

BURGUNDY-BLUE CONNECTION

Middlesex County College

Fairleigh Dickinson University has long been the educational choice for many New Jersey high school graduates. Fairleigh Dickinson University and Middlesex County College have now initiated the Burgundy-Blue Connection (BBC), designed to assist high school graduates to pursue an A.A. or A.S. degree from Middlesex County College followed by a bachelor's degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

What is the Burgundy-Blue Connection?

The BBC is a dual admissions program offered by Middlesex County College and Fairleigh Dickinson University, in which a student must first pursue an associate's degree at Middlesex County College, followed by a bachelor's degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Who is eligible to participate in the BBC?

The program is open to any graduate from a Middlesex County high school who has completed the full-time undergraduate application process for Fairleigh Dickinson University or a currently enrolled Middlesex County College student who applies to FDU before earning 30 credits at Middlesex County College.

Which students might benefit from the BBC?

BBC is a path that makes a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University possible for the student who may not be accepted as a full-time freshman at Fairleigh Dickinson University or a student who is accepted but whose financial circumstances prevent enrollment as a full-time freshman. Currently enrolled Middlesex County College students who have earned fewer than 30 credits and plan to complete their full-time baccalaureate studies at FDU are also ideal candidates.

Must a student apply to Middlesex County College as well as Fairleigh Dickinson University to be eligible?

No. A student's application to Fairleigh Dickinson University will serve as her/his application to Middlesex County College. However, the student must sign a Burgundy-Blue Connection commitment form so that Fairleigh Dickinson University can release a copy of documents in the student's admission folder to Middlesex County College.

The Fairleigh Dickinson University application fee is waived for any student who visits either its Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, NJ or its College at Florham in Madison, NJ. The application fee for Middlesex County College is waived when application is made through Fairleigh Dickinson University.

What is the process for admission of a BBC student to Middlesex County College?

After Middlesex County College receives a student's admission documents from Fairleigh Dickinson University, it acknowledges receipt of the application schedules the student for a placement test, and sets an appointment for course selection. At that time, an academic advisor at Middlesex County College who is familiar with the BBC program will provide necessary guidance to the student in his or her path of study.

Is BBC open to students for all major areas of study at Fairleigh Dickinson University?

Yes. In most majors, Fairleigh Dickinson University has an articulation agreement with Middlesex County College. In those areas where the course of study is not clearly articulated, academic advisors from Middlesex County College and Fairleigh Dickinson University will assist the student in the proper selection of courses. However, it is recommended that students enroll in a Middlesex County College transfer program (A.A./A.S.) to maximize the number of transfer credits given at FDU.

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Can BBC students participate in Fairleigh Dickinson University's Co-op Program?

The Burgundy-Blue Connection provides students who are interested in co-operative education with the opportunity to have one six-month work experience in those majors that offer the co-operative education program. Fairleigh Dickinson University's Career Management and Professional Development course will be offered to BBC students during the second semester of their second year at Middlesex County College so that they may opt to begin a six-month co-op experience during their first term at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

How should students apply for financial aid?

Both Middlesex County College and Fairleigh Dickinson University require students to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which should be filed as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Students eligible for the BBC must request that the report from FAFSA be sent to both Middlesex County College (Code 002615) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (Code 004738).

Does Fairleigh Dickinson University offer any scholarships or grants to Middlesex County College students?

Middlesex County College students will be awarded a BBC Achievement Grant of \$4,000, equivalent to what an in-county resident would pay for the cost of an associate's degree program. In addition, Burgundy-Blue Connection students are eligible for academic achievement scholarships plus need-based financial assistance.

How does a BBC student move from Middlesex County College to Fairleigh Dickinson University?

Burgundy-Blue Connection students must achieve a 2.5 cumulative GPA in the course of study at Middlesex County College to enroll at Fairleigh Dickinson University with the \$4,000 Burgundy and Blue Achievement Grant. Students will request that Middlesex County College send their transcript to Fairleigh Dickinson University and call Fairleigh Dickinson University to indicate that they are prepared to enroll for the following term.

Are there other benefits for students in Burgundy-Blue Connection?

Burgundy-Blue Connection students will have a Fairleigh Dickinson University academic advisor in addition to a Middlesex County College advisor during their study at Middlesex County College. They will be invited to a Burgundy-Blue Connection orientation at Fairleigh Dickinson University at the beginning of their first term.

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