



Becoming a Beloit 2018-19

Not long ago, I had a conversation with a current Beloit College student—a sophomore—who told me about her return flight to Beloit after visiting her family in Portland, Oregon, over a break. She had struck up a conversation with the person sitting next to her, and that person had asked where she was heading. Without really thinking about it, she responded instinctively that she “was going home.” Then she recognized what she had said and realized its truth and its implications. Beloit College, in fewer than two years, had become her home.

It is our responsibility, during your time at Beloit College, to teach you, challenge you, mentor you, assist you in taking responsibility for the decisions you make, put new experiences in front of you, provide you with the confidence to take risks, guide you to see opportunities, and help you understand the myriad ways your liberal arts education can be put into practice. And, have a lot of fun doing so. We have promised to do this, and we will do it exceedingly well.

But, in addition to all of that, we want Beloit College to be your home. When you arrive in the fall, make time to put your feet up, open a good book, and invite a passer-by into your room for some conversation. Begin to allow the roots to sink in. And let me say: It’s good to have you in the family. You make us all ever more proud to be Beloiters.

President Scott Bierman



Join me and other new Beloiters for a run (or walk!) on Thursday, Aug. 23.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

You're about to begin an education that's hands-on, close-knit (but big-minded), experiential, collaborative, globally and locally focused, and, above all, life-changing.

But you know all of these things already. That's why you chose Beloit. What you might not know is how to get ready to start college this fall. The "Becoming a Beloit" website and this booklet will serve as your go-to guides for what to expect, when to expect it, and what to do. Right now, the most important thing you can do to prepare is read through this guide, note important deadlines, and get online. This booklet is one of the few mailed pieces you'll receive from us this summer.

A paper copy of the checklist can be found in the front pocket of this booklet. Most forms can be submitted online; others, you print, fill out, and mail back to us.

**All required forms can be accessed via the
Becoming a Beloit checklist at
www.beloit.edu/becomingabeloit/.**

Please note: If you are an international student, a transfer student, an athlete, or a participant in programs like Student Excellence and Leadership, you'll receive additional correspondence and to-dos that are not included on this checklist.

Still have questions? Call us—a list of phone numbers for campus offices can be found on pg. 25.

Welcome to Beloit!

COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY

Luckily, you can enjoy 21st-century technology alongside Beloit’s ancient Indian mounds and historic 19th-century buildings. Here’s how to get plugged in on campus.

Get in the “tank!”

The Terrarium, that is. The Terrarium is a one-stop-shop website for Beloit College students, faculty, and staff, and it features weekly posts, campus news updates, and daily event listings.

From the Terrarium, you can access your email and other personal and academic information, as well as buy, sell, or trade items with other Beloiters on the Campus Billboard (which is password protected). Visit beloit.edu/campus to make the Terrarium your homepage.

Username and password

In the pocket of this booklet, you’ll find your Beloit username and temporary password. We highly recommend that you change your password immediately:

1. Go to www.beloit.edu/it/services/security/.
2. Follow the instructions to enroll in Beloit College’s password system.
3. Follow the prompts and change your password.

You’ll use this username and new password not only for email, but also for registering computers on the college network, printing, and accessing the Portal and Moodle (which some professors use to create online communities for classes). In order to protect your private information, as well as the privacy of your classmates, it is crucial that you **never** share your password with anyone—including parents or friends.

Email and more

Beloit College uses G-Suite (Google Apps for Education) for email. G-Suite also includes a calendar tool and a document management system called “Drive” that has unlimited storage. If you have a personal Gmail account, you already know how this works.

To access your Beloit College email account, go to the Terrarium (beloit.edu/campus) and link in through the “Email” button or go to mail.beloit.edu or gmail.com and enter your full email address as your username (yourname@beloit.edu).

Make a habit of regularly checking your Beloit email account. **Most communications you'll receive this summer will come via email**, including your housing and roommate assignment, mailbox number, and financial aid information. Your Beloit email will also be an essential tool for communicating with professors, staff, and students at Beloit College.

The Portal

The Portal is an online application that gives students access to personal academic information: things like class schedules, grades and grade point averages, and transcripts. You can check semester grades here and register for courses, as well as update personal information. Many forms referred to in this booklet are available via the Portal under the “New Students” tab. Log in through the Terrarium.

Once you know how to navigate to the Portal, **we highly encourage you to complete a survey about what it's like to come to college**. By taking this short survey, you'll be able to see how current and former students describe their experience coming to college, and then be able to share your own thoughts and feelings about becoming a Beloit. Your thoughts will help give future students a better idea of what to expect, helping to improve their transition! Please set aside 30 minutes to do this.

Sexual assault awareness assignment

To help ensure students arrive on campus ready to start a safe and healthy college life, we require you to complete a sexual assault awareness tutorial online and then participate in a discussion during New Student Days. Part of this assignment is reviewing the Student Regulations and College Policies Handbook (check out the Alcohol Policy, Sexual Assault and Misconduct Policies, and Harassment Policy under “Students” > “Handbooks & Policies” at beloit.edu/current/). Log on to the Portal to complete.

