



Undergraduate and Graduate Student Orientation 2016-2017

Congratulations on your acceptance to Brenau University. Brenau is committed to meeting the needs of our students, and this orientation will help you learn about the support services available to all Brenau University students. *If you are in the AGS (Adult and Graduate Studies) program, please see the AGS Student Handbook on the Intranet page.*

This orientation is the next step on your journey toward graduation. It will take approximately 15-20 minutes to review the information. *Please save [this page to your internet favorites](#) so you may refer back to it for quick answers in the future. **Note: if you are in the AGS Cohort program, you have a separate orientation on the intranet page.*

This orientation supplements other publications such as the **University Catalog, Student Handbook, and Schedule of Courses**. *Students should carefully read all publications printed and posted on the Brenau web site www.brenau.edu and Intranet <https://intranet.brenau.edu> and understand their responsibilities concerning institutional policies and procedures. While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, Brenau reserves the right to change, without notice, information contained in this orientation.*

(Please note that the links in this PDF document are not live; cut and paste them into your browser).

Each section below provides an overview of important information and links to support services Brenau provides for nonresidential term students.



Brenau University Nonresidential Information and Policies

General Information

Brenau University offers Evening and Online course options at five locations. The university tailors the mode of delivery to the needs of the student who is seeking a degree but finds daytime classes inconvenient or incompatible with career and family responsibilities. Evening classes are scheduled in four-hour blocks one night per week. Weekend classes provide courses on alternate weekends for the length of the semester. Some courses are offered each week for the entire semester. Online sessions meet in the virtual classroom via a web portal with no on campus attendance required. Each format involves intensive study, close working relationships with instructors and fellow students, and maximum opportunities for self-directed learning. Students may choose classes in any combination of these formats to suit their particular schedule.

Organization and Structure

The Office of the Associate Provost is responsible for the administrative operations of the Adult Programs and Support Services, and the academic operations of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs. The deans and department chairs are responsible for their respective faculty and academic programs. All of our locations receive operational oversight by a local Campus Director and a lead faculty member.

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Statement of Student Responsibility

Admission to and attendance at Brenau University is a privilege. The University expects students to conduct themselves with dignity, courtesy, responsibility and integrity, and with due respect for the rights of others. Professional behavior toward administrators, staff, faculty, campus service providers, and other students is expected at all times. Students may be involuntarily withdrawn for failure to comply with institutional policies, requirements, and standards of conduct.

All colleges and universities establish certain requirements that must be met before a degree is granted. These regulations concern such things as curricula and courses, majors and minors, required institutional testing and residency requirements. Advisors, faculty, and deans assist students in meeting these requirements; however, **students are responsible for fulfilling them**. If not all requirements have been satisfied at the end of their course of study, degrees are withheld until the student satisfies all requirements. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the program requirements and to complete them for graduation.



Students are held responsible for being acquainted with regulations and procedures, as stated in the [university catalog](http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2790) at http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2790. Then click on Catalog, and other official publications of Brenau. Therefore, it is important that students read these publications, such as the [student handbook](http://intranet.brenau.edu/handbook/handbook_11.pdf) located at http://intranet.brenau.edu/handbook/handbook_11.pdf, and remain informed throughout their academic career.

To remain in good standing, students are also required to meet their financial obligations as specified in the university Catalog. Failure to do so will result in the withholding of grades and/or transcripts until bills are paid in full. Students whose accounts are not current will not be allowed to register for courses until accounts are paid in full.

Grievance Policy

Students are encouraged to resolve problems through the University Chain of Command. However, should that fail, a grievance process is in place. The grievance procedures of Brenau University are designed to provide effective means for resolving legitimate issues that are subject to the grievance process. Brenau University affords **two grievance procedures**, depending on the nature of the grievance. The **Formal Grievance procedure is for non- academic concerns**, and the **Academic Grievance procedure is for concerns related to classroom issues other than grade appeals**. (Grade appeals are not covered by this procedure.) Students dissatisfied with their grades must follow the procedures outlined in the Student Catalog <http://catalog.brenau.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=314&print#grievance>. The grievance procedure can be found at http://intranet.brenau.edu/handbook/handbook_11.pdf.

Communication via email

Nonresidential students are given a Brenau email address that ends in **@tiger.brenau.edu**. **This is the official means of communication with your professors and the university. Please check it daily.** Login instructions to your Brenau accounts are available for your CampusWeb, Canvas, and Email accounts on the Brenau Intranet <https://intranet.brenau.edu/dnn/> or more specifically through our help desk site link here: <http://s3.parature.com/link/portal/5307/5307/Article/114/How-do-I-login-to-my-Brenau-Accounts> Your user name and password were sent via regular postal service to your home address. Please notify the Brenau Help Desk at 770-538-4774 or helpdesk@brenau.edu immediately if you have not received these instructions.

Attendance Policy

Start dates for all classes are listed on the Registrar's web site under Calendars and Schedules at http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2868http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2806

Students are expected to attend all on-ground class meetings, particularly the first class meeting. If a student must miss class due to a serious emergency, the student should notify the professor as soon as possible. Students will be responsible for the work missed due to absence from any class period or any portion thereof. Grades will be affected by any absences or tardiness, at the discretion of the professor.



