It is with pleasure that I welcome you to Boston College and the Division of Student Affairs! Whether you are a new or returning student, Student Affairs will help you to engage fully with the many educational opportunities at Boston College. Our work in the Division of Student Affairs is centered on cura personalis, which means “care of the whole person.” This is a core part of BC’s Catholic and Jesuit mission. We seek to help you explore the unique gifts and talents that you bring to BC as you learn new insights about yourself and others during your time here. As Vice President, I am committed to your learning in the fullest sense and strive to provide a wide range of Division programs and services to assist with this learning.

I work with a dedicated staff of professionals who represent ten departments on campus and who are committed to your academic success and personal growth. These departments provide services in on- and off-campus living, academic support, health and wellness, community service, career services, and student activities. You will find that being involved on campus and within the larger communities of Boston and beyond will reap life-long rewards for you years after you have left BC.

It is our hope that by participating in a rich campus environment and interacting with a diversity of people, you will come to know yourself better and be well prepared to enter into the world upon graduation. We are committed to helping you become a person focused on the needs of others through whatever vocation you choose.

My staff and I offer our best wishes to you for the upcoming year.

Patrick Rombalski, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs
On behalf of the Office of the Dean for Student Development (ODSD), I would like to welcome you to Boston College. You have made an excellent decision to attend a Jesuit, Catholic University where you will have many opportunities to grow intellectually, personally, socially, and spiritually. I invite you to make the most out of your Boston College education by partaking of the many resources that are available for student involvement to develop your leadership skills and to engage with faculty and administrators, as we are looking forward to participating in your growth and development.

As we begin a new academic year, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Student Guide (available online at www.bc.edu/studentguide). It outlines your rights and responsibilities as a student and the rules and regulations for which you will be held accountable. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information provided in the guide, feel free to stop by the Office of the Dean for Student Development in 21 Campanella Way, Suite 212. We are a great resource for students, particularly as we address a variety of issues including alcohol and substance abuse, civility and respect, inclusion, disability, gender and sexuality, diversity, and student behavior.

I hope you will embrace all the richness of our diverse community. Best of luck in all of your endeavors here at Boston College.

Sincerely yours,
Sheilah Shaw Horton, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President/Dean for Student Development
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IMPORTANT RESOURCES
The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to facilitate student learning and formation in their fullest sense (integrating intellectual, ethical, religious and spiritual, and emotional-social development) and to promote an inclusive community of engaged learners while advancing the Jesuit, Catholic heritage and values of Boston College.

The Division supports students as whole people by providing and integrating experiential learning opportunities, reducing barriers, and strengthening students’ ability to learn. Student Affairs works to create a campus culture that promotes learning and fosters a sense of community. Our goal is to facilitate students’ growth as people who will be leaders and capable citizens with strong commitments to helping others.

To achieve the Division’s mission, Student Affairs professionals collaborate with faculty, staff, and administrators throughout the University. The ten departments that comprise the Division of Student Affairs are: AHANA Student Programs, Career Center, Counseling Services, Office of the Dean for Student Development, Graduate Student Life, Health Services, Residential Life, Robsham Theater Arts Center, Student Programs Office, and the Volunteer and Service Learning Center.
The Office of AHANA Student Programs develops, implements, and coordinates programs designed to support the academic, social, cultural, and spiritual development of undergraduate AHANA (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) students. Services include personal and group counseling, performance monitoring, advising, tutorial assistance, and mentoring. The office also sponsors a comprehensive six-week summer enrichment program, the Options Through Education Transitional Summer Program. The program provides participants with support, especially in the areas of math and English, and acquaints them with the broad array of resources available at the University.

The Career Center offers a range of services to help students begin to build successful careers. Students may obtain personal guidance in choosing a major or career, gain career-related internship experience, and learn the latest job search techniques. Students are encouraged to participate in Career Center programs beginning their freshman or sophomore year.

Resources include the Internship Program, AHANA Career Services, the Recruiting Program, and the Alumni Career Network, composed of alumni who have volunteered to share career experiences and job search tips. The Career Center hosts numerous career-related events, including career and internship fairs; networking nights in the arts, sciences, and communications; and workshops on writing resumes, interviewing, and job hunting.

University Counseling Services addresses the mental health needs of the Boston College community by working with students in counseling or psychotherapy and by working with faculty and administrators—in consultation or collaboration—on problem solving and policy decision making. Services include individual psychological counseling, group counseling, crisis intervention, referral, and consultation regarding concerns about others.

Mental health concerns requiring immediate attention may be discussed with the psychologist on call. During office hours, call the Gasson Hall office of Counseling Services at 617-552-3310. During evening hours or weekends, contact the
psychologist on call through the Health Services Primary Care Center at 617–552–3227.

