MSW PROGRAM, FALL 2016–2017
New Student Checklist

- If you have not already done so, please update any new address, telephone and email information on Agora Portal and provide emergency contact information (see below).

- Your free Boston College email account will be automatically activated but you must first review your privacy information (see below). This BC email address will be the only one that SSW will use for sending out information to students. Information regarding setting up your BC account and forwarding your BC account to another email address can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/offices/help/comm-collab/email.html>.

- Review your privacy preferences. Log on to <http://portal.bc.edu> and follow the directions for reviewing your personal information. Remember that unless you agree to release your address, phone number, and email, they will be suppressed not only to the public but also to SSW faculty and administration. In other words, SSW cannot contact you unless you release your address, phone number, and email to the BC community.

- Provide Emergency Contact as required by SSW:
  - Go to <http://portal.bc.edu>
  - Under “My Services,” select Privacy Preference-Confirm/Review
  - Follow prompts for updating information

- Apply for an Eagle-One card, a multipurpose identification and debit account that is the official ID card of Boston College, through the Office of Student Services (Lyons 103). Proof of identification such as a driver’s license or passport must be presented in order to be issued an Eagle-One card. The initial fee for the card is $30 and will be automatically billed to your student account.

- Check the SSW Website <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/gssw/academics/courses.html> for course, faculty or room changes, if any.

- Boston College student applications for parking permits will be accepted beginning Monday, August 1, 2016 through Agora at <http://portal.bc.edu>. Rates and specific details about eligibility for each permit type can be found on the Transportation and Parking website at <http://www.bc.edu/transportation>.

- If you have tested out of a Foundation Course (SCWK 7701, 7721, SCWK 7723), please speak with Teresa Schirmer, Associate Dean, Academic & Student Services at 617-552-4762 or <teresa.schirmer@bc.edu> about scheduling an alternative course.
In consultation with the Advisor, students may elect to take a maximum of 25% of their courses (i.e., two per academic year for full-time students, one per year for part-time) on a Pass/Fail basis. The academic year begins with the fall semester and extends through the following summer session. A Three-Year student is eligible to take only one course as Pass/Fail in either the fall, spring or summer semester. Full-time students who take a course Pass/Fail in both the fall and spring semesters would not be eligible to take a course Pass/Fail in the summer. Pass/Fail forms are available online at <http://www.bc.edu/schools/gssw/current-students.html> and in McGuinn 221B. The form must be signed by the Advisor or the Director of the SSW Advising Center and returned no later than the Pass/Fail deadline to the SSW Advising Center.

Loan recipients: All students borrowing for the first time at Boston College under the Federal Stafford Loan Program must receive loan counseling before receiving their first loan disbursement. This counseling is available electronically through Agora Portal at <http://portal.bc.edu>.


If your registration is incomplete or if it is necessary to revise your schedule, please contact Liz Cinquino, Director of SSW Advising Center (McGuinn Rm. 221B, <mary.cinquino@bc.edu>). Depending on availability, changes will be made immediately or through wait lists. Be sure to resolve any registration issues by September 7 to avoid billing problems and incurring a late fee ($150).

Unless you have received transfer credit or a passing grade on a proficiency exam, you should be registered for:

**FIRST YEAR FULL-TIME STUDENTS**

- SCWK 7721 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SCWK 7723 Diversity and Cross-Cultural Issues
- SCWK 7762 Basic Skills: Clinical Social Work
- SCWK 8800 Basic Skills: Macro Social Work
- SCWK 9921 Field Education I

**STUDENTS BEGINNING THREE-YEAR PROGRAM**

- SCWK 7721 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SCWK 7723 Diversity and Cross-Cultural Issues