THE FIFTH YEAR PROGRAM

Detailed info on the Fifth Year Program is available on the Lynch School's website: http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/academics/undergrad/fifthyr.html

If you would like to speak to someone regarding the Fifth Year application process, you can contact the 5th Year Team at 5thyear@bc.edu. You can also contact our main office at (617) 552-4214 or the Graduate Admissions team at gsoe@bc.edu.

Application Timeline

Applicants to the Fifth Year Program are encouraged to submit their applications by March 1, 2016. Notification regarding the decision will be made in June 2016.

If applicants are abroad and cannot make the March 1st deadline, they are still encouraged to apply, but they may not receive their decision until Summer 2016. These applicants should contact the Graduate Office for further information.

Application Checklist

Application Form
We use an online application system Embark, which can be accessed through our website: https://apply.embark.com/grad/bc/GSOE/15/

To indicate you are applying for the Fifth Year Program, please fill out the application by selecting the following items:

- **Intended Entrance Term: Summer 2017**
- **If you are applying for a Dual/Joint Degree Program or the 5th Year Program, please indicate your program here: 5th year/Early Admit**
- **Are you a current Boston College student? Yes**
  - If yes, what is your graduation date? **05/2017**
- **Are you a current Boston College Junior Applying for the undergraduate 5th Year Program? Yes**

**2017** will be your undergraduate graduation date and, thus, when you can officially start your graduate program.

Application Fee
As a current BC student, your application fee is waived. **Do not pay the fee!**
Supporting Documents

The following materials are required to apply: Two letters of recommendation, current BC undergraduate transcripts, personal statement, resume, GRE General Test.

**Letters of Recommendation**
Two letters of recommendation are required. When you fill out your embark application, you will have the opportunity to fill out your recommenders’ contact information. Your recommenders can then submit their recommendations electronically.

Your letters should be from professors who have taught you in class. It is most helpful if the recommenders can comment on your skills in completing research projects, papers, and/or presentations.

**Personal Statement**
Your personal statement can be uploaded directly to your Embark application. The personal statement should be 2-3 pages double spaced. It should address your motivation for applying to the program and how your previous experience(s) qualify you for graduate work.

**Resume**
Your resume can also be directly uploaded to your Embark application.

**Transcript**
Request (from Lyons) a current official transcript be sent for the March 1st deadline to our Data Processing Center at:

- Boston College Lynch School of Education Data Processing Center
- P.O. Box 8027
- Portsmouth, NH 03802

Please note, an official final transcript is required once you graduate Boston College if you wish to enroll in the graduate school.

**GRE General Test**
Schedule your appointment to take the GRE by going to their website: www.ets.org. You should be able to get an appointment relatively quickly. The closest testing center is on Commonwealth Ave. at the Saint Paul St. T stop (B Line).

Your GRE Scores can be sent directly to our Data Processing Center:

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To prepare for the test, you can buy a study guide (for example Kaplan’s). Make sure the guide comes with a CD. The test is administered on a computer and the CD will have practice questions to prepare you for the test's format.

Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns at 5thyear@bc.edu