

BEACON COLLEGE CATALOG

2007-2008

*A Four-Year Liberal Arts College Exclusively for
Students with Learning Disabilities*

Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts Degree Programs

Comprehensive support services

Field placement opportunities

Small classes and supplemental instruction

Faculty committed to promoting individual success

Interdisciplinary studies and travel abroad

Participatory learning and emphasis on critical thinking

An opportunity to succeed in a college environment

Volume XVIII

BEACON COLLEGE CATALOG

This catalog was prepared on the basis of the best information available at the time of publication. The statements published in the catalog should not be regarded as a contract between Beacon College and the student. The College reserves the right to revise information, policies, rules, regulations, course offerings, academic requirements, student life policies or fees when deemed necessary or desirable by the administration. Every effort will be made to notify students affected by such changes if they occur. The student is responsible for staying apprised of all changes.

Accreditation

Beacon College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Bachelor and Associate of Arts degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Beacon College.

Memberships

American Library Association
Association of College and Research Libraries
Association on Higher Education and Disability
Central Florida Library Cooperative
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Counselors
Florida Association of Non-Profit Organizations
Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Florida Library Association
Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida
International Dyslexia Association
International Reading Association
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Library and Information Resources Network
National Association for Adults with Special Learning Needs
National Association for Developmental Education
National Association of College Admissions Counselors: Associate Member
National Association of College & University Business Officers
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Council for Teachers of English
Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic
Southern Library Information Network

TABLE OF CONTENTS

2007-2008 BEACON COLLEGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR	4
MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY	6
GENERAL INFORMATION	8
ADMISSIONS	9
FINANCIAL INFORMATION	13
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	21
STUDENT SERVICES	27
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	30
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS	45
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	56
COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF	57
FACULTY AND SUPPORT STAFF	60
DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS	64
ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, E-MAIL ADDRESSES	64

2007-2008 Beacon College Calendar

Fall Term 2007

AUGUST

August 16	New Student Move-In Day
August 17	New Student Orientation
August 18	Returning Students Arrive
August 19	All-College Orientation
August 20	Classes Begin: Fall Term
August 24	End of Drop/Add Period

SEPTEMBER

September 3	Labor Day Holiday: Campus Closed
September 25	Spring 07 Term Advisement Begins

OCTOBER

October 2-4	Mid-Term Exams
October 6-7	Parents' Weekend
October 8	Columbus Day Holiday: Campus Closed
October 10-12	Spring Term Registration

NOVEMBER

November 17	Students Depart for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Break: Campus Closed
November 26	Classes Resume

DECEMBER

December 11-13	Final Exams
December 14	Students Depart for Winter Break
December 20	Winter Break: Campus Closed

Spring Term 2008

JANUARY

January 2	Campus Reopens
January 4	New Student Move-In Day
January 5	New Student Orientation
January 5	Returning Students Arrive
January 6	All-College Orientation
January 7	Classes Begin: Spring Term
January 11	End of Drop/Add Period
January 21	Martin Luther King Day: Campus Closed
January 23-25	Summer Term Advising & Registration

FEBRUARY

February 12	Fall 08 Term Advisement Begins
February 18	Presidents' Day: Campus Closed
February 20-22	Fall 08 Term Registration

Spring Term 2008

MARCH

March 5-7

March 8

March 10-14

March 17

Mid-Term Exams

Students Depart for Spring Break

Spring Break: Campus Closed

Classes Resume

APRIL

April 11

April 29-May 1

College Closed

Final Exams

MAY

May 2

May 3

Students Depart for Summer Break

Graduation

Summer Term 2008

MAY

May 7

May 26

May 30

May 31

Classes Begin: Summer Term

Memorial Day: Campus Closed

Final Exams

Students Depart

JUNE

June 4

Cultural Studies Abroad Trip/Tentative Date for Departure

BEACON COLLEGE MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Beacon College was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c) (3) institution of higher learning on May 24, 1989. The concept for the College was put forth by a group of parents concerned about higher education opportunities for students with learning disabilities. Responding to this concern, the initial trustees founded Beacon College. The College embraces the student with learning disabilities by providing educational opportunities that acknowledge individual learning differences.

The mission of Beacon College is to offer academic degree programs to students with learning disabilities.*

To accomplish its mission, the College provides Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts programs in Human Services, Computer Information Systems, and Liberal Studies. The Human Services Program provides a comprehensive knowledge of the theoretical foundations of the social sciences and offers practical experience in the professional fields associated with public and community services.

The Liberal Studies Program provides a broad-based liberal arts education for students seeking intellectual and personal change. Liberal Studies exposes students to a variety of subjects designed to establish a basis for effective lifelong learning and attainment of personal goals.

The Computer Information Systems Program offers students the opportunity to learn about the latest technology used in today's marketplace as well as explore the vast number of career choices available to those skilled in this area. Students are able to choose one of the two tracks to meet their specific career goals: *The Information Systems Track* or *The Web and Digital Media Track*.

*Students with specific learning disabilities as defined by PL 94-142 and do not include learning problems which are due primarily to visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, to mental retardation, emotional disturbance, or environmental disadvantage.

The purpose of the College is to provide a quality undergraduate education, which facilitates academic and personal success. In order to achieve its purpose, the College strives to provide a learning environment that:

- Fosters self-knowledge and understanding of cognitive strengths through evaluation of academic abilities and learning styles;
- Emphasizes the development of learning strategies and study skills through individualized academic mentoring;
- Facilitates the educational and learning process through computer technology;
- Demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence, social responsibility, and professional achievement;
- Provides transitional programs to facilitate student success in college and transition to the workplace;
- Offers community-based field placements that assist students with the development of career goals;

Philosophy Statement

We, the members of the Beacon College Community, take pride in the special mission of our Institution. To that end, we are committed to providing quality academic programs with appropriate accommodations and educational support services to students with learning disabilities. We recognize that individuals learn at different rates and in different ways, and it is our responsibility to utilize the teaching methodologies that facilitate learning while meeting the needs of a diverse student population. We believe it is the responsibility of the College to assist students in determining realistic goals, discovering personal abilities and interests, and realizing their potential.

Beacon College is dedicated to excellence in teaching the social responsibilities necessary in today's society. We are committed to providing quality educational experiences that value diversity, ensure student engagement, and cultivate creativity and intellectual curiosity. We believe the educational experiences offered at Beacon College will light the way for tomorrow's achievement and establish patterns for lifelong learning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Beacon College is located in Leesburg, Florida approximately 50 miles northwest of Orlando. The Orlando International Airport accommodates students traveling from a distance to our campus.

CAMPUS

Beacon College offers students many opportunities to participate in community life. The small-town Main Street environment offers students ready access to goods and services and encourages their self-reliance and independent living skills. The community also functions as a resource for field placement, recreation, and opportunities for public service. The Administration and Education Buildings, learning resource center, dining hall, and student union are all within easy walking distance. The Beacon College Village Apartments serve as the College's residence halls and provide the opportunity for students to live in a community setting while attending college. The Beacon College Village Apartments have a swimming pool, tennis court, and basketball court offering students recreational choices and the opportunity to relax with their peers.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Group outings are scheduled during each month. Weekend activities include trips to plays, movies, festivals, camping, local attractions, and the beaches. The Beacon Activity Committee (BAC) and the Vice President of Student Services plan the schedule.

Students may choose to join a variety of campus organizations and clubs throughout the school year, including the college yearbook, student government, cultural activities, sporting events, and a variety of other activities based on student interest.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cultural enrichment is a hallmark of Lake County, Florida which is known for its community interest in the arts. Frequent art and theatre shows are sponsored by local associations and theatre groups. Leesburg devotes 15% of its land area to parks and recreation activities: swimming pools, tennis, shuffleboard and racquetball courts, ball fields, picnic pavilions, fishing, and biking and jogging trails. The county boasts over 1400 lakes, which provide nearly year-round water skiing, boating, and fishing.

The Leesburg Police Department headquarters is located directly behind the Beacon College campus. From two fire stations, certified fire fighters offer protection throughout Leesburg. The Leesburg Regional Medical Center, rated as one of the top one hundred regional centers in the United States, forms the nucleus of Leesburg's comprehensive medical and health services and is located within one mile of the campus buildings. A fully-staffed emergency service is operated around the clock.

ADMISSIONS

Beacon College accepts students on a rolling admissions basis with a preferred application deadline of May 1st for fall applicants and November 1st for spring applicants. Candidates who apply after the priority admissions deadline are processed on a space available basis.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

The Beacon College Admissions Committee makes all candidacy decisions. In order to give each candidate full consideration, the Committee evaluates applicant files only when they are deemed complete. To complete requirements for admission, applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form and application fee (\$50.00);
2. College Essay (directions can be found on page four of the application). The essay should be typed; however, video and audio cassettes are also accepted;
3. Most recent psycho-educational evaluation (adult measure no more than 3 years old). Evaluations must include:
 - a. Specific diagnosis of a learning disability or ADD/HD;
 - b. Complete cognitive assessment (Wechsler Scales, WAIS-III, is preferred) with full scale, cluster, and sub-tests scores; and
 - c. Woodcock Johnson Test of Achievement with grade equivalence in reading, writing, and mathematics.
4. Official, standard high school transcript(s) or GED scores, if applicable, and copies of all official college transcript(s), if applicable. Final official transcripts are due prior to the first day of class;
5. Three letters of recommendation. Recommendations can be written by any of the following: teachers, tutors, guidance counselors, pastors, coaches, and/or employers;
6. Optional SAT/ACT scores. The Admissions Committee does not weigh the SAT/ACT scores heavily, but does find that the scores add to their understanding of the applicant;
7. Optional Campus Visit. Although a campus visit is not required for most candidates, the Admissions Committee highly recommends that all candidates visit Beacon College to fully evaluate our academic programs and student life;
8. Optional portfolio information or other work samples that might offer the Admissions Committee additional information about the candidate.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

The Beacon College Admissions Committee makes all candidacy decisions. Applicants are notified in writing within three business days of the Admissions Committee Meeting.

Interview

After an applicant's file is complete and an initial screening is performed, an interview may be required. Interviews are required when/if the Admissions Committee feels that it needs additional information and/or personal contact with a candidate to fully assess candidate viability for acceptance. Candidates are notified in writing if required to participate in the interview process.

Acceptance

Upon acceptance, the candidate is notified by mail. Enrollment contracts with specified deposit deadlines are mailed to each candidate with the acceptance letter. Candidates are required to submit a completed, signed contract along with a non-refundable deposit of \$750.00 to reserve a seat for the coming semester. This enrollment deposit is applied toward the candidate's first semester tuition bill.

Provisional Acceptance

A special provision in the admissions process is made for candidates who may not meet minimal requirements for admissions, but who demonstrate academic potential and motivation to complete a degree program. Based on the potential for success provided by remedial interventions, students may attend Beacon College as students with provisional admission. Provisionally admitted students attend Beacon College full-time and upon successful completion of remedial interventions, are eligible for full matriculation.

Provisionally admitted students may not register for more than twelve (12) credits and may be required to complete developmental coursework prior to seeking full admission. During the first semester, provisionally admitted students must also attend a minimum of two seminars offered to students in need of academic intervention.

Hold

As a result of the evaluation process, the Admissions Committee may determine that it needs additional information in order to give a candidate full consideration. In this instance, a candidate's applicant file will be placed on "Hold" until receipt of the specified information and/or documentation. Once received, the candidate's file will be resubmitted to the Admissions Committee for further consideration. Applicants are notified in writing if/when the status of their candidacy changes. Hold status will remain in effect for one semester after which a candidate must submit a new application and supporting documentation

Denial

The College reserves the right to refuse admission to any candidate it considers inadequately qualified. If a candidate wishes to appeal a denial, the candidate may do so by petitioning the Admissions Committee in writing. A letter requesting further consideration along with additional and/or updated information should be forwarded to the Admissions Committee in care of the Office of Admission.

Application Materials

All submitted application materials become the property of Beacon College. Beacon College reserves the right to refuse to return any materials submitted in regard to a candidate's application and/or appeal.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Beacon College admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. Beacon College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, creed, or sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school-administered programs.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Transfer Students

A student is designated a transfer student if the student matriculates at Beacon College with at least 9 semester hours earned at a regionally accredited institution, or the equivalent CLEP credits; and the earned credit is accepted by Beacon College. All other students matriculate as new students.

Transfer of Credits

The student is responsible for requesting an official transcript from any college previously attended. Beacon College admits transferring students to such standing from institutions of higher learning as is reasonable in terms of their past course work and performance. The course work must be demonstrated in Official Academic Transcripts from the student's previous institution(s). A transfer applicant may not disregard previous college and university records. Beacon College accepts credit only from regionally accredited institutions and programs and awards semester credit hours only.

Transfer credits may be considered for acceptance with a grade of C or better, but cannot exceed 30 credits for the A.A. degree or 60 credits for the B.A. degree. Therefore, at least 30 credits for the A.A. degree and 60 credits for the B.A. degree must be earned at Beacon College; and the final 30 credits must be earned in-residence at Beacon College.

