

**Official Transcript**  
**Boston College's Global Proficiency Program**

**Brian Cotroneo**

**I. International Experience**

**The Jordan Initiative, Amman, Jordan**

*May 2005- June 2005*

- Attended meetings with banking and government officials
- Traveled extensively throughout Jordan
- Interacted with Jordanians from various segments of Jordanian society
- Completed service projects in impoverished areas

**II. Academic Component    Majors: Economics & Political Science    Minor: Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies**

Languages: French, Spanish, Arabic

- Competent in all three; most proficient in Arabic
- Advance Placement in French
- 3 semesters of college courses in Spanish
- 4 semesters of college courses in Arabic

Social Science, Business, Education Courses:

- International Conflict Management
- American Foreign Policy
- Rise and Rule of Islamic States
- International Finance
- International Economic Relations
- Independent Research: Islamic Banking

Humanities Courses:

- Modern History: Globalization
- Islamic Political Philosophy

**III. Co-curricular Activities**

**Activity 1: Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Student Association, Boston College**

*August 2004 – May 2005*

- Description: Co-founded this academic group in August 2004 and spent the next few months drafting its constitution; Served as Vice President for the organization's first official semester on campus (Spring 2005); Brought the Jordanian ambassador to the U.S. to Boston College; Organized and promoted numerous other forums designed to enhance student-led education regarding the Middle East and Islamic world; Raised \$500 to purchase a computer for a school in Tajikistan
- Skills: Learned how to write a constitution, developed organizational skills, demonstrated strong leadership abilities
- Time Commitment: 3-5 hours per week, all year

**Activity 2: Economics Research Assistant, Boston College**

*June 2005 – August 2005*

- Description: Worked with two faculty members on a new course titled "Economics of the Middle East," which the Economics department currently offers as a summer course, and will begin offering in the Spring of 2007 for major credit; The course will be the only Economics course to fulfill Boston College's Cultural Diversity core requirement
- Skills: Became proficient with PowerPoint and highly skilled with Microsoft Excel
- Time Commitment: 10-20 hours per week, June-August

**Activity 3: Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Student Association, Boston College**

*August 2005 – May 2006*

- Description: Elected President of MEISSA in Spring 2005; Assumed full responsibility for all operations; Sponsored more forums and the Boston premiere of "The Optimists," a critically acclaimed film documenting how Christians and Muslims saved Jews in Bulgaria from the Holocaust; Organized social gatherings for club members; Ran Ramadan food drive in October 2005 to reach out to needy Muslims in Boston
- Skills: Expanded leadership role, helped strengthen relationships between faculty and students in the context of the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program
- Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per week, all year

**Service Project: Appalachia Volunteers, Hurley, Virginia**

*March 2006*

- Description: Traveled to remote mountain town in Western Virginia; Worked with five other students on an "underpinning" project, removing rotting wood and rusted tin from underneath a family's home and replacing the preexisting structure; Helped clean up a portion of a river that Boston College had previously adopted
- Skills: Acquired physical skills (construction), deepened leadership skills by taking charge of the project, gained life skills through social interaction with members of the community
- Time Commitment: Project was roughly 8 hours per day for one week

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