

# Students can save up to \$200 per credit in BC3's summer sessions

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College's summer 2020 sessions will enable BC3 and visiting students to earn credits in as few as four weeks and to save between \$100 and \$200 per credit in tuition compared to costs charged by Pennsylvania's regional public four-year universities.

BC3's summer 2020 menu features five sessions from May 11 to Aug. 4 and will be held through online and remote instruction formats. Remote instruction includes video conferencing, email and Internet-based learning management system formats.

BC3 will offer three summer sessions – lasting four, 12 and eight weeks – and two five-week online Fast Track sessions.

Tuition for BC3 students from Butler County in the summer sessions costs \$118 per credit and with fees, \$170 per credit. Tuition for BC3 students from other Pennsylvania counties in the summer sessions costs \$218 per credit and with fees, \$270 per credit. An additional \$35 lab fee may be charged for certain courses.

One credit costs at least \$319, and fees per credit range from \$115 to \$182, for a Pennsylvania resident attending one of the state's regional public four-year universities in the 2019-2020 academic year.

BC3's credits transfer to public, private and online four-year colleges and universities.

## Visiting student: "I saved a lot of money going to BC3"

Summer sessions at BC3 have drawn an average of 357 guest students and 1,280 overall students each year since 2017, according to Becky Smith, BC3's associate director of records and registration.

BC3's "robust" summer menu and the college's affordability are attractive to students, said Amy Pignatore, BC3's dean of admissions and college registrar.

"We have a variety of courses available to meet many students' needs," Pignatore said. "We have students who attend (Pennsylvania's public four-year) schools or other state-affiliated



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Jonathan Kowalkowski agrees.

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“BC3 has a good price,” said Kowalkowski, who took speech during a Fast Track session and other courses in art history, chemistry, psychology and technical writing. The state-related university he attends “is pretty expensive and the credits I was looking to take were a lot more expensive there. I saved a lot of money going to BC3 during the summer. It was a very good, productive, efficient decision.”

A four-week Session 1 is scheduled from May 11 to June 4 and includes a selection of courses in subjects such as ethics, film analysis, introduction to painting, principles of sociology, productivity applications, recent United States history and speech.

A 12-week Session 2, to be held from May 11 to July 27, features courses in topics such as business math, chemistry I, classical mythology, environmental biology, general microbiology, general psychology, research writing, and trigonometry and functions.

An eight-week Session 3 will offer courses from June 15 to Aug. 4. Subjects include biology I, business law, calculus and analytic geometry I, drawing, human growth and development, preparatory English and physics I.

Five-week Fast Tracks will be held from May 11 to June 15, and from June 22 to July 27. Courses include elementary statistics, intermediate algebra, microeconomics, technical writing II and world geography.

For more information, visit [bc3.edu/summer](http://bc3.edu/summer).