Office of the Dean for Student Development

www.bc.edu/odsd

21 Campanella Way, Suite 212, 617–552–3470

The Office of the Dean for Student Development is dedicated to facilitating student development and learning in all facets of the undergraduate experience.

Utilizing a comprehensive approach to community development that is informed by the Jesuit, Catholic values of Boston College, we address a variety of issues including civility and respect, inclusion, disability, gender and sexuality, diversity, alcohol and substance abuse, and student conduct both on and off campus.

Guided by the belief that learning occurs both inside and outside of the classroom, we engage in collaborative partnerships with faculty, staff, and students to develop and implement initiatives that foster the exploration and realization of connections between students’ academic, social, spiritual, and personal lives. We support students’ growth in the areas of personal responsibility, citizenship, and informed decision making in order to facilitate their overall development, commitment to community service, and holistic learning.

ODSD staff work in a number of specific areas to help create a living-learning environment that supports the overall mission of the Division of Student Affairs and of Boston College. These areas include:

- creating programs and opportunities for dialogue on student life issues
- alcohol and other drug prevention, education, treatment
- community standards and student conduct
- off-campus and commuter student life
- services for students with disabilities
- Women’s Resource Center and other programs for women (see page 15 for more information)
- students in stress or distress; crisis management

ODSD is available to consult with students, faculty, and staff concerning any of the above issues that impact student learning and development. Contact information for ODSD resources:

Alcohol and Drug Education

www.bc.edu/ade, 617–552–3470

Alcohol and Drug Education Support Groups and Resources

www.bc.edu/offices/ade/info-resources.html, 617–552–3470

Community Standards

www.bc.edu/offices/odsd/community.html, 617–552–3470

Disability Services

www.bc.edu/disability, 617–552–3470

Off-Campus Student Life

www.bc.edu/offcampuslife, offcampushelp@bc.edu, 617–552–3470
Graduate Student Life
www.bc.edu/gsc
John Courtney Murray, S.J. Graduate Student Center
292 Hammond Street, 617–552–1855

The Office of Graduate Student Life provides outreach to Boston College graduate students through a variety of programs, services, and advocacy efforts. Working together with faculty, staff, and student organizations, the office provides both academic and co-curricular support to the graduate student community, in the service of developing the whole person and furthering the University’s mission.

The John Courtney Murray, S.J. Graduate Student Center is an essential component to building community among and serving as a center of hospitality for graduate students. The center (located across Beacon Street from McElroy Commons) provides a welcoming space for graduate students and offers many amenities and services.

Health Services
www.bc.edu/health_services
Cushing Hall 119, 617–552–3225

University Health Services provides confidential medical care and educational programs to safeguard the physical well-being and mental health of students. The Primary Care Center offers outpatient and inpatient services. Professional staff include primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and specialty consultants. The Outpatient Unit operates by appointment, with same-day appointments often available by calling before 10 a.m. The 10-bed Inpatient Unit provides 24-hour nursing care and evaluations during the academic year, with daily physician rounds for students who require overnight observation and frequent assessment. A $125 safety observation fee is applied to the account of any student involved with the Boston College Police Department for an alcohol infraction resulting in an inpatient admission.

Residential Life
www.bc.edu/reslife
21 Campanella Way, Suite 220, 617–552–3060

The Office of Residential Life is responsible for student development in the residence halls. Each residence hall has a staff
of resident directors, student resident assistants, resident ministers, and peer ministers who support students on all aspects of community life. The student-elected Residence Hall Association (RHA) serves as a student representative body and plans activities and programs for residential students.

Learning communities in the residence halls provide students with the unique opportunity to participate in programmatically integrated environments. Programs include Multicultural Leadership Experience, Healthy Alternatives Lifestyle, Honors, Shaw Leadership, and Romance Languages.

The Office of Residential Life services also include an Off-Campus Housing Office, which maintains listings of apartments and rooms available for rent in surrounding areas.

**Robsham Theater Arts Center**

www.bc.edu/robshaminfo

617–552–4800

The Robsham Theater Arts Center consists of a main theater, large lobby, exhibit space, studio theater, green room, design studio, shops, dressing rooms, and administrative offices. The main theater is a traditional, proscenium-style house with limited thrust capabilities. It includes a completely equipped stage house with fly gallery, orchestra pit for 20 musicians, adequate wing and backstage space, fully automated lighting system, and sophisticated sound system. The building also houses the Bonn Studio Theater, a “black box” flexible space used for dance, student-directed productions, rehearsals, and as a laboratory for theater classes.