Connecting to the network

On move-in day, your Resident Assistant or other Beloiters can show you how to register your computer, tablet, phone or other mobile device with the college network. College staff will be available to assist you in Mayer Hall, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students can connect to the network through a wired port or wireless connection. Each student has a wired port in her/his/their residence hall room; to connect this way, you'll need an Ethernet cable, either 14' long (most rooms) or 25' (some special cases). You may obtain a cable from

the Beloit Information Technology Services (BITS) department, which is located on the second floor of Mayer Hall.

Wireless

Beloit College offers wireless network access in all academic, administrative, and residential buildings on campus. There is also significant outdoor wireless coverage accessible outside of Pearsons Hall and the residential quad. For more information about our wireless network (BCNet), see www.beloit.edu/it/services/network/.

Personal wireless routers are not allowed in campus buildings. Please refer to our Personal Wireless Router Policy (www.beloit.edu/it/policies/) for more information.

What kind of computer should I bring?

All students can utilize Beloit's many (free) computer labs. However, most students choose to bring their own desktop, laptop, or tablet computer. For information on campus-licensed software available for your personal computer, recommended technology hardware standards, technology discount opportunities, campus computer labs, and more, visit our Becoming a Beloit Technology Guide at <https://beloitcollege.atlassian.net/wiki/x/J4DIF>.

Antivirus software

All computers hooked up to Beloit's network must have current antivirus software. Find more information at www.beloit.edu/it/services/software-app.

Technology policies

For rules and regulations of Beloit computing, and the services the Beloit Information Technology Service department (BITS) offers, go to www.beloit.edu/it/policies/ and read:

- Ethical Use of Computing and Information Resources
- Personally Owned Technology Policy
- Computers Connected to the Beloit College Network Policy

Other communication-related things to know:

Use of preferred name on campus

To encourage a more open and welcoming campus community environment, we have a policy whereby any community member has the option to use a "preferred" first and/or middle name on campus wherever

possible. If you would like you submit a request to use a preferred name on campus, go to www.beloit.edu/registrar/preferredname/. There is a link to the request form at the bottom of the page. To ensure that your preferred name appears in a timely manner on class rosters, in Moodle, and throughout the Portal, we encourage you to submit your request no later than August 1.

Telephones

All students are encouraged to have a cell phone. This is a main line of communication not only for our emergency alert system, but also for communication between students, as well as between students and faculty/staff.

Most students use cell phones for local and long-distance calls, but a landline connection can be provided in most rooms (except in Emerson Hall Apartments). Local and campus calls are free.

Emergency alert system

The college has a campus alert system that is used to share pressing college news and to contact students, faculty, and staff in the event of an emergency. The system simultaneously distributes messages via voice (phone), text message, and email. It is tested each semester.

Emergency contact information

Log in to the Portal to give us this info (refer to the checklist). We're required to have it on file.

Publicity opt out form

You're going to have some great accomplishments in college, and at times, we may want to share them publicly. For example, you may deliver your class's Commencement address, have the lead in a play, or break a college athletic record in your sport. If you don't want us to share accomplishments like these publicly or to identify you if your photograph is taken by the college, you may opt out using this form.

Related checklist items:

Password change/email set-up, Coming to Beloit online survey, sexual assault awareness assignment, Use of preferred name on campus form (optional), emergency contact information, publicity opt out form

LIVING AT BELOIT COLLEGE

While you'll spend a lot of time in class, you'll spend even more time in your residence hall. Here's what you need to know about living on campus.

Housing/roommate assignment

You can expect to receive your housing and roommate assignment (along with your mailbox assignment) by mid-July. Before that time, the director of Residential Life considers your residence hall agreement information (due now, if you haven't submitted it already) to match you with someone compatible.

Most first-years are placed in double rooms. Occasionally, first-years have singles, triples, or, in rare instances, quads.

Residence halls

As you complete your housing agreement and once you get your housing assignment, you'll probably want to learn all there is to know about your new home. For more information, go online: photos and floor plans of each hall are available at beloit.edu/reslife/admitted. Click "Housing Options" > "Traditional Residence Halls."

Mail, shipping, and mailboxes

You'll get your campus mailbox number assignment via email in mid-July with your housing assignment. Your college address format is:

[Your Name]
Beloit College Box [your box number]
700 College St.
Beloit, WI 53511

Please don't ship anything to the college until the first week in August. The Mail Center can't process and store packages until then. The Mail Center is located in the lower level of Pearsons Hall.

Meal plans

All first-year students need to have a meal plan within the college's "Blue Tier" plan.

The Blue Plan has four options:

- 20 meals/week + \$100 in Flex/semester
- 14 meals/week + \$375 in Flex/semester (default)
- 10 meals/week + \$435 in Flex/semester
- 7 meals/week + \$525 in Flex/semester

All new students are defaulted to the 14 meal + \$375 Flex plan, but students can switch to another Blue Plan option within their first 10 days on campus.