Online classes do not take place at a particular time; the times are flexible, dictated only by the individual schedule of each student. Online students should be "present" in order to keep up with assignments and participate fully in class discussions. Consult individual syllabi for the specific attendance policy of your instructor.

Learning is achieved through individual inquiry, collaborative process (student to student and student to faculty) and personal synthesis of ideas into meaningful inference. Outcomes are determined by qualitative analysis of student input, traditional and non-traditional subjective and objective testing models, and group and/or individual projects and/or case studies.

Minimum Requirements for Student Technology

Link for recommended personal computing technology requirements for students to consider when purchasing a computer for use at Brenau University:

<http://archive.brenau.edu/requirement/>

*Please note that undergraduate courses that use MyStat Lab must be used on a windows platform computer; **please be sure that you have access to a windows platform.**

Online Classes

Students registered for online classes who do not attend are NOT automatically dropped. If you register for an online class and do not intend to participate, you are responsible for dropping the class yourself. Not dropping the class could result in failing grades on your transcript or unmet financial obligations to the university. Drop forms are located on the Office of the Registrar's web page at http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2806

All Brenau University courses are located in the **Canvas** Course Management System.

If you would like to view the student orientation site in Canvas, you can do so at <https://brenau.instructure.com/enroll/FXAGP9>. Your username in Canvas is your Brenau email, and your password is your default password that can be located in CampusWEB under "My Accounts".

Brenau Support Services and Campus Links

Brenau has a 24/7 live help desk for technical issues. Always call the help desk to report any issues so that technical issues are documented. helpdesk@brenau.edu.

By visiting the Brenau Intranet <https://intranet.brenau.edu> you gain access to these important campus links:

Accounting Office: tuition payments, loan checks, third party billing

CampusWEB: access to personal account information, schedules, grades, and financial aid

Canvas:	access to online courses https://brenau.instructure.com/courses/359030
Email:	access to student email accounts
LiveText:	create e-portfolios and share them with professors, classmates, and employers
E2Campus:	emergency alert system to your phone (home, work, cell you choose) and email
Support:	instructions to log in to your Brenau accounts and assistance with Canvas https://brenau.jitbit.com/helpdesk/KB
Library/LibGuides:	access to Brenau's Online Library for full-text articles and abstracts http://libguides.brenau.edu/
Student Services:	access to the student handbook
Writing Center:	a peer tutoring service for writing or speech intranet.brenau.edu/writing-center
Learning Center:	disability services inquiries and professional tutoring primarily for students with documented disabilities and/or international students
B&N Campus Bookstore:	the Brenau University Bookstore where you can buy, rent or sell back textbooks
Financial Aid:	assistance with applying for federal, state, institutional, or private sources of financial aid to defray costs
Registrar:	registration, transcripts, catalog, program plans, forms, to remove holds on your registration

Financial Aid

Brenau University provides a comprehensive financial aid program to assist students in funding their educational costs. Undergraduate students may apply for federal and state grants, as well as federal student loans. Graduate students may apply for federal student loans. Following are the typical steps a Brenau student must follow in order to take advantage of available financial aid programs:

1. Complete all Brenau University **admissions requirements** for your desired program of study. In order to avoid processing delays, you should work on completing your admissions file at the same time you begin the financial aid application process.
2. Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. Electronic filing of the FAFSA requires that each student filer obtain a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) in order to electronically sign the application. For students who are required to file the FAFSA with parent information included, one parent must also have his or her own FSA ID. FSA ID's can be obtained at www.fsaaid.ed.gov. The FSA ID also allows a student to access his/her FAFSA at any time to make corrections or select additional schools to receive the results. The FAFSA serves as the preferred application for both federal and state financial aid programs. All students are encouraged to file a FAFSA annually.
3. If you do not wish to apply for federal student aid programs or to complete a FAFSA, and you are a Georgia resident pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree, you must apply for state aid programs such as the HOPE Scholarship and the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant online at <https://gafutures.org>. You must sign in if you already have an account on this site (formerly gacollege411.org; if you don't have an account, you'll need to create one. Even if you know you do not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship because of the GPA requirements of the program, you may qualify for the Tuition Equalization Grant as a full-time undergraduate student.

For additional financial aid information, please visit our web pages at <https://www.brenau.edu/admissions/financialaid/>. You may also email us at financialaid@brenau.edu or call 770-534-6152 and select from the menu of options. We will make every effort to respond to your inquiry within 24 hours.

Military Students



Veterans and dependents of veterans utilizing VA Education Benefits should follow these steps:

- First, apply for your benefits online at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>,
- Next, **complete a Request to Receive VA Benefits form** found on the Brenau Financial Aid page on our Website at <http://www.brenau.edu/admissions/pay-for-school/va-educational-benefits-2/>.
- If you received a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA, please submit that document with your Request to Receive VA Benefits.

You must also provide a military status affidavit available online at <http://www.brenau.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2011/08/MilitaryStatusAffidavit1.pdf>

Active Army, and Air Force Service Members and Spouses utilizing MyCAA students should contact Portia Clark pclark2@brenau.edu to be included in the Military Student information network:

Air Force and MyCAA students
(AI Portal users)

- 1) Register using Brenau's CampusWEB
- 2) Send an electronic version of your Air Force or MyCAA approval form to pclark2@brenau.edu
- 3) Register for your classes (both sessions if allowed) in the AI/MyCAA portal.
Allow at least 30 days for funds to transfer and be credited to your tuition account.