**Student Programs Office**

www.bc.edu/spo

21 Campanella Way, Suite 242, 617–552–3480

The mission of the Student Programs Office is to develop students who are engaged with the Boston College community and prepared for leadership in the larger society. The office is committed to providing opportunities for students to integrate the intellectual, social, and spiritual aspects of their collegiate experience, and to develop men and women for others. The office provides programming advisement and facilitates the planning of educational, cultural, and social programs by approximately 125 registered student organizations, including the Undergraduate Government of Boston College and the Student Organization Funding Committee.

Additionally, the office coordinates a room reservation service for student organizations and supervises the Welcome Program, Senior Week events, Emerging Leader Program, O’Connell House Student Union, Nights on the Heights, an annual Leadership Awards Ceremony, and Student Activities Day.

**Emerging Leader Program**, www.bc.edu/elp: The Emerging Leader Program (ELP) is a year-long leadership program designed to assist freshmen in developing the skills and
competencies needed to assume roles of thoughtful responsibility in both on- and off-campus clubs and organizations. Fifty students are selected during the summer prior to their freshman year. Participants attend weekly sessions centering on themes such as leadership, communication, assertiveness, decision making, values and ethics, relationships, and diversity. Students also participate in monthly community service projects and several fundraisers.

**Nights on the Heights**, [www.bc.edu/nights](http://www.bc.edu/nights): Nights on the Heights (NOTH) is a student-led programming body that coordinates late night events from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The mission of NOTH is to build a sense of community by providing a variety of entertaining on-campus activities where students can socialize. Events take place throughout the campus, are free, and are open to the entire Boston College community.

**Volunteer and Service Learning Center**
[www.bc.edu/vslc](http://www.bc.edu/vslc)
McElroy Commons 114, 617–552–1317

The Volunteer and Service Learning Center (VSLC) provides community service opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. The VSLC provides information, procedures, and training for volunteer/service programs and for immersion trips. Staff develop partnerships and placements that offer students the opportunity to integrate community service into their curricular
and cocurricular pursuits, enhance their overall learning, and develop a lifelong habit of service and an understanding of social justice. The VSCLC assists service programs in providing a strong educational component that will help students to reflect critically both on the world they are serving and on the meaning of service for their own personal development.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT LIFE RESOURCES

Academic Advising Center
www.bc.edu/acadvcctr
Bourneuf House, 84 College Road, 617–552–9259

The Academic Advising Center supports the work of undergraduate students, faculty, and staff as students use the resources of Boston College and the wider community to discern their academic and personal directions and to shape their lives as “men and women for others.” Freshmen and premajor sophomores are paired with faculty and administrative staff advisors who are affiliated with the center. All members of the Boston College community are welcome to participate in the center’s programs, which encourage undergraduates to explore their interests and to broaden their acquaintances among faculty and staff members across the University.

Athletics
www.bceagles.com
Conte Forum, 617–552–8520

The Athletics Department provides students with opportunities for enrichment through activities that complement their academic, cultural, and social growth. To meet the needs of a large and diverse community, the Athletics Department offers activities at five levels: informal recreation, group exercise and programming, organized intramurals, club sports, and NCAA Division 1A intercollegiate competition. Students who wish to join an intramural program should contact Campus Recreation at 617–552–0632 or go to www.bc.edu/plex.


Campus Ministry
www.bc.edu/ministry
McElroy Commons 233, 617–552–3475

Boston College is proud of its Jesuit and Catholic religious heritage. Campus ministers strive to serve Boston College’s community of faith and to support people of other faith traditions as well. Activities include:

Worship: Central to the life of a faith community. Campus Ministry provides a variety of opportunities for the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. Campus Ministry fosters involvement in those celebrations through the liturgical
arts program, music ministry groups, and lector and Eucharistic ministers’ training. Penance services and individual confessions are available. Ecumenical services, interreligious services, and prayer groups are also offered.

Commitment: A faith that does justice. Through a variety of programs, Campus Ministry offers opportunities for students to participate in projects designed to help address specific areas of injustice and inequality. Service projects include the Appalachia Volunteer Program, Urban Immersion, 4 Boston, Loyola Volunteers, and the Arrupe international service/immersion trips to Belize, Mexico, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. Campus Ministry also connects graduating seniors with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and other postgraduate volunteer opportunities.

Direction: Human and religious growth. To assist students to grow and develop as fully as possible, campus ministers are available for pastoral counseling and spiritual direction. Off-campus weekend retreats, including the popular Kairos retreat, are held regularly.