Flex dollars are used like real dollars; you can spend \$1 on coffee or \$20 on dinner. Unused Flex dollars will roll over from fall to spring semesters but will not roll over at the end of spring term. DKs, Java Joint, Sunday night dinner in DKs, and late night snacks only accept Flex dollars. A “meal” refers only to dining in Commons or sack lunches at Java Joint, while “Flex dollars” can be used in Commons and elsewhere.

For more info about meal plans, go to:
beloitcollege.cafefonappetit.com/meal-plans/

Health forms

The forms mentioned below are online at beloit.edu/wellness/forms. Health forms are **due by July 15**. Students who have not submitted health forms prior to New Student Days will not be allowed to register for classes. If you have any questions about health forms, please email healthcenter@beloit.edu. Be aware that summer hours are shortened so responses may take a few days.

What we need from you:

- **Physical record/health forms**

You must have completed health forms on file with the Health and Wellness Center. All forms are kept confidential. A physical exam is not required, but is strongly encouraged. If you have a chronic illness or any other health concerns, we recommend that you make an appointment to see your regular health care providers before starting the academic year at Beloit.

- **Immunization records***

According to Wisconsin law and Beloit College policy, all entering students born after 1956 must show proof of one of the following:

1. Having had two doses of MMR vaccine (measles, mumps, and rubella)
2. Having had the diseases measles, mumps, and rubella
3. Laboratory evidence of immunity

*Dates/records of immunizations must be entered on the Student Health History form.

- **Immunization awareness verification***

Wisconsin law requires:

1. All college students be informed about meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B.

2. Colleges maintain (confidential) records of students' vaccinations.

*Complete all health forms to fulfill this requirement

Beloit College Health and Wellness Center

The college collects a health and wellness fee, in addition to tuition, room and board fees. This modest fee assists in financially supporting the health and wellness activities and services on campus.

The Beloit College Health and Wellness Center is located on the first floor of Porter Hall. The center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit beloit.edu/wellness.

The Health and Wellness Center offers the following services:

- Gynecology and birth control

- Lab testing (a lab technician makes weekly campus visits)

- Light therapy room

- Limited immunizations

- Medical equipment to loan (e.g., crutches, canes, heating pads)

- Nurse consultations

- Nurse practitioner appointments (billed through insurance)

- Referrals to specialists and community health services

- Short term counseling for mental health issues

- STI testing

- Strep screening

- TB skin testing offered at specific times during the year (call ahead)

- ...and much more.

Health insurance

All Beloit College students are required to show proof of health insurance coverage for the 2018-19 academic year, or they will be billed for an insurance plan offered by the college. ***If proof of insurance is not received by July 31, insurance charges cannot be removed from the tuition bill.***

If you're a U.S. citizen:

If you have health insurance:

Check with your particular health insurance/HMO plan to see if you have coverage in the Beloit area. Be knowledgeable, before you get sick. Know which hospitals, clinics, and providers are "in-network" and what services are covered by your insurance or excluded from coverage. If you plan to see the on-campus nurse practitioner, then check your insurance to see if Beloit Health System is an in-network provider.

If you do not have health insurance:

Please complete the student health insurance selection form on the Portal.

You must either submit the insurance waiver form or complete the insurance selection form. The proof of health insurance form, as well as information about the alternative insurance plan offered through the college, will be available on the Portal by June 1.

If you're an international student (with a J-1 or F-1 visa):

Do not complete either insurance form. Beloit College will automatically enroll you in a mandatory health insurance plan and bill the cost to your student account. After you arrive on campus, you'll receive an insurance card in your campus mailbox.

All students:

Whether you have your own insurance plan, or choose to enroll in the college's plan, please note that you are responsible for paying your own medical expenses. Any medical expenses incurred will be billed to you and/or your insurance. Do not send insurance claims to the Health Center or Athletics. **Also plan to bring a copy of your insurance card and carry it with you at all times.**

Transportation for healthcare appointments

Beloit Health System provides **weekday** van service to Beloit Memorial Hospital and to Beloit Clinic upon request from the Health Center. The van leaves campus between 1 and 1:30 p.m. and returns about 3 p.m. Call the Health Center 24 hours in advance to request this service, and meet the driver at the Health Center. Information regarding more transportation options can be found at: <https://www.beloit.edu/seal/getoffcampus/transportation/>.

Nurse practitioner appointments and billing

A nurse practitioner from the Beloit Health System sees students for appointments on campus, Monday through Friday. Call the Health Center to schedule an appointment. The campus nurse is available to see students on weekdays by appointment or walk-ins when possible.

The Health Center can also assist with setting up appointments with off-campus medical personnel/specialists.

You can see the Health Center R.N. for free. Nurse practitioner visits—on or off campus—will be billed to you and/or your insurance. If you plan to see the nurse practitioner, check to see if your insurance has an in-network relationship with Beloit Health System. All visits with the nurse practitioner will be billed to your insurance by Beloit Health System.

