these meetings in the Residence Hall. Residents are required to sign-up with the Residential Assistant to check-out of their rooms and to turn in their keys. Residents who do not leave their rooms in good condition or damage something will be charged fees for cleaning or damages.

Session I Check-Out

Friday, July 10, 2009
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Exams for Summer Session I and eight-week participants (mandatory)

4:00 p.m.
Farewell Ceremony

4:30 p.m.
Check-Out for Summer Session I participants begins

Saturday, July 11, 2009
Final Check-Out for Summer Session I participants-no later than 12:00 (noon)

Eight-week Check-Out

Thursday, August 6, 2009
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Final exams for all participants (mandatory)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremonies (mandatory)

5:00 p.m.
Check-Out begins for all participants

Friday, August 7, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Check-Out

"How do I check in and check out of the residential hall?"

**All participants must be checked out by 12:00 (noon). No exceptions will be made. Please plan accordingly.*

“What happens during orientation?”

Orientation Schedule

Saturday, June 13, 2009

First day of the Eight-week and Summer Session I programs

12:00 (noon) to 5:00 p.m.
Check-In at the corner of College and Clary Streets

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Turtle Creek Bookstore open for purchase of textbooks

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
All-program dinner (Pearsons Hall). Family and friends are welcome to attend with you.

Sunday, June 14, 2009

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Dining Commons, Chapin Hall)

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Orientation meeting for **all students** (Richardson Auditorium, Morse-Ingersoll Hall)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Tours of Campus

12:00 (noon) to 12:45 p.m.
Lunch at language tables (Dining Commons, Chapin Hall)

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Individual meetings for language groups. Locations will be announced at the all-program meeting earlier in the day.

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Tours of the Morse Library. Groups will meet their guides outside the library.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Floor Meetings at each dormitory. Signs in your dorm will direct you to their location.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner (Dining Commons, Chapin Hall)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Ice cream social outside of Wood Hall

Monday, June 15, 2009

8:00 a.m.
All-program general meeting (Moore Study Lounge, Pearsons Hall)

9:00 a.m.
Classes begin

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch (Dining Commons, Chapin Hall)

Your RA may choose to schedule regular floor meetings to supplement those during orientation. Also, all RAs will host “office hours” during which they will be available in their rooms for residents to report issues. Information regarding office hours will be posted on your RA’s door.

Please Consider:

Orientation is an important part of getting you accustomed to summer life at Beloit College and to using the College’s facilities. Please make sure you attend all events that have been scheduled.

A few things to consider before you arrive at Beloit are:

- What questions do I have about Beloit College?
- Which facilities do I need to find on campus?
- What do I need to know about my daily environment?

And when you arrive on campus:

- Do I have questions about anything I see on campus?
- Is there something I cannot find?

Bring all the questions you come up with to orientation. If we do not cover them, feel free to bring them up at the sessions or with the staff privately.

Beloit College students: Several aspects of summer life at Beloit differ from those during the regular academic year. Since we cover these during orientation, missing the scheduled meetings is not a good idea.

Mailing Information

CLS participants will receive mailbox assignments and combinations by e-mail prior to the beginning of the program. This information will also be distributed to participants during orientation. (Beloit College students/faculty in the CLS program will use the post office box assigned to them during the academic school year.)

In order to assure that your mail is delivered promptly, we ask that you read the following mail guidelines and notify your correspondents of the proper mailing procedures. Improperly addressed mail is the primary reason for delayed or undeliverable mail.

All letter mail, packages, trunks, bicycles, and luggage shipped to you at the College **MUST SHOW YOUR BELOIT COLLEGE BOX NUMBER**. DO NOT use a Post Office Box number. Doing so will result in a delay in delivery and often causes mail to be returned to the sender by the local post office.

The proper address format is:

(Your name)
Beloit College, Box #____
700 College Street
Beloit, WI 53511

All mail, packages, and parcels are delivered to our campus Mail Center and must show your Beloit College Box Number to insure prompt delivery. There is no mail or package service to the residence halls. There is also no Saturday or Sunday mail delivery to Beloit College.

Mail Center Hours are:

Lobby Only--Daily & Weekends, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Service Window—
Weekdays Only, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

We will place a “Package Slip” in your mailbox when large items or parcels have arrived for you. You **MUST** present your package slip and your I.D. card at the service counter to claim your package.

When addressing campus mail always write the person’s full name and box number on the item. A directory of CLS students will be distributed at the beginning of the program to all of the participants. If you have any questions regarding mailing services, feel free to inquire at the counter, or call us at 608.363.2232.

Packing List

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

Linens:

- Sheets (extra long)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Blanket
- Towels
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry detergent and basket
- Quarters for laundry
- Alarm Clock
- Stationery: Pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.
- Prescription medications
- Personal items
- Desk lamp
- Telephone

ITEMS YOU MAY WANT:

- Personal computer
- Ethernet cable
- Dictionary of your language
- Plate, bowl, mug, utensils (for times you wish to eat in the halls)
- Bathrobe
- Bicycle with a lock
- Flashlight
- Book bag or backpack
- Umbrella
- Camera
- Swimsuit
- Sports equipment (the Sports Center is open to CLS students)
- Hot pot/other appliances

PROVIDED:

- Desk and desk chair
- Bed
- Dresser
- Mirror
- Ceiling light
- Bookshelves

“How do I get my mail?”