Army, National Guard, and Army Reservists (GoArmyEd users)

- 1) indicate you want Brenau University as your home school in the GoArmyEd system
- 2) send an e-mail to pclark2@brenau.edu notifying her that you will be submitting TA
- 3) NOTE: **you must be accepted as a Brenau student through our admissions department before you can proceed**
- 4) register using Brenau's CampusWEB
- 5) request TA through your Education officer
- 6) forward the TA approval forms to pclark2@brenau.edu
- 7) your TA funds will transfer in 30 days AFTER our quarterly window for invoicing

Active Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines

Student submits Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Tuition Assistance (TA) authorization for the semester session (A or B) to wawf@brenau.edu or pclark2@brenau.edu for processing





After the drop/add period, requests for TA are submitted by Brenau University through the Wide-Area Workflow (WAWF) system via the internet.

The session is validated by the WAWF coordinator, and an email to verify is sent to wawf@brenau.edu. A check is sent to the Brenau Accounting Office from NETPDC for the total amount validated. Questions should be directed to pclark2@brenau.edu or at 770-538-4759.

Conditionally enrolled students do not qualify for military third party billing status until enrollment is official. Please notify your contact at the University of your Conditional Enrollment status.

Please **keep all copies of DOD TA approval forms** and send copies to the appropriate contact listed above. **Please allow 60-90 days after notification to see the transferred funds applied** to your Brenau tuition account. Brenau will credit back late fees on the tuition amount once the funds transfer. Fees and books are the responsibility of each student; late fees and consequences of nonpayment of fees are the responsibility of the student. Check your billing carefully and often to be sure, all credits are applied **and that you have paid any tuition TA does not cover or fees**. Portia Clark, Student Accounts Manager, is available to answer billing questions at pclark2@brenau.edu 770-538-4759.

Rosanne Short, Director of Military and Veteran Services is available to answer any questions or assist you with TA, and general VA questions rshort@brenau.edu or 770-531-3135.

Brenau Military Contacts Quick Reference List

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Explanation or Procedure</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Deployment Notice	Student sends notice to VPAA, Advisors, Instructors, Registrar, Financial Aid, & Campus Directors	Provost's Office 770-534-6119 kgoodman@brenau.edu
Program Plans & Transfer Credit Evaluations	Military Credit Evaluations	Redenna Poole, Admissions 770-534-6267 rpoole@brenau.edu
	SOC Program Plans	Liz Miller, Registrar's Office 770-534-6115 lmiller@brenau.edu
Student Accounts & Tuition	Billing Questions & Confirmation of Military rate	Portia Clark, Billing 770-538-4759 pclark2@brenau.edu Rosanne Short rshort@brenau.edu 770-531-3135
	To set up Military discount: Student or Regional Campus sends Military Status Affidavit to Registrar	Registrar's Office 770-534-6203 registrar@brenau.edu
	Tuition Assistance (TA) Invoicing	All Active Duty and MYCAA (Spouses) Portia Clark, Billing 770-538-4759 pclark2@brenau.edu
	Enrollment Certifications for all VA education benefit programs, including Post-9/11 GI Bill	VA Website , Robin Aiken, Financial Aid 770-718-5306 raiken@brenau.edu
Services for Students		Career Services 770-534-6265 Counseling 770-297-5959 Learning Center 770-534-6133 Math Spa 770-538-4686 Writing Center 770-538-4795

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Brenau University is an Equal Opportunity University open to any qualified individual without regard to race, religion, sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability. Pursuant to all applicable federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations, Brenau University does not discriminate against any of the protected categories of individuals in the administration of its policies, programs, or activities. This non-discriminatory policy includes admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, employment practices, and athletics and other school-administered programs.

Disabilities Services

Students with disabilities should send documentation to Dr. Vince Yamilkoski, at the Learning Center, Brenau University, 500 Washington Street SE, Gainesville, Georgia. After reviewing the documents, the student will be sent a letter stating appropriate accommodations, if warranted. Students may communicate directly to Dr. Vince Yamilkoski at 770-534-6134 or through E-mail at vyamilkoski@brenau.edu. The Learning Center staff will communicate with campus coordinators and professors concerning the implementation of your accommodations. Please see the Brenau Catalog for further information: <http://catalog.brenau.edu/>.

CLEP Testing

CLEP testing is available at Brenau University through the Learning Center. Questions regarding CLEP testing should be directed to the CLEP Coordinator at the Learning Center at 770-534-6133. Questions regarding the appropriateness of a CLEP exam to fulfill your academic requirements should be discussed with your academic advisor.

DSST FLAT exams are also available. The Foreign Language Achievement Test (FLAT) exam will exempt a student from a foreign language if they pass the test. No credit hours are given, just an exemption from having to take a foreign language. Contact the Learning Center at 770-534-6133.

Counseling:

Brenau University encourages students to seek assistance for matters pertaining to their psychological well-being when necessary. Counseling services provided under the supervision of licensed counselors can be beneficial for students coping with the pressures and responsibilities associated with college. The office of the University Counselor is located at 205 Boulevard on the Gainesville Campus.

The University Counselor is happy to meet with any currently enrolled Brenau student during regular business hours. Appointments are strongly recommended.