Community Liaison
www.bc.edu/comaf
Office of Governmental and Community Affairs
Hopkins House, 116 College Road, 617–552–4787 or through the Boston College Police Department, 617–552–4440

A community liaison works with the Office of the Dean for Student Development (ODSD), Boston College Police, and Boston Police to respond to concerns and complaints about students’ behavior off campus. Utilizing intervention or mediation approaches, the liaison also seeks to resolve issues that might arise between students and neighbors. When students are addressed, a report is submitted to ODSD for review and possible University action. The liaison is generally on duty during the academic year from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, holidays, and other high activity dates. During these times, the liaison can also assist students in clearing uninvited guests from off-campus apartments or houses.

First Year Experience
www.bc.edu/fye
Brock House, 78 College Road, 617–552–3281

The Office of First Year Experience (FYE) assists both freshmen and transfer students with the transition to the intellectual, psychological, and social life of Boston College. FYE coordinates the three-day comprehensive orientation program for all incoming students and their parents/guardians; the First Flight Procession and First Year Academic Convocation; “The Courage to Know” (UN 201) three-credit, first-year elective; the 48HOURS weekend experience; and a spring break, urban volunteer program called the Freshman Leadership Project.
Global Proficiency Program
www.bc.edu/gp
Hovey House, 258 Hammond Street, 617–552–3827

The Global Proficiency Program is a certificate program that encourages students to incorporate an international, cross-cultural perspective in their college experience. Requirements include academic coursework, an international experience, curricular activities, language study, and a service component. Graduates receive a detailed transcript of their international accomplishments at Boston College that can then be used to apply for jobs, graduate schools, fellowships, and other opportunities. The program is co-sponsored by Academic and Student Affairs and is coordinated by the Office of International Programs.

International Programs
www.bc.edu/international
Hovey House, 258 Hammond Street, 617–552–3827

The Office of International Programs (OIP) offers more than 60 study abroad programs in over 30 countries. Students should begin planning for study abroad during freshman year. To participate in a semester/academic year program abroad, students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 and be in good disciplinary standing. Second-year students should first look at the OIP website to research programs of interest or visit the OIP resource room and then meet with an international study advisor. Students can also enroll in more than 20 summer courses abroad which are open to all classes.

International Students and Scholars
www.bc.edu/oiss
21 Campanella Way, Suite 249, 617–552–8005

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) provides assistance and services to international students, scholars, faculty, and their dependents on immigration, academic, financial, and personal matters. The office coordinates programs and provides resources to assist international students and scholars during their stay in the U.S. The staff of the OISS can advise on procedures for travel outside the U.S., extensions of stay, change of visa status, employment in the U.S., post-graduation plans, and other immigration issues.

Intersections Project
www.bc.edu/intersections
Joyce House, 31 Lawrence Avenue, 617–552–6140

Ideally, a liberal arts education challenges students to think about the meaning of their lives and to imagine career choices that will respond to their deepest desires and values. Certain experiences can have dramatic effects on students—friendships, particular courses, teachers and administrators, internships, and volunteer service. Intersections helps students integrate and understand the directions that these experiences imply
for their lives and the connections that their intellectual and spiritual journeys are creating.

Intersections invites students to a three-day, two-night program called Halftime, where students reflect on their interests, talents, and future direction. On- and off-campus follow-ups to Halftime are also offered.

**Learning Resources for Student-Athletes**

www.bc.edu/lrsa

Yawkey Athletics Center, Fourth Floor, 617–552–8533

The Office of Learning Resources for Student-Athletes (LRSA) provides academic advising and support services to Boston College varsity student-athletes. The office assists student-athletes in academic program planning, academic and personal skills development, and career planning. LRSA monitors the academic progress of student-athletes and provides tutorial assistance, skills development workshops, skills assessment, and counseling. LRSA also acts as a liaison to faculty, administration, and campus and community support services. The office houses the Murphy Family Study Center, which serves as the primary tutorial area and has desktop and laptop computers for student-athlete use.

**Learning to Learn**

www.bc.edu/ltl

50 College Road, 617–552–4551

Learning to Learn provides first generation college students, students with learning and physical disabilities, and financially needy college students with academic assistance, counseling, financial aid advisement, and a course in learning theory, “Applications of Learning Theory” (PS005). The program provides services to all Boston College students.

For students meeting federal guidelines, Learning to Learn offers a summer immersion program for pre-freshman students entering Boston College, free GRE and LSAT prep courses, and individual instruction in learning skills. Learning to Learn also coordinates the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, a graduate program for under-represented (low income and first generation) undergraduates who will be pursuing graduate and doctoral degrees and entering careers in research and academia.