Official documentation required for transfer of credits must be submitted prior to the last day of the first academic term.

Award of Transfer Credits

The College evaluates and accepts transfer credits on an individual basis. Transfer credits are only awarded in content areas offered within the current curriculum of the Institution and only if the transfer credit can be appropriately applied to degree program graduation requirements. Transfer credit measured in quarter hours upon acceptance will be awarded 3 semester hours as the equivalent of 4-quarter hours.

Once the official transcript is received by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Chair of the degree program will determine if the transfer credit can be applied toward the degree programs offered at Beacon College and if the transfer credit can be used toward program requirements, minor requirements, general education requirements, or elective credits. Transfer of credit is at the sole discretion of the Institution and the College reserves the right to deny the transfer of credit for specific courses.

Course work transferred or accepted for credit toward an undergraduate degree must document achievement of student competencies equivalent to Beacon College's degree programs. Students are also required to present official transcripts issued to Beacon College from the transfer institution. A catalog course description(s) and/or a syllabus from the course(s) may also be required.

The Office of Academic Affairs will notify the student of transfer credit accepted before enrollment if official transcripts are received in time or no later than the end of the student's first semester. To ensure that the student is aware of transfer credit accepted, the academic advisor will review all pertinent information during the student's registration advisement for the second semester.

The College does award credit based on Educational Testing Service (ETS) advanced placement when the grade is equivalent to a C or above.

Students seeking to transfer credit based on military and service school or Dantes examination will have such credit considered on an individual basis following the guidelines above.

Beacon College does not award credit based on training provided by non-collegiate institutions or experiential learning. Beacon College does not award credit based on professional certification. The College does not accept transfer credits for courses determined to be occupational or vocational in nature.

College Level Examination Policy (CLEP)

Beacon College accepts the CLEP for substitution for general education courses offered by the Institution in accordance with the policy established. The College will accept a score of 50 on a scale of 20-80 to award credit for all CLEP General and Subject Area tests. No more than three (3) CLEP course substitutions will be accepted into any degree program. A \$100.00 CLEP processing fee is charged per CLEP course substitution.

Beacon College Associate Degree Students

Students initially admitted to a Beacon College Associate Degree Program who decide to continue study and enroll in a Bachelor Degree Program at Beacon College are designated internal transfer students. Internal transfer students must complete a Petition for Admission to the Bachelor Degree Program signed and endorsed by the academic advisor and approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Upon acceptance, all credit earned with a grade of C or better at Beacon College in the Associate Degree Program is approved as transfer credit that is applied toward the Bachelor Degree graduation requirements.

Official Transcripts

Upon written request to the Office of Academic Affairs, a student may receive a copy of the academic transcript or have an official transcript mailed. A one-time transcript fee of \$15.00 is charged upon the initial request. Transcripts are issued as requested providing there is no financial indebtedness to the College. Copies of all other student records may also be mailed for a fee of \$15.00.

Transfers to Other Colleges or Universities

Beacon College earned credits transfer to other institutions at the sole discretion of the receiving institution. The student should confirm whether credits earned at Beacon College will be accepted by any other college where the student may transfer.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2007-2008 TUITION SCHEDULE

Residential Student Fee Schedule

2007-2008	FALL	SPRING	ANNUAL TOTAL	ESTIMATED SUMMER
Tuition	\$12,475.00	\$12,475.00	\$24,950.00	\$2,000.00
Shared Room Fee	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,600.00	
Board Fee	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,800.00	\$200.00
Total Fees	\$16,175.00	\$16,175.00	\$32,350.00	\$2,200.00

A \$750.00 non-refundable deposit is due upon receipt of enrollment contract and will be applied to first semester fees. After the start of the term, room and board fees are non-refundable. Room fees include basic cable TV and wireless internet connection. Telephone service is an additional fee contracted directly with the service provider.

Attendance for the Summer 2008 Term is *estimated* at \$2,200.00. Increases may be incurred after January 2008. Summer Term fees are due March 1, 2008.

Additional fees not included in the tuition schedule:

Lab Fees:	As applicable
Book Fees:	As applicable
Single Room Fee:	\$1,000.00 per semester (based on availability)
Single Apartment Fee:	\$1,600.00 per semester (limited availability)
Technology Fee:	\$200.00 per semester
Room Damage Deposit:	\$200.00 due July 1 st with Fall tuition

Notes:

1. Credit hours in excess of the maximum standard academic load of fifteen (15) credit hours will be billed according to the Institution's tuition rate of \$510 per credit hour.
2. Credit hours for part-time students carrying 6 credits or less will be billed \$610 per credit hour, which includes fees for one (1) hour per week of academic mentoring.
3. Payment for the Fall Term is required on or before July 1st. Payment for the Spring Term is required on or before November 1st. The \$750 non-refundable deposit required upon enrollment will be applied to the tuition for the first term of attendance.
4. A \$200 room damage deposit is required for admittance into student housing. Damage deposits are refundable after graduation or student withdrawal. Apartment damages are deducted from room deposits on a semester basis, requiring replenishing of accounts to the original \$200 deposit at the start of each semester. If no damages are incurred, no further deposits are required.

Tuition rates are established and announced each spring. Increases are effective for the Fall Term. Students are permitted to attend class in September only if the first semester payment has been received or payment arrangements completed.

Non-Refundable Fees

- Single Room Fee: \$ 900.00 per semester (based on availability)
- Single Apartment Fee: \$1,500.00 per semester (based on availability)
- Application Fee: \$ 50.00
- Graduation Fee: \$150.00
- Parking Permit: \$ 10.00
- Book Fees: as applicable
- Lab Fees: as applicable

Non Residential Students/Commuter Fee Schedule

2007-2008	FALL	SPRING	ANNUAL TOTAL	ESTIMATED SUMMER
Tuition (1)	\$12,475.00	\$12,475.00	\$24,950.00	\$2,000.00
Board Fee	Optional	Optional		Optional
Student Service Fee	\$750.00		\$750.00	100.00
Total Fees	\$13,225.00	\$12,475.00	\$25,700.00	

A \$750.00 non-refundable deposit is due upon receipt of enrollment contract and will be applied to first semester fees. Students may purchase the meal plan, which is optional.

Attendance for the Summer 2008 Term is *estimated* at \$2,000.00 plus the student service fee of \$100.00. Meal plan is optional. Increases may be incurred after January 2008. Summer Term fees are due March 1, 2008.

Additional fees not included in the tuition schedule:

Board Fees: Meal Plan A \$1,400.00 (Full Service)
Meal Plan B (2) \$ 700.00 (100 Meals)

Lab Fees: As applicable
Book Fees: As applicable
Technology Fee: \$200.00 per semester

(1) An additional fee may be imposed if the College receives an unexpected surcharge or fee (such as energy surcharge). The fees (if any) will be prorated and billed to currently enrolled students.

(2) Students on Meal Plan B receive a Meal Card and must present the card upon purchase of a meal. Any overages will be billed accordingly.

(3) For non-residential students, Notes 1-3 on page 13 are applicable, as well as related non-refundable fees..

ALL CHECKS FOR TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

**BEACON COLLEGE
105 EAST MAIN STREET
LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748**

REFUND POLICY

No refund is made in the case of dismissal of a student from Beacon College. Students who withdraw for medical or exceptional reasons approved by the President may receive partial tuition refunds as follows:

- 100% - First week (less 5% administration fee)
- 75% - Second week
- 50% - Third week
- 25% - Fourth week
- 0% - Fifth week

Written notice of withdrawal from the College must be received within the weeks noted above to receive a refund. There will be no refund of room fees.

Summer Term Refunds

There is no refund for room fees during the Summer Term. If the student withdraws within the first week of the Summer Term, 100% of tuition is refunded less 5% administration fee. There is no refund after the first week.

Refunds for Federal Financial Aid Recipients

If a student is a recipient of Title IV aid (Pell Grant, Stafford Loans, and Plus Loans), federal regulations administered through the U.S. Department of Education will apply.

If a recipient of Title IV aid withdraws during the term, the College will calculate the amount of aid the student did not earn, and the unearned portion will be returned to the Title IV programs. The student is responsible for any charges that are unpaid as a result of the return of Title IV funds.

Examples of the calculations of earned and unearned Title IV funds required as a result of withdrawal may be requested from the Business Office. Generally speaking, a student earns Title IV aid based on the number of days completed during the term prior to withdrawal. Once 60% of the term has been completed, the student is considered to have earned 100% of the Title IV aid awarded.

Refunds for Recipients of Veterans Benefits

The refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and other charges for veterans or eligible persons who fail to enter a course or withdraw or discontinue prior to completion will be made for all amounts paid which exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges that the length of the completed portion of the course bears to the total length of the course. The proration will be determined on the ratio of the number of days or hours of instruction completed by the student to the total number of instructional days or hours in the course.

Refund Appeal Process

Any student may appeal a refund decision by filing a written request with the Business Office. Appeals must include basis for appeal (extenuating circumstances). Appeals will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Appeal Committee. The Committee's decisions in all matters will be final.

FINANCIAL AID

The primary purpose of the financial aid program at Beacon College is to provide financial assistance to qualified students. Parents and students are expected to make the maximum possible contribution to meet the student's educational expenses. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Beacon College Financial Aid Application are used to determine eligibility. Students can complete the FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Beacon College Department of Education identification number is 033733.

Applications for Federal Financial Aid and Beacon College financial aid should be received in the Financial Aid Office by May 15th for priority consideration for the following academic year. Applications received after May 15th will be considered on the basis of available funds.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive aid from the major financial aid programs at Beacon College, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Demonstrate a financial need in accordance with the Federal financial needs analysis formula.
2. Have a high school diploma or a GED.
3. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student working toward a degree in an eligible program.
4. Be a US citizen or eligible noncitizen.
5. Enrollment must meet the minimum hours of enrollment and other program specific criteria.
6. Have signed certification statements of "Educational Purpose/Refunds and Defaults" on FAFSA.
7. Have a valid Social Security number.
8. Register with the Selective Service, if required.
9. Make satisfactory academic progress.
10. The applicant's aid may not have exceeded the published cost of attendance and the applicant must not receive Federal Loans in excess of the established annual or aggregated amounts.

Applying For Financial Aid

Financial Aid files must be completed at least three (3) weeks prior to payment due date in order for you to utilize your award towards payment of your tuition and books. If your file is incomplete prior to registration, you must pay for your own tuition, room and board, and books. You will be reimbursed, to the extent of any over payment after the drop/add date and certification of loans. You must reapply each year for financial aid. Awards are not renewed automatically. In order to receive aid from the major financial aid programs at Beacon College, students must complete the following:

1. Complete and mail the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or apply over the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In Step 6 of the application, the school code for Beacon College is **033733**. To expedite the process, it is strongly recommended that you apply for federal financial aid on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The FAFSA Application must be completed if you are interested in any federal grants, student loans, and the Florida Student Assistance Grant at Beacon College.

2. Complete an application for admission to Beacon College. Your academic records (high school and college transcripts, degree intentions) must be received and evaluated by the Admissions Office before your financial aid file can be processed.
3. The Financial Aid Office receives your electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA federal loan processor approximately three weeks after you file the application for federal financial aid. In order for you to receive your financial aid award prior to the start of the semester, Beacon College must be listed as your school choice in Step 6 on the FAFSA Application. The FAFSA federal loan processor will send Beacon College a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) at the same time you are sent either an electronic copy or a postal copy. Please keep the copy that you are sent for your records. If you do not receive your SAR within 3 weeks of submission to the FAFSA federal loan processor, you may want to call the processor at (800) 433-3243 from 8 a.m. through midnight (Eastern Standard Time) or check on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. TTY users may call 1-800-730- 8913.
4. Complete the Beacon College Financial Aid Application Form and return it to the Financial Aid Office. This form is required in order to receive federal financial assistance, and the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG). The Beacon College Financial Aid Application Form can be downloaded from the Beacon College website.
5. The Financial Aid Office will access financial aid transcript information for you via the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). You will be notified if additional information is needed.
6. If you are selected for verification, the Financial Aid Office will notify you of all required documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A separate application is required if you are applying for a Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Loan packets are available in the Financial Aid Office.
- You will receive an award letter once the Financial Aid Office processes your file. This will let you know the types of aid for which you are eligible at that time.
- Please notify the Financial Aid Office if you are expecting to receive the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.
- You are responsible for follow up on your financial aid application. Do not wait until school begins.

Assistance

If you need help with the application process, please contact the Business Office. Complete as much of the application as you can to identify your questions before you contact the Office. If an appointment is necessary, bring your tax return, including W-2s (and your parents' tax return if the application requires this information), as well as documentation of untaxed income (e.g., Social Security benefits, AFDC, child support, etc.).

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Recipients

All students receiving any form of Title IV Financial Aid must meet the standards of progress outlined below. The requirements for these standards are set by federal regulations (34CFR Section 668.19). Beacon College is required to enforce these standards for students receiving Title IV Federal aid.