1. Brenau offers free counseling to Brenau students on a limited basis (usually no more than 3 visits per semester) who are experiencing problems that interfere with their lives, studies, or relationships. The University Counselor screens students to determine whether the students are in need of specialized mental health treatment and makes appropriate referrals for such treatment. The Counselor's supervisors may be informed when referrals have been made without disclosing the substance of the conversations with the student, unless the student is at risk to harming herself or others under which circumstances additional information will be required.
2. Students at regional campuses, for whom travel to the Gainesville Campus during regular office hours is not an option, are encouraged to seek counseling services through the following resources:
 - a. If you have insurance: Call your insurance company and ask about your "behavioral health coverage" to verify your benefits. If you have coverage, ask for a list of "behavioral health providers" in your area.
 - b. If you do not have insurance or you have Medicaid or Medicare and live in Georgia: Call the Georgia Crisis and Access Line at 800.715.4225 to locate the nearest counseling center in your area. The Access Line professionals can connect you with services for addiction and mental health treatment along with child and adolescent services. You will have access to counselors and psychiatrists who can prescribe medications if needed. You may also call this 24/7 number if you are experiencing a crisis and need to talk with someone immediately.

c. Self-Directed Search: To locate a counselor or psychologist in the United States use the "Find a Counselor" option from the American Counseling Association at www.counseling.org/Resources/CounselorDirectory/TP/Home/CT2.aspx or the "Find a Psychologist" option from the American Psychological Association go to <http://locator.apa.org/>.

Health Services

The Health Services clinic is staffed by a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. A physician is available on a weekly basis on a case-by-case basis.

1. The Health Services Clinic is located at 205 Boulevard on the Gainesville Campus.
2. The Health Services staff is a happy to see any currently enrolled Brenau student at the clinic during regular office hours free of charge. Services include evaluation of various viral illnesses, prescription of birth control pills to students under the age of 21, suturing and stapling of wounds, first aid, evaluation and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, testing of flu, strep, mono, uti, pregnancy and administration of TB screening and flu vaccine per availability.
3. The clinic sponsors several events throughout the year as part of the Wellness Program including free AIDS testing, speakers for Domestic Violence, Rape Response, and Breast Cancer Awareness.

The Writing Center

The University Writing Center, a peer tutoring service, offers individualized writing conferences and group Workshops for students at The Writing Center supports the university's goal to foster intellectual and professional accomplishment as it helps students develop communicate articulately in writing or speech. To schedule an appointment for the traditional Writing Center on the Gainesville cam 4795 or book a session online by clicking on "Writing Center" at <https://intranet.brenau.edu>

If you are unable to get to Gainesville for an in-person session, you can use the Online Writing Center by submitting your assignment Center link as well. Online feedback is provided in GoogleDocs format, and you will receive your revisions in 1-3 days.

The Graduate Writing Services

Brenau's Graduate Writing Services offers students the assistance they need to write effective scholarly papers at a graduate level. Services offered include editing theses and dissertations. The GWS consultant can provide assistance with formatting for APA or MLA papers, supply writing instruction for graduate students with limited experience in scholarly writing, and assist writers for whom English is a second language. This service is fee-based and provides a different level of support than the free Online Writing Center. Students may send their written work or any questions to the Director of the Writing Center, and then they are matched with a consultant. All inquiries can be submitted to GWS@brenau.edu. Consultation and editing may be purchased with Graduate Writing Credits acquired through the Brenau Accounting Office.

The Math SPA

The SPA (Student Place for Achievement) is the University's tutoring center for math and science. It is located at 611 Spring Street behind the Learning Center on the Gainesville campus. Services include tutoring for all math classes, help with writing scientific papers, and tutoring in chemistry, biology, and physics. The schedule is located at <http://www.brenau.edu/healthsciences/mathscience/spa/math-spa-tutoring-schedule/> Assistance is also available online. Send questions or requests for email assistance to dedge@brenau.edu.

Career Services

Career Services is committed to serving Brenau's entire student population throughout and after your education here at the university. Assistance is available in determining a major or if you are looking for an internship, a part-time position, or finding that full-time opportunity upon graduation. Services are available by telephone, e-mail, web portal and in person. Workshops and other programs as well as job fairs are offered to help you achieve your career goals. You can drop in to the Career Services office located at the Gainesville Campus on the first floor of the Owens Student Center, or by contacting George Bagel, Director of Career Services, at gbagel@brenau.edu or 770-534-6265.
<https://intranet.brenau.edu/dnn/StudentServices/CareerServices/tabid/65/Default.aspx>

Library Resources

Looking for a place to meet with your study group, or work alone and uninterrupted? Visit the Library on the Historic Campus. Our hours are here: <http://library.brenau.edu/hours/>.

The Brenau University Trustee Library offers on-ground and online research resources to help you do the best research possible for your papers and assignments.

Ask A Librarian Ask any question about research or the library and have it answered by a professional librarian! Can't find the articles you need? Don't know how to format the citation? Ask us!