Counseling Center

The on-campus Counseling Center offers free counseling visits for all students. Long-term or chronic mental health needs will be referred to off-campus mental health providers, as appropriate. The Counseling Center is located in the Health and Wellness Center and appointments are made by contacting the Health and Wellness Center.

Health care in greater Beloit

For information on health care providers in the city of Beloit, visit beloit.edu/wellness/community/.

Athletic health information

Beloit College Athletic Training services and access to the Athletic Training Room are available only to our NCAA athletes.

Athletes will receive additional correspondence about athletic health forms and pre-season procedures directly from the Athletics Department and their respective coaches.

Be aware that while the college does not require physicals for students in general, all athletes are required to have a Sports Pre-Participation Exam, conducted by a physician, prior to the start of a season. The exam form can be downloaded from the Athletic Training Electronic Medical Record database (Sportsware). For access details, visit beloit.edu/athletics/departments/training/meddocs/.

Disability assistance

If you have a disability, the Learning Enrichment and Disability Services Office is here to help. If you plan to have accommodations like special housing arrangements, extra time on exams, or other assistance (for instance, if you need print materials in an audio format), contact Joy de Leon (608-363-2572) as soon as possible (now for housing arrangements, by July 15 for other requests) to set up these resources. You'll find more information online at beloit.edu/dss.

Related checklist items:

Residence hall agreement (due on or before your date of deposit), student health history, immunization records, physical exam form (if needed), permission for treatment, meningitis/hepatitis B awareness form, athletics forms, insurance waiver form OR insurance selection form.

MOVING: WHAT TO BRING

What's provided in your room

A chest of drawers, a mirror, a desk, a chair, a single bed and mattress (36" x 80"), blinds or drapes, and Internet.

Refrigerators and microwaves

You can rent a refrigerator and/or microwave for \$50 each per academic year. Reserve one ahead of time with a \$10 deposit per item and the rental form.

What to bring

The list seems exhausting, but it's basically common-sense stuff. Residential Life has partnered with an outside vendor to provide one-stop shopping for room essentials in comprehensive sets. For more information, go to beloit.edu/reslife/admitted/. Students have suggested the following:

Sheets (single 36" x 80")

Pillows and pillow cases

Mattress pad

Blanket/comforter

Alarm clock

Trash can

Dry-erase/message board for your door

Plants

Posters, wall hangings, etc.

Throw rug

Desk lamp (but no halogen bulbs!)

Iron

Umbrella

Flash drive

Cell phone and cell phone charger

School supplies: paper, pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, paper clips, stapler, Post-its, calculator, tape, folders, planner

Plates, mugs, cups, silverware

Dish soap and sponge

Paper towels

Laundry detergent, hamper, quarters for laundry machines

Towels
 Bathrobe
 Flip flops/shower shoes
 Toiletry basket
 Shampoo, conditioner, soap
 Hair brush, other hair products
 Adhesive bandages, first aid kit
 Facial tissues
 Contacts, contact solution, glasses
 Medicine/prescriptions/lock box to put them in
 Hangers

Clothes for both warm and (very) cold weather
 Gym clothes/shoes
 Small sewing kit, toolkit
 Water bottle, water filter

Computer, laptop charger, computer accessories including a surge protector power strip

For those traveling long distances, many of these suggested items can be purchased in Beloit.

Exchange students may borrow a linen set that includes sheets, a pillow and pillow case, a blanket, and a set of towels.

What not to bring

Halogen lamps
 Pets (besides fish)
 Weapons of any kind
 Waterbeds
 Candles/incense
 Toaster ovens
 Hot plates
 Air conditioners

Laundry

Coin-operated washers and dryers are located on the lower level of most halls (\$1.25/load to wash, \$1/load for 60 minutes of dryer time). In fall 2018, laundry will most likely become free, so stay tuned!

Smoking policy

All Beloit College residence halls are smoke free. In fact, it's a city ordinance. Smoking is not allowed within 15 feet of building entrances and windows, or on main sidewalks. Some students with asthma or allergies cannot be around smoke at all.

Storage

We have two secure storage areas which are open by appointment. You can store large trunks, boxes, and plastic totes. You might be charged a small fee, depending on what you store.

Parking/transportation

First-years are advised not to bring vehicles, since on-campus parking is limited and many services are either provided on campus or within walking distance. Regularly scheduled shuttles and city buses can get you to stores for groceries and other needs, and plenty of students get around by bike. The Enterprise Car Share Program offers another transportation alternative to licensed drivers.

If you do bring a car, you will need to participate in the parking lottery. You can request a parking permit (\$80/term) using a form in the Portal (refer to the checklist). Most new students who request a parking permit will be able to obtain one; however if too many requests are received, we will maintain a waiting list. If you're approved for a permit, you can pick up your permit/sticker at the Security Office when you arrive on campus. Parking stickers are required to park in college lots. City street parking requires cars to move every day.

