

The BC Experience

Beyond the Classroom

at Brevard College



Kayaking isn't theoretical.

It's actual – and at Brevard College, that's how we like to teach. We prefer a more hands-on, participatory approach. BC Students regularly find themselves outside of the classroom, learning through doing. BC's experiential learning opportunities include travel abroad, service projects and program/classroom field trips.

Study Abroad

BC students have many opportunities to venture abroad for credit – sometimes it's local or regional, but often it's to far off places like Peru, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Cambodia, Argentina, Iceland and Germany.

BC provides on-going study abroad opportunities in London and Costa Rica. Students and faculty regularly participate in these programs, but many other opportunities are available as well. Working together with faculty and the staff of the Academic Enrichment Center, students may choose almost any country as an option for study abroad taking advantage of existing networks within other colleges and universities.

BC faculty regularly lead study abroad trips during the summer and winter breaks. From choir tours to geological expeditions, faculty extend the classroom experience to the real world. Often these extraordinary learning opportunities are interdisciplinary in nature. Faculty from different areas join together to provide unusual perspectives and provide a truly exciting educational experience. Recent trips have linked archeology and geology (Patagonia) and wilderness leadership and creative writing (southern states).

"The Bavaria trip was a life changing experience. As a music major, I, along with my fellow classmates, have thoroughly studied the lives of composers, their music, and the rich culture from which they came. It was incredible to be in the cities of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and many others."

— 2008 Bavaria Trip



5 Fast Facts:

- One of the best comprehensive liberal arts colleges in the South
- One of the best Freshman Experience programs in the nation
- One of the top performing arts centers in the south: The Porter Center for the Performing Arts
- 40+ majors/minors, pre-professional studies and teacher licensure
- One of the top 40 college towns in the US – *Outside Magazine*

Service

BC students get involved. In fact, Brevard College places great emphasis on service and servant leadership. Our College motto is “Learn, in order to serve.” All of our incoming new students spend one of their first days on campus taking part in “Move A Mountain Day” – a day of service projects at local organizations in our community. Faculty and staff join in on this annual celebration of giving back and of establishing a priority of serving others.

Throughout their years at Brevard College, students are regularly engaged in service both on and off campus. All student clubs and organizations, including all athletic teams, are required to build service projects into their semester schedules. Students are serving at the local Boys and Girls Club, the Rescue Squad, and on campus through our Community Garden Project and our own BC Recycling Club. Additional opportunities are available for students through AmeriCorp’s VISTA program and North Carolina’s own NC-ACTS. Both organizations provide numerous opportunities for students to pursue local, regional and national opportunities for service.

Service can also be built into the curriculum, providing students specific means of proving what they have learned through giving back to others. The Brevard Common Experience courses often require service components in the freshman and senior courses. One of our newest courses, “Global Experiences in Service,” provides students the opportunity to study the culture, social and political challenges of a selected country and then spend a week on-site during the semester. Students are able to apply their learning in tangible and often life-changing ways.

“...singing songs, hammering nails into bamboo, sweating and laughing right beside my new friends in Cambodia—the experience has transformed my life. I will never look at a garbage dump the same way again. I hope to never forget the perseverance it takes to live day to day for those who are so poor.”

—2008 Trip to Cambodia



Other unique BC Experiential Programs

Voice of the Rivers

Voice of the Rivers is a Brevard College expedition focused on the interdisciplinary study of a river from the source to the end. Students traverse a river from its source to its end presenting information to communities along the way. This experience is open to students of all majors.

“This morning, sometime around 1:00 a.m., we were awakened to the lightning from an oncoming storm. We all acted quickly: putting rain flies on our tents, flipping boats, securing gear and assuming the lightning drill position. We all retreated to the trees where we would not be the tallest thing around and then crouched on our sleeping pads, watching the beautiful show.”

2008 Voice of the Rivers

Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL)

This new program provides a selected group of women a residential experiential enrichment program. IWIL members commit to service hours in the community, mentoring middle and high school girls. They take courses developed just for the program that offer chances to learn more about leadership and identify development. The program is supplemented by guest speakers, regional and national travel and curriculum requirements.

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