**Libraries**

www.bc.edu/libraries

617–552–4472

The Boston College Libraries enhance the social and academic life of the University. Through a combination of services, collections, technology, and workspaces, the Libraries support a range of student learning activities, from idea formation to knowledge dissemination. Librarians are available to answer questions at reference desks, via email, chat, or phone, and can provide research consultations for in-depth assistance. The Libraries
have wireless access, technology-equipped group study rooms, and computer workstations with a full complement of software applications as well as access to world class book collections and databases. Students are encouraged to ask questions and offer suggestions for improving library services.

**McMullen Museum of Art**
[www.bc.edu/artmuseum](http://www.bc.edu/artmuseum)
Devlin Hall, 617–552–8587

The McMullen Museum of Art serves as a dynamic educational resource for the University as well as the larger community. The McMullen mounts scholarly exhibitions of international importance from all periods and cultures of the history of art and maintains a notable permanent collection available for study. Students are encouraged to view exhibitions and to attend openings and programs, and internships are also available to BC students. The museum is free and open to the public seven days a week.

**Military Commissioning and Scholarship Programs**
[www.bc.edu/rotc](http://www.bc.edu/rotc)
Boston College ROTC
Carney Hall 114, 617–552–3230

Several military service ROTC/commissioning programs are available at Boston College. Depending upon the program and required qualifications, individuals may be eligible for scholarships or differing degrees of financial compensation.

**Women’s Resource Center**
[www.bc.edu/wrc](http://www.bc.edu/wrc)
McElroy Commons 141, 617–552–3489

The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) is a comfortable place on campus that offers information, support, and community. Committed to celebrating and empowering women, the WRC seeks to provide education and awareness about women’s issues, to promote social justice, and to provide support for students on campus.

**OTHER SERVICES**

**Eagle Transportation**
[www.bc.edu/bcpd](http://www.bc.edu/bcpd)
Boston College Police Department
21 Campanella Way, First Floor, 617–552–8888

The purpose of Eagle Transportation (Eagle Trans) is to provide enhanced safety and well-being for all members of the Boston College community traveling in and around campus. Consisting of a Walking Service and a Van Service, Eagle Trans operates from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week, except for University holidays or breaks of four or more days.
Identification Cards
www.bc.edu/eagleonecard
Office of Student Services
Lyons Hall, 617–552–3300

The Eagle-One Card is the identification card issued to all University students, faculty, staff, and their spouses. The Eagle-One Card is required to use the University’s libraries, Flynn Recreation Complex, and other campus areas. The Eagle-One Card may also be used as a debit card in the dining halls, bookstore, laundry, vending machines, and off-campus vendors including City Convenience and Takeout Taxi, and as a card access for the residence halls. Replacement IDs can be requested at Student Services or online at portal.bc.edu.

Lost and Found
www.bc.edu/bcpd
Boston College Police Department
21 Campanella Way, First Floor, 617–552–4440

The Boston College Police Department maintains a Lost and Found section where articles are turned in and held for up to six months. Although every effort is made to restore items to the rightful owners, it is the owners’ responsibility to report and claim lost items. Near the end of the second semester, older unclaimed articles are usually auctioned off and the proceeds donated to a worthy cause.

Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science

The Office of the Provost and Dean of Faculties funds Boston College’s membership in the Museum of Fine Arts (http://mfa.org), where students can view the exhibits free of charge by presenting their Eagle-One Card at the museum; special exhibits not included. Free tickets to the Museum of Science (http://mos.org) are available at the Robsham Theater Box Office; special exhibits, Omni Theater, Planetarium, and Laser Shows not included. More information is available at www.bc.edu/studentguide.

Parking Permits
www.bc.edu/transportation
Office of Transportation and Parking
Rubenstein Hall 1C, 617–552–0151

Undergraduate students living off campus within a one-mile radius of public transportation lines are not eligible for campus parking permits. The policy affects all students residing in Allston/Brighton, Boston, Chestnut Hill, and Brookline.

Commuter parking applications are on the Student Services website at www.bc.edu/studentservices under “Forms.”
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Why should you get involved in student organizations and activities? In addition to having fun and enhancing a résumé, students who are involved and engaged in their university communities have higher academic achievement, more self-confidence, and greater satisfaction with their college experience than uninvolved peers. Involvement in non-academic aspects of university life can lead to the discovery of new cocurricular outlets, the development of interpersonal and leadership skills, and career-related learning.

Another major factor in a successful college experience is the development of mentoring relationships with faculty and administrators. Becoming involved in cocurricular programs is one way of increasing interactions with faculty and administrators as well as other students.

STUDENT UNIONS

McElroy Commons
Intersection of Hammond and Beacon Streets

McElroy Commons houses Campus Ministry, the Women’s Resource Center, Volunteer and Service Learning Center, Boston College Bookstore, Mail Room and U.S. Post Office, Administrative Dietitian, dining halls, and the offices of some student organizations.

