Brock Boarding Pass

Your ticket to international education at Brock University

From: Around the World **To:** St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

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A NOTE FROM THE DR.

WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT IMD!

Welcome to the September edition of the Brock Boarding Pass!

September is an exciting month for us here in the Niagara Region! Every year, the community celebrates one of our most prosperous industries at the Niagara Wine Festival. At Brock, we join in the celebration with "Brock Days", an annual event for alumni, community members, and students!

At IMD, we are pleased to introduce you to our newest staff member, tell you about the opportunities with our International Language Testing office, and remind you of what the "Official" in "Official Transcripts" stands for.

After adjusting to Brock during Orientation Week, students are settling into their classes and routines. We encourage all students, staff, and community members to take advantage of the Recreation Services programs and activities this semester. Read on to learn more!

Happy reading! ☺

The IMD Doctor

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

A STORY OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Hi, my name is Adel and I am a fourth year Sport Management student at Brock University. I come from Moscow, the capital city of Russia. My hometown is one of the biggest cities in the world with the population of over 15 million people.

I selected Brock University because of its great Sport Management program (one of the best in Canada). Highly qualified Sport Management professors are always there to help the students to succeed in their studies and professional path. Moreover, living very close to Toronto, which is one of the biggest sport markets in the world, provides you with great opportunities to work for the most recognizable sport organizations in the world such as the NHL (National Hockey League), NBA (National Basketball Association), MLB (Major League Baseball), NFL (National Football League), and MLSE (Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment).

The most challenging part about moving to Canada for me was learning a new language and making new friends. It was challenging at the beginning, but in a short amount of time I adjusted to living in a new environment. People in St. Catharines are very friendly. Even if you do not speak English perfectly, everyone still tries to understand and help you.

ADEL FROM RUSSIA

A 4th YEAR SPORTS MANAGEMENT STUDENT

Being part of the Brock Community entails volunteering and attending different events. During my second and third year at Brock, I served as Vice - President and Treasurer of the International Student Association (ISA). Volunteering created a great opportunity for me to meet new friends and become more involved in the University life. The best tip that I can give to new students is the following: become involved in Brock life right away and never forget to smile!

-Adel

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

BROCK'S INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS

Our travel locations for the fall include:

SEPTEMBER
Canada
- Ontario
- British Columbia

China
United States
- New York

Vietnam
OCTOBER
68th National NACAC Conference
- Denver, Colorado

Antigua
Canada
- Ontario

China
India
St. Lucia
Trinidad
United States
- Michigan
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER
Bahamas
Bermuda
Canada
- Ontario

China
Korea
Tokyo
United States
- California
- Florida

If we will be in your area and you would like to set up a meeting or have us do a presentation, be sure to email us at international@brocku.ca

www.brocku.ca

Brock University

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
RECREATION SERVICES AND ATHLETICS

We encourage all Brock students and staff members to take advantage of our Recreation Services department to achieve the perfect balance of fun and hard work!

Recreation Services offers many opportunities for the Brock community to get fit! Fitness classes, including yoga, Zumba, dance, kickboxing, and more start on Sept. 24th. Community members can experience some of the instructional programs on Sept. 18th and 19th before registering.

Students can sign up to participate in intramurals, the foundation of which is grounded in principles of integrity, fairness, and respect. Intramural sports leagues include football, soccer, volleyball, inner tube water polo, hockey, basketball, and more!

Students can try some Intramural sports before registering on Sept. 17th and 18th. Registration for intramurals closes on Sept. 19th or 25th.

GET FIT AT BROCK
RECREATION SERVICES AND ATHLETICS

Community members can take advantage of Brock's Olympic-sized swimming pool or come out and support the varsity Brock Badgers compete against other Ontario universities. Our Brock Badgers compete in sports like rowing, basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and more.

Did you know that Recreation Services is the largest student employer on-campus? They employ over 450 Brock students each year in positions as personal trainers, lifeguards, Welcome Desk staff, fitness instructors, and more! Job descriptions and applications are available in December at www.brocku.ca/recreation-services/student-employment .

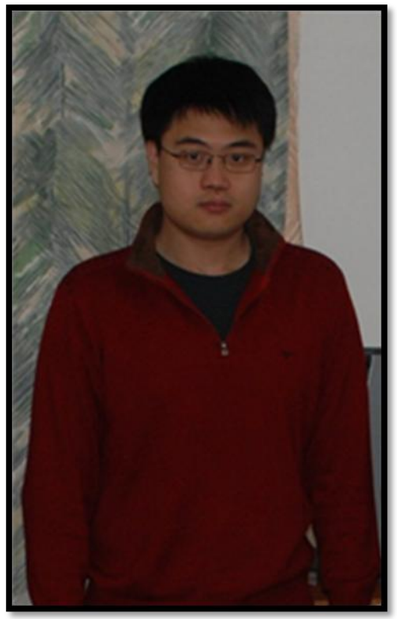
For more information about Recreation Services and facilities, visit www.brocku.ca/recreation-services .

STAFF UPDATES
WE WELCOME DANIEL TO OUR ILT OFFICE

We are pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Daniel Shuangnan Zhang (张双男), to the Brock IMD team in Beijing. Daniel will be working as our International Language Testing Office Representative in China.

