



Brock Boarding Pass

Your ticket to international education at Brock University

From: *Around the World*

To: *St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada*

Date: *April 2013*

A NOTE FROM THE DR. WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT IMD!

Welcome to the April edition of the Brock Boarding Pass! Our team here at IMD are wrapping up their travel and settling back into Niagara - just in time to enjoy the April showers that we hope will bring an abundance of May flowers.

Brock students are also wrapping up their year with exams, packing up their residence rooms, and heading home for the summer. We at IMD wish all students, and especially our friends from abroad, safe travels back home.

The deadline for international students to apply to Brock was April 1, BUT there is still space in many programs, so feel free to contact us at international@brocku.ca to find out which programs are still open, and how you can apply in time for September 2013.

Aside from that, this month we bring you the story of a fourth year accounting student from China, along with information about Intercultural Studies, one of our great program options.

Oh, and if you are planning to visit our Campus, or even just tour the Niagara Region this summer, don't forget to check our event listings here and on Brock's web site.

Take care, and please feel free to show your friends back home this and any edition of the Brock Boarding Pass!

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT A STORY OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Hello, my name is Sally and I'm from Henan, China. I am a fourth year accounting student at Brock. I came to Canada after I finished high school. Why did I choose Canada? I am attracted by its multicultural feature. I love living in St. Catharines where it is much warmer than other places in Canada, especially in winter. Also, I can enjoy the scenery of Niagara Falls within 10 minutes' drive!

Here at Brock, academics are not the only thing in your life. Brock has over 70 student clubs and they are awaiting your participation. I joined the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and had a lot of fun with all my club members. Last year, I became the vice president of this club, and by being involved, I got many meaningful experiences which I would never ever learn from textbooks. Also, I have participated in a series of amazing free workshops at Brock. Through those workshops, I gained rich knowledge of Canada's job market, life beyond an accountant, and Canadian style resume, etc. This year, I am so excited to become a Beta Gamma Sigma member, whose membership only opens to the top 10% of students in the Goodman School of Business!

SALLY FROM CHINA A FOURTH YEAR ACCOUNTING STUDENT

Language is always a big barrier for me. I felt tired of thinking how to express my ideas to my native friends, so I chose keeping silent. Then I realized silence never helps me to master English nor make friends. I started talking with my friends, colleagues, professors and other people from my volunteer activities. I am getting involved in Canada and growing confidence. **SO, DON'T BE SHY! JUST TRY!**



TRAVEL SCHEDULE BROCK'S INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS

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

Our tentative travel schedule includes:

APRIL
Bahamas
Canada
• Ontario
China
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

MAY
Bermuda
Canada
• Ontario
China
OAIE Conference, St. Catharines, ON
Oman
India
United States
Pennsylvania
Singapore
Taiwan
Trinidad
United Arab Emirates
Vietnam

June
Canada
• Ontario
China
NYSACAC Conference, Buffalo, NY
Taiwan

July
Canada
• Ontario
China
OACAC Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY



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INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

RELATE TO DIFFERENT CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD

The Centre for Intercultural Studies offers an interdisciplinary Minor program, which can be combined with a Major of the student's choice. This Minor will enrich almost any major field of study. The courses will show you how a variety of disciplines can help explain the inter-relationships among nations and cultures.

With a special emphasis on language, narrative, history, philosophy and the arts, the program explores principles, mechanisms and instances of intercultural contact and communication in national or transnational settings. Students of Intercultural Studies examine ways in which similarities and differences in beliefs, values, norms, practices and aspirations illuminate not only cultural variations but also relations among individuals and groups.

The program recommends that students consider gaining experience abroad, normally in year 3. The International Field Research Project (INTC 3P91) is an optional course specifically designed for completion while abroad. The Office of International Services also facilitates formal exchange programs with numerous countries; see the International Study and Exchange entry for more information.



IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT STEPS FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

Will you be attending Brock University in September 2013? You have accepted your offer on OUAC and are wondering what to do next? Find your letter of acceptance and let's go through your next steps.

1. Confirm your place. You need to submit a \$1,000 (CAD) non-refundable tuition deposit. Upon receipt of both the OUAC acceptance and tuition deposit, you will have access to the course registration system.
2. Residence Information: The online residence application and instructions are available at brocku.ca/residence. June 3, 2013, is the deadline date for receipt of the residence application the residence deposit. Off campus housing information can be found at brocku.ca/och
3. Course Registration and Academic Advising: For information on how to register for classes refer to <http://www.brocku.ca/registrar/guides-and-timetable>. Registration for new students begins mid-June. New students with transfer credit will register later.
4. Financial Information: Information regarding tuition fees and payment options can be found at brocku.ca/finance/students/undergraduate. AFTER you have registered in your courses tuition fees owing will show on the Fee Calculator that can be accessed via the student portal at my.brocku.ca. YOU WILL NOT be sent a bill in the mail for tuition fees.
5. Study Permit: If you are not a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, you will need a study permit to study at Brock University. You should apply for this immediately. Find more information about applying for your study permit at www.cic.gc.ca.

Remember to refer back to your letter of admission for important dates and any information you may need!

EVENTS IN NIAGARA

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NIAGARA

April 26-28

Niagara Food and Wine Expo

The Niagara Food & Wine Expo is a premier international tasting event featuring wines, beers and spirits from around the globe and stunning regional wines direct from neighbouring vineyards. These delectable samples will be served alongside fresh, local cuisine prepared by top area restaurants. The event takes place at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. For more details, visit <http://www.niagarafoodandwineexpo.ca/sitepages/>.

April 20-May 5

Get Fresh in the Valley

Twenty Valley's spring winery passport program entitles you to sample new vintage and aromatic wines paired with fresh spring flavours from some of the area's finest chefs at over 20 premium wineries. Visit www.twentyvalley.ca for more info.

May 18-June 2

Niagara Annual Folk Art Festival

Celebrate "World Culture" through music, food and dance, at the 45th Annual Niagara Folk Arts Festival. Canada's Oldest continually running Heritage Festival will come alive from May 18th to June 2nd, 2013. Days in the Park & Children's Festival at Montebello Park - May 18th & 19th, International Open Houses throughout the Niagara Region, May 18th - June 2nd. Visit www.folk-arts.ca for more info.



Students from Noble Preparatory Academy in the Bahamas visited Brock University this past month.

EVENTS AT BROCK

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND CAMPUS

Monday, May 6

First day of Spring Classes

Who: Brock University
What: May 6 marks the first day of classes for the Spring Session.

Wednesday, May 8

First Day of IELP Classes

What: First day of IELP Classes. Details regarding class schedule pick-up will be announced closer to the start of term.

Saturday, May 11

Trip to Niagara Falls

Who: All IELP students
What: Join your classmates for a trip to Niagara Falls! Sign-up by emailing eslactivities@brocku.ca before 3:00pm on May 9th. (Buses will leave the International Centre at 12:00pm and leave Niagara Falls at 5:00pm)

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day Holiday (University Closed)

Who: Brock University
Where: Brock University
What: Brock University will be closed for the Victoria Day holiday.

Sunday, May 26

Brock Days Blue Jays Game in Toronto

Who: Incoming Brock Students
What: Lots of fun and a great baseball game! This day is an opportunity to celebrate your decision to come to Brock, meet other new incoming students, and watch the Blue Jays send the Orioles back to Baltimore. There will also be a number of Brock staff on hand to answer any questions you may have. For additional information, visit <https://experience.brocku.ca/events/bluejays.ezc>