MOVING: MOVE-IN DAY

Here's what to expect on move-in day, which is **Monday, August 20, 2018**.

Note to international students, Student Excellence and Leadership Program participants, and varsity athletes: Your move-in day is earlier. You'll receive additional correspondence about your move-in process.

Check-in and everything else you're doing that day

On move-in day, you can check-in starting at 9 a.m. at the corner of College St. and Clary St. A formal welcome from President Bierman and others begins at 3 p.m. in Eaton Chapel. The day will consist of getting your ID photo taken, connecting to college wi-fi, completing employment paperwork, meeting your academic advisor, and getting to know current and new Beloiters.

To see a full schedule of the day's events, as well as parking instructions, go to beloit.edu/orientation/. A digital map of campus can be viewed at <https://www.beloit.edu/visitors/campus/>.

Getting it all in

Bringing a suitcase/car/truck load of stuff? Have no fear. Student leaders like Resident Assistants and Orientation Leaders will help you move in. Push carts, as well as golf carts driven by staff, will be available to assist in carrying heavy items.

On move-in day, you'll also meet your hall's Resident Assistant and discuss your floor's norms and the basics of on-campus living. Your RA will be there throughout the academic year to help with any concerns you have about adjusting to college life.

New Student Days T-shirt

Celebrate the start of your Beloit career by ordering a T-shirt! You can find the form on the checklist.

Arriving at Beloit

By car: Beloit is easy to access by car. For directions, visit the Becoming a Beloiters website.

By plane: We recommend using Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. From O'Hare, it's an easy 70-mile drive or bus ride to Beloit. Please note that the Van Galder bus runs only from Chicago O'Hare and Chicago

Midway airports, not the Milwaukee or Madison airports. Log in to the Portal to give us your flight information.

By bus: College vans will meet each Van Galder bus arrival at the South Beloit, Ill., terminal on move-in day between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you're arriving outside of this timeframe, contact the Orientation staff at orientation@beloit.edu or 608-363-2301.

From a hotel in Beloit: On move-in day, we'll pick students up from several hotels in the area; you can find a list below. Ask the front desk for shuttle times. To get the reduced rates on your room, make a reservation by the stated deadline and mention you're attending Beloit College.

**Hotel Goodwin - 608-473-1400 *within walking distance of campus
500 Public Ave. in Beloit**

(2) Queen beds, suites available - 15% off best available rate

New hotel, reservations anticipated to go live in April.

Hampton Inn - 608-362-6000

2700 Cranston Rd. in Beloit

(1) King bed w/sofa sleeper - \$134/night or (2) Queen beds - \$134/night

**Rooms available starting August 19

Reserve by Thursday, July 19

Fairfield Inn - 608-365-2200

2784 Milwaukee Rd. in Beloit

(1) King bed or (2) Queen beds

Book your corporate rate for Beloit College

Reserve by Thursday, July 19

Best Western - 815-389-4211

5910 Technology Dr. in South Beloit, IL

(1) King bed \$104/night or (2) Queen beds - \$94/night

Reserve by Wednesday, August 1

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.14181.](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.14181.html?groupId=Y86WNOX5)

[html?groupId=Y86WNOX5](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.14181.html?groupId=Y86WNOX5)

Super 8 - 608-365-6000

2790 Milwaukee Rd. in Beloit

(1) Queen bed - \$70/night or (2) Queen beds - \$75/night

Reserve by Thursday, July 19

Exploring the city

Beloit College extends beyond campus. Several campus facilities, including CELEB (the entrepreneurship center), ABBA (the student-run art gallery), Hendricks Center for the Arts, and Turtle Creek Bookstore (the Beloit College bookstore) are located downtown.

Downtown Beloit is just a short walk down the hill from Beloit College. Within walking distance, you'll discover plenty of dining options, cafés, and study spots with student specials. When you're in need of a study break, you'll also find open mic nights, trivia contests, live music, and plenty of fun social events in the Beloit community. On Saturday mornings in May-October, Beloiters love to gather at the Farmers' Market (which is renowned statewide).

For more information, visit beloit.edu/morebeloit/beloitbeyond/. Also, see our Google-based campus map at beloit.edu/visitors/explore/maps/, which includes running, biking, dining, and diversions features. For a list of local banks, pharmacies, and stores, visit beloit.edu/shopping/. To find out about the diverse religious communities and spiritual opportunities on and off campus, visit beloit.edu/slp.

Related checklist items:

Flight arrival information (international students), New Student Days T-shirt order form (optional).

ACADEMICS AND COURSE REGISTRATION

Final transcript and AP/IB/GCE A-Level/college transfer credits

Once you have completed your studies at your current school and have graduated high school or finished your college exams, please arrange to have your final official transcript(s) sent to the Registrar's Office. If applicable, official results of your AP/IB/etc. exams should also be reported to Beloit College, so they can be evaluated for credit. Before New Student Days, your Beloit College transcript will be updated to reflect any credit received. You can view your transcript on the Portal.