The following requirements are the standards of satisfactory academic progress for Financial Aid students at Beacon College:

- Standards of academic progress are reviewed at the end of each term for all students except students who have previously appealed and/or are transfer students.
- All transfer students will be reviewed at the time they are admitted to Beacon College prior to making any financial aid awards.
- All students who have been approved through the appeal process will continue to be reviewed each semester.
- A student is required to successfully complete the minimum number of hours to progress toward a degree as follows:

<u>Enrollment Status Maximum Load</u>	<u>Percentage to Complete Each Semester</u>
Full-time: 12 load hours or more	67%
Three-quarters-time: 9-11 load hours	67%
One-half-time: 6-8 load hours	67%
Less than one-half-time	67%

- Successful completion means earning grades of A, B, C, D or P. Grades of I, F, W, WF, WP are not successful completions.
- A new student must maintain a grade point average of 1.7 in the first 15 semester hours and a grade point average of 2.0 thereafter in all course work attempted at Beacon College.
- Credit hours for institutional credit college preparatory courses will be counted toward financial aid eligibility. Grades received in these courses will not be used in calculating a grade point average; however, hours attempted will be used to determine the completion ratio.

- All periods of enrollment with or without financial aid at Beacon College will be used in determining a student's satisfactory progress for financial aid. All transfer work accepted by Beacon College will be included in the standards of academic progress calculations.
- Students who are suspended or dismissed will lose financial aid benefits. A student may appeal financial aid suspension in writing to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee if the student feels there are extenuating circumstances (unplanned events beyond the student's control). Students must provide documentation supporting their extenuating circumstances along with rationale on why a waiver should be granted. The Financial Aid Appeal Committee decision will be final. The Financial Aid Director at the discretion can approve or disapprove appeals on a case-by-case basis.
- If the Appeals Committee approves an appeal, the student's aid will be reinstated with provisions. The Appeals Committee may stipulate restrictions governing the number of remaining credit hours for financial aid assistance. Students who choose not to file an appeal or whose appeal has been denied may in some cases reestablish eligibility for financial aid by achieving a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better and/or complete a minimum of 6 hours of course work at their own expense.

GRANTS

Beacon College participates in the following grant programs.

Federal Pell Grant

The Pell Grant is a federal aid program designed to provide financial assistance to those who need it to attend post high school educational institutions. Pell Grants are intended to be the basic type of aid and may be combined with other forms of aid in order to meet the student's financial need. Amounts awarded can change yearly. The maximum award for the 2007-2008 award year is \$4,310.00.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The SEOG is awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need – those with the lowest Expected Family Contribution (EFC) scores. Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority for FSEOG awards. The awards range from \$100.00 to \$4,000.00 a year, contingent upon the availability of funds.

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

The ACG is awarded to full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible program, who receive Federal Pell Grants and are U.S. citizens. Students also must have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study and be enrolled in at least a two-year academic program acceptable for full credit towards a bachelors degree. Awards are up to \$750.00 for the first academic year and up to \$1,300.00 for second academic year students.

Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)

This grant provides tuition assistance to Florida residents who are enrolled full-time as undergraduate students at private institutions such as Beacon College. Full-time is defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours. Award amounts are specified each year by the State in the General Appropriations Act. Application for the grant will be mailed to all Florida residents who have an enrollment contract on file.

Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)

The Florida Student Assistance Grant Program provides grants to full-time Florida resident students who have exceptional financial need. The amount of a grant is based on the financial need of a student and the cost of attendance. The FAFSA application is used to determine eligibility.

Students with Disabilities

The Florida State Board of Education approved a statute change that will allow students with documented disabilities for whom part-time enrollment is a necessary accommodation, to be eligible for state financial assistance, including the Florida Student Assistance Grant. Please contact the Business Office at Beacon College for more information (352-787-7660).

Repayment of Title IV Federal Funds: What are Title IV Federal Funds?

At Beacon College, Federal Title IV funds consist of the Federal Pell Grant, Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan, and an Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan.

Federal regulations require repayment of a portion of funds received by students, unless certain conditions are met. A student who withdraws or stops attending all courses prior to completion of at least 60% of an enrollment period, **WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY** the “unearned portion” of the funds received.

This applies to all federal grant and loan funds received as a disbursement by a student. For example, a student receiving a Pell Grant disbursement check in the amount of \$800 could be required to repay the federal financial aid programs as much as \$400, unless the student attends school for more than 60% of the enrollment period. In addition, a portion of the award that could have been used to pay for tuition, fees, books and/or supplies may also be required as repayment to the school. The latter requirement is because schools are required to refund the federal financial aid programs the “unearned portion” of the tuition, etc.

The rule applies only to those students who withdraw from **ALL CLASSES**. The rule does not apply to students who successfully complete **AT LEAST ONE COURSE** in an enrollment period. If the student finds that they are unable to complete all courses, every effort should be made to successfully complete at least one course. In so doing, the student will preserve the funds they have received. The student should work closely with the academic advisor to plan a course load that can be successfully completed each term.

Students who receive funds from the federal financial aid programs must check with the Business Office prior to withdrawing from a class to see if they would have a financial obligation.

In addition to the above, students who receive an “F” grade, where attendance cannot be documented, will be required to repay the excess federal financial assistance they receive.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Beacon College is eligible to participate and administer the following scholarships:

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Florida Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- Florida Ethics in Business Scholarship
- Florida Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund

In addition, the College also provides the following scholarship opportunities:

- Beacon College Community Service Scholarship
- Beacon College Book Scholarship
- Jamie Botwick Memorial Scholarship
- Emil E. Brodbeck Scholarship
- Kathleen J. Brodbeck Advancement of Women Scholarship
- Paul and Dorothy Heim Civic Award Scholarship
- President’s Award for Academic Scholarship

Students are encouraged to search for scholarships via the Internet sites listed below:

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/ld.phtml>

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

BEACON COLLEGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Beacon College offers financial assistance to students for on-campus college service. Placement is contingent upon financial need and the availability of funds. Students are required to provide college service and the monies earned are used to offset the cost of tuition.

LOANS

Loans are a cost-effective way to help finance a student's education by borrowing funds at a low interest rate. Private loans as well as federally guaranteed, unsubsidized parent loans (Parent Plus) are available. For more information on educational loans available to fund education at Beacon College, parents and students should call the Business Office (352-787-0114). The Business Office will also provide a list of lending institutions.

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Beacon College is approved to provide training to Veterans under the following chapters:

- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 32 VEAP/Veterans Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- Chapter 1606 Reservist Benefits

Students applying for benefits must submit a certificate of eligibility (VA Form 22-0557) or award letter (VA Form 20-8993) to Beacon College in order for the College to notify the Veteran Affairs regional office of your enrollment.

For more information and forms, students may contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs Educational Benefits Office at (352) 787-0114 or visit their web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

OTHER PROGRAMS

In addition to the above, Beacon College also cooperates with the following state and federal programs that provides financial assistance to students:

- Division of Blind Services
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Florida Prepaid College Program
- National Service Trust (AmeriCorps)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Dates for registration are published in the Academic Calendar and posted each semester in the Education and Stoer Buildings. Registration materials and specific procedures are provided by the Office of Academic Affairs.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Each degree-seeking student will be assisted by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Department Chair, or assigned academic advisor in understanding and interpreting the College's academic requirements for graduation and securing help with academic concerns or assistance with life/career goals.

DROP/ADD PERIOD

During the first week of each semester, a student may drop or add a course without penalty. Any course dropped during this period will not be recorded on the student's permanent record. Students may not add courses after the final *Drop/Add* date designated by the Academic Calendar.

To either drop or add courses, a *Drop/Add Form* must be obtained by the student, signed by the instructor and academic advisor, and returned to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for approval. Students must be advised that dropping a course may affect anticipated graduation date.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Withdrawal from courses applies after the one-week drop/add period ends.. A student who withdraws from a course or is withdrawn by the instructor after the Drop/Add period and *before* the last day of the eighth week of class will receive a W on the transcript. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn by an instructor *after* the eighth week of class, a notation of WP or WF (Withdrawn Passing or Withdrawn Failing) will be recorded on the transcript. A notation of W, WP, or WF will earn no course credit and the course will not be used in calculating the cumulative grade point average. Students should be aware that withdrawing from a course may change student status and affect financial aid eligibility.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL FORM

Students who withdraw from a course must complete a *Student Course Withdrawal Form* signed by the instructor and academic advisor, and submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for final approval.

REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS

Absences from examinations are excused only in cases of severe illness or occasions of equal exigency.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to be present and on time for all class meetings ready to learn. Make up work required due to an absence is the responsibility of the student. The student is responsible for knowing and understanding the make-up work policies outlined in the syllabus for each course.

- Upon the fourth absence and every absence thereafter, the student's final grade will be lowered one grade. For example, a student earning a B in a class would receive a B- with four absences, a C+ with five absences, and so forth.

THREE HOUR BLOCK COURSES

- Upon the third absence and every absence thereafter, the student's final grade will be lowered one mark. For example, with three absences a student earning a B in a class would receive a B-, with four a C+, and so forth.

LATE ARRIVAL POLICY

- Four late arrivals, including arriving late to class or arriving late to class from break, is recorded as one absence and will affect the grade accordingly. A student who arrives late to class and also arrives late from break may be considered to have two absences in one class period.

VETERAN ATTENDANCE POLICY

Excused absences will be granted for extenuating circumstances only. Excused absences are documented with formal entries in students' files. Early departures, tardiness, class absences, and other form of full or partial absence from class will be deemed a full class absence. Students exceeding three (3) days unexcused absences in a calendar month WILL BE TERMINATED FROM VETERANS BENEFITS for unsatisfactory attendance.

CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for maintaining classroom decorum appropriate to the College educational environment. When the conduct of a student or group of students varies from acceptable standards and interferes with instruction, the instructor has the authority to remove the disruptive party from the room.

Cell phones are NOT permitted in classes.

CREDIT HOURS DEFINED

Beacon College awards semester credit hours on the basis of the Florida Administrative Code, which equates one (1) college credit as equal to fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction.

COURSE LOAD

The standard academic course load per semester for full-time students is 12 to 15 credit hours with a maximum of 15 credit hours or five (5) courses. Written approval from the Vice President of Academic Affairs is required to register for a course load that exceeds 15 credit hours and only students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 (B+) are eligible.

Students must complete and sign an *Overload Form* that petitions for an exception to the course load policy and that also serves as formal disclosure and acknowledgement of increased tuition costs. A copy of the Overload Form is sent to the party responsible for the student's financial obligations.

Credit hours in excess of the maximum standard full-time academic course load of fifteen credit hours will be billed according to the Institution's tuition rate of \$510 per credit hour.

Credit hours for part-time students enrolled in 9 credit hours or less will be billed \$610 per credit hour, which includes fees for one hour per week of academic mentoring.

If a student chooses a reduced course load or is required to enroll in institutional credit courses prior to enrolling in degree-credit-bearing courses, additional semesters may be required to earn the A.A. or B.A. degree. However, the degree program may not exceed three years for an A.A. or six years for a B.A. from date of matriculation unless approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

COURSE AUDITS

Students may register to audit a course provided there is sufficient room in the course on a space-available basis. The student who audits the course is expected to register for the course on a non credit basis and will be charged a \$300.00 audit fee per course. The student who audits a course(s) is expected to attend class regularly. However, the student is not required to complete any course assignments such as papers or examinations. The student who audits a course does not receive earned credit for the course or a grade in the course. The instructor may provide informal feedback to the student. The student who audits a course may not change the registration from audit to credit during the semester, except during the formal Drop/Add period. A course audit is typically intended to prepare for another course or as an enrichment course of special interest to the student. Students must obtain written permission to audit a course from the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

GRADING SYSTEM

Students are expected to pursue degree requirements in accordance with the following academic grading policies of the College.

Definition

Grades are issued at the end of each semester. The following system is used:

93-100	A	90-92	A-	87-89	B+
83-86	B	80-82	B-	77-79	C+
73-76	C	70-72	C-	67-69	D+
63-66	D	60-62	D-	>60	F

Failing Grade Policy

If a required course is failed, the course must be repeated or an approved equivalent course taken and passed. No credit is accrued with a grade of (F). When a student repeats a course or takes its approved equivalent, both grades will be recorded on the student's transcript, but only the second grade will be included in computing the cumulative grade point average.

Incomplete Grade Policy

A grade of Incomplete (I) is recorded when a student is unable to complete course work within the semester for an acceptable and documented reason. Responsibility for completion of the work satisfactory to the instructor rests solely with the student. The deadline for completing the course work is the last day of the next semester or at an earlier date agreed upon by the student and instructor. An Incomplete grade not changed to a passing grade by the agreed-upon date for course completion or at the latest by the last day of the next academic semester is changes to a failing (F) grade automatically and is recorded on the student's official transcript.

Reporting Grades

Students receive grades directly from the Office of Academic Affairs after the close of each semester. Other academic notices, such as midterm course alerts and/or written evaluations, are sent directly to students; copies are also sent to parents or guardians upon prior written consent of students in accordance with FERPA regulations.

