

BOSTON COLLEGE

# International Exchange Program



Office of International Programs



# Welcome to Boston College

**E**stablished in 1863, Boston College is one of the oldest Jesuit, Catholic universities in the United States. Ranked thirty-first among national universities by *U.S. News and World Report* in 2010, BC has consistently exhibited a strong dedication to academic excellence. Approximately 14,800 students from all fifty states and 93 countries worldwide pursue their studies on BC's beautiful, tree-lined campus. Outside the classroom, Boston College students participate in a variety of volunteer opportunities, clubs, and campus organizations, including its highly successful athletic teams. Attesting to Boston College's strong reputation for academic rigor, its

students have received a large number of prestigious Fulbright, Rhodes, and Marshall scholarships in recent years.

One of Boston College's strategic goals has been to expand the university's international activities. Each year Boston College sends over 1200 students abroad and hosts more than 200 international exchange students from its partner universities worldwide, who have greatly enriched the international climate on campus. Exchange students are welcomed and supported by Boston College faculty, staff, and students, and are encouraged to fully participate in all that the university has to offer.



Boston

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The city of Boston is 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 seventeenth and eighteenth 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 New England's largest city and the economic and cultural capital of the region. It 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 United States, and is a center for medicine, research, and technology. Known for its arts scene, Boston offers many museums and cultural highlights such as the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the Boston Ballet. The city is also home to several famous professional sports teams that attract many fans—including American football with the New England Patriots, basketball with the Boston Celtics, and baseball with the Boston Red Sox. There is much to explore and enjoy outside of the city as well. Massachusetts has a beautiful coastline, and nearby mountain ranges are ideal for hiking and skiing.

Granby, Massachusetts

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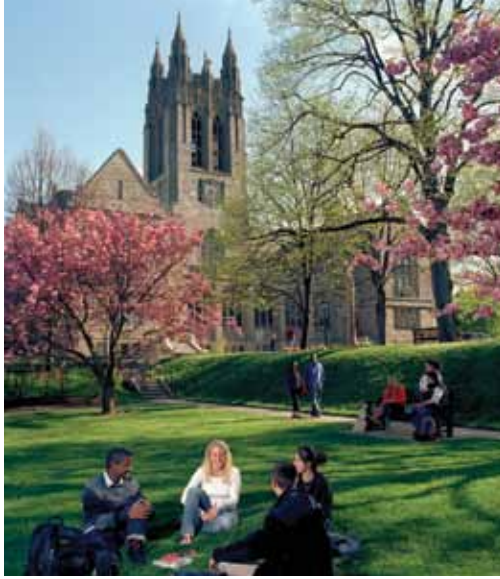
[www.bc.edu](http://www.bc.edu)

Boston College, located in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, was established in 1863 as a private, Jesuit university. Known as “The Heights,” the university’s beautiful 118-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. Boston College, which has approximately 9100 undergraduate and 4900 graduate students, exhibits its strong commitment to academic excellence through its various programs in the 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, and the Boston College Law School. The university boasts eight research libraries with 2.5 million volumes.

Boston College is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), a collegiate athletic league with twelve member universities competing in twenty 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.



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### **College of Arts and Sciences Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

[www.bc.edu/schools/cas/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/)  
[www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/)

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest of the undergraduate colleges at Boston College with 22 departments and nearly 6000 undergraduate students. Arts and Sciences also has many graduate degree programs that enroll 1100 graduate students. Special programs and interdisciplinary majors and minors are available.

### **Carroll School of Management**

[www.bc.edu/schools/csom/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/csom/)

The Carroll School of Management offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees. About 2000 undergraduates study in one of its seven academic departments. These students also take courses in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Carroll School offers first-class graduate management programs and executive development programs for professionals as well.

### **The Lynch School of Education**

[www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/)

The Lynch School of Education has 800 undergraduate students and 1000 graduate students. It offers over twenty-five academic programs in three main fields: human development,

education, and psychology. It prepares students to serve as teachers, administrators, human service providers, psychologists, and researchers. The Lynch School also has several centers and institutes which focus on a variety of research endeavors.

### **The Connell School of Nursing**

[www.bc.edu/schools/son/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/son/)

About 380 undergraduates pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing that includes liberal arts, physical sciences, social sciences, and nursing courses. The curriculum is designed to develop a student's diagnostic, therapeutic, and ethical reasoning through classroom experiences and clinical placements in more than 85 local facilities. Graduate degree programs are designed to prepare nurses to excel as care-givers and leaders in the profession, and to develop research skills in the nursing field.