<http://libanswers.brenau.edu/>

LibGuides LibGuides are curated collections of sources you can rely on for academic research, created by your librarians and professors to help you with research. Each is customized for a particular field (like Education, Interior Design, or OT), current issue (like Sustainability), or helpful subject (like Writing for an A). LibGuides bring together sources to find accurate and authoritative articles, books, web sites. They are a great place to start your research. <http://libguides.brenau.edu/>

Information Delivery Students living outside of Hall County can have books and articles sent directly to their regional campus or home. The Trustee Library also collaborates with other libraries to bring every student books and articles that are not available in full text at Brenau. <http://library.brenau.edu/infodelivery-and-ill/>

My Librarian Research Consultation Schedule an individual research session with a librarian via phone, email, or in-person to get help with your research projects! <http://library.brenau.edu/my-librarian/>

Information Literacy The Trustee Library offers elective courses that teach students how to apply effective research and critical thinking skills that will guide them throughout their careers at Brenau and beyond. Library Research LB 101 for undergraduates and LB 501 for graduate students and Skills in Information Literacy LB201 are facilitated by professional librarians and integrate lecture, in-class discussion, hands-on activities, oral presentations, and written assignments. All activities emphasize students' active roles as participants and innovators in the expanding digital environment. Check the class schedule for this course listing; <https://campus.brenau.edu/web.php?web=CLASS.SCHED.SEARCH>.

Everything you want to know about the Library can be found at <http://library.brenau.edu/>.

Retention and Student Success

The Dean of Students is responsible for student retention; is an advocate for the students; and is a liaison between faculty and students. She works with students on a daily basis helping them adjust to college life and intervening when students find themselves struggling academically. She works closely with the University Counselor, Financial Aid, and the Accounting Office to troubleshoot on behalf of the students. Should you need assistance, please contact her at 770-531-3110 or vsimmons-walston@brenau.edu.



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

The university has an **emergency notification system** and a phone service activated during questionable weather. It is highly recommended that you subscribe to the **e2Campus notification service** at <https://www.e2campus.net/my/brenau/> <https://www.e2campus.net/my/brenau/>.



Although not updated as quickly as e2Campus, Brenau also provides a recorded phone message indicating whether classes are in session. The weather line is available 24 hours per day. Students in Atlanta and Gainesville should call **770-534-6771** to determine if classes are canceled on their campus. Local media outlets will be advised of decisions for broadcast on television and radio. Please be aware that Brenau rarely cancels classes.

Students at the Augusta, Jacksonville, North Atlanta, and South Atlanta campuses should contact their site director's office for specific information concerning cancellation announcements at those locations.

SECURITY

Brenau Security wants you to be safe when moving from classrooms to your car with these tips.

- Be aware of blue light phone locations on the Gainesville and East Campuses for emergencies.
- If you are a Gainesville student, program security's phone number into your cell phone (**770-534-6202**).
- **Augusta, Jacksonville, North Atlanta, and South Atlanta** students should contact your local Campus Director for specific Security policies for campus.
- If you feel personally threatened, experience or witness an emergency, call 911 using the nearest phone available.
- Please **contact your local Campus Director on the next regular business day to report emergency incidences.**
- Keep an eye out for anyone who is loitering and report him or her to Security.
- When approaching your vehicle, check other cars as well as yours to make sure no one is hiding.
- Do not carry large sums of money. When carrying a purse or wallet, only place a few bills inside. Credit cards, Driver's license, and keys should be carried in a coat pocket or concealed, preferably in an inside zipped pocket.
- Do not give money to panhandlers on or near campus. Be aware of people who approach asking for directions or the time of day. Keep a polite but safe distance. If possible, travel/walk with another person. This is especially true after dark.
- At night, travel on well-lit and well-traveled streets. (Avoid unlit or dimly lit streets; never loiter in a deserted area).
- Walk on the side of the street nearest to oncoming traffic. If you are accosted by someone in a car, run in the direction opposite of the way the vehicle is headed.
- **Carry a personal alarm** that will draw attention in an emergency and hopefully scare off a potential attacker. This can be a whistle or even a car alarm. If you feel like someone is following you, go to the nearest occupied residence or building and ask for assistance.



Student IDs

Each Brenau student is required to have a student ID with him or her while on campus. To obtain a student ID please follow the instructions at the end of this document. The Student ID web site is <http://idcards.fullidentity.com/BrenauUniversity/EmailVerify.aspx>

Parking Stickers

Each vehicle is required to have a current Brenau parking sticker. Parking stickers are mailed to the student's home address. If you did not receive a parking sticker, please contact your campus director.

Campus Maps

Directions to each of the Brenau Campuses can be found on the Brenau Web site under the Campus Locations link <http://www.brenau.edu/about/campuslocations/>

Gainesville Campus

Many offices and services have moved this year at the Gainesville Campus. Please past the link below into your browse to the Campus Map to located the service that will assist you.

<https://intranet.brenau.edu/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=y6cEXpxz7OW%3d&tabid=53>

(Note: links are not live in this document, cut, and paste them into your browser).

Notification of Issues

Brenau's Director of Security's main concern is your safety. Please notify security of any court order (restraining or temporary restraining order) that exists or other issues that could result in danger to you or fellow students...prevention is our best resource. Please notify the security office at security@brenau.edu of situations of which they should be aware to assist them in effectively creating and maintaining a safe campus.

Telephone Numbers

To reach any department on the Gainesville campus, please refer to the directory below. Nonresidential Student Program students at locations outside the 770/404/678 calling areas may use the toll free number

1-800-252-5119 to reach the desired party, request the appropriate extension (*last four digits of the listed phone number*).