O’Connell House
www.bc.edu/och
Upper Campus, Office in O’Connell House 200, 617–552–4310

O’Connell House serves the student community for educational programming (e.g., films, lectures, dramatic readings), for organizational meetings of BC student groups, as a dance
studio for BC student groups, and as a quiet study facility. On other nights, particularly weekends, the O’Connell staff provide programming and entertainment open to the student body. O’Connell also offers a TV lounge with a DVD player, VCR, and over 300 movies to watch or rent for free; a game room with ping-pong, foosball, and billiards; a music room with a piano; and study rooms.

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

*Undergraduate Government of Boston College*

[www.ugbc.org](http://www.ugbc.org)

21 Campanella Way, Second Floor, 617–552–4650

The Undergraduate Government of Boston College (UGBC) is a comprehensive organization led by the student body president and vice-president, who are elected each spring. Five senators per class are also elected to provide representation and input. Each senator sits on committees within UGBC and works with the president and vice-president to select a cabinet of approximately 80 students. Cabinet representatives serve a variety of functions, from programming weekly and annual events to supporting student initiatives.

UGBC’s goal is to serve the students by providing services and opportunities as well as to represent students in the best manner possible to the University community. To accomplish this goal, UGBC sponsors many educational, social, and cultural programs, such as lectures, town meetings, roundtables, and service programs. UGBC is also responsible for campus-wide programming, including concerts and dances. As the official representative of the students, UGBC is a significant voice and advocate for the maintenance of the quality of student life.

*School Senates*

There are senates within the various schools at Boston College. Additional information is available at [www.bc.edu/studentguide](http://www.bc.edu/studentguide).
Undergraduate Student Clubs and Organizations  
www.bc.edu/spo  
21 Campanella Way, Suite 242, 617–552–3480

Student leaders and members of Boston College’s registered student organizations work with club advisors and the Student Programs Office to offer programs for the campus community and to develop leadership skills. Student organization categories include government; honor societies; intercultural; leadership programs and organizations; music, art, and performance; political; pre-professional and academic; programming; publications and media; religious (advised by Campus Ministry); service; specific issues; and sports (advised by Athletics).

Students interested in joining an organization should contact the organization’s leaders or advisors. Organizations also set up information tables at Student Activities Day in September. A list of clubs and contact information is available on the Student Programs Office website at www.bc.edu/spo.

Graduate Student Government and Organizations  
www.bc.edu/gsa  
John Courtney Murray, S.J. Graduate Student Center  
292 Hammond Street, 617–552–1854

Boston College has approximately 25 graduate student organizations. The Graduate Student Association (GSA) serves as the governing organization for all graduate students. The GSA Senate consists of representatives from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Connell School of Nursing, Carroll School of Management, Lynch School of Education, Graduate School of Social Work, School of Theology and Ministry, AHANA GSA, and GISA. The AHANA GSA addresses the needs of AHANA (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) graduate students, and GISA (the Graduate International Student Association) addresses the needs of international graduate students.
PROGRAMMING POLICIES

The Student Programs Office provides programming and leadership advisement for student clubs and organizations. The office is committed to providing opportunities for students to integrate the intellectual, social, and spiritual aspects of their collegiate experience. The office establishes policies and procedures for student clubs and organizations regarding event planning, meeting and event space allocation, use of facilities, club registration, postings and publicity, and financial guidelines. Additional information is available at www.bc.edu/spo.

Additional information on programming policies, including but not limited to the following, is available at www.bc.edu/studentguide:

- Contract statement
- Financial guidelines
- Information tables
- Postings
- Room reservations and programming assistance
- Speakers
- Student club and organization registration
- Student club and organization responsibilities
- Ticket booth

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND POLICIES

The Office of the Dean for Student Development is responsible for developing, disseminating, and upholding behavioral standards that comprise the University Code of Student Conduct. It is the belief of the Dean for Student Development that this responsibility can be discharged best within an educational context.

As a Jesuit and Catholic institution, Boston College has a strong emphasis on self-awareness and a distinct consideration for the lives and feelings of others. The University Code of Student Conduct reflects the ethics, values, and standards of the University community and its concern for all involved parties. Self-discipline, knowledge of limits, proper exercise of freedom, responsibility for judgment, and accountability for actions are all critical components of personal formation. When behavioral standards on or off campus are violated, an appropriate educational response will be forthcoming from the University through the Student Conduct System.