Registering for Beloit courses

This summer, you might hear from friends attending other schools that they've already registered for their first-semester courses. You won't have, but don't fret: We've got you covered.

Incoming students complete the registration process during New Student Days (August 20-26). By that time, you will have been on campus awhile, talked to professors, and have started to see, in person, what the college has to offer. We think it helps you make a more informed decision; you'll choose classes during a one-on-one session with your First-Year Initiatives advisor. The academic calendar can be found online.

Course load

Generally, incoming students take four one-unit courses, one of them being the First-Year Initiatives (FYI) seminar. Exchange students and most transfer students attend a non-credit bearing seminar—during New Student Days—rather than enrolling in an FYI seminar. In this seminar, they learn about the college and city of Beloit, and register for classes.

To see Fall 2018 course offerings:

1. Go to the Portal (no need to log in), and click on the "Course Search" tab and then the icon.
2. From the "Term" drop down menu, select "Fall Term 2018."
3. View the complete schedule (subjects are listed alphabetically), or you can apply filters. As you're looking, note that all FYI seminars meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from either 10 a.m. to noon or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To see the entire Beloit College course catalog, go online to the checklist. It's all linked there.

First-Year Initiatives (FYI) seminar

This nationally acclaimed program gets you connected and comfortable with Beloit College. It kicks off with New Student Days, when new students are the only ones attending class—specifically, FYI seminars. It’s your first taste of the engaged, hands-on, eclectic, think-on-your-feet learning that defines a Beloit education.

If you haven’t already registered for your FYI seminar, go to beloit.edu/admitted/fyi_descriptions/, read the course descriptions, and fill out the FYI registration form to give us your top five choices.

Professors’ names are not listed with the descriptions—on purpose. We want you to choose a topic that sounds interesting to you, regardless of what you think your major field might become. No FYI can be pinned down to just one discipline, which we love. We think you will, too.

You’ll find out which FYI seminar you’re assigned to when you arrive on campus. All seminar assignments are final.

Questionnaire for advisor

Help your academic advisor get to know you. Log in to the Portal, go to the “New Students” tab and complete the Questionnaire for Advisor.

Purchasing/renting textbooks

The college’s official bookstore, Turtle Creek Bookstore–Barnes & Noble, is located at 444 East Grand Avenue in downtown Beloit. From college apparel and textbooks to magazines, gifts, greeting cards, snacks and beverages, Turtle Creek has it all.

All textbooks and required course materials are available to purchase at the store. Students are responsible for paying for their own textbooks out of pocket—**these costs are not included** in the cost of tuition. Your textbook options include: new, used, rental, digital, and digital rental. Ordering used books/rentals can save 25-80% off of the new purchase price. In future semesters, when you know your course schedule ahead of time, you can also pre-order your books at beloit.bncollege.com.

Beginning August 1st, if you have paid your tuition in full or contracted a payment plan with Tuition Management Systems (TMS), the Bursar’s Office can also approve you to charge required course materials to your student account. You are still responsible for these costs; this is just an alternate payment option in which you would receive your bill for textbooks at a later date (like a credit card statement). If you’re interested in this payment option, remember that you have to renew arrangements

with the Bursar's Office each semester, in order to be continually able to charge materials.

In addition to textbooks, the bookstore also sells backpacks, study aids, and office and art supplies. Turtle Creek has a wide selection of spirit wear, including hoodies, sweatpants, T-shirts, mugs, water bottles, and hats. President Bierman is known to be a fan of the baseball cap with the big "B." Student discounts on items like care packages, as well as software and computer hardware (up to 85% off), can be found online at *beloit.bncollege.com*.

To receive notifications when sales occur, sign up on the bookstore's website, Facebook page (*facebook.com/turtlecreekbooks*), or phone app (search "My College Bookstore" on Google Play or the Apple Store).

Related to-do items: (for forms and deadlines, see checklist)

Final high school transcript, college transfer credit reporting, FYI seminar registration form, questionnaire for advisor.

TUITION PAYMENTS AND FINANCES

Here's what you need to know about tuition payments, financial aid, and working on campus.

Paying your tuition

The Bursar's Office will mail your fall semester bill no later than June 22, 2018. Students may also view their fall semester bill on the Portal. (No parent access at this time.)

- Click on the 'Financial Services' tab
- Click 'My Account Info'
- Click 'Course and Fee Statement'
- Click 'Generate my Course and Fee Statement'
- Click 'View my Course and Fee Statement'

Payment is due by Friday, August 10, 2018.

Payment options

Check payment

Please be sure your student name and student ID number appear on checks.

Make checks payable to "Beloit College" and mail to:

- Beloit College Student Billing
700 College St., Box 33
Beloit, WI 53511

Online Payments/Monthly Payment Plans (TMS)

Beloit College strongly endorses the use of Tuition Management Systems (TMS), our third party payment option. TMS offers online payment options and monthly payment plans to allow you to spread your education expenses over smaller monthly installments that are paid over the course of the semester. Though many families take advantage of the optional payment plan, it is not required. You can make payments and enroll in a payment plan at beloit.afford.com or by calling 800-722-4867.