Brenau Frequently Used Telephone Numbers and contacts	
Academic Affairs	770-534-6119
Accounting Office - Student Accounts	770-534-6150
Barnes&Noble (Bookstore) http://brenau.bncollege.com	770-534-6208
Computer Help Desk helpdesk@brenau.edu	770-538-4774
Augusta Campus	706-210-2576
Gainesville Campus	770-531-3135
Jacksonville, FL Campus	904-900-7971
North Atlanta Campus (Norcross)	770-446-2900
South Atlanta Campus (Fairburn)	678-827-7300
Career Services	770-534-6265
Financial Aid financialaid@brenau.edu	770-534-6152
General Information	770-534-6299
Library Services http://library.brenau.edu	770-534-6113
Military Tuition Assistance pclark2@brenau.edu	770-538-4759
Military and Veteran Services rshort@brenau.edu	770-531-3135
Online Student Information and assistance Our 7 day a week, 24 hours a day Help Desk	770-538-4774
Registrar's Office Registrar@brenau.edu	770-534-6740
College of Business & Mass Communication	770-538-4700
College of Education	770-534-6220
College of Fine Arts & Humanities	770-538-4764
College of Health and Science	770-718-5304
Security Office – Gainesville Security@brenau.edu	770-534-6202
Student Services	770-538-6127
Veterans Benefits rakien@brenau.edu	770-718-5306
Frequently Used Computer Addresses	
Brenau Website	http://www.brenau.edu/
Brenau Campus Web for Student Info	https://campus.brenau.edu/
Canvas Student Support	helpdesk@brenau.edu

Forms (Drop, Change of Major)	http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2806
Helpdesk for (IT Support)	http://intranet.brenau.edu/dnn/
Email address format for students	jdoe3@tiger.brenau.edu
Email address format for faculty and staff	jdoe@brenau.edu
Who Do I Ask About ...	
Absence from class	Your instructor
Academic Advising	Your advisor or Department for a counselor
Account/Payment/Bills	Accounting Office
Books/Supplies	Campus Bookstore
Canvas Class Management System	Help Desk - available 24/ 7 helpdesk@brenau.edu
Change of address	Registrar's Office registrar@brenau.edu
Computer Problem: CampusWEB or email	Computer Help Desk
Course Schedules	Registrar's Office
Disability Services	Learning Center
Drop/Add schedule changes	Advisor then registrar
Fees / Tuition / Payment agreements	Accounting Office
Financial Aid and VA Benefits	Financial Aid
Library Needs	Brenau Trustee Library
Military Tuition Assistance (active military)	pclark2@brenau.edu
Military Tuition Assistance (VA, GI Bill, Yellow Ribbon, Post 911 etc.)	raiken@brenau.edu
Proof of Attendance (for insurance, loans, etc.)	registrar@brenau.edu
Refunds	Accounting Office
Transcripts	Registrar's Office
Withdrawal from college	Registrar's Office/Student Services

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

How can I register online?

<http://www.brenau.edu/academics/office-of-the-registrar-2/frequently-asked-questions/> (Please note that the links in this document are not active, please cut and paste them into your browser).

How many hours do I need to take to receive financial aid?

Most financial aid programs are available for students enrolled at least half time, but some programs may require full-time enrollment. Full-time status for undergraduate students is 12 hours or more; whereas, half-time students must enroll in at least 6 hours. For graduate students, 6 hours is considered full-time and 3 is considered half time. (Note that many of Brenau's graduate programs require more than 6 hours per semester as a condition of that particular program.) Your financial aid award notification will indicate the number of hours per semester your costs and aid are based on. Adjustments may be required if you do not intend to enroll at the level specified. Please notify the Office of Financial Aid if your enrollment intentions do not agree with our projections.

What is a program plan?

Before students register for classes for the first time, they must meet with their Advisor to develop a program plan of study. This plan includes the general education requirements, degree requirements, general electives,

and major classes needed to graduate. Blank program plans are available online at [the Registrar's Office](http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=1709) http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=1709.



How do I know which courses from other schools transfer to Brenau?

After a student is accepted to Brenau, a credit evaluation is completed for each official transcript. Courses from regionally accredited colleges and universities may transfer. Technical school associate's level credit may also transfer. Each course must be comparable to a course at Brenau and the grade must be a "C" or above for undergraduates and "B" or above for graduate students.

Undergraduate transfer credit must be degree-level and completed at a regionally accredited Institution. Program specific coursework not completed within the last fifteen years will need to be approved by the department chair to be included in a student's program of study. Courses with technical content taken over five years prior to admission may not be eligible for transfer. There is a limit of how many hours you may transfer from another college. Please see the Brenau Catalog for more information:

<http://catalog.brenau.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=277&print>.

Graduate transfer credit from an accredited institution will be honored for a period of seven years from the date of the course completion but limited to a maximum of six credit hours. Departments will review these courses individually.

How do I get my textbooks?

The Barnes&Noble Campus Bookstore (see the guide at the end of this document) <http://brenau.bncollege.com> (note your textbooks are NOT available at your local B&N retail outlet).

Students may select NEW or USED books, as they prefer. However, their total showing on the B&N site will always reflect the cost of all NEW books, in case the bookstore is out of stock of USED copies. Students are NOT charged on a credit or debit card until the bookstore physically fills and processes the order. Therefore, the actual total maybe up to 25% less than the total displayed during the checkout process.

