



BOSTON  
COLLEGE

International Exchange  
Program

# Welcome to Boston College

Established in 1863, Boston College is one of the oldest and most prestigious Jesuit, Catholic universities in the U.S. Ranked highly among national universities by *U.S. News and World Report*, Boston College has consistently exhibited a strong dedication to academic excellence. With approximately 9,400 undergraduate and 4,700 graduate students, the University offers programs in eight colleges, including the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, the Carroll School of Management, the Lynch School of Education, the Connell School of Nursing, the Graduate School of Social Work, the School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College Law School, and Woods College of Advanced Studies.



## Location

Boston College (BC) is located just on the edge of Boston, a city which offers a unique blend of past, present, and future. Founded in 1630 by Puritans seeking religious freedom, Boston was the site of major events which led to the American Revolution. The city juxtaposes modern office buildings with 17th and 18th century architecture, and its distinct neighborhoods, such as Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and the North End, can easily be explored on foot. With almost 4.6 million people in the greater metropolitan area, Boston is home to many large companies in the financial services sector and the high-tech industry. The city boasts the greatest concentration of higher education institutions in the U.S., and is a center for medicine, research, and technology.



## Campus Life

Known as "The Heights," BC's beautiful 175-acre main campus is comprised of stunning Gothic architecture and has both a clear view of the Boston skyline and easy access to the city's amenities. The University boasts eight research libraries with 2.7 million volumes. BC is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), a collegiate athletic league with member universities competing in a variety of top-level sports. Visiting students can enjoy the spirit and enthusiasm that come from attending games and cheering for the "Eagles." Exchange students are encouraged to become involved in the many campus clubs and organizations and to take advantage of the on-campus athletic facilities, the McMullen Museum, and the Robsham Theater Arts Center.





## International Community

BC has long been a nexus of international activity. Each year the University sends about 1,200 students abroad, with approximately 50 percent of its undergraduate students participating before graduation, and hosts more than 200 international exchange students. Additionally, the University hosts more than 2,000 international staff, faculty, and students. Within this community, exchange students are welcomed and supported by BC faculty, staff, and students, and are encouraged to fully participate in all that the University has to offer.

## International Exchange Program

BC has exchange agreements with over 60 universities worldwide. Exchange students must be nominated by their home university before applying through the Office of International Programs. Applicants must be in good academic standing at their home university, and students who are non-native English speakers must demonstrate a high level of English proficiency.

Accepted students take classes alongside their US counterparts and choose courses from the regular BC offerings in the arts and sciences, business, education, and law. With permission, qualified students may take graduate-level courses at the BC Law School and School of Theology and Ministry.

While BC makes every effort to place students in their choice of courses, no guarantee can be made that they will be enrolled in their first-choice classes. Exchange students must plan to take classes in a variety of subjects. In keeping with the US model of a liberal arts education, students generally only take one or two courses in their major, with the rest being taken in other subjects. Students pay their home university tuition for the semester or year they spend at BC.

## Orientation and Academic Support

All exchange students are required to go through an orientation, which covers important aspects of BC and the US university system. Additionally, students may request a faculty advisor for assistance with course selection and general academic advising.



## Housing

Due to the limited space, on-campus housing is not guaranteed. Most exchange students reside in off-campus accommodations such as shared houses or apartments with other BC and international students. An exchange student housing lottery is held for the available on-campus rooms in May for fall and full-year students and in October for spring students. Off-Campus Housing Services assists exchange students in finding suitable off-campus housing upon arrival in Boston.

## Activities

BC offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities including sports, social and intercultural clubs, and volunteer opportunities. Exchange students are encouraged to participate in the annual Study Abroad Fair, pre-departure orientations, and study abroad information sessions designed for BC study abroad students. A number of other social activities are organized for exchange students.

## Application Procedure

Students should contact the study abroad office at their home university about application procedures. Nominated students will receive instructions to the online application. Complete applications must be submitted by the deadlines posted on the OIP website.

**For more detailed information, visit the OIP website at [www.bc.edu/international](http://www.bc.edu/international)**



## Boston College Departments and Areas of Study

Accounting	Law
Applied Psychology & Human Development	Linguistics
Art, Art History & Film	Management & Leadership
Biology	Marketing
Business Law & Society	Mathematics
Chemistry	Music
Classical Studies	Nursing
Communication	Operations Management
Computer Science	Philosophy
Environmental Studies	Physics
Economics	Political Science
Education	Psychology
English	Romance Languages & Literatures
Finance	Slavic & Eastern Languages and Literatures
German Studies	Sociology
History	Theatre
Information Systems	Theology
International Studies	



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