See “Student Conduct System” on page 23 for more information. A detailed explanation of Community Standards and Policies is available at www.bc.edu/communitystandards. Complete policies and procedures are available at www.bc.edu/studentguide.
OVERVIEW

All student members of the Boston College community have certain responsibilities, including the following:

- Respect for the rights of others. This includes refraining from the use of force, violence, threats, disruption, harassment, sexual misconduct, and discriminatory actions.
- Full compliance with all state, federal, and municipal laws and regulations, including all laws regulating the use of drugs and/or alcohol, on or off campus. The use, possession, sale, or distribution of any controlled substance; the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21; the unauthorized possession of any central alcohol source (kegs, beer balls, trash can punches, etc.); or the use and/or possession of fraudulent or unauthorized IDs by students is strictly prohibited. In addition, the abuse of alcohol and/or disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol will be addressed.
- Ensuring that the conduct of non-student guests complies with the rules and regulations of the University.
- Full cooperation with University officials (faculty and administrators, police, resident assistants) in the performance of their duties.
- Respect and compliance with the values and traditions of Boston College as a Jesuit, Catholic university.

All violations of University policy will be addressed with sanctions appropriate to the offense ranging from community service to dismissal from the University. First-year students who are involved in three or more violations of University policy or any major violations resulting in a serious sanction will not be eligible to participate in the room selection process for their sophomore year. Students who have been suspended or dismissed from the residence halls or the University or who have been placed on university probation will be prohibited from studying abroad and/or living in the Modular Apartments during their senior year. It is important to note that many potential employers, as well as graduate and professional schools (especially medical and law) request a summary of students’ undergraduate disciplinary records as part of the application process.

The Dean for Student Development or a designee will notify parents in writing of behavioral matters since parents, students, and University administrators are all part of the educational, developmental process.

BEHAVIORAL POLICIES

Details of behavioral policies, including but not limited to the following, are available online at www.bc.edu/studentguide:

- Academic honesty
- Academic policies
• Alcohol and drug use and abuse
• Behavior at athletic and social events
• Bias motivated offensive conduct and hate crimes
• Cohabitation
• Dangerous weapons
• Dining hall violations
• Discriminatory harassment
• Drug violations
• Emergency alarm system
• Fire-related conduct
• Fire safety violations
• Fireworks
• Gambling
• Hazing
• ID card fraud/misrepresentation
• Noise disturbances
• Off-campus disturbances
• Off-campus misconduct
• Physical violence
• Propping of residence hall doors
• Prop/theatrical weapons
• Residence hall damage
• Sexual activity
• Sexual misconduct
• Smoking
• Social gathering
• Social host responsibility and guests
• Student demonstrations
• Technology use
• Violations of criminal law

PLAYING IT SAFE

As a student at Boston College, you are extended certain rights and responsibilities. Guidelines to bear in mind:

1. If you think that what you are doing may be wrong, it probably is. Ignorance of the rules and regulations is not an excuse.
2. Trust your own instincts, use your best judgment, and avoid what appears to be a potential problem.
3. Be aware of the consequences of your actions.
4. Alcohol intoxication is never an excuse for unacceptable behavior.
5. Look out for one another and seek assistance from a residential life staff member, the community liaison (if off campus), or the Boston College Police Department when necessary.
The Office of the Dean for Student Development coordinates the Student Conduct System and all matters relative to student conduct and behavior in order to maintain a community that is conducive to the overall mission of Boston College.

The Student Conduct System has been developed to ensure the existence of an environment that fosters the intellectual, personal, ethical, psychological, social, and spiritual potential of all students. In keeping with the mission of Boston College, a conduct system should be, first and foremost, educational in nature. However, there may be occasions when issues of community or personal safety and well-being require severe but appropriate responses that appear to supersede, but in actuality augment, learning. Such a system has among its goals personal development, moral and ethical enrichment, values formation, and citizenship.

See “Community Standards and Policies” on page 20 for more information. A detailed explanation of the Student Conduct System is available at www.bc.edu/studentconduct. Complete policies and procedures are available at www.bc.edu/studentguide.

THE STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS

The Complaint

A student will become involved with the conduct system as a result of alleged violations of the community standards of Boston College. Such violations will be documented and a report submitted by a residential life staff member, Boston College police officer, off-campus community liaison, neighbor, fellow student, University official, or local police department. While most violations occur on the Boston College campus, the student population living in the surrounding community off campus or studying abroad also falls within the jurisdiction of the Boston College Student Conduct System.

Administrative Review

Once a student has been “documented,” he or she will receive notification to meet with a member of the Office of the Dean for Student Development or the Office of Residential Life to discuss the situation. It is mandatory that the student appear at the meeting.

The Administrative Review is an informal hearing to discuss the report and the related incident. As a result of the meeting the case may be closed, a resolution may be reached, or the matter may be referred for further review.