Frequently Asked Questions

“What’s a typical day in CLS like?”

1) What is a typical day like in CLS?

Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students and faculty share lunch and dinner at the language tables in the dining commons. Time outside of class is spent doing homework (4-5 hours per day), studying in the library, meeting for individualized tutorial sessions, or attending weekly movie nights or cultural events.

2) Is there a language pledge?

We expect all students to speak their target language during academic hours. We realize conversation ability will vary considerably by level. 1st- and 2nd-year students should make every effort to keep their use of English to a minimum. 3rd- and 4th-year students should speak the target language at all times.

3) Are there placement exams?

No previous knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, or Russian is required at the beginning levels. Appropriate prior instruction or consent of the instructor will determine placement at intermediate and advanced levels. Applicants intending to study at the intermediate

and advanced levels may be interviewed by the appropriate language coordinator to ensure proper placement in the summer program.

4) Are scholarships available for the summer intensive language programs?

The Center for Language Studies offers guaranteed CLS tuition grants to all qualified applicants who are accepted by April 17, 2009. This CLS tuition grant is not guaranteed to applicants who apply after April 17, 2009.

Additional scholarships through the Center for Language Studies are available. Please refer to the financial aid page of the Web site at www.summerlanguages.com for a list of these scholarships.

5) What kind of financial aid is available for the summer intensive language programs?

CLS students are eligible for financial aid in the form of federal loans through the Stafford, Perkins, and PLUS loan programs. Private loans can be obtained through the Norwest and Excel loan programs. Undergraduate and graduate students should first speak with their home institutions with regard to funding during the summer. If your home institution is unable to

assist in acquiring this type of funding, please contact the Director of Financial Aid, Jane Hessian, at Beloit College (608.363.2663 or hessianj@beloit.edu). Students are strongly encouraged to begin this process well in advance of attending the summer program.

6) How many credits are earned in the summer intensive language program?

The eight-week program earns 3 units of Beloit College credit, which is the equivalent of 12 semester hours of credit. The four-week program earns 1.5 units of Beloit College credit or six semester hours of credit.

7) How do I order a transcript?

The Registrar's office will issue one official transcript free of charge to each CLS participant. During the online enrollment process, students will complete a transcript request form. Once the final grades are received and all holds have been taken off of a student's account, the Registrar will forward the transcripts. To order a second transcript online or for more information on ordering transcripts, please visit the Registrar's Web site at <http://www.beloit.edu/academics/registrar/trequest.php>.

Frequently Asked Questions Continued

8) Where do I purchase books and supplies for the program?

Textbooks for the language programs are available at Turtle Creek Bookstore, located a few blocks from campus at 444 East Grand Avenue in downtown Beloit. Turtle Creek Bookstore also carries a wide variety of books, office supplies, clothing, greeting cards, and music.

9) Is there Internet access in the residence hall?

All residence halls have direct Ethernet network access with each room having one port per student assigned. Wireless access is available on the academic side of campus. For more information on connecting to the Internet via the Ethernet, please refer to Information Services & Resources (ISR) at Beloit College. Students may want to print out information regarding connecting to the Internet prior to arriving on campus; however, ISR staff located in Mayer Hall are also available for assistance.

10) Are the sports facilities available to participants in CLS?

The Sports Center and Flood Arena is conveniently located next door to Wood and Haven Halls. Students enrolled in the summer intensive

language programs may use the facilities free of charge.

11) May I park on campus?

Parking is available on the street and in designated parking lots. There is no parking fee; however, you must register your car with security as soon as you arrive on campus. Security is located in the basement of Pearsons Hall.

Parking on the street is governed by the City of Beloit parking ordinances. Vehicles that are not parked properly will be ticketed by the City of Beloit. For more information, please visit <http://beloit.edu/security>.

12) Am I required to purchase a 19-meal plan?

All CLS participants living on campus are required to purchase a 19-meal plan. Participants who receive permission to live off campus are required to purchase a 5-day lunch plan; however, it is highly recommended that you purchase a 19-meal plan and share all meals with the group.

13) Does the dining hall accommodate vegetarians and vegans?

Yes, each meal includes vegetarian and vegan dishes.

14) What are the language tables?

During the summer intensive language program, each language group sits together with their instructors during lunch and dinner. The language table gives students the opportunity to practice their conversational skills outside of the classroom in an informal setting. We encourage students to participate actively in the language tables and to take advantage of this opportunity.

15) How do I get to Beloit College?

Beloit College is located in Beloit, Wisconsin, a small, industrial town located just across the Wisconsin / Illinois state borders. For directions and maps to Beloit College, please visit the site <http://www.beloit.edu/about/direction.php>

16) What is the closest airport to Beloit?