Grade Changes

Grade changes are initiated by the instructor of record in the course only and are approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. A Grade Change Form with the new grade must be submitted within one semester from the close of a grading period or the grade automatically is recorded as a failing (F) grade.

Academic Complaint and Grade Appeal

All academic complaints and final grade appeals must be filed in writing and directed to the Vice President of Academic Affairs following the procedures outlined in the Student Handbook. To appeal a final grade, the student must take the following steps:

1. The student asks the instructor to recalculate the final grade. The instructor completes a grade worksheet within two working days, signs it, dates it, and gives one copy to the student. If, in fact, there is a grading error, a copy of the grade worksheet and a Change of Grade Form is forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs for an official grade change.
2. If a question remains, the student may appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for a recalculation of the final course grade. Upon receipt of the request, the Vice President of Academic Affairs will contact the faculty member and review the grade worksheet of the student in question. The instructor will submit the worksheet within two working days of the request and appropriate action will be taken by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The student is notified of the final decision in writing.

Grade Point Average

The student accumulates credit points toward a grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points Per Unit</u>
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0

In computing grade point averages, the 0.0 earned by a grade of F is included, except when the course has been repeated and a passing grade earned. However, grades of Incomplete, Non-Credit Passing, Withdraw Fail, Withdraw Pass, and Credit are not calculated in the grade point average.

ACADEMIC STANDING

Classes Defined

Students will be classified by level on the basis of semester hours satisfactorily earned, as follows:

Freshman:	00-29 semester hours
Sophomore:	30-59 semester hours
Junior:	60-89 semester hours
Senior:	90 or more semester hours

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND HONORS

Restricted Programs of Study

Any freshman having less than a 1.7 grade point average for the first semester, and all other students having less than a cumulative 2.0 average, may be required to take a limited program of study the subsequent semester.

A student is considered to have made no academic progress if he/she accumulates an excessive number of Incomplete (I) and/or Failing (F) grades. The student may be restricted from registering for further course work.

Academic Probation

A student who does not make satisfactory progress is subject to Academic Probation in the next semester. A student who is placed on Academic Probation in the second consecutive semester or who incurs probation in any third semester may be dismissed from the College. A student on Academic Probation may be limited to a reduced course load and/or may be required to take developmental courses. Other remedial interventions may also be implemented at the recommendation of the student's advisor or the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

A student placed on Academic Probation will receive a letter from the Office of Academic Affairs advising of probationary status with a copy to the student's academic advisor. The letter will only be sent to the student's parents with the consent of the student in accordance with FERPA requirements.

Academic Probation may affect a student's academic standing, eligibility for financial aid, and the student's ability to complete the degree in the time required. Academic Probation shall be imposed in full accordance and compliance with all the policies, rules, and regulations of the Institution

Dismissal or Suspension

The College reserves the right to suspend or dismiss, at any time, any student who, in the opinion of College authorities, has violated college policies as stated in the Student Handbook. If a student is dismissed, financial obligations to the College are governed by regulations as stated in the *Beacon College Catalog* and in the Student Handbook.

Academic dismissal or suspension shall be in accordance with all the policies, rules, and regulations of the Institution as stated in the *Beacon College Catalog*.

Withdrawal

A student who withdraws from the College must complete a Withdrawal Form with the Office of Academic Affairs or the student will not be considered officially withdrawn and may be subject to penalties. Official transcripts, and other student records, will not be released until the student is officially withdrawn from the College.

Readmission

Students who withdraw, fail to register, or are dismissed from the College for any reason must apply for readmission to the College through the Admissions Office. The Admissions Committee reviews each request for readmission to determine the need for additional, up-to-date information: new academic testing, references, personal statement, and college transcript(s). An admissions visit may be required.

An academically disqualified student is not eligible for readmission for at least one semester or two semesters, to be determined by the College, following the disqualification. If readmitted, the student will be provisionally admitted and will be expected to satisfy the requirements of provisional admission as stated in the *Beacon College Catalog* to be eligible to continue to study at Beacon College in the next semester. The policy of Beacon College assures nondiscriminatory procedures for readmission.

Termination of Veterans Benefits Due to Unsatisfactory Progress

The Veterans Administration will be notified to terminate benefits due to unsatisfactory progress of any student receiving veteran's benefits who remains on academic probation beyond two consecutive semesters. The student may be recertified for veteran benefits upon attaining satisfactory progress (2.0) and being removed from probation.

Academic Honors

A student who earns high grades is considered to make exemplary academic progress. A student whose semester grade point average is 3.3 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours is recognized on the *Honors List*. A student whose semester grade point average is (4.0) is nominated to the *Presidents List*. Students who achieve exceptional standing throughout their college work are graduated with honors.

To graduate with honors, a student must complete 60 credit hours for an Associate degree or 120 credit hours for a Bachelor degree and must have achieved the following cumulative grade point average:

Cum Laude	3.4
Magna Cum Laude	3.6
Summa Cum Laude	3.8

Psi Tau Omega

Psi Tau Omega is the Beacon College Academic Honor Society. Election to this very special and prestigious organization requires three sequential steps. First, the student must earn a minimum 3.55 cumulative GPA after four semesters at Beacon College. Second, the student must be nominated by a faculty member. Third, the nominee must be elected to the Honor Society by a majority vote of the faculty.

To qualify for nomination, the student must also demonstrate a high level of integrity and academic honor.

Membership in Psi Tau Omega will be withdrawn if the student's grade point average falls below 3.00 in any semester.

CONFIDENTIALITY/ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

The College issues reports of progress, including grades, written evaluations, and letters of warning, and other academic records directly to the student. A student has access to all information pertaining to educational records and academic status. Parents or legal guardians may have access to information pertaining to education records and academic status only with the express written consent of the student under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

STUDENT SERVICES

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is responsible for providing non-academic student support services and activities that contribute to the cultural, social, intellectual, moral, and physical development of the students. The Office of Student Services provides a wide variety of activities throughout the year to promote student development, campus community involvement, and to increase faculty, staff, and student interaction.

In order to produce well-rounded individuals, the Office of Student Services staff is committed to providing out-of-classroom experiences to enhance the environment in which students learn and to promote growth and development in all areas of the student's life.

The following services are also available for each student: counseling, student activities, food services, housing, and campus transportation.

COUNSELING

The College offers professional counseling and related services in a safe and secure environment where students are free to confidentially discuss any issues of concern at no cost to them. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the counselor for assistance with personal development and transitional issues. The Counseling Office is centrally located on campus and provides a warm welcome to all members of the Beacon College Community.

FOOD SERVICES

The dining hall is located in the Stoer Building at 122 East Main Street and is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday-Friday. Meal times are published in the Student Handbook. Cookouts and special meals are offered on alternating weekends as well. Food Service operates on a buffet-style system and the cost for meals is included in the board fees. The College reserves the right to modify the delivery of food services based on student needs. At times, special events off campus include meal service and in these cases no food service is provided on campus.

Students with special dietary restrictions due to health related issues should make an appointment with the Food Service Manager to discuss their dietary concern(s).

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The Beacon College Village Apartments serve as the College's residence halls. The apartments are within walking distance of the Main Street campus. At Beacon College, residential life plays an integral part in the student's program, not only as a supportive environment but also as a means of building life experiences. This unique and rewarding housing system enables students to live in apartments and develop independent living skills while attending college. Residential Assistants are employees of Beacon College who provide student support and supervision in student housing. College rules and regulations are enforced by Resident Assistants.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student is expected to be familiar with all of the policies, rules, and regulations published in the Beacon College Student Handbook. Every student receives a copy of the Handbook from the Office of Student Services at orientation.

TRANSPORTATION

The College operates a van transportation system to provide students access to field placement externships and college-sponsored activities within Lake County. The van operates on a set schedule developed by the Office of Student Services. Based on availability, students may schedule individual transportation to medical appointments through the designated Resident Assistants for a minimal fee. While every effort is made to accommodate student's schedules and needs, transportation is provided as available and cannot be guaranteed in every instance. Excessive cancellations may result in loss of individual transportation.

AUTOMOBILES

Automobiles may be maintained on campus. Having a car on campus is a privilege. Students having cars must submit a copy of their driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance to the Office of Student Services. All cars parked on campus must display a Beacon College Parking Sticker (fee applies). Failure to maintain a current Parking Sticker may result in fines and loss of campus driving privileges.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Boating, tennis, jogging, aerobics, biking, fishing and swimming are available year-round in the Leesburg area. Movies, restaurants, dinner theatres, museums, etc., are within a 30-minute driving time. Additionally, the College is near superb beaches and special sites, including the following:

Walt Disney World	44 miles
Silver Springs	35 miles
Cypress Gardens	90 miles
Busch Gardens	80 miles
Kennedy Space Center	60 miles
Daytona Beach	69 miles
Weeki Wachee Springs	68 miles
Sea World	42 miles
Universal Studios	44 miles

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Any student who seeks to file a formal complaint should do so in writing to the Office of Student Services. Specific procedures for filing the complaint are outlined in the Student Handbook. If the complaint pertains to an academic concern, the student should follow the procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook under Academic Complaint.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

LIBRARY

The mission of the Beacon College Library is to provide library materials, services and instruction in an environment that supports the mission and curriculum of the College.

Beacon College provides a full-service academic on-campus library. The library collection includes print, audio, and video materials, and a number of electronic resources accessed through the Beacon College Library Homepage. The Library also has access to the State University System Libraries through the Beacon College Library Homepage with borrowing privileges provided through interlibrary loan agreements. In addition, the Library maintains agreements with the Leesburg Public Library, Lake Sumter Community College, and the University of Florida libraries for direct borrowing privileges.

New students are introduced to the library through course work, seminars and information literacy workshops. Training includes bibliographic instruction and electronic databases, and the Internet. Individual assistance is available at any time during regular library hours.

COMPUTER CENTER

The College's Computer Center is equipped with multimedia technology and networked computer workstations. In addition to word processing, email, and World Wide Web access, the Computer Center provides page scanners, voice-activated dictation software, and computerized reading programs to enhance and support the learning process of students with learning disabilities. Individual work stations insure ready access to systems technology including assistive technology that supplements and complements classroom instruction.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Beacon College faculty is committed to helping students achieve individual success. Faculty members facilitate instruction by designing appropriate learning accommodations that reflect an understanding of different learning styles. Team Meetings allow faculty to discuss teaching methods and effective intervention techniques while assessing student progress. An emphasis on self-awareness and strategies for lifelong learning are facilitated by faculty and students working together. A low student-faculty ratio provides the opportunity for individual attention while fostering the competencies necessary for success.

GENERAL EDUCATION

The General Education Department provides a foundation of basic competencies for all degree programs. General Education courses contribute to the total development and educational growth of the student. These courses are required by the Florida Department of Education and the regional accrediting body.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Students declare a major in one of three programs: Human Services, Liberal Studies, and Computer Information Systems. When declaring a major in Human Services, students are required to complete 18 credits in a Human Services sequence for the A.A. degree or 39 credits in the sequence for a B.A. degree. When declaring a major in Liberal Studies, students are required to complete 18 credits in a Liberal Studies sequence for the A.A. degree or 39 credits in a sequence for a B.A. degree. When declaring a major in Computer Information Systems (CIS), students are required to complete 21 credits in a CIS sequence for the A.A. degree or 36 credits for a B.A. degree. After declaring a major, students may also choose to declare a minor which requires at least 18 credits in the minor field of study.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Computer Information Systems major offers students the opportunity to learn about the latest technology used in today's marketplace, as well as explore the vast number of career choices available to those skilled in this area. Students are able to choose one of two tracks to meet their specific career goals: the *Information Systems Track* or the *Web and Digital Media Track*.

The A.A. degree in Computer Information Systems *Information Systems Track* provides students with a background of incorporating technology into the corporate world. The A.A. degree in the *Web and Digital Media Track* provides the student a basic understanding of creating professional digital media and web pages.

The B.A. degree in Computer Information Systems *Information Systems Track* provides students a thorough background of how to implement information systems and retrieve valuable information needed by managers to make effective decisions in today's world market. The B.A. degree in the *Web and Digital Media Track* provides students with courses in designing web pages that are professional, creative, and expressive through digital media.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services major provides comprehensive knowledge of the theoretical foundations of the social sciences and offers practical experience in the professional fields associated with public and community services. This major field of study focuses on psychological and sociological approaches to understanding the holistic development of individuals, families, and communities. Through field placements, students gain work experience designed to facilitate employment in the human services field. A career in human services involves working with people in assisting them to adapt, change, and cope with physical and social conditions in their environment.

The A.A. degree in Human Services provides students with an introductory understanding of the factors that affect human growth and development and the range of delivery of services in the field. The B.A. degree in Human Services provides a comprehensive understanding of human behavior and the associated skills to enhance employment opportunities in the field of Human Services.