Online Payment Options:

- Make a One-Time Payment – eCheck (Transfer from Checking or Savings Account) - No fee
- Make a One-Time Payment – Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) - 2.99% Convenience Fee or \$1.00 minimum

TMS Semester Payment Plan Options (\$45.00 enrollment fee per semester)

Fall Semester

- Beginning in June – 6 payments due on the 15th of the month
- Beginning in July – 5 payments due on the 15th of the month
- Beginning in August – 4 payments due on the 15th of the month
- Beginning in September – 3 payments due on the 15th of the month

Spring Semester

- Beginning in December – 5 payments due on the 15th of the month
- Beginning in January – 4 payments due on the 15th of the month
- Beginning in February – 3 payments due on the 15th of the month

Wire transfer information

You may be charged a fee for the transfer. Only the net amount received by Beloit College will be credited to your account.

JP Morgan Chase Bank

1 Chase Manhattan Plaza

New York, NY 10005-1402

ABA Routing Number: #021000021

Account name: Board of Trustees of Beloit College

Account number #885253658

For: Student name and ID number (found on your bill)

International transfers require a swift address: CHASUS33

Late payments

If your payment is late, you'll be charged \$175 unless you've made prior arrangements with the Bursar's Office. Late payments may also result in not being able to register for classes or receive transcripts.

If you have questions about your student account, please contact the Bursar's Office at 608-363-2224 or studentbilling@beloit.edu.

Tuition insurance program

Beloit College offers an optional tuition insurance program. The Tuition Refund Plan through GradGuard provides coverage for tuition, fees, room, and board if you are required to withdraw from school due to a medical or mental health illness before the semester is complete. The program is designed to supplement Beloit College's standard refund policy. More information is linked to the online checklist.

Financial aid

This spring, you should have received information, both by mail and in your application portal, about any financial aid you've been awarded. Additional communication about your financial aid will come to you via your Beloit College email (which is one more reason to check your email account regularly!).

Direct Loans

Students who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can borrow a Direct Loan. The Direct Loan program allows students to borrow a fixed amount, each year, determined by grade level, up to the maximum aggregate total. The loan(s) may be subsidized or unsubsidized, depending on your eligibility. If you wish to accept a Direct Loan you must complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and entrance counseling at studentloans.gov.

Beloit College and Strong loans

The Financial Aid Office will evaluate a student's demonstrated need during the financial aid process. A loan will be included in your financial aid package, if you're eligible. If you wish to utilize the Beloit College Loan or Strong Loan, you must accept the loan and complete the master promissory notes and counseling process with our servicer, University Accounting Service (UAS) online at signmyloan.com; click on "Review and Sign Your Loan" for each loan. You will complete this process during the summer prior to the start of classes.

Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

The PLUS allows a credit-worthy parent to borrow up to the difference between a student's total cost of education and any aid that has been offered. If you want to borrow a PLUS, you must apply for the loan and complete the MPN at studentloans.gov. You should begin this process during the summer prior to the start of classes.

Applying your earnings to your tuition balance

You can opt to have your earnings from your on-campus job automatically applied as a payment toward your tuition. We will help you set this up on move-in day when you complete your direct deposit form. If you do not apply your earnings to tuition, or if your student account does not have a balance due, your earnings will be deposited into your bank account each payday to help cover indirect costs like books or travel.

Pay periods

Beloit College processes student payroll twice each month. You will be paid on the 15th of each month for work done in the second half of the previous month and on the 30th/31st of each month for work done in the first half of that month.

Work study, campus employment, and finding jobs

Students whose financial aid packages include either Federal College Work Study or Campus Employment are given priority for initial job consideration. If your financial aid award includes work study or campus employment, you are encouraged to find a position within the first three weeks of class; during this time, campus supervisors are encouraged to hire students who have work as part of their aid. Available positions will be posted during the summer at beloit.edu/studentemployment/findjob/. Most positions pay Wisconsin minimum wage (\$7.25/hour). More varied opportunities may exist after your first year.

It is your responsibility to seek and secure work on campus. Food service (Bon Appetit) hires a significant number of students and has the most (and most flexible) hours. The student employment website is the primary source of positions listings, though we encourage you to network with departments as soon as you arrive (or even prior to arrival).

If you have not been offered Federal College Work Study or Campus Employment as part of financial aid but want to work on campus, you may apply for positions starting September 11.

Work eligibility

To be eligible to work on campus, you must fill out an I-9 form, a W-4 form, and an earnings authorization form. Don't worry about completing these forms before arriving; the Payroll Office will provide the forms and explain the details on move-in day. You will complete your paperwork after you get your college ID photo taken (location TBD).

In addition, you must complete any outstanding documents requested by the Financial Aid Office (FAO). All students who wish to work on campus must have the approval of the FAO. Contact their office directly if you have not been given a work award and would like to begin working on campus.