Daniel will be responsible for marketing, coordinating and administering the International Test of English Language Proficiency (ITELP) in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and possible other locations in China.

Daniel will perform other duties while working with and assisting the Brock University International Language Testing (ILT) Office.



We are glad that Daniel has joined our team!

LANGUAGE TESTING
LET US COME TO YOU!

The International Test of English Language Proficiency (ITELP) is Brock University's own English language test. It can give a clear indication of students' level of English as they begin studies at the university. It is one of the tests accepted as proof of English language proficiency by Brock's Admissions Office. The test is given once a month on the Brock University campus.

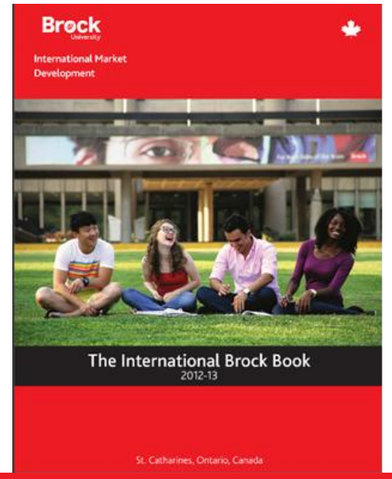
It is possible for the test to be given overseas, for groups of 15 or more in locations where the Brock International recruitment team travel. For more information on the test or to discuss possible dates for testing, please contact Jackie Spalding, International Language Testing at jspalding@brocku.ca or visit

www.brocku.ca/international-language-testing

2012-13 BROCK BOOK
YOUR GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

The 2012-13 International Brock Book is now available online at http://brocku.ca/flipbook/brockbook-int-en/

To request a hard copy of this publication, please e-mail international@brocku.ca.



OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS
Defining the "Official" in "Official Transcripts"

All applicants are asked to provide official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions. But what exactly does "official" mean? A post-secondary transcript is only considered official when it is sent directly from the issuing institution directly to Brock University's admissions office. An official transcript can never be in the possession of an applicant. ***All university and college transcripts must be official. There are no exceptions to this rule.***

Course descriptions are also required of applicants. These descriptions must be submitted with the transcript from the issuing institution. Alternatively an applicant may supply the descriptions with a link to the appropriate website.

Acceptable notarized copies - If a school does not issue new documents, a notarized copy is acceptable. However the transcript must be notarized by the school official who prepares the document. The transcript must arrive in a sealed envelope, on school letterhead in a school envelope. A transcript notarized by an official notary is NOT acceptable. This notary official does not have any way of confirming that the document is legitimate.

Secondary School Guidelines

Chinese White Booklets - These are no longer accepted by the Admissions office.

International Baccalaureate (IB) - Decision: sealed envelope from the school with predicted grades. Final transcript to clear conditions and scholarships: (1) Student provides access code for online results, or (2) official results from IBO.

CBSE - Central Board of Secondary Education - Decision: sealed envelope from school with predicated grades. Final transcript to clear conditions and scholarships: (1) Student provides access code for online results, or (2) official results from CBSE.

CAPE - Caribbean - Decision: sealed envelope from school with predicated grades. Final transcript to clear conditions and scholarships: (1) Student provides access code for online results, or (2) official results from CAPE.

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GCSE - British Curriculum - Decision: sealed envelope from the school with predicated grades. Final transcript to clear conditions and scholarships: Certifying Statement from Edexcel, Cambridge, etc.

If there is no secondary school online final available, the final document must be issued and sent directly from the issuing school in a sealed envelope, on school letterhead in a school envelope.

O-WEEK RECAP
STUDENTS MADE MEMORIES DURING ORIENTATION

Take a look at some of the memories made by students during O-Week 2012! For additional O-Week pictures, visit http://www.busu.net/events/photos/

Students move into residence!

First ever traditional Pow Wow at Brock!

EVENTS @ BROCK
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND THE CAMPUS

Brock Days

September 21-September 30

Brock Days is the perfect opportunity for the entire Brock community to come together – students, faculty, staff, and alumni – to celebrate.
www.brocku.ca/brock-days

Alumni Weekend is September 21 to 23 and features the Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Art culinary experience, and a Niagara-on-the-Lake wine tour.

Community Weekend is September 28 to 30 and features our annual Grape Stomp, the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade, and an Isaac's Army hype day for Brock rugby.

Student events happen throughout both weekends and include a pub night, a Brock Cares day of service, a community scavenger hunt, and many athletic events.

EVENTS IN NIAGARA
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND THE CAMPUS

Niagara Wine Festival

September 21-September 30

The 61st annual Niagara Wine Festival is the largest annual celebration of Ontario's award-winning wineries and vineyards.
www.niagarawinefestival.com

The festival features a grande parade (September 29), daily concerts, wine, and food tastings in downtown St. Catharines. Guest can also take part in winery tours throughout the Niagara Region.

The festival will open with a performance by Platinum Blonde (September 21) and close with a show by Walk Off the Earth (September 30)

Pumpkinville

October 13, Happy Rolph's Bird Sanctuary

This is an annual free family event that includes children's entertainment, face painting, fun, crafts, pumpkin carving, and scarecrow building contests.