

# BRANDON COLLEGE

San Francisco, California

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

## 2012

SCHOOL CATALOG



# WELCOME TO BRANDON COLLEGE

Brandon College was established in 1938 and is one of the oldest private language schools in the beautiful **San Francisco Bay Area**.



## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Brandon College was established in 1938 and we are proud to be one of the oldest private language schools in the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area.

Thousands have learned to read, write and speak English at Brandon College, where we offer Intensive English language programs to students, professionals, and visitors of all ages and from all over the world.

Each term Brandon College hosts international students from over 25 countries who want to obtain a high level of English proficiency for educational, professional, or personal reasons in a relatively short period of time.

In addition to our excellent language programs, we provide numerous extra-curricular activities and excursions throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, truly one of the most beautiful regions in the world.

Not only will our students master the English language, but they will also be enriched by the international contacts and friends they will make while attending Brandon College.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting each and everyone of you soon at Brandon College, which is located in the heart of everyone's favorite city, San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Res Helfer'.

Res Helfer, Director



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# INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

Our popular **Intensive English Program** has become the school's trademark



## INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Intensive English Course is the most comprehensive and popular course at Brandon College. Our classes focus on English grammar, writing, conversation, pronunciation, listening, reading, and vocabulary. The purpose of the program is to enable students to obtain sufficient knowledge to become fluent in all areas of English.

### ALL LEVELS (Beginning-Advanced)

Whether you are an absolute beginner or already have advanced English skills, we have the right level for you. When students arrive at Brandon College, they are given a placement test to evaluate their language abilities. The student's proper level is determined by this test and an interview.

### CLASSES AND STUDENTS

Our classes are kept small in order to ensure a high degree of student-teacher interaction. Average class-size: 6-8 students (max. 10). Very often students from more than 15 different nationalities study at Brandon College.

### INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE

- start every Monday
- all levels: Beginning - Advanced
- small classes
- grammar, writing, conversation, reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation
- students from all over the world



SMALL CLASSES  
BRANDON COLLEGE

## COURSE OPTIONS

### CONVERSATION

- start every Monday
- small classes
- fluency in conversation
- pronunciation improvement
- vocabulary expansion

### BUSINESS ENGLISH

- start every Monday
- targeted business language components
- develop cross-cultural communication skills
- small classes
- improve fluency and accurate pronunciation
- designed for professionals and business graduates

### TOEFL® PREPARATION

- start every Monday
- small classes
- test preparation for TOEFL iBT
- weekly practice tests
- individualized training in Multimedia Learning Center

### TOEIC® PREPARATION

- intensive test-taking skills
- focus on listening and reading
- small classes
- weekly practice tests

### GENERAL ENGLISH

- part-time course for short-term students & visitors
- small classes
- start every Monday
- course length up to 12 weeks
- follows same curriculum as Intensive English
- classes from Monday to Thursday

### SUPER INTENSIVE ENGLISH

- same as Intensive English, plus afternoon Conversation
- improve fluency, pronunciation and vocabulary
- start every Monday
- small classes
- ideal for students at intermediate to advanced levels

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

- 1-to-1, customized training sessions
- analysis of client needs
- start anytime, choose course length
- maximum attention from personal language coach
- day, evening, weekend schedules



## STUDENT SERVICES

Brandon College is **authorized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security** to accept non-immigrant foreign students.

### PLACEMENT TEST & ORIENTATION

On the first day of the course, all students are given an extensive placement test to evaluate their language abilities. The student's proper level is determined by this test and an interview.

After the placement test, the students are given complete information about school policies, course procedures, and an orientation about exploring and living in San Francisco.

Each student's progress is evaluated and graded weekly by our experienced instructors. Areas evaluated include: grammar, conversation, listening comprehension, reading, pronunciation, writing, homework, participation and attendance.

A Certificate of Completion and itemized Grade Report are given to each student upon successful completion of the course.

### MULTIMEDIA LEARNING CENTER

All students work regularly in the Multimedia Learning Center with their teacher. Grammar, speaking, reading, and writing skills are further enhanced by using interactive computer programs, audio and video tapes.

### EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Programs at Brandon College are taught by a team of fully certified instructors with extensive experience. Our success lies in quality instruction and a deep sense of caring on the part of the entire staff.

