

Beloit College Statement of Culture

We, the students of Beloit College are defined by our respect for our peers, this institution, and the surrounding Beloit Community.

We claim our education and adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. We take pride in the integrity of our ideas and opinions.

We fulfill our responsibilities on and off campus by being prepared for and engaged in our learning. We are committed to the development of our abilities to critically engage every answer, authority, change, and condition we confront.

We embrace accountability for our actions as adults and hold our peers accountable for theirs, regardless of the resultant praise or criticism.

We trust in the integrity of an individual and we refrain from hastily prescribing judgment. We are informed individuals seeking positive change in a global context.

We achieve strength in our supportive community and through our personal convictions. We are dedicated to pursuing what we believe is right.

We accept and honor these common values and goals by celebrating the richness and diversity present in every person, humbled by the knowledge that this community is as gifted, flawed, and human as we are.

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Porter Scholar/Youth Options Handbook



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Writing Expectations

Although your professor will likely be aware that you are a high school student, you will still be expected to write at a college level. Make sure that your writing fits with your professor’s specified formatting. You may need to reference a style manual if the professor desires MLA or APA format, for example. If you have any questions regarding your assignment, you should take the initiative to contact your professor. Beloit professors are very willing to meet with you during their office hours or address your questions via email.

Any written assignment you turn in deserves your best effort. If you think you need help with your writing, or just want a fresh pair of eyes to look at an essay before you turn it in, feel free to make an appointment at the Writing Center. They work with writers at all points in the process: whether you need help brainstorming and organizing or just need someone to proof your grammar. The writing tutors can also assist you with proper citations of sources.

While it is not the norm for professors to grant extensions, if you do have an emergency or a legitimate reason that you cannot turn in a paper on time, contact your professor immediately. Don’t wait until after the deadline has passed.

What If

You’ve lost something—

Check with lost and found located in the Security Office on the ground level of Pearsons Hall.

You need help in a class—

Go to the Learning Enrichment and Disability Services Office in Pearsons Hall. They can help you with study and writing tips, or provide a tutor for a difficult subject. Your professor is also a good resource!

Grades/Transcripts

At the end of each semester at Beloit College, we will send a copy of your unofficial transcript to your home. You may also check your grades at the end of each semester by logging into your Portal account. An official copy of your transcript will be mailed to your high school to ensure that your high school is aware of the grade received and credits earned. Your parents will not have access to your grades as they do for your high school, so you should discuss with your family how things are going in your course and use them as a support system. However, college faculty are not accustomed to speaking with parents directly, as there are privacy laws that prevent them from sharing information. You need to be comfortable advocating for yourself: ask questions and seek out your Beloit College professors and program advisors when you need help.

Should you need additional copies of your official transcripts to send to colleges, you must formally request them through the Registrar's Office, located on the second floor of Pearsons Hall. There is a charge for this service. Info on requesting transcripts is available at: <http://www.beloit.edu/registrar/transcripts/>.

Academic Honesty

It is very important that all work that you present is your own. Please ask for help if you are not sure you understand how to properly cite your sources. You may not use the same assignment for Beloit College as you have used for another class without your instructor's permission, and you must ask permission before recording courses. More details on these policies are in Beloit's complete Student Handbook. When in doubt, ask!

Email

We know, another email account. Sometimes it seems like too many, but if you are taking a class at Beloit, you will get an email account and you should use it. The username assigned to you and the password that you create will apply for all of your Beloit accounts (email, Moodle, The Portal, WiFi, on campus computers, etc.). During the school year, you will get at least three emails every day. Every morning you will get one email from the Terrarium, which is our campus news site. This is a good place to look for upcoming events and campus news. Additionally, you will receive two emails a day from StuBoard. These emails tend to just be general announcements about events, most of which will not apply to you, but you are welcome to attend most events. Your email account is a Google account, so you can also use Google Drive, Calendar and Contacts.

Even though it may seem like you don't need to use your email account, it really is a good idea to check it every day. Here's why:

1. Professors will use it to communicate with you. Whether it's a change in an assignment or a reminder to bring a textbook to class, professors will email you.
2. Sometimes professors will send out homework assignments via your email account.
3. Everyone else on campus will use it. Your classmates are going to use it and if you have a group project, the email account is how they will reach you. FUN FACT: With the search feature, you can find the address of everyone who has a Beloit email account.
4. You can save your school projects and share them with other people and access them from any computer.
5. If classes ever get cancelled, you will be notified by email 😊

Alert Slips

Some professors will use a system called an “alert slip” when they are concerned about your performance in a class due to low grades, missing assignments, lack of attendance, etc. If you receive one, please make an appointment to speak with your professor and your program advisor immediately. It is not the end of the world, but we will work with you to figure out a plan to either repair your grade or drop the course.

Your Beloit College ID will get you into the Sports Center, serves as your library card, and give you access to discounts for plays, computers, software, and more. Don't lose it! We hope you will take advantage of the resources here. Our library staff is ready to help you if you need it.

Keeping Up With Your Coursework

In college, you are expected to take responsibility for your own education. Many students find a planner or online calendar helpful to manage your deadlines. Make an effort to participate in class discussions and group work. In some classes, you may find that homework is assigned, but is not checked regularly. Keep in mind that the professor has assigned it because it will benefit you for future projects and exams. You may wish to monitor your own grades by keeping track of your scores on assignments and tests, and speaking with your professor about your progress. It is much easier to start off the semester well than to try to raise a low grade.

Dropping a Course

We hope that you find your course an enjoyable experience. However, if you find that you are no longer committed to the course, please make an appointment to speak with your program advisor right away. These are real college courses, and if you stop attending without formally dropping the course, you will receive a failing grade that will be reported back to your high school.

Moodle

Moodle is a learning management system which faculty use to post readings, host online discussions, and store their course syllabi. You can access Moodle by logging on to the Terrarium homepage (www.beloit.edu/campus) and clicking on the Moodle link. Again, it's the same login as your email.

Class Attendance/Absences

One of the biggest differences between high school and college is that there is less in-class work. Professors expect that you have prepared for class ahead of time, and will use the in-class time for discussion, presentations, and labs. You will generally find that the classes move at a faster pace. Because more material is covered in a short period, you will find that you miss more material if you are not in class. Given Beloit's small class size, professors are relying on your attendance and participation. Your grades may also depend on it.

You may already know of a date that you have miss class for a school or family conflict. Inform your professor at the beginning of the semester, and then remind him/her 1-2 weeks prior to your scheduled absence. If you have to miss class at the last minute due to illness or family emergency, inform your professor as soon as possible. Do not wait until your return to find out what you missed.