### **Graduate School of Social Work**

[www.bc.edu/schools/gssw/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/gssw/)

With a student body of approximately 500, the Graduate School of Social Work is an international leader in shaping the education of professional social workers through an innovative graduate-level curriculum. Master's and doctoral-level degrees, field placements, continuing education programs, and opportunities in international settings are available.



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Cape Cod, Massachusetts

### The Boston College Law School

[www.bc.edu/schools/law/home.html](http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/home.html)

The BC Law School is among the most selective law schools in the United States. In 2010 it was voted a top thirty law school in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*. BC Law has established programs in human rights, social justice, and public interest law. The school has approximately 850 students and 125 faculty members. In addition to a J.D. degree, dual-degree and LL.M. programs are available.

### School of Theology and Ministry

[www.bc.edu/schools/stm/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/)

The School of Theology and Ministry is an international, comprehensive theological center which was formed in 2008 when the former Weston Jesuit School of Theology and the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry were joined. Both a graduate divinity school and an ecclesiastical faculty of theology, the school offers both master's and doctoral degrees, civil and ecclesiastical degrees, and a wide variety of continuing education offerings.

### International Exchange Program

Boston College's Office of International Programs (OIP) has exchange agreements with over sixty universities worldwide. Exchange students must be nominated by their home university before applying to attend BC. Appli-

cants 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 American counterparts and choose courses from the regular BC offerings in the arts and sciences, business, education, and nursing. With permission, qualified students may take courses at the Boston College Law School, Graduate School of Social Work, 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. Therefore, exchange students are urged to consider taking a few non-major courses.

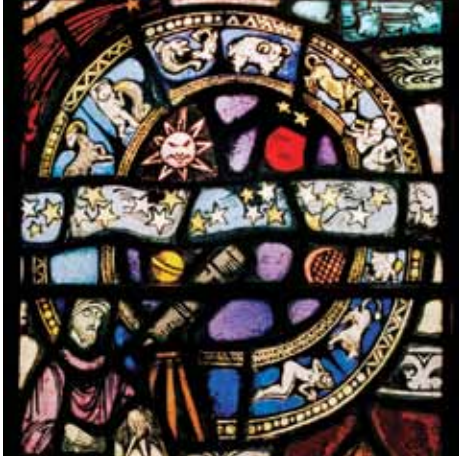
Students pay their home university tuition for the semester or year they spend at Boston College. All exchange students are encouraged to participate in the many clubs, campus organizations, and volunteer opportunities that BC offers.

### Orientation and Academic Support

The Office of International Programs and the Office of International Students and Scholars organize mandatory orientations to acquaint newly-arrived exchange students with important aspects of Boston College and the American university system. All exchange students may request a faculty advisor for assistance with course selection and general academic advising.



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plan to go abroad. OIP and the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) also host social activities for exchange students and BC mentors.

### Application Procedure

Students should contact the international office at their home university about application procedures. Nominated applicants must submit completed applications to Boston College's Office of International Programs by the deadlines posted on the OIP web site. Visit the "Exchange Students" section of the OIP web site for application forms and instructions.

### Housing

Due to limited space in on-campus housing, 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. Boston College's Off-Campus Housing Services assists exchange students in finding suitable off-campus housing upon arrival in Boston.

### Exchange Mentor Program

To help with their adjustment to Boston College student life, exchange students have the option of being paired with a BC student mentor who has studied in the exchange student's country or at their home university. Mentors contact the exchange student prior to their arrival at BC and also meet with them on a regular basis after they arrive on campus. In addition, all incoming international students are assigned an International Advisor, who is a BC student volunteer and helps them to become acclimated to Boston College.

### Activities

Boston College 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 OIP Study Abroad Fair, pre-departure orientations, and information sessions for Boston College students who

## BOSTON COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS AND AREAS OF STUDY

Accounting	Marketing
Biology	Mathematics
Business Law	Music
Chemistry	Nursing
Classical Studies	Operations & Strategic Management
Communication	Organization Studies
Computer Science	Pastoral Ministry
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
Education	Political Science
English	Psychology
Finance	Romance Languages & Literatures
Fine Arts	Slavic & Eastern Languages & Literatures
German Studies	Social Work
History	Sociology
Human Development	Theatre
Information Systems	Theology
Law	