LIBERAL STUDIES

The Liberal Studies major provides a broad-based liberal arts education for students seeking intellectual growth and personal change. Liberal Studies exposes students to a variety of subjects designed to establish a basis for lifelong learning and attainment of personal goals. In Liberal Studies courses, students learn communication and critical thinking skills. Students also learn to interpret human experience through studies of aesthetic, historical, ethical, and cultural foundations. Students help to design their degree by choosing courses in areas of emphasis and minors, and completing internship hours directed to employment or continuing education.

The A.A. degree in Liberal Studies provides students with an educational foundation before entering the work force or pursuing further study or professional training. The B.A. degree in Liberal Studies provides students with a comprehensive liberal arts education to enhance employment opportunities and personal development, and to encourage a lifelong commitment to learning.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

Developmental Education classes are designed to provide instruction in the fundamental skills of writing, reading, mathematics, and college success, which are necessary for academic success at the college level. College Placement exams are administered to entering students to determine readiness for college-credit-bearing courses. Specific developmental education courses are designed to match the skills and needs of the students as determined by the placement assessment.

The College awards institutional credit to developmental course work. Institutional credits, however, do not apply to the College's graduation requirements of 60 hours for the Associate of Arts Degree or 120 hours for the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Upon successful completion of developmental course work, students may progress to credit-bearing course work in composition, literature, and mathematics.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Academic Mentoring

In order to foster student success, the College offers one-on-one academic mentoring services that are designed to enhance students' academic performance and encourage lifelong learning. Academic mentors are trained in a variety of mentoring methods, which are tailored to identify students' individual learning style and incorporate proven learning strategies, test-taking tips, critical thinking skills, and self-regulation that support that style. The ultimate goal is to help students acquire the tools necessary to become independent learners and achieve their academic goals.

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is a student-centered academic assistance program that increases academic performance through collaborative learning strategies. Instead of targeting “at risk” students, Supplemental Instruction targets traditionally difficult academic courses and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class study sessions that offer students an opportunity to discuss and process the course content in a supportive environment. As a result, Supplemental Instruction allows students to obtain needed assistance before they encounter academic difficulty.

Special Accommodations

Beacon College facilitates the academic success of its students by providing special accommodations to students identified as at-risk. These accommodations may include interactive computer-based programs, taped texts, test modifications, and audiovisual aids. In order to receive an accommodation, the student should consult with the academic mentor during the first two weeks of a semester and identify areas of concern in which a special accommodation may help.

Writing Center

The purpose of the Writing Center is to help students to develop their reading and writing skills by encouraging them to think critically about the processes involved in both. The Writing Center offers students assistance in every phase of the writing process, from generating ideas, to drafting and editing a paper. The Center is equipped with the latest reading technology including Kurzweil, Dragon Speech, IBM Via Voice, and Inspiration.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATE AND BACHELOR DEGREES

The Associate and Bachelor degrees in Computer Information Systems, Human Services, and Liberal Studies are conferred upon completion of the academic degree programs prescribed and recommendation of the candidates by the faculty. The Associate degree requires 60 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. The Bachelor degree requires 120 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

The minimum graduation requirements for the Associate Degree and the Bachelor Degree in Computer Information Systems, Human Services, and Liberal Studies are:

1. Completion of thirty-six (36) semester hours in general education;
2. Completion of academic degree requirements in respective major program, (Computer Information Systems, Human Services, or Liberal Studies);
3. Completion of academic degree requirements in respective minor program, if applicable;
4. Completion of a minimum of six (6) semester hours in field placement in Bachelor degree programs;
5. Completion of integrated review seminars and academic assessments for academic degree program;
6. Completion of required exit examinations in selected courses;
7. Completion of graduation petition.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS GENERAL EDUCATION

The minimum general education requirements in Computer Information Systems, Human Services, and Liberal Studies. A.A. and B. A. Degree Programs are as follows:

- I. **English and Communication:** Nine (9) semester hours of College Composition (ENG 1101), Composition and Literature (ENG 1102), and Rhetoric (ENG 2272)
- II. **Computer Information Systems:** Six (6) semester hours of computer information systems courses derived from Introduction to Computer Information Systems (CIS 1255) and Computer Applications (CIS 1256) (1)
- III. **Humanities and Fine Arts:** Six (6) semester hours of Introduction to Humanities (HUM 2710) and Art Appreciation (ART 2051)
- IV. **Mathematics/Natural Science:** Six (6) semester hours are derived by three (3) semester hours from College Algebra (MAT 1907) *or* Modern Mathematics (MAT 1901), and three (3) semester hours of Science/Environmental Studies (SCI/ENV 2107) *or* Human Evolution and Prehistory (SCI/ANT 2719)
- ~~IV.~~V. **Social/Behavioral Sciences:** Six (6) semester hours of History of the United States Government (HIS 1576) and General Psychology (PSY 2851)
- ~~V.~~VI. **Critical Thinking:** Three (3) semester hours of Critical Thinking (EDU 2863)

(1) Student has option of testing to earn the credit for CIS 1255 which is a pre-requisite for CIS 1256 and other computer information system courses. If the student passes the test, CIS 1255 would be waived. See the Chair for information on the course options.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE: COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS INFORMATION SYSTEMS TRACK

The Computer Information Systems Associate Arts (A.A.) degree major in the Information Systems Track requires the completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The A.A. degree in Computer Information Systems *Information Systems Track* provides students with a background of incorporating technology into the corporate world.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the Computer Information Systems A.A. degree in the Information Systems Track:

I. General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II. Information Systems Track Requirements	21
CIS 2000 Ethics in Technology	
CIS 2257 Web Page Design	
CIS 2258 Computer Programming Concepts	
CIS 3251 Database Management	
CIS 3263 Electronic Commerce	
CIS - CIS Elective	
BUS - BUS Elective	
III. Personal Growth and Self-Efficacy	3
PSY 2950 Personal Development	

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE: COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS INFORMATION SYSTEMS TRACK

The Computer Information Systems B.A. degree major in the Information Systems Track requires the completion of 120 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The B.A. degree in Computer Information Systems *Information Systems Track* provides students a thorough background in how to implement information systems in the corporate world to retrieve valuable information needed by managers to make effective decisions in today's world market.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the Computer Information Systems B.A. degree in the Information Systems Track:

I.	General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II.	Information Systems Track	36
	CIS 2000 Ethics in Technology	
	CIS 2257 Web Page Design	
	CIS 2258 Computer Programming Concepts	
	CIS 2265 Introduction to Assistive Technology	
	CIS 2275 Networking & Communications	
	CIS 3251 Database Management	
	CIS 3259 Systems Analysis & Design	
	CIS 3262 Decision Support Systems	
	CIS 3263 Electronic Commerce	
	CIS 4262 Management Information Systems	
	BUS - BUS Elective	
	BUS - BUS Elective	
III.	Personal Growth and Self-Efficacy	3
	PSY 2950 Personal Development	
IV.	Field Placement	6
	PSY 4606 Psychology of the Workplace/Field Placement	
	PSY 4607 Culture of the Workplace/Field Placement	
V.	General Electives	39

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE: COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS WEB AND DIGITAL MEDIA TRACK

The Computer Information Systems A.A. degree major in the Web and Digital Media Track requires the completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The A.A. degree in the *Web and Digital Media Track* provides the student a basic understanding of creating professional digital media and web pages.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the Computer Information Systems A.A. degree in the Web and Digital Media Track:

I. General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II. Web and Digital Media Track Requirements (Major)	21
CIS 2257 Web Page Design	
CIS 2258 Computer Programming Concepts	
CIS 2264 Introduction to Computer Graphics	
CIS 2267 Digital Media I	
CIS/ART 3250 Digital Photography and Graphics	
CIS - CIS Elective	
CIS - CIS Elective	
III. Personal Development and Self-Efficacy	3
PSY 2950 Personal Development	

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE: COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS WEB AND DIGITAL MEDIA TRACK

The Computer Information Systems B.A. degree major in the Web and Digital Media Track requires the completion of 120 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The B.A. degree in the *Web and Digital Media Track* provides students with courses in designing web pages that are professional, creative, and expressive through digital media.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the Computer Information Systems B.A. degree in the Web and Digital Media Track:

I.	General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II.	Web and Digital Media Track Requirements	36
	CIS 2215 Internet Technology & Media Art	
	CIS 2257 Web Page Design	
	CIS 2258 Computer Programming Concepts	
	CIS 2264 Introduction to Computer Graphics	
	CIS 2267 Digital Media I	
	CIS 2268 Digital Media II	
	CIS/ART 3250 Digital Photography and Graphics	
	CIS 3263 Electronic Commerce	
	CIS 3267 Digital Audio & Video Production	
	CIS 3275 Internet Languages	
	CIS 4270 Digital Media Seminar	
	CIS 4275 Web Design Seminar	
III.	Computer Information System Electives (Information Systems/Computer Graphics)	15
IV.	Personal Development and Self-Efficacy	3
	PSY 2950 Personal Development	
V.	Field Placement	6
	PSY 4606 Psychology of the Workplace /Field Placement	
	PSY 4607 Cultural of the Workplace/Field Placement	
VI.	General Electives	24

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE: HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services A.A. degree major requires the completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The A.A. degree in Human Services provides students with an introductory understanding of the factors that affect human growth and development and the range of delivery of services in the field.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the Human Services A.A. degree:

I. General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II. Human Service Degree Requirements	18
HMS 1501 Introduction to Human Services	
HMS 1601 Public and Private Agencies	
PSY 1801 The Family	
EDU/ANT 2831 Multicultural Diversity	
PSY 2852 Human Development	
PSY 2950 Personal Development	
III. General Electives	6

Sample of Page 51

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE: HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services B.A. degree major requires the completion of 120 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The B.A. degree in Human Services provides a comprehensive understanding of human behavior and the associated skills to enhance employment opportunities in the field of Human Services.

The following is the prescribed academic program for the Human Services B.A. degree:

I.	General Education Requirements (See page 43)	36
II.	Human Service Degree Requirements	39
	HMS 1501 Introduction to Human Services	
	HMS 1601 Public and Private Agencies	
	PSY 1801 The Family	
	PSY 2852 Human Development	
	PSY 2950 Personal Development	
	HMS 3605 Community Health Issues	
	PSY 3803 Adult Development and Aging	
	PSY 3861 Abnormal Psychology	
	PSY 4805 Substance Abuse	
	HMS 4806 Ethical Issues in Human Services	
	HMS 4612 Counseling Strategies & Interventions	
	HMS 4615 Human Services Senior Seminar	
	ANT/EDU 2831 Multicultural Diversity	
III.	Human Services Electives	9
	HMS/PSY	
IV.	Field Placement	6
	PSY 4606 Psychology of the Workplace/Field Placement	
	PSY 4607 Culture of the Workplace/Field Placement	
V.	General Electives	30

Sample of Page 52

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE: LIBERAL STUDIES

The Liberal Studies A.A. degree major requires the completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The A.A. degree in Liberal Studies provides students with an educational foundation before entering the work force or pursuing further study or professional training.

The following is the prescribed academic program for the Liberal Studies A.A. Degree:

I. General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II. Liberal Studies Degree Requirements	18
HIS 2572 History of Western Civilization I <i>or</i>	
HIS 2573 History of Western Civilization II	
ANT 2706 General Anthropology	
ANT 3704 Cultural Anthropology	
ANT/EDU 2831 Multicultural Diversity	
LIT 2855 World Literature	
III. Personal Growth and Self-Efficacy	3
PSY 2950 Personal Development	
IV. General Electives	3

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE: LIBERAL STUDIES

The Liberal Studies B.A. degree major requires the completion of 120 semester hours, including the general education requirement of 36 semester hours. The B.A. degree in Liberal Studies provides students with a comprehensive liberal arts education to enhance personal development and encourage a lifelong commitment to learning.

The following is the prescribed academic degree program for the major in Liberal Studies B.A. degree:

I.	General Education Requirements (See page 34)	36
II.	Liberal Studies Degree Requirements	39
	HIS 2572 Western Civilization I	
	HIS 2573 Western Civilization II	
	ANT 2706 General Anthropology	
	ANT 2831 Multicultural Diversity	
	ENG 3323 Media Studies	
	ANT 3704 Cultural Anthropology	
	LIT 2855 World Literature	
	LBS 4408 Senior Research Seminar in Liberal Studies	
	LBS 4804 Ethics	
	LIT - Elective (6 Credits) (*)	
	HIS - Elective (6 Credits) (*)	
III.	Personal Growth and Self-Efficacy	3
	PSY 2950 Personal Development	
IV.	Field Placement	6
	PSY 4606 Psychology of the Workplace/Field Placement	
	PSY 4607 Culture of the Workplace/Field Placement	
V.	General Electives	36

(*) Electives must be earned at the 3000 or 4000 level only

MINORS

Beacon College offers students in the B.A. programs the opportunity to select six (6) areas of minor concentration: Business Management, Computer Information Systems, Education, English/Literature, History, and Psychology. Students must successfully complete the following requirements to earn a minor: Courses are substituted at the sole discretion of the Chair.

