INTRODUCTION

A primary goal of Barber-Scotia College is to provide all students the academic foundations and cultural experiences essential to a liberal education through a core of General Education courses.

The General Education Requirements are drawn from each of the following areas: humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, mathematical and natural sciences, and health and physical education.

These courses seek to: develop in all students skills in oral and written communication, computation, reading and analytical thinking; foster in students a positive attitude toward and an appreciation of health and physical development; broaden students’ knowledge and appreciation of Western and non-Western literature and cultures; and orient students to the mission of Barber-Scotia College.

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

All students who matriculate at the College must complete a minimum of 52-57 required and elective hours of General Education courses. During the first two years, students may also complete introductory courses in their majors.

Satisfactory fulfillment of General Education requirements includes the following:

A. Communications............12 S.H.
B. Mathematics.................6-8 S.H.
C. Science.......................6-8 S.H.
D. Social Sciences...............6 S.H.
E. Humanities* ...............15 S.H.
F. Computer Science.............3 S.H.
H. Seminars.....................2 S.H.
S.H. = Semester Hours

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Barber-Scotia College believes that the dignity of all human beings is an endowment from God, and that each individual has the responsibility for developing his or her creative energies toward the making of a better world. Each individual strives to achieve an integrated development: intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. The institution believes that this development and this integration must take place within a framework of cultural heritage and through a commitment of ideals arising from Christian and democratic principles.
Barber-Scotia College was founded as Scotia Seminary in January, 1867, by Reverend Luke Dorland who was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) to establish in the South an institution for the training of Negro women. A survey of situations and of needs resulted in the selection of Concord, North Carolina as the place for the location of the school. Organization included a program of elementary, secondary, and normal school work.

The Mission of the College has always focused on Total Student Development (TSD) as etched in the Faith Hall cornerstone: For Head, Hand and Heart.

In 1930, Barber Memorial College of Anniston, Alabama, merged with Scotia Women’s College. The present name, Barber-Scotia College, was adopted in 1932. Four years after the merger of Scotia with Barber, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools granted Barber-Scotia approval as a Class “A” junior college. Eight years later (1942), the Board of National Missions took action to support fully a four-year program for the College.

On April 2, 1954, the charter was amended to admit students without regard to race or sex. Following closely on the event, the College was admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of College and Schools.

Above is a rendition of the Faith Hall tower, a traditional symbol of Barber-Scotia College. The building is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

If you have any questions please contact our Admissions Office at (704) 789-2900 or (704) 789-2901. In addition, you may inquire by email at www.b-sc.edu.