Beloit is located within easy driving distance of Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago, each of which has a major airport. We recommend, however, that participants fly into Chicago's O'Hare or Midway airports, since the Van Galder Bus Company provides direct service from these airports to South Beloit, Illinois. Participants can then be picked up at the stop in South Beloit by CLS staff.

"Are sports facilities available to CLS participants?"

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Money Information

1. How much spending money will I need during the program?

Students should budget \$100-\$200 for textbooks.

Since all meals are paid for, students should budget for incidentals (laundry, snacks, detergents/shampoo, bus tickets to Chicago or Madison, and the occasional movie ticket).

Students may want to budget some money for cultural excursions; however, the cost of transportation, food, and tickets is generally covered by the program.

2. Where can I cash a check or traveler's checks?

The Beloit College Accounting Office, located on the second floor of Pearsons Hall.

3. Will stores in Beloit accept an out-of-state check?

Most stores in the Beloit area accept out-of-state checks. Some stores in the Beloit area will not accept checks numbered less than 500. Most stores accept debit cards now so that checks may not be the most convenient way to shop in Beloit.

4. Where are Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) located?

Basement of Pearsons Hall; Cub Foods (a grocery store within walking distance); First National Bank parking lot (within walking distance from campus).

5. Where can I bank in Beloit?

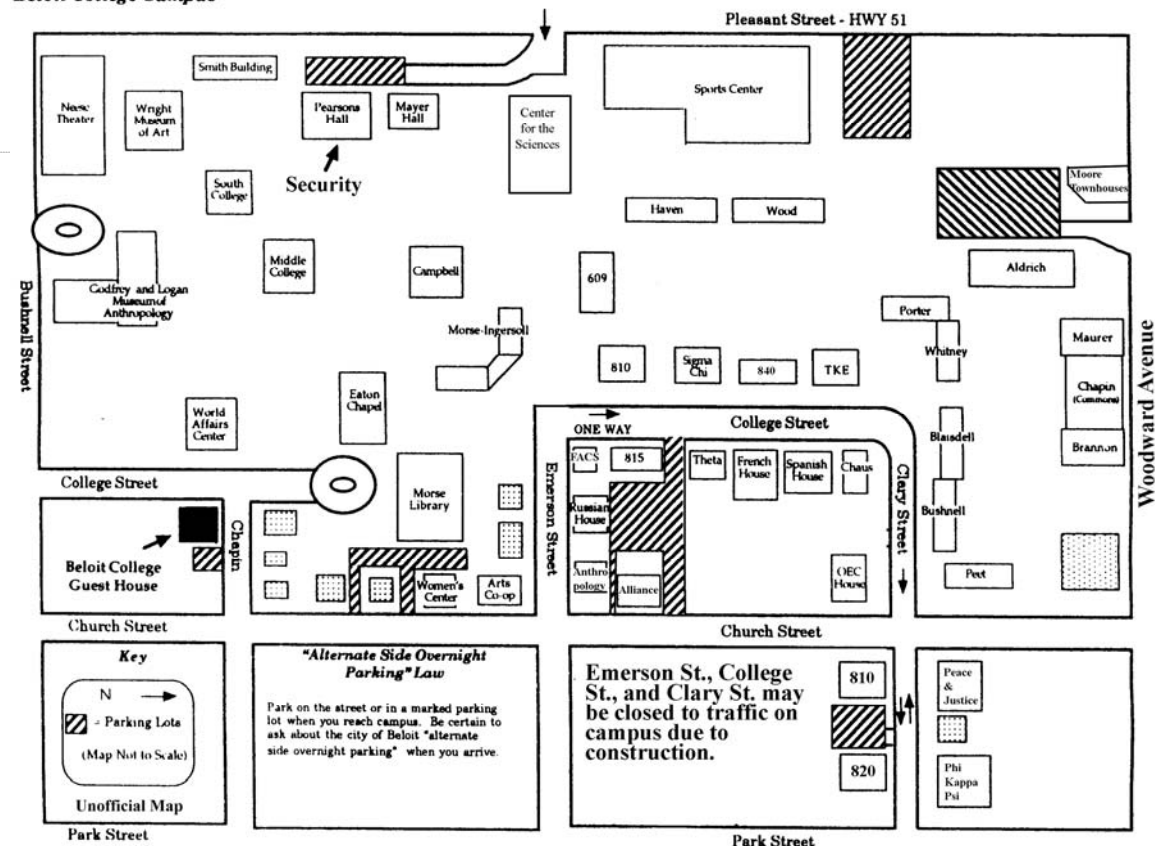
Associated Bank
Blackhawk State Bank

First National Bank & Trust
M&I Bank

6. How can I pay for my textbooks at the Beloit College Bookstore?

- With cash
- With a personal check
- With traveler's checks
- With a MasterCard or Visa credit card
- With an ATM/debit card that withdraws money from your checking account

Beloit College Campus



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