Business Management

The Business Management minor is designed to develop an understanding of the business industry and management profession including theories, principles, and historical and ethical issues. The Business Management minor allows the student to gain basic knowledge and skills necessary for seeking employment in organization. The Business Management minor also promotes the development of critical thinking, analytical, research and writing skills.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

BUS	2500	Principles of Marketing
BUS	2600	Principles of Management
BUS	2274	Personal Finance
BUS	3211	Topics in Business
BUS	3318	Business Communications
BUS	-	Elective (3000/4000 level)

Computer Information Systems

The Computer Information Systems minor is designed to provide a basic background of incorporating technology into the corporate world. The Computer Information Systems minor allows the student to gain a basic understanding of creating digital media and web pages. The Computer Information Systems minor also promotes the development of critical thinking, analytical, research and writing skills.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

CIS	2000	Ethics in Technology
CIS	2264	Introduction to Computer Graphics
CIS	2257	Web Page Design
CIS	2258	Computer Programming Concepts
BUS	2600	Principles in Management
CIS	3263	Electronic Commerce

Education

The Education minor is designed as an introduction to the classroom setting and the responsibilities of a teacher. The minor does not qualify students for their certificate nor does it allow them to test for certification. The Education minor is an opportunity to build a foundation that enables the student to pursue interest in teaching field.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

EDU/ANT	2831	Multicultural Diversity
EDU	2864	Foundations of Education

PSY	2852	Human Development
EDU	3866	Educating Exceptional Children
EDU/PSY	3873	Educational Psychology
EDU	4753	Topics in Education

English/Literature

The English/Literature minor is designed for students interested in literature and writing beyond the basic General Education requirements. The courses offered within the minor help sharpen critical thinking, analytical, and writing skills. The English/Literature minor also promotes the development of critical thinking, analytical, research and writing skills.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

LIT	2855	World Literature
LIT	3350	British Literature
LIT	3353	US Literature Pre-1876
LIT	3354	US Literature Post-1876
ENG/LIT	-	Upper Level (3000/4000)
ENG/LIT	-	Upper Level (3000/4000)

Psychology

The Psychology minor is designed for students who seek an understanding of human behavior in diverse populations. The Psychology minor allows students to develop a clear understanding of the difference between normal and abnormal behavior and to facilitate successful interventions and referrals. The Psychology minor also promotes the development of critical thinking, analytical, research and writing skills.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

PSY	2852	Human Development
PSY	3803	Adult Development and Aging
PSY	3861	Abnormal Psychology
PSY	3869	Child Psychology
PSY/EDU	3873	Educational Psychology
PSY	-	Elective (3000/4000 level)

History

The History minor is designed to give students with an intellectual curiosity about history, a basic foundation of historical literacy and the implications for the future. Students in the History minor develop critical thinking, analytical, research, and writing skills that are required for success in most fields of employment. The History minor also promotes the development of critical thinking, analytical, research and writing skills.

Students must successfully complete the following courses (18 credits):

HIS	2577	United States History Before 1876
HIS	2578	United States History Since 1876
HIS	4100	United States History Since World War II
HIS	4200	Slavery and Race in American History
HIS	-	Elective (3000/4000 level)
HIS	-	Elective (3000/4000 level)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Availability of courses are marked Fall (F), Spring (S), or Summer (Su) Terms. Electives (E) are offered based on class enrollment and may not be offered every semester and/or year.

ART

ART 2051 Art Appreciation (F/S) 3 credits
Explores painting, sculpture, and architecture as art. A study of art history provides an understanding of where art began and how it developed. *Lab fee.*

ART 2300 Fundamentals of Drawing (E) 3 credits
Introduces drawing methods and techniques. Focuses on the enhancement of creative expression and communication. *Lab fee.*

ART 2701 Sculpture (E) 3 credits
Introduces the concept of plastic art and working creatively in three dimensions. *Lab fee.*

ART 2754 Ceramics (E) 3 credits
Introduces the basic concepts of hand building ceramics with emphasis on methods of construction, surface decoration, glazing and firing techniques. *Lab fee.*

ART/CIS 3250 Digital Photography and Graphics (F/S) 3 credits
Explores photography as a visual, digital medium. Composition, contrast, and tone artistically manipulated. Students will also learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop. *Lab fee.*

ART 3052 Topics in Art (E) 3-9 credits
Topics of current interest are presented in group instruction. Topics may include drawing, painting, sculpture, or theatre/film. This course may be repeated with different content. Lab time may be required in addition to classroom hours. Advanced topics may be taken as ART 4054. *Lab fee.*

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANT 2706 General Anthropology (F/S) 3 credits
The scientific study of the biological and cultural characteristics of the human condition. Particular emphasis is placed on evolution, archaeology, and cultures of the world.

ANT/SCI 2719 Human Evolution and Prehistory (F/S) 3 credits
This science-based course combines aspects of archaeology and physical anthropology. Key concepts and terminology are applied to the interrelated subjects of human biological and cultural evolution.

ANT/EDU 2831 Multicultural Diversity (F/S) 3 credits
A study of America from the historical perspectives of its diverse ethnic groups. Topics include racial and ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual identity, power and racism, and diversity awareness.

ANT 3704 Cultural Anthropology (E) 3 credits
A study of the origin and development of human life ways with emphasis on non-Western societies. A comparative perspective is used to examine technology, language, social organization, religion, and values. Attention is also given to contemporary world problems.

ANT 3707/4715 Topics in Anthropology (E) 3 credits
Topics vary and may include archaeology, Celtic studies, environmental ethics, and Southwestern prehistory.

BUSINESS

BUS 2274 Personal Finance (F) 3 credits
Emphasizes the strategies necessary for informed consumer decisions and personal money management. Topics include income, budgeting, priorities, money management, investments, taxation, and banking.

BUS 2500 Principles of Marketing (F) 3 credits
Examination of the functions and institutions involved in the marketing of goods and services. Reviews the business environment and how to adapt to success, weakness, opportunities and threats. Marketing strategies and identification of the four Ps of marketing.

BUS 2600 Principles of Management (S) 3 credits
Examination of the basic principles of management underlying the solving of organizational challenges and operation of business enterprises. Reviews of various management theories and practices and an analysis of centralized versus decentralized decision-making and their effects on corporate behavior.

BUS 3211 Topics in Business (E) 3-9 credits
An advanced examination of selected topics in specific areas of study in business.

BUS/ENG 3318 Business Communications (E) 3 credits
The study and practice of the kinds of internal and external forms of business communications. Practice in researching, writing, and editing of letters, memos, reports, promotions, product descriptions, and/or proposals. Includes oral presentations and relevant ethical issues. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101)

BUS 3525 Human Resource Management (F) 3 credits
Studies the relationship between management and employees. Principles of dealing with the human factor to maximize the individual's fulfillment and the productive efficiency of the firm through sound procurement. Development and utilization of the firm's employees with an introduction to labor-management relations. Includes an overview of the legal implications of human resources upon business.

BUS 3550 International Business and Management (F) 3 credits
Students examine the environment and operations of international business and management. Topics include the globalization of management; strategic planning for multinational, global and transnational organizations; multinational structure; foreign subsidiary coordination and control; and special issues concerning expatriate employees.

BUS 3575 Organizational Behavior (F) 3 credits
Studies in the change, innovation, challenge and development in organizational structure and functions. Explores behavioral aspects of life in the organizational setting. Includes case studies involving changing the way work is done, changing communications and influence patterns, and changing managerial strategy.

BUS 4500 Business Law (F) 3 credits
Designed to acquaint the student with the common practical laws as applied to ordinary business procedures. Review of basic legal concepts including contract law, business transactions and related terminology.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- CIS 1255 Introduction to Computer Information Systems (F/S) 3 credits**
An introductory course in the area of computer information systems with an emphasis on microcomputer applications. Topics include computer literacy, computer hardware and software components and computer applications in business, science, education, and government. Word processing, e-mail, Internet, and disk operating systems are also introduced. Requires no prior experience with computers and students with experience may take an equivalency examination and if the student passes the equivalency examination the course may be waived.
- CIS 1256 Computer Applications (F/S) 3 credits**
An exploration of software applications in word processing, spreadsheets, database management, and presentation software. Software applications are integrated and applied to various professional fields. (Prerequisite: CIS 1255)
- CIS 2000 Ethics in Technology (S) 3 credits**
A survey of special ethical problems and issues associated with technology. Current ethical issues as a result of our increasing use of computers will be explored.
- CIS 2215 Internet Technology and Media Arts (F) 3 credits**
A survey of the World Wide Web and its issues, content, and uses. Technology trends, research, copyrights, privacy and censorship will also be examined.
- CIS 2257 Web Page Design (E) 3 credits**
Exploration of the World Wide Web and its web page designs. This course will show how to create home page templates using HTML. Home pages will then be customized with the use of graphics, image mapping, and multimedia. Links to the homepage will also be included. (Prerequisite: CIS 1255)
- CIS 2258 Computer Programming Concepts (E) 3 credits**
An overview of computer language concepts and how it is used for problem solving of computer errors. A variety of programming languages will be introduced. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 2264 Introduction to Computer Graphics (E) 3 credits**
An introduction to the use of computer graphic software and hardware from an artistic and marketing point of view. The use of graphic software will be used for the design and layout of projects. (Prerequisite: CIS 1255 or CIS 1256)
- CIS 2265 Introduction to Assistive Technology (F) 3 credits**
An exploration of the types of technological devices used to aid students with disabilities. Methods of matching the proper technological device with the disability are demonstrated. Methods and systems used to effectively implement and maintain the assistive technology's effectiveness will also be explored. Areas such as funding assistive technology will be addressed.
- CIS 2267 Digital Media I (F) 3 credits**
An introduction to concepts related to the creation of digital media. Areas to be covered include audio, video, and graphics. Students will engage in the multimedia creation process. (Prerequisite: CIS 1255)
- CIS 2268 Digital Media II (S) 3 credits**
An advanced use of audio, video, graphics to develop enhanced digital media. Students will become more proficient users of selected software programs in these areas. Emphasis is placed on developing high-quality, professional-looking layouts while mastering the advanced features of this software. (Prerequisite: CIS 2267)
- CIS 2275 Networking and Communications (F) 3 credits**
Various types of networking concepts will be explored. A survey of different types of communications with technology will also be examined. The course will involve entry-level, hands-on networking projects. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)

- CIS/ART 3250 Digital Photography and Graphics (F/S) 3 credits**
 Explores photography as a visual, digital medium. Composition, contrast, and tone artistically manipulated. Students will also learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop. Lab fee. (Prerequisite: CIS 2264)
- CIS 3251 Database Management (E) 3 credits**
 Database concepts, terminology and implementation are reviewed. Presents development of schemas and entity relationships, and how to apply them to current Database Management Systems. Topics in ethics and security of databases will be explored. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 3259 Systems Analysis and Design (E) 3 credits**
 An overview of systematically planning, testing and implementing information systems in various organizations. The course explores the development life cycle of a system. Logical methodologies of designing information systems are incorporated in the form of a final project. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 3261/4254 Topics in Computer Information Systems (E) 3 credits**
 An examination of areas within Computer Information Systems. The area of study will relate to various organizations. Topics will be announced prior to registration. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 3262 Decision Support Systems (S) 3 credits**
 This course examines the design, development and implementation of information-technology-based systems that support managerial and professional work, including Communications-Driven and Group Decision Support Systems, Data-Driven DSS, Model-Driven DSS, Document-Driven DSS, and Knowledge-Driven DSS. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 3263 Electronic Commerce (E) 3 credits**
 Explores the basic concepts and strategies for understanding expanding opportunities in relation to electronic commerce. Organizational, business, managerial, and strategic implications for electronic commerce will be examined.
- CIS 3265 JavaScript (E) 3 credits**
 Expands on the basics of web page design. Students explore ways of expanding the capabilities of web pages through the use of JavaScript. (Prerequisite: CIS 2257)
- CIS 3267 Digital Audio and Video Production (S) 3 credits**
 A presentation of nonlinear audio and video creation methods. The course will also explore visualization, storyboarding, and editing. (Prerequisite: CIS 2268)
- CIS 3273 Business Applications (E) 3 credits**
 Explores various software programs used in business and the latest technology that aids organizations and seeks to project future changes. Developments that impact business computer applications are examined. (Prerequisite: CIS 1256)
- CIS 3275 Internet Languages (S) 3 credits**
 Concepts of web programming and types of programming are presented. Various programming languages such as JavaScript, XHTML, and XML are used to develop web applications. (Prerequisite: CIS 2257)
- CIS 4262 Management Information Systems (F/S) 3 credits**
 A capstone course for Computer Information Systems. Examination of organizational structures and how each level can provide useful information. Students will explore how the organization develops and maintains an information system. A final project will be developed applying the concepts of management information systems. (Prerequisite: CIS 3251 or CIS 3259)
- CIS 4270 Digital Media Seminar (F/S) 3 credits**
 Students will apply digital media concepts, software and principles to create professional digital projects. Presentations and group projects will be part of the project development process. (Prerequisite: Senior Standing)

CIS 4275 Web Media Seminar (F/S) 3 credits
Students will apply web media concepts, software and principles to create professional Web-based projects. Presentations and group projects will be part of the project development process. (Prerequisite: Senior Standing)

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

EDU 0020 Writing Strategies (F/S) 3 credits
Develops basic writing skills through short writing assignments. Emphasizes writing as a process, including generating ideas, formulating and supporting a thesis, revising and proofreading, as well as mechanics, usage, and spelling. May be used as a prerequisite to ENG 1101. (Institutional Credit)

EDU 0030 Reading Strategies (F/S) 3 credits
Designed to develop reading fluency and comprehension. Group discussion provides practice in critical analysis of stories, essays and articles. May be used as prerequisite to LIT 2855. (Institutional Credit)

EDU 0031 Mathematic Strategies (F) 3 credits
Develops basic mathematical skills including decimals, fractions, order of operations, and basic algebra. May be used as a prerequisite to MAT 1901. (Institutional Credit)

EDU 0041 College Success (F/S) 3 credits
Designed to facilitate success in college academic courses. This course incorporates study skills, library research and transition topics for new students. (Institutional Credit)

EDUCATION

EDU/ANT 2831 Multicultural Diversity (F/S) 3 credits
A study of America from the historical perspectives of its diverse ethnic groups. Topics include racial and ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual identity, power and racism, and diversity awareness.