### STUDENT ADVISORS

The advisors at Brandon College are always available to help students with academic matters, accommodations, visa questions, and any other requests that the students may have. We also provide advice to students who wish to attend a college or university in the United States after completing their English course at Brandon College.

### ACTIVITIES

In order to provide students with opportunities to practice English in a multi-national setting, make new friends and explore the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area, the school has an activities coordinator who plans a wide variety of events and trips every week. These teacher-guided activities include city tours, boat rides on the Bay, field trips in and around San Francisco, excursions to the famous Napa Valley Wine Country, picnics in the Redwoods, barbecues, movies, dinners, and museums.

### AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

San Francisco International Airport is about 30 minutes from downtown San Francisco and Brandon College. There are several convenient ways to get into the City. Students staying with a homestay family should use the Brandon College pick-up service.



EXPERIENCED TEACHERS  
BRANDON COLLEGE



MULTIMEDIA LEARNING CENTER  
BRANDON COLLEGE



HAIGHT ASHBURY SHOPPING TRIP  
SAN FRANCISCO



BARBEQUE AND POOL PARTY  
NAPA VALLEY (CALISTOGA)

# STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

San Francisco is one of the most popular destinations in the world, so accommodations fill very quickly. We strongly recommend that you **book early to guarantee your choice** of housing.



VANTAGGIO COSMO  
RESIDENCE CLUB



TYPICAL SAN FRANCISCO  
HOMESTAY



FULLY FURNISHED  
APARTMENT

## RESIDENCE CLUBS

Students looking for budget accommodations may stay in one of San Francisco's unique and safe residence clubs. Centrally located, and close to school, they offer a variety of single, double and triple rooms with private, shared, or hall bathrooms. For all double rooms, a roommate will be selected.

The inexpensive rates also include a free continental or pancake breakfast. The residence clubs are a great place to make friends from all over the world.

- single or shared rooms
- private, shared or hall bathrooms
- free continental breakfast
- community kitchen
- weekly maid services
- laundry facility
- internet access
- 24-hour security
- downtown locations, near school
- distance to school: 10-15 minutes walking

## HOMESTAYS

We offer homestays to students who want to experience the "American Way of Life" in a warm and friendly family atmosphere. Homestays provide direct daily contact with the American lifestyle, as well as an excellent opportunity to practice English. All homestays are chosen and inspected carefully; they are located within an easy walk to public transportation.

- single or shared rooms
- share bathrooms
- daily breakfast and dinner
- carefully selected families
- practice English in the home
- experience American culture
- close to public transportation
- special requests available
- distance to school: 45-60 minutes

## APARTMENTS

Students who wish to live independently in a more upscale, professional environment and prepare their own meals, may choose to stay in a short-term furnished apartment. Availability is limited and we recommend early reservations, especially during the busy summer season.

- complete privacy
- furnished apartments
- fully equipped kitchenettes
- weekly maid service
- laundry facilities
- fitness center
- 24-hour security
- downtown location, near school
- distance to school: 10-15 minutes walking

## HOTELS

San Francisco has a wide variety of standard and deluxe hotels. We recommend hotel accommodations to students and professionals who are looking for privacy and comfort during their stay in San Francisco. Suitable for individuals and small groups, this is a popular option with our executive students. Rates vary seasonally. Further details are available upon request.

- standard and deluxe hotels
- single & double rooms
- private bathrooms
- privacy and comfort
- daily maid service
- fitness center
- 24-hour security
- downtown locations, near school
- distance to school: 10-15 minutes

Please refer to our website [www.brandoncollege.com](http://www.brandoncollege.com) for a complete listing of all available accommodations and current rates.



**“Brandon College was the right choice to improve my English”**

—Françoise, Switzerland

**“I feel that to attend Brandon College would be a great benefit to any foreign student!”**

—Byeongcheol, Korea

**“I found it not only delightful to study at Brandon College, but also a pleasure to make friends from all over the world. I will never forget this experience.”**

—Araki, Japan

**“I found the English instruction excellent and the cultural experience very surprising and informative.”**

—Anke, Germany

**“I really liked the friendly atmosphere at Brandon College. The Business English class was so interesting and I speak much better now because of my classes at Brandon College. I can use English with more confidence at work every day.”**

—Bruno, Italy

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