Sanction Review

If the accused admits to the facts but questions the sanctions imposed, he or she may request that the sanction be reviewed.
The reviewer’s decision regarding the appropriateness of the sanctions is final.

**Conduct Boards**

If a case is referred to a Conduct Board, it can be heard by either the Student Conduct Board or the Administrative Hearing Board. The Student Conduct Board is composed of four students from each undergraduate class and three non-voting chairpersons. The Administrative Hearing Board is composed of three administrators and/or faculty members.

**Advisors and Witnesses:** The complainant and the accused student may be accompanied by an advisor of their choosing at a conduct board hearing, but the advisor may not address the board or directly participate in the hearing. The UGBC Student Rights Committee has advisors available who are trained to assist accused students. An attorney may serve in the role of an advisor only in instances where a criminal charge is pending against the accused student. Both the complainant and the accused are entitled to bring witnesses to the hearing. Each party is responsible for arranging for their witnesses to be present.

**Sanctions**

A student found responsible at either an Administrative Review or a Conduct Board will receive sanctions ranging from educational or treatment programs, community restitution, and probation, to suspension or dismissal from the residence halls and/or suspension or dismissal from the University.

**Appeals**

A student has the right to appeal a decision of the Student Conduct Board or the Administrative Hearing Board if he or she can demonstrate a lack of “fairness” in the procedure or if significant new evidence that was previously unknown has been discovered that alters the facts and could alter the outcome. The severity of a sanction is not legitimate grounds for an appeal.

**General Policies**

Details of general policies, including but not limited to the following, are available online at [www.bc.edu/studentguide](http://www.bc.edu/studentguide):

- AIDS guidelines
- Campus safety and security program
- Group or organization promotion and solicitation
- Jury duty
- Sales and solicitations
- Student education records
- Use of Boston College indicia (University trademarks and logos)
The Boston College Pocket Student Guide is produced by the Office of the Dean for Student Development and is a summary of student life resources and student-related policies, including community standards, of Boston College. A complete version of the Student Guide is available at www.bc.edu/studentguide.

Boston College reserves the right to change or supplement any policies in the Boston College Student Guide.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College is dedicated to intellectual excellence and to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage. Boston College recognizes the essential contribution a diverse community of students, faculty and staff makes to the advancement of its goals and ideals in an atmosphere of respect for one another and for the University’s mission and heritage. Accordingly, Boston College commits itself to maintaining a welcoming environment for all people and extends its welcome in particular to those who may be vulnerable to discrimination, on the basis of their race, ethnic or national origin, religion, color, age, gender, marital or parental status, veteran status, disabilities or sexual orientation.

Boston College rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, wrongful discrimination and disrespect. It has developed procedures to respond to incidents of harassment whatever the basis or circumstance. Moreover it is the policy of Boston College, while reserving its lawful rights where appropriate, to take actions designed to promote the Jesuit, Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs on the basis of a person’s race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital or parental status, veteran status, or disability, and to comply with state law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person’s sexual orientation.

To this end, Boston College has designated its Executive Director for Institutional Diversity to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities to prevent discrimination in accordance with state and federal laws. Any applicant for admission or employment, and all students, faculty members and employees, are welcome to raise any questions regarding this policy with the Office for Institutional Diversity. In addition, any person who believes that an act of unlawful discrimination has occurred at Boston College may raise this issue with the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education.
IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Health and Safety
BC Police, Emergency 617–552–4444
BC Police, Non-Emergency 617–552–4440
Counseling Services 617–552–3310
Eagle Transportation 617–552–8888
Health Services 617–552–3225
Sexual Assault Network 617–552–BC11 (2211)

Student Life Resources
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs 617–552–3280
Academic Advising Center 617–552–3358
AHANA Student Programs 617–552–3358
Athletics 617–552–8520
Campus Ministry 617–552–3475
Career Center 617–552–3430
Community Liaison 617–552–4787
Office of the Dean for Student Development 617–552–3470
First Year Experience 617–552–3281
Graduate Student Life 617–552–1855
International Programs 617–552–3827
Intersections Project 617–552–6140
Learning Resources for Student-Athletes 617–552–8533
Learning to Learn 617–552–4551
Residential Life 617–552–3060
Robsham Theater Arts Center 617–552–4800
Student Programs Office 617–552–3480
Volunteer and Service Learning Center 617–552–1317

Miscellaneous
Computing, phone, and password help 617–552–HELP (4357)
Inclement weather (class cancellations) 617–552–INFO (4636)

Calendars
Academic Calendar www.bc.edu/acal
Student Life Calendar www.bc.edu/studentevents
University Calendar http://events.bc.edu

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