EDU/PSY 2863 Critical Thinking (F) 3 credits
A practical and functional study of the principles of reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Skills are taught within the context of social issues with an emphasis on developing analytical skills useful in both academic and personal settings.

EDU 2864 Foundations of Education (F) 3 credits
A study of the purpose of education; the relationship of the school to the larger community; the social, cultural, and philosophical dimensions of American education; and requirements for entering the teaching profession.

EDU 3865 Introduction to Teaching Methods (F) 3 credits
Provides skill acquisition in planning, developing, and general methods of implementing curriculum at both the elementary and secondary school levels. Evaluating instruction and classroom observations are practical applications of this course.

EDU 3866 Educating Exceptional Children (F) 3 credits
A survey of educational, psychological, sociological, and medical aspects of children with disabilities. Attention is given to characteristics, potential capabilities, and methodologies for instruction.

EDU/PSY 3873 Educational Psychology (S) 3 credits
An overview of the foundations of educational psychology and theories of learning. Motivation and learning environments will also be presented, as well as developmental issues that affect learning. The teaching and assessment process will also be reviewed. (Prerequisite: PSY 2851)

EDU 4753 Topics in Education (E) 3-9 credits
An examination of selected topics in specific areas of study in education.

ENGLISH

ENG 1101 College Composition (F/S) 3 credits
Designed to develop skills in writing multi-paragraph essays with emphasis on exposition, including the selection, restriction, organization and development of topics. Students examine selected writing samples as models of form and sources of ideas for their own writing.

ENG 1102 Composition and Literature (F/S) 3 credits
This course is an introduction to the basic concepts used in reading literature and in writing about literature. Specifically, the course explores the three principal literary genres (fiction, poetry, drama) and the terms that apply to an understanding of how to read those genres. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101)

ENG 2272 Rhetoric (F) 3 credits
Develops the important skills of putting forth a logical argument and convincing others of the argument's validity. Students will be required to prepare and deliver speeches demonstrating these abilities. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101, ENG 1102)

ENG 3305 Creative Writing (E) 3 credits
Writing workshop designed to help students develop creative writing skills, including journals, character sketches, short drama, short stories, poems, articles, and/or creative essays. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101)

ENG/BUS 3318 Business Communications (F) 3 credits
The study and practice of the kinds of internal and external forms of business communications. Practice in researching, writing, and editing of letters, memos, reports, promotions, product descriptions, and/or proposals. Includes oral presentations and relevant ethical issues. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101)

ENG 3323 Media Studies (E) 3 credits
An introduction to journalistic writing, this course encompasses the elements of news writing including basic story forms--obituaries, disasters, crime, business and consumer news, sports--as well as writing for broadcast, public relations, and the Internet. (Prerequisite: ENG 1101)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

ENV/SCI 2107 Environmental Studies (E) 3 credits
A non-laboratory interdisciplinary study of people in their environments. Explores topics through an integrated and science-based study of environmental problems, connections, and solutions.

ENV/SCI 2109 Topics in Science (E) 3-9 credits
Topics vary and many include human biology, general biology, health science, and environmental science.

FIELD PLACEMENT

PSY 4606 Psychology of the Workplace/Field Placement (F) 3 credits
Weekly seminars emphasizing communication skills, time management, organizational skills, business ethics, and understanding the psychology of the workplace. Requires completion of 40-60 field placement hours in a community based work environment and practice in interviewing and job search techniques and networking strategies.

PSY 4607 Culture of the Workplace/Field Placement (S) 3 credits
Weekly seminars emphasizing leadership skills, conflict/resolution management, self-advocacy, transitional issues, and understanding the work culture. Requires completion of 40-60 field placement hours in a community-based work environment and development of a transitional plan from college to the workplace.

HISTORY

- HIS 1576 History of the United States Government (F/S) 3 credits**
Surveys the development of the American political system. It examines the struggle for democracy and the structure of the United States government, and provides a framework for how the American political system works.
- HIS 2572 History of Western Civilization I (F) 3 credits**
Surveys the development of European society and its impact upon the rest of the world from ancient times to 1600.
- HIS 2573 History of Western Civilization II (S) 3 credits**
Surveys the development of European society and its impact upon the rest of the world from 1600 to present.
- HIS 2577 United States History Pre-1876 (F) 3 credits**
Examines the development of the United States from its colonial past to the beginning of Reconstruction. Emphasis is placed on the motivating factors of dissent, the Enlightenment, and slavery.
- HIS 2578 United States History Post-1876 (S) 3 credits**
Examines the development of the United States from Reconstruction to the present. Emphasis is placed on struggles for social justice, the growth of American power, and the rise of mass culture.
- HIS 3500 United States Environmental History (E) 3 credits**
Surveys historical changes in the perceptions, attitudes, and uses of the natural world from the colonial era to the present. Students will explore how American society has both altered and protected its environment over time.
- HIS 3550 Florida History (E) 3 credits**
Surveys Florida history from 1513 to the present. Emphasis is placed on Florida's Spanish and British colonial periods.
- HIS 3574/4575 Topics in History (E) 3 credits**
An advanced examination of selected topics in specific areas of study in history.
- HIS 3600 United States Military History (F) 3 credits**
Surveys the history and progress of the Armed Forces of the United States from the colonial period through the first Gulf War (Desert Storm).
- HIS 4000 History of the Atlantic World (F) 3 credits**
Surveys the basic themes in Atlantic World history from contact, colonization, and slavery to the global struggle for control of the Atlantic colonies between the fifteenth and nineteenth centuries. Each semester students will focus on a particular aspect of the Atlantic World. Topics covered include piracy and privateering, intercolonial warfare, and Native American history. (Prerequisite: HIS 2577 and HIS 2578)
- HIS 4100 United States History Since World War II (S) 3 credits**
Surveys United States history from 1946 to the 1990s. This class focuses on American popular culture, politics, and societal changes during the last half century. Topics that are covered include: the Cold War, Communism, social activism, the rise of mass culture, the Vietnam War, and dissent in Modern America. (Prerequisite: HIS 2588)
- HIS 4200 Slavery and Race in American History (S) 3 credits**
Surveys the Atlantic slave trade from 1441 to 1888 and explores how slavery and racism have shaped American history, culture, and society. Class discussion will focus on the fight for racial equality from Reconstruction to present. In addition, students explore how the Civil Rights struggle has emerged in various arenas of popular culture such as motion pictures and popular music. (Prerequisite: HIS 2577 or instructor approval)
- HIS 4250 Modern Latin America (E) 3 credits**
Surveys the history of Latin America from the nineteenth century to the present. Students examine the diverse history and cultures of South and Central America and the Caribbean.

HUMANITIES

HUM 2700 Introduction to Humanities (S) 3 credits

This course will examine the creative achievements of world civilizations through a study of representative examples of art, literature, music, philosophy and drama. The materials selected for this course represent diverse cultures from around the world, providing the student with a global perspective. Major themes expressed in the works and their reflections of the values of their cultures are also examined.

HUM 2709 Religions of the World (F/S) 3 credits

A survey of the major religions of the world, emphasizing the relationships of their major tenets to our modern society.

HUM 3833/4834 Topics in Humanities (SU/E) 3 credits

An advanced examination of selected topics in specific areas of study in Humanities.

HUMAN SERVICES

HMS 1501 Introduction to Human Services (F) 3 credits

An overview of the human services field from historical, cultural, and political perspectives. Explores the philosophical and theoretical foundations underlying the necessity for human services in contemporary societies.

HMS 1601 Public & Private Agencies (F/S) 3 credits

Explores the operational factors involved in the organization of human service agencies, including both intra-agency and inter-agency communication networks, fiscal management, and strategies for identification and resolution of conflict within agencies. Includes site visits to local community agencies for observation.

HMS 3605 Community Health Issues (S) 3 credits

A study of the spectrum of health problems characteristic of communities in America. Topics include the organization of community health, occupational risks, communicable diseases and their prevention, epidemiological factors, health issues related to under-served populations, and efforts to preserve the community. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

HMS 3616/4617 Topics in Human Services (E) 3 credits

An advanced examination of selected topics in specific areas of study in Human Services. Topics may include Child Abuse and The Human Services and other relevant issues in the field. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

HMS 4610 Crisis Intervention in the Human Services Field (E) 3 credits

A comprehensive study of the methods and techniques utilized in crisis intervention and their theoretical foundations. Topics of discussion include suicide, death, natural disasters, domestic violence, rape and AIDS. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

HMS 4611 Case Management (E) 3 credits

Examines the principles and issues in case management by addressing models of service delivery, collaborative intra-agency efforts, and systems of inter-agency referrals. Particular emphasis is placed on a study of the diverse populations in need of case management services. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

HMS 4806 Ethical Issues in Human Services (S) 3 credits

A modern survey of the principles and theories of moral conduct within the scope of the human services industry. The behaviors of professionals, consumers, and organizations are scrutinized in a comprehensive study of the moral responsibilities that guide the interrelationships inherent in the delivery of human services. Moral judgment and decision-making are applied to the establishment and implementation of social policy and its regulation. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

HMS 4612 Counseling Strategies & Techniques (S) 3 credits
A practical study of individual, group, marriage, family and play therapy. Techniques utilized include those appropriate for children, teenagers and adults. Emphasis on research-based interventions is provided.

HMS 4615 Human Services Senior Seminar (F) 3 credits
This course integrates the information learned in all of the student's psychology, behavioral science, and human services courses. The goal of the course is to prepare the student for the Human Services Department Comprehensive Examination. The course combines seminar reviews and self/group-directed study.

LIBERAL STUDIES

LBS 4804 Ethics (S) 3 credits
An introduction to the systematic analysis and development of sound inquiry and decision-making based on moral principles and theories. Topics of application include issues relevant to contemporary society.

LBS 4808 Senior Research Seminar in Liberal Studies (F) 3 credits
Students demonstrate knowledge, critical thinking, and communication skills reflecting the Liberal Studies major in an extensive capstone paper and presentation.

LITERATURE

LIT 2855 World Literature (F/S) 3 credits
Examines the cultural, aesthetic, and historical development of world culture as reflected in the literature. (Prerequisite: ENG 1102)

LIT 2901 Film Literature and Analysis (E) 3 credits
Examines a variety of cinematic productions by applying the same methods traditionally used to analyze and discuss printed literary texts. This class is designed to introduce students to the study of the relationships between literary and cinematic forms and works from the premise that films are narratives with all the basic elements of literature. (Prerequisite: ENG 1102)

LIT 3320/4320 Topics in Literature (E) 3 credits
Topics vary among genre, author, period, and theme studies. Possible topics include (but are not limited to) drama, film as literature, minority literature, mystery and detective fiction, children's literature, poetry and/or short stories. This course may be repeated with different content. (Prerequisite: ENG 1102)

LIT 3350 British Literature (E) 3 credits
Examines the cultural, aesthetic, and historical development of England as reflected in literature during the period from the departure of the Romans to the present.

LIT 3353 American Literature Before 1876 (F) 3 credits
Examines the foundations of the American experience. Students will trace the concepts of dissent, rugged individualism, Puritanism, the Enlightenment, and self-reliance as they are developed in the literature of Early America. (Prerequisite: ENG 1102)

LIT 3354 American Literature After 1876 (S) 3 credits
Examines the developing foundations of the American experience. Shows the relationships between the thoughts and feelings reflected in American Literature after the Civil War and in American society today. (Prerequisite: ENG 1102)

LIT 4200 African American Literature (E) 3 credits
Examines a variety of African American oral and written works including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, essays, and drama. The content will consider the African American experience from slavery to the present day.

MATHEMATICS

MAT 1901 Modern Mathematics (S) 3 credits
Examines the nature of mathematics, accessible problems in various fields, and some of the historical and contemporary roles of mathematics in human intellectual achievement. Students are guided through numerous puzzles, constructions, and exercises in a way that allows them to participate in the development of mathematical ideas.

