

**BOSTON COLLEGE - GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**  
**BA/MSW Program - 2010-2011**

**1. As a Human Development major am I required to take the PY216 *Research Methods* in addition to the courses required by the GSSW?** The BA/MSW Program requires the graduate course SW747 Research Methods in addition to the undergraduate requirement: PY216 which is taken in the sophomore year.

**2. Do I need a minor with my Human Development major? If so, how do I have room for one while taking the required graduate courses in my junior and senior years?** You are advised to consult the Associate Dean for Students in the Lynch School of Education. The policy in the past has been that no, you do not have enough room in your school and major.

**3. Can I study abroad in Junior Year?** Lynch School Students who apply to the BA/SW program will not *have time* to study abroad in junior year, however, students are encouraged to research one of the Office of International Programs Summer options.

**4. Will the graduate school send me information about social work classes and registration?** The GSSW distributes timely information through a weekly e-newsletter sent to your BC email account usually on Monday afternoons. Lists of class offerings and course descriptions are posted on the GSSW website.

**5. How do I register for graduate classes when I have undergraduate status?**

You must request overrides into the classes you want prior to the registration date for the Graduate School of Social Work. There is a possibility you will not be enrolled in your first choice classes due to limits in class size. When providing Liz Cinquino, Director, GSSW Advising Center, with the list of courses that are of interest to you and/or suit your schedule, it is important to select a second or third choice.

**6. Can I take any graduate class Pass/Fail?** You are advised **not** to elect the Pass/Fail option for the required MSW courses. When your application is re-evaluated at the end of your senior year, it is helpful to the Admissions Office to have multiple grades for your social work classes. Under certain circumstances, you may be granted special permission to take a social work class Pass/Fail. As a final year student, however, you are permitted to take courses Pass/Fail.

**7. If my first year placement [senior year] requires a car, can I obtain a resident student parking sticker?** Yes, you need to request that Regina O'Grady-LeShane, Associate Dean, Academic and Student Services, contact the Parking Office on your behalf.

**8. Can BA/MSW students enroll in the Dual Degree Programs with the Law School, School of Management, or Pastoral Ministry?** Yes, the student will have to apply to and be accepted at the graduate school of his/her choice. The student ought to make this decision prior to the completion of his/her senior year. Rather than begin his/her final year at the Graduate School of Social Work, the student will be enrolled in the second graduate program. The curriculum will follow that of students enrolled in the traditional graduate dual degree program. Interested students should contact Tom Walsh, Assoc. Dean, GSSW.

**9. How can I be sure I have enough credits to graduate from my undergraduate program?**

Students should seek advisement from their academic dean every year of the program to review.

**10. What classes am I required to take my final year of graduate school?** The MSW Curriculum is available at <<http://www.bc.edu/schools/gssw/current-students/current-students.html>>

**11. How do I pursue financial aid for my summer courses and final year of graduate school?** Financial aid questions can be answered at <<http://www.bc.edu/schools/gssw/admission/msw/finaid/faqs.html#finaid-faq1>> For that final year, all continuing BA/MSW students are considered regular graduate students and need to apply for financial aid accordingly.