Getting Involved on Campus

Is another key way to increase your chances of success. It is an opportunity for you to network with other students as well as to gain a learning experience outside of the classroom.

• There are several choices to consider in making a decision to get involved. Decide if you are interested in an academic program of excellence or a club or athletics or general leadership.

If you want to join an academic excellence program you can choose from the following:

Academic Excellence Program:
• JKW School of Honors is an academic program that offers Honors courses with small class sizes and the most scholarly faculty, honors advising, and conference opportunities. See www.bergen.edu/honors.
• Honor Societies Phi Theta Kappa is an international Honor Society by invitation only. Students receive a letter of invitation to join the PTK when they meet the requirements for induction. See www.bergen.edu/phithetakappa/Pages/membershipreq.aspx.
• Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology. Any questions can be directed to Professor Anthony Yankowski (ayankowski@bergen.edu) or Dr. Anne Maganzini (amaganzini@bergen.edu).
• Sigma Chi Eta a National Honor Society in Communication. Communication Department, West Hall, W-225.

Clubs and Organizations:
Please go to www.bergen.edu/current-students/student-life-and-judical-affairs/clubs to see a list of clubs or you may create your own club. For more information please contact the Office of Student Life SC-110 ; Phone (201) 447-7215.

Athletic Programs:
For more information please contact Athletics G201- Telephone 201-447-7162

Student Government Association:
SGA serves as a link between the student body and the administration and oversees and supports the mission of the college and clubs and organizations. For more information: studentgovernment@bergen.edu -201-447-7452.
Brenda Griepenburg

My name is Brenda Griepenburg and I work part time at Bergen Community College recycling and organizing the Green Team. I was a student at Bergen from 2011-2013, and when I began directly out of high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do or what I was truly interested in. I had entered Bergen without a clue about myself! During my second semester of college, I applied for a job on the Green Team, not knowing much about recycling or environmental issues. I began recycling, which made me see how much waste we go through everyday at the college. This got my attention, and I began to learn more about energy, waste, and the pollution caused by our waste alone. Our trash is burned, which releases toxins into the air that we breathe. After knowing more about the value or recycling and reducing waste, I joined the Environmental Club, where I met people similar to me and the next year I became president of the club. Being president forced me out of my shell. I became more outgoing and confident in talking to people and reaching out about important issues. In the club, we raised awareness of out amount of trash, got the college to install water filters on three fountains, and we had speakers come in and raised awareness about the dangers of fracking. In spring 2013, I graduated from Bergen with my associates in Liberal Arts and transferred to Ramapo College, where I am currently beginning my senior year with a major in Environmental Studies. I continue to work at Bergen on the Green Team, and I enjoy working with Bergen students. The Green Team has changed a lot since 2011. We now offer service learning opportunities for many students, and we work with many students from the Turning Points Program. I enjoy working at Bergen Community College, and my decision to start my college career at Bergen was a good one, because it allowed me to figure out who I am and what I am passionate about.
Helpful Information from Bergen

Payment Information

Bill Due Dates
Account Information by term is available online through the portal at my.bergen.edu under financial information for students. Tuition and fees payment will be due on the posted deadline dates.

Methods of Payment Online
- Payment in full can be made at my.bergen.edu with MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.
- By Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Debit Card.

In-Person
- Bring your bill/schedule to the Bursar’s Office (Room L-127). You may pay in cash.
- By check or money order for the full amount. Include the student’s college ID number on the check or money order.
- By Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Debit Card.