Book Vouchers

If the total of your scholarships, grants, and student loans exceed your tuition and fees, you may be eligible for a book voucher. Please contact the Accounting Office at 770-534-6150 to see if you qualify.

How do I get a copy of my Brenau transcript or verification of enrollment?

Transcripts and verification of enrollment may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar upon submission of a written request to <http://www.brenau.edu/academics/office-of-the-registrar-2/request-a-transcript-2/>.

How do I know if I qualify for experiential credit and what do I need to do to receive it?

Experiential credit is academic credit awarded for relevant experience/knowledge obtained through some means other than college course work. Students will be considered for experiential credit only after they have been officially accepted to the university and issued a program plan. Students can then schedule a preliminary

conference with the chair of the department in which they are seeking credit. Experiential credit is not awarded for most graduate level degrees. The form is available at http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2806.

How do I apply for graduation?

Graduation packets are sent to potential graduates in September of each academic year through Brenau email. In addition, applications for graduation are available on the website at http://www.brenau.edu/?page_id=2806. Students must submit an application for graduation to the Registrar's Office no later than December 1 of the academic year in which they anticipate completing their program of study. There is a late fee of \$75.00 on any application received after this date.

Absolutely no graduation applications are accepted after January 1.



When I complete my undergraduate degree or certification program, can I go straight into a graduate program?

Not automatically. Each program is different and has different admissions criteria. An application for graduate admission must be completed along with all necessary supporting documentation required by the program. Contact the Graduate Admissions office to determine the necessary steps to complete an application. <http://www.brenau.edu/admissions/>.

TUITION AND FEES

Payment Options

Tuition is due and payable by the first day of each semester during the academic year. Tuition balances may be paid using check, money order, or credit cards. Payment can be made in person or over the phone to the Accounting Office (770-534-6150) with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover or at the campus where you attend or by e-payments available through <https://campus.brenau.edu/>. When you click the link titled "My Billing" in Campus Web, you will see a **PAY NOW** button. Simply click the button and fill in the online form with your name, address, and credit card information. Upon successful payment, your student account will reflect the payment in real time.

Students may also enter into either of two payment options to defer part of the tuition payments to later dates in the term. Payment contracts must be signed within the first week of the semester and an administrative fee is assessed for the contract. Contracts cannot be initiated after the first week of a full semester or at the beginning of the second session. A fee is imposed on each delinquent payment received. The terms of the payment options are listed in the Catalog. <http://catalog.brenau.edu/>.

Tuition Rates

Tuition rates are published annually in the Brenau University *Catalog*. Students should contact the Financial Services Office with any questions concerning specific rates and fees. <http://www.brenau.edu/about/offices-and-resources/tuition-fees-and-accounting-office/>.

Refunds

In the event a student must withdraw for medical or other verified reasons, two types of tuition adjustments may be made: a credit to the student's account for the current or next semester and/or a refund of that credit balance. If a course is cancelled, students receive a 100% refund.

Students who wish to drop courses or withdraw must complete a drop form that is available at each site or on the registrar's website at <http://www.brenau.edu/academics/office-of-the-registrar-2/>. If they desire a refund

of any credit balance that might result from dropping or withdrawing, students must request in writing a refund of any credit balance from the controller or student accounts manager of the university. No institutional officer other than the controller or student accounts manager may authorize refunds of tuition. Advisors/coordinators/directors have no authority to make commitments concerning or to grant refunds. Refunds will generally be processed within 30 days after all necessary documentation (drop/add, written request for refund) is submitted. This policy also applies to weekend courses.

If you of your financial aid awards exceed your tuition and fees, you may be eligible for a book voucher. Please contact the accounting office at 770-534-6150 if you qualify.



Return of Title IV Funds

Students who receive federal Title IV assistance and completely withdraw from a semester will be subject to the return of Title IV funds policy mandated by the U.S. Department of Education. Federal Title IV assistance includes Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Federal Work-Study, and Federal Perkins Loan; TEACH Grant, Federal Direct Loan, Parent PLUS Loan, and Graduate PLUS Loan. This policy assumes that a student earns his or her aid based on the period of time he or she remains enrolled. During the first 60% of the semester, a student earns Title IV funds in direct proportion to the length of time he or she remains enrolled. A student who remains enrolled beyond the 60% point earns all aid for the semester. The percentage of the semester that the student remained enrolled, and for which aid was earned, is derived by dividing the number of days the student attended by the number of calendar days in the semester, excluding breaks of at least 5 calendar days.

[Any unearned Title IV funds, with the exception of Federal Work-Study earnings, must be returned to the U.S. Department of Education.](#) In calculating which types of funds are to be returned, loans are always returned before grants, thereby reducing the withdrawn student's outstanding debt as much as possible.

The detailed rules for the calculation of the return of Title IV funds are available on request from the Office of Financial Aid or the Accounting Office.

Delinquent Accounts

Students whose accounts are delinquent forfeit their right to attend classes, take final examinations, or otherwise participate in the academic program until satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Financial Services Office to meet financial obligations. Diplomas, certificates, and transcripts are issued only when the students' accounts have been paid in full. **Students whose accounts are delinquent as of the payment due dates for each semester will not be permitted to register for the following semester, nor will they receive final grades for the semester in which they are currently enrolled.**

All financial records must be cleared and paid in compliance with institutional procedures in order for the student to be identified as "in good standing". In addition, no recommendations, degrees, transcripts of credit, diplomas, or other correspondence will be issued on behalf of the student until all financial obligations are satisfied.

