

Brown University-Tougaloo College Partnership



A Guide for Spending the Semester At Tougaloo College

**Office of the Brown-Tougaloo Partnership
Tougaloo College**



A Semester Exchange Program

Welcome to the Brown University – Tougaloo College Partnership (BTP) and the Student Semester Exchange Program. Through this program, students from Brown and Tougaloo have the opportunity to study at the partner campus for a semester and become involved in other activities. We encourage you to plan ahead and prepare for this unique opportunity. This booklet will help you plan your trip to the partner institution - it contains useful information and has been put together by students who have been to the partner campus.

History

On May 18, 1964 – the tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision – Brown University in Providence, RI, and Tougaloo College, a historically black college in Jackson, MS, developed a cooperative agreement. With the Civil Rights movement as a backdrop, the two institutions entered, somewhat uneasily at first, into a commitment that has continued as a unique collaborative venture, engaging the culture, academia, and histories of these distinctive institutions. To date, over 500 students and faculty have participated in the Brown-Tougaloo Partnership.

General Planning Information

Contact the BTP office at your home campus at least 4 months prior to your visit to discuss your interest in going to the partner campus (see contact information below). You will need to go over the application process, begin to select courses, plan for any independent research projects and identify any specific goals for your semester away. There are many unique opportunities at each campus, take the time to peruse the websites and contact specific departments if you have a specific goal in mind.

Application Deadlines: **February 1** or **October 1** for the following fall or spring semester.

Contact information for the BTP Semester Exchange Program:

Brown University

Applications and general information

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Tougaloo College

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Travel Arrangements

You are responsible for getting to Tougaloo College in time for orientation and registration. Please refer to the institutional websites for the start dates. In general, Tougaloo begins the Fall semester in mid-August and the Spring semester in early January.



Getting to Tougaloo

The Jackson Evers International Airport in Jackson is the closest airport.

You will need to secure your own transportation to the College and the most convenient method is by cab (about \$40.00 o/w). On campus, the most convenient travel is by foot, but the campus is small so this should not be an issue. Travel off campus is very limited and we highly suggest that you bring a car to campus if you plan on participating in activities off-campus such as independent research or community service. Please contact the BTP office at Tougaloo for the particulars of having a car on-campus.

Health and Illness

Both campuses maintain fully staffed infirmaries for students. At Tougaloo, there is a College Nurse on campus and a clinic in the Health and Wellness Center where you may go for help. In the event of significant illness, please contact the BTP representatives on both campuses so that we may assist you in finding appropriate care. Please also clarify your health insurance policies to make sure you have coverage should you need it. Brown University students who have Brown Health Insurance may continue with the plan even while at the partner campus. Contact Brown's Office of Insurance and Risk (Box 1848, ext 3-9481) for more information.

Questions to consider when reviewing your health insurance needs:

When does the plan begin and end?

Will the plan cover hospitalization for accidents and illness both on and off campus?

Does the plan cover pre-existing conditions?

Is there a deductible? Is so, how much?

Is there a limit to the amount of coverage provided?

Do I have to pay cash up front and then reimburse the plan? If so, what if I do not have enough money ?

What proof of coverage to I need to bring with me?

Emergency Assistance

All students should be aware that unforeseen emergency situations may arise. The campus you are visiting should be your first point of contact. Be sure that you have emergency contact information on your person (written down and in your cell phone) at all times, and that the BTP Coordinator has this information. If an emergency arises, we expect students to follow approved protocols at Tougaloo College. At the conclusion of any emergency, please contact both BTP offices so they know that you are safe.

Semester Exchange General Information

Money Matters - At Tougaloo

Registration and fees

Brown students who study away at Tougaloo are awarded financial aid the same way they would if they were on a foreign study away program. They will receive federal, state and Brown University Scholarship based on their calculated need **using the cost at Tougaloo**—in other words you pay Tougaloo tuition rates not Brown. Students register for classes and pay tuition at the same time – on campus during the first few days. You must have the means to pay your total tuition bill at that time. Brown students will need to complete a Financial Study Away Checklist that is available on-line and through the Office of Financial Aid.

It is your responsibility to make sure any financial aid package is complete before you arrive on campus. Please consult with the BTP Coordinator and the Office of Financial Aid at Tougaloo if you have any questions.



Spending Money

You will have the opportunity to open a checking account at a local bank. Liberty Bank comes to the campus at the beginning of the academic year for students who are need of a bank account. There is an ATM located in the hallway of the dining hall. You will have housing and a meal plan so your expenses should be minimal, however, have enough money on hand for any emergencies. Laundry facilities are free so there is no need to bring money for washing clothes. There are a few banks in driving distance from the campus (AmSouth, Trustmark, and 2 Credit Unions). There is a postal service located on campus at the bottom of the Blackmon Building and a USPS just outside the gates of Tougaloo College.

Courses at Tougaloo

In general, we recommend that Brown students sign up for Honor's level courses to ensure that you will receive credit for your coursework. Credits are NOT automatically transferrable, and you must attain prior approval especially in your concentration. To do this you will need to identify the courses you plan on taking and receiving approval from your academic major. You may wish to enhance your stay by pursuing an independent research project – there are many notable professors and College/community partnerships that can assist you in formulating a research effort. A few to keep in mind are Jackson Heart Study, Tougaloo College Health and Wellness Center, and the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility.



Enjoying the Semester – Advice from Students

It is always good to have an insight of what to expect as an exchange student so here is a few tips from past participants of the student exchange:

- Maintain an open mind and keep a journal
- Before you apply make sure you know what courses that you want to take and contact the professors to make sure they are being offered
- It would be helpful for you to locate a dormitory you may be interested in living in and contact campus housing to discuss your options Renner Hall and AA Branch are the more social dorms on campus
- The Tougaloo College Library is a good place to study
- Participate in the weekly and weekend events

Taking coursework is only one opportunity available to students who participate in the exchange program. There are also other opportunities available to you as an exchange student. Here are a few examples:

- Become a mentor with the Tougaloo College Family Life Center
- Join a student organization
- Become involved in the Jackson area
- Visit the Jackson Heart Study and assist in their research efforts
- Talk to professors and see if you can assist in some research while you are there

While you are at Tougaloo College be sure to take advantage of the many travel opportunities. Education of the mind occurs inside and outside of the class room. Here are a few places to keep in mind:

- Visit the Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History
- Visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
- Visit the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Museum
- Take a train to New Orleans, La
- Be sure to take advantage of seeing one of the sporting events by the Tougaloo College athletic teams
- Visit the historical sites in Jackson, Ms and surrounding areas
- Try some of the traditional southern dishes

“Enjoy yourself while at Tougaloo College”



Arriving at Tougaloo

What to Pack – In addition to your normal attire for the semester don't forget these items:

Clothing

Waterproof walking shoes
Appropriate exercise clothing
Formal wear for an occasional dinner
Weather appropriate clothing
Umbrella

Misc

Watch
Shower Shoes
Laptop
MP3 or iPod
Journal
Camera

Medicines and Toiletries

Prescription medicine
Personal items
Bedding and towels

Important telephone numbers At Tougaloo

Brown-Tougaloo Office

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Police and Security

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