Necessary documents for paperwork—bring these with you!

The most common combinations of documents required to complete employment paperwork are listed below. You must bring the original documents; copies don't count. For a full list of accepted documents, see uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf.

- **An unexpired U.S. passport or Permanent Resident Card**

OR

- **A driver's license or photo ID AND a social security card or birth certificate (original or certified copy)**

Note: If you are under the age of 16, you must bring both your social security card and birth certificate (original or certified copy).

- **A voided check or similar bank document** with your bank's name, your name, the bank's routing number, and your bank account number. These details will provide the information needed for electronic deposit of financial aid refunds and earnings from your campus job.

What if I don't have a work award?

While you may not have plans to work right away, it is very likely that you will work on campus, participate in a summer research program, or receive funding for an off-campus experience during your time at Beloit College. Why wait? Take care of payroll paperwork on move-in day and you will not have to worry about it later. Plus, your parents can take your important ID documents home with them for safe keeping.

Taxes

Beloit College will withhold Wisconsin income tax from your wages unless you claim exemption from withholding as an Indiana, Kentucky, or Michigan resident. Illinois residents are subject to Illinois withholding. Your campus earnings are exempt from Social Security and Medicare withholding during the academic year.

Related checklist items:

Verification forms, payment plans, tuition insurance plan, documents required by the Payroll Office and/or the Financial Aid Office for work eligibility

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lingering questions? Please ask! Below are contacts for several campus offices. They'll help you or direct you to someone who can.

Academic Advising	608-363-2602
Admissions	608-363-2500
Alumni & Parent Relations	608-363-2656
Athletics/Sports Center	608-363-2296
Bookstore	608-363-2375
Bursar/Cashier	608-363-2224
Dean of Students	608-363-2660
Financial Aid	608-363-2663
Food Service	608-363-2927
FYI/Initiatives Program	608-363-2661
Health Center	608-363-2331
Information Technology (IT)	608-363-4357 (HELP)
International Education	608-363-2269
Learning Enrichment & Disability Services	608-363-2572
Library	608-363-2230
Mail Center	608-363-2232
Payroll/Human Resources	608-363-2298
Registrar	608-363-2640
Residential Life	608-363-2350
Security and Safety	608-363-2355
Spiritual Life	608-363-2389
Student Engagement and Leadership/Orientation	608-363-2301
Student Excellence and Leadership	608-363-2143
Summer Programs	608-363-2373

Can't find who you're looking for? Contact Beloit College Information at 608-363-2000.

More about the cover:

Top left:

The most prominent symbol at Beloit, **the cupola** sits atop Middle College, the oldest building on campus and a Wisconsin Historic Landmark. Floating in the sky next to the cupola is a blue wheel that pays tribute to **the Powerhouse's** industrial past. While historic Middle College demonstrates Beloit's oldest construction, the Powerhouse will be Beloit's newest addition. A student union, recreation center, and athletics facility, the Powerhouse is anticipated to be completed in fall 2019.

Bottom left hand corner:

The turtle is a beloved, unofficial symbol of Beloit. The city of Beloit sits at the confluence of Turtle Creek, and Beloit's campus also has 20 ancient Native American effigy mounds, one of which is shaped like a turtle.

Center:

Another notable Beloit landmark: **the M-I Bell**. "M-I" stands for Morse-Ingersoll Hall; the Bell is located on the southwest side of M-I and is a reproduction of the bell that originally hung in the cupola of Middle College. Behind the Bell is a brick wall, with each brick filled in to represent the internationality of Beloit's student body. **The flags** demonstrate the actual home countries of Beloit students. As of 2017-18, Beloiters come from 49 states and more than 40 countries.

Behind the M-I Bell lies the shape of **the state of Wisconsin**. Founded in 1846, Beloit was the first college to be established in Wisconsin—even before Wisconsin gained official statehood.

In the center of the cover is what looks to be an ordinary cement, circular bench surrounding a flower bed. In real life, this is a spot that's instantly recognizable to students and alumni: "**the Wall**." The Wall is a favorite student hangout spot, an easy locale to meet up before heading to an event, and a go-to address for pizza deliveries. Flowing around the bench is the mighty **Rock River**. In reality, the river does not flow through campus, but it is in close proximity. In nearby Riverside Park, students can walk, run, or bike alongside the river on the Rock River Trail (320 miles total through Wisconsin and Illinois).

Top right:

Beloit has 19 NCAA DIII teams and is part of the Midwest Conference. **Strong Stadium** Complex is home to the football, baseball, tennis, softball, soccer, and lacrosse teams. Fans can cheer the Buccaneers on from the 3,000-seat stadium, located six blocks east of campus.

Bottom right hand corner:

Beloit Urban Garden (B.U.G.) is an on-campus student-run garden that supplies fresh, sustainably-raised food to Bon Appétit, Beloit's campus food service provider. Represented in the soil of the garden are a few ancient clay pots, as a nod to one of Beloit's two on-campus museums, **the Logan Museum of Anthropology**.

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