HOW TO ORDER TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are available through the **Barnes&Noble Campus Bookstore**.
The Library does not purchase or lend textbooks.

You may be able to use financial aid to cover the cost of your textbooks. If you have excess financial aid after tuition and fees have been paid, you may be eligible for a voucher. **Book vouchers can be issued up to the day your financial aid is posted to your account. At that time, your account is on hold for refund processing.**

Access the Brenau Barnes & Noble website (Best viewed with Google Chrome on a PC or Mac, not a mobile device):

You can gain access to the bookstore two different ways.



- (a) Go to www.intranet.brenau.edu and click on the Barnes & Noble (B&N) Bookstore tab, located on the left. Click “**Log in / Sign up**” located at the top of the page. Once you have created an account, go back to the home page. You are now ready to create your virtual shopping cart!

OR

- (b) Login to CampusWEB. Select “**My Schedule**,” Click on “**Buy Books**” at the top of the page. This will automatically link you to the B&N site and pre-fill your shopping cart with the books you need! This is called speedy checkout.

Be sure to de-select any items you do not need!

Step One:

1. Click **Textbooks** at the top of the screen
2. **Select your term**
3. You must know the **Department, Course Number, and Section of your class prior to ordering.** For example, if you are registered for BA 306 at the Fairburn campus the department is BA, the course number is **306** and the section is **F1**. If you are registered for an online class, your section number will be D1, D2, or DE. Refer to the **MySchedule option** in CampusWeb if you do not remember the classes you are registered for.
4. Continue adding classes as needed. Close out any unused drop-down menus by clicking the red “X” to the right of the section code. Additional drop-down menus will appear if all three are in use.
5. Click **Find Materials for X Classes (where X is the number of classes)**

Select Your Format: You Have Options!

Purchase Options

Textbook can be purchased in new or used condition. If used textbooks are not available, your order is filled with new textbooks. You will have the option during checkout to select “Order NEW books instead, and I will pay the difference” or “Remove any unavailable USED books from my order”. **Selecting the latter will cause your order to be cancelled if USED books are not available!**

Textbooks Rental Option

Many textbooks can be rented from the bookstore. Renting your textbooks USED can be significantly less expensive than purchasing NEW books. You can utilize financial aid to pay for textbook rentals. However, you will still need to keep a valid credit card on file in order to rent textbooks. (Note: It is okay to highlight and write in your rental titles, as long as they are returned in good condition.)

E-Textbook Option

An eTextbook is a digital, downloadable version of a physical textbook. It looks and feels identical to an actual textbook and has the same functionality as a paper textbook. You can highlight, annotate, and take notes directly in your e-Textbook.

Step Two: Check-Out

1. Once you have selected your format, click “Add items to the shopping cart” at the top of the screen.
2. Preview the order to verify you have selected the correct items. **Remove any unwanted items from your cart.**
3. Select **checkout** to complete your order

4. If you are renting textbooks, you will need to create an account or sign in to an existing one. Please note this is a separate website from Brenau, and your Brenau sign-ons do not work on this site.
5. Select your preferred shipping method. Books can be shipped to your home or work address. *You are only able to pick up your items from Brenau Barnes & Noble Bookstore located in Gainesville, GA.*
6. Standard shipping is \$6.95 for the first book and \$1.95 for each additional book. Textbooks are shipped UPS Ground.
7. Select your payment method. If you plan to use financial aid to pay for textbooks, enter your 6 digit Student ID number in the space provided. **Do not enter your Student ID if you are using another payment method.** If you are renting your textbooks, you will need to have a valid credit card on file at this time, even if you plan to pay with Financial Aid.
8. Submit and verify your order, method of payment, and shipping address.
9. Write down the total amount of your order, **including shipping and tax**
10. E-mail this amount (including shipping and tax, if applicable) to DeAna Peak at dgibson3@brenau.edu **be sure to send the financial aid request from your Brenau TigerMail account!** Textbooks are shipped within 2 business days if your items are in stock. Usually, back-orders are filled in less than 5 business days.
11. Please check your email to confirm you received an Order Confirmation from the Bookstore, containing your Order Number. You will need to reference this in any communication with the Bookstore.

Please note that you do not have to purchase your textbooks from the Brenau Bookstore!

You may use other retailers such as Amazon, Cengagebrain.com, Chegg, AbeBooks, etc.

ISBN numbers for all textbooks are provided on the bookstore's website

However, please note that only the Brenau Bookstore guarantees you a return if your professor changes the book.

See the Brenau Bookstore for details

HOW TO ORDER YOUR BRENAU STUDENT ID CARD

<http://idcards.fullidentity.com/BrenauUniversity/EmailVerify.aspx>

Brenau University students, faculty, and staff now have the ability to **request an identification card** at any time and **from any location in the world using a web site.** The purpose of the Brenau University ID card is to allow for convenient use of campus resources, Brenau dining facilities, and **even student discounts** from local vendors that might provide them. The card is available at no cost (for the first 1000 cards issued), however shipping fees will be charged, and the card will be mailed to the recipient's preferred address.



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