MAT 1907 College Algebra (S) 3 credits
Includes work on real numbers, variable expressions, solving questions and inequalities, linear equations and inequalities, systems of linear equations, polynomials, factoring, algebraic fractions, radical expressions, and quadratic equations. This course emphasizes contemporary application problems. (Prerequisite: MAT 1901 or approved by advisor)

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY 1801 The Family (F) 3 credits
A cross-cultural approach to analyzing and understanding the individual, marriage, family, and society. Explores conflict and resolution of family issues and the changing family systems in society.

PSY 2851 General Psychology (F/S) 3 credits
Provides an overview of the principles of human behavior and the scope and methods of psychology. Topics include human development, intelligence, emotion, motivation, personality, social psychology, and abnormal behavior.

PSY 2852 Human Development (F/S) 3 credits
Provides basic knowledge regarding human development from conception to death. Presents the lifespan in ten developmental stages. Surveys physiological, cognitive, and psycho-social development.

PSY/EDU 2863 Critical Thinking (F) 3 credits
A practical and functional study of the principles of reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Skills are taught within the context of social issues with an emphasis on developing analytical skills useful in both academic and personal settings.

PSY 2950 Personal Development (F/S) 3 credits
Develops self-awareness and a personal philosophy, examines personal and social values and increases social and emotional intelligence.

PSY 3803 Adult Development and Aging (S) 3 credits
An examination of the physiological, cognitive and social factors involved in the psychology of aging. Emphasis is placed on the development of theoretical structures based on data from research and applications. (Prerequisite: PSY 2852)

PSY 3861 Abnormal Psychology (E) 3 credits
A comprehensive study of the nature, causes, identification, and treatment of abnormal behavior. Topics include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, severe emotional disturbances, and their relationships to the major theoretical models in clinical psychology. (Prerequisite: PSY 2851)

PSY 3869 Child Psychology (F) 3 credits
An introduction to the theoretical approaches to the study of child development during the prenatal, infancy, childhood, and adolescent periods. Contributions from physiological, psychological, and social influences are examined. (Prerequisites: PSY 2851)

PSY/EDU 3873 Educational Psychology (S) 3 credits
An overview of the foundations of educational psychology and theories of learning. Motivation and learning environments will also be presented, as well as developmental issues that affect learning. The teaching and assessment process will also be reviewed. (Prerequisite: PSY 2851)

PSY 4805 Substance Abuse (F) 3 credits
Explores an understanding of substance usage and abuse through the perspectives of family, community, society, church, and state. Examines substance usage and abuse on multiple levels including sociological, psychological, cultural, and physiological. Encourages critical thinking relating to the effects of substance usage and abuse on individuals. (Prerequisite: HMS 1501)

PSY 4862 Psychology of Dreams & The Unconscious Mind (E) 3 credits
An intensive study of the phenomenon of dreams from psychological perspectives. Cultural interpretations and contemporary applications in psychotherapy are examined. (Prerequisite: PSY 2851)

PSY 4872 Topics in Psychology (E) 3 -9 credits
Topics vary based on student interest. Topics may include Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Psychology of Learning, or Contemporary Issues in Psychology. (Prerequisite: PSY 2851)

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

SCI/ENV 2107 Environmental Studies (E) 3 credits
A non-laboratory interdisciplinary study of people in their environments. Explores topics through an integrated and science-based study of environmental problems, connections, and solutions.

SCI/ENV 2109 Topics in Science (E) 3 -9 credits
Topics vary and may include human biology, general biology, health science, and environmental science.

SCI/ANT 2719 Human Evolution and Prehistory (F) 3 credits
This science-based course combines aspects of archaeological and physical anthropology. Key concepts and terminology are applied to the interrelated subjects of human biological and cultural evolution.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair

Richard Williams, Ph.D.
Evergreen, CO

Trustees

Sam P. Battaglia
Nutley, NJ

Pam Lawrence

New York City, NY

Eileen Marinakis, R.N.

Ocean City, NJ

John Unchester

Mountainside, NJ

Vincent Ziccolella, Ph. D.

Stuart, FL

Honorary Trustees:

John D'Addario

Lattingtown, NY

Sylvia Neill

McKinney, TX

Catherine Timmeny

Annadale, VA

CORPORATE OFFICERS

President

Deborah A. Brodbeck, M.S.

Treasurer

B. Earle Holley, M.A.

Secretary

Kim A. Padgett, A.A., A.S.

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

President

Brodbeck, Deborah A.

B.S., Mercy College: Psychology: Special Education Teaching Certification

M.S., Fordham University: Learning Disabilities

Doctoral Studies, Fordham University: School Psychology

Vice President of Academic Affairs

O'Grady, Patricia A.

B.S., University of San Francisco: Psychology

M.S., California State University: Clinical Psychology (28 Hours)

Ph.D., University of Maryland College Park: Special Education and Psychology

Vice President of Educational Support Services and Institutional Effectiveness

Good, Johnny L.

B.A.A.S., University of Texas: Vocational Education

M.S., University of Texas: Special Education

Ed.D., Texas A & M University: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction in Secondary Education

Special Assistant to the President

Dowdy, Ronald R.

B.S., University of Maryland: Personnel Management

M.S., Troy State University: Counseling and Guidance

Ed.S., Troy State University: Education

Ed.D., Auburn University: Higher Education Finance and Administration

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

Vice President of Finance and Administration

Holley, B. Earle

B.S., University of South Carolina: Business Administration

M.A., University of South Carolina: Accounting

Business Manager and Coordinator of Financial Aid

Padgett, Kim

A.S., Lake Sumter Community College: Business Management

A.A., Lake Sumter Community College: Liberal Studies

Business Administrative Support

Eckhart, Cynthia

Vice President of Student Services

Bridgeman, Robert A.

Morse School of Business: Business Management

A.S., Northeastern Christian Junior College: Computer Science

B.A., Cabrini College: Political Science/Business

J.D., Regent University: Law

Director of Student Life

Georgo, Maria C.

B.A., Salisbury State University: Communication Arts

M.S., Central Connecticut State College: Counseling and Guidance

Counselor

Wright, Talia D.

A.A.S., Harper Community College: Nutrition

B.A., National-Louis University: Behavioral Sciences

M.S., National-Louis University: Counseling

Administrative Support/Student Services

Retjos, Helen

B.A., Queens College: Business Administration

Resident Assistant

Martin, Jonathan

A.A., Beacon College: Human Services

B.A., Beacon College: Human Services

M.B.A. Candidate: Webster University: Business Administration

Resident Assistant

Perrico, Donna

Vice President of Enrollment Management & Admissions

Bruck, Mary F.

B.S., St. Francis University: Education

M.ED., Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Reading

Ed.S., Nova Southeastern University: Education Administration & Gifted Education

Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University: Educational Leadership

Admissions Counselor

Budd, Kelly

B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: Communications

Registrar/Administrative Support Academic Affairs

Champagne, Sabine

A.A., English, Broward Community College

B.A., Florida Atlantic University: English/Sociology

Administrative Support/Institutional Advancement

Diggs, DeAnna

A.A. Candidate, Lake-Sumter Community College: Liberal Studies

FACULTY AND SUPPORT STAFF

Department Chair: Computer Information Systems

Fleming, James E.

B.A., Saint Leo College: Psychology/Computer Information Systems

M.S., National-Louis University: Management

D.B.A., University of Sarasota: Business Administration/Computer

Department Chair: Human Services

Chandler, Shelly

B.A., Oakland University: Psychology

M.S., Troy State University: Counseling & Psychology

Ph.D., Barry University: Philosophy, Counseling Specialization

Department Chair: Liberal Studies

Runyon, Shane

B.A., Flagler College: History

M.A., Montana State University: History

Ph.D., University of Florida: History

Director of Field Placement

Paget, Kendal

B.A., Upper Iowa University: History/Sociology; Secondary Education Teaching Certification

FACULTY AND SUPPORT STAFF

FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

Chandler, Shelly: Associate Professor

B.A., Oakland University: Psychology

M.S., Troy State University: Counseling & Psychology

Ph.D., Barry University: Philosophy, Counseling Specialization

Faaland, Per: Instructor

B.A., University of California: History

M.A., California State University: Psychology

M.Div., Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary: World Mission

Fleming, James E.: Associate Professor

B.A., Saint Leo College: Psychology/Computer Information Systems

M.S., National-Louis University: Management

D.B.A., University of Sarasota: Business Administration/Computer Information Systems

Galyon, Van: Associate Professor

B.A., University of Central Florida: Art and Psychology

M.F.A., Florida State University: Studio and Art History

Good, Johnny L.: Professor

B.A.A.S., University of Texas: Vocational Education

M.S., University of Texas: Special Education

Ed.D., Texas A & M University: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction in Secondary Education

Masembe, Harriet: Professor

B.A., Makerere University: Literature in English: British, European, and African Literature

M.A., University of Wisconsin: African Languages and Literature

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin: African Languages and Literature

Nesbitt, William: Assistant Professor

A.A., Thomas University: Liberal Arts

B.A., Thomas University: English

M.A., Valdosta State University: Literature

Ph.D., Florida State University: Literature

Novak, Sandra: Assistant Professor

B.F.A., Temple University: Art Studio

M.F.A., University of Santa Barbara: Art Studio

Patestides, Michele: Instructor

B.A., Barnard College: Program in the Arts

M.S., Nova Southeastern University: Varying Exceptionalities

Rahman, Jennifer: Assistant Professor
B.S., University of Florida: Psychology
M.S., Valdosta State University: Psychology
Ph.D., Ball State University: School Psychology

Ross, Terri: Professor
B.A., Florida Southern College: Social Sciences
M.A., Skidmore College: Anthropology/Environmental Studies
Ph.D., The Union Institute: Anthropology/Education

Runyon, Shane: Associate Professor
B.A., Flagler College: History
M.A., Montana State University: History
Ph.D., University of Florida: History

Seymour, Kaye: Instructor
B.S., East Tennessee State University: Elementary and Exceptional Education
M.Ed., University of Central Florida: Exceptional Education

Sweet, Kenneth: Instructor
B.S., Fayetteville State University: Social Science Education
M.A., University of Central Florida: Social Science

PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

Bridgeman, Robert A.: Professor
Morse School of Business: Business Management
A.S., Northeastern Christian Junior College: Computer Science
B.A., Cabrini College: Political Science/Business
J.D., Regent University: Law

Grondahl, Terry: Adjunct Instructor
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University: Psychology
M.A., Tennessee Technological University: Educational Psychology

Lapine, Richard: Adjunct Instructor
A.A., State University of New York: Business Administration
B.S., Florida State University: Marketing
M.A., University of Phoenix: Organizational Management

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services Specialist

Seymour, Kaye
B.S., East Tennessee State University: Elementary and Exceptional Education
M.Ed., University of Central Florida: Exceptional Education

Reading Specialist

Kelly-Vlangos, Carol
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Green Bay: Communication/Action
M.A., Azusa Pacific University: Education/Teaching
Ed. S., Nova Southeastern University: Elementary Education

Academic Mentors

Boone, Crystal

B.A., University of Central Florida: Social Work

Gabriel, Lucretia

B.S., Cornell University: Science Education-Biology, Earth Science

M.S., SUNY at Albany: Science Education-Biology

Paget, Kendal

B.A., Upper Iowa University: History/Sociology; Secondary Education Teaching Certification

Patestides, Michele

B.A., Barnard College: Program in the Arts

M.S., Nova Southeastern University: Varying Exceptionalities

Sweet, Kenneth

B.S., Fayetteville State University: Social Science Education

M.A., University of Central Florida: Social Science

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Coordinator of Library Resources

Wade, Dianna

B.A., Limestone College: English

M.L.S., Florida State University: Library Science - Academic & Public Libraries

Administrative Assistant to Library/Learning Resource Center

Sager, Norma

Director of Information Resources and Computer Center

Fleming, James E.

B.A., Saint Leo College: Psychology/Computer Information Systems

M.S., National-Louis University: Management

D.B.A., University of Sarasota: Business Administration/Computer Information Systems

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From Orlando International Airport, take State Road 528 West (Beeline Expressway, Area Attractions) to the Florida Turnpike sign and exit.

Travel North on the Florida Turnpike to EXIT 285 (Leesburg-Clermont Exit). At the end of the EXIT 285 ramp, turn right on Highway 27 to Leesburg.

Proceed approximately 12 miles to Leesburg. Turn right on West Main Street and continue 7/10 of a mile.

Beacon College administrative and admissions offices are located on the right at 105 East Main Street. Free parking is available in front of the Administrative Building at 105 East Main Street and in the public parking garage across West Main Street from the Beacon College Library at 101 West Main Street.

For additional information:

**Beacon College
105 East Main Street
Leesburg, FL 34748**

**Phone: (352) 787-7660
Fax: (352) 787-0721**

**Web Site: <http://www.beaconcollege.edu>
E-mail Admissions Office: admissions@beaconcollege.edu**

NOTES

NOTES

NOTES