By Mail
- Mail your bill to the Bursar’s Office along with a check or money order for the full amount. Include the student’s ID number on the check or money order to: Bursar’s Office (Room L-127) Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road Paramus, New Jersey 07652-1595

How to Activate Your Portal

Web Registration
- All currently enrolled students have a username and password and are eligible to use Portal at my.bergen.edu for looking up their academic information. Students who are in good academic standing may register via Portal.
- Forgotten username? Select What’s my user ID on the student menu.
- To get your temporary password, select What’s my password on the student menu and it will be sent to your email address on file.
- If you wish to change your email address, go to the Registration Service Window during office hours with your student ID card, driver’s license or state issued ID.
- New students who are not seeking a degree use the first two letters of your last name, with the first letter UPPERCASE, followed by SIX (6) numbers of your student ID number (do not include the leading 0).

For example:
Last name Smith and student ID# 0123456
Initial password = Sm123456

Parking Decal and ID Card
- Parking decals and student ID cards (including ID updates) can be obtained at Public Safety, Room L-154, Monday through Saturday, while classes are in session. Individual identification is required.

Online and Partially Online Courses
ONLINE COURSES (indicated by a suffix of WB, WL, or WH, e.g., SOC-101-098WB) These courses may be applied to Bergen degrees or certificates, taken as electives or for general interest, or taken for professional development.

How do online courses work?
All course information and materials are online. However, typically textbooks need to be purchased. You can access this material any time of the day from an internet-connected computer. Students participate in course discussions and interact with the instructor and other students. Some courses have online or proctored tests. Office hours also can be arranged.

Partially Online Courses
(Indicated by a suffix of HY, HL, or HH, e.g., WRT-101-005HY) These courses combine classroom and online learning by meeting fewer times per week than a traditional face-to-face class, as well as reduce travel and parking problems for students. At least one meeting time per week is replaced by schoolwork to be completed online via the Internet. These courses require that students have access to a computer (or time to spend in our free-time computer labs) and are organized, disciplined individuals who like to work independently. Students must be willing to meet with their classes for the time period specified in the master schedule. Face-to-face class time is required and an attendance policy will be enforced. For more information, please visit: www.bergen.edu/dlearning

Helpful Contact Information

Student Affairs, Paramus
Academic Advising .................................................. Room A-118
www.bergen.edu/admissions
Admissions ............................................................. Room A-115
www.bergen.edu/admissions
Center for Collegiate Deaf Education .......................... Room L-115
www.bergen.edu/cde
Center for Health, Wellness and Personal Counseling ........ Room H5-100
www.bergen.edu/hwpn
Center for Student Success ......................................... Room A-118
www.bergen.edu/coop
Educational Opportunity Fund Counselors .................... Room C-100
www.bergen.edu/ofo
International Student Center ...................................... Room C-102
www.bergen.edu/sc
Office of Public Safety ............................................... Room L-154
www.bergen.edu/publicsafety
Office of Specialized Services ..................................... Room L-115
www.bergen.edu/oss
Office of Student Life ............................................... Room SC-110
www.bergen.edu/studentlife
One Stop Registration and Financial Aid ....................... Room A-128
www.bergen.edu/registration
Student Affairs, Meadowlands
1280 Wall Street West, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
First Floor, Room 116 • (201) 301-9699
Academic Counseling; Career and Transfer Services .......... Room A-118
Financial Aid Services .............................................. Room 140 and 136
Office of Public Safety ............................................... Room 101
Registration Services ............................................... Room 126
Student Advisement ................................................ Room 126

Informational items
To obtain service for registration/bursar/financial students must access the QNOMY system.
- The Kiosks are located in A128, Outside of 115 and near public safety.
- You can view the TV monitors in the Student Center; Cafeteria: Library and near Public Safety

Registration Issues:
There is still time for you to register for fall semester.
- Classes for Fall 3 begin October 29
- These are traditional college credit classes
- To find the Fall 3 classes please go to this link: https://go.bergen.edu/WebAdvisor

Official Withdrawal Deadline:
Fall 1: 11/15; Fall 2: 11/25; Fall 3: 11/25

How to prepare for Spring semester 2015
Before you know it you will have to plan to register for classes for spring. There are several ways you can begin to plan:
- See a counselor to determine your classes. Go to room A118