

# BOSTON COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GUIDE

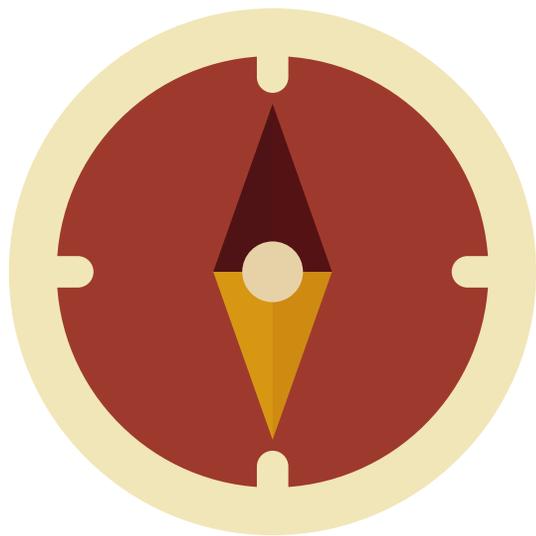
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# TRANSFERRING

Created by the Undergraduate Government of Boston College's very own transfer student representatives, this guide book offers tips and tricks for incoming transfer students on how to navigate BC.



From pre-orientation to transfer credits to even laundry, this guide book will uncover the ins and outs of being a BC student.

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# SOCIAL: OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET PEERS

## FACEBOOK

CONSIDER JOINING THE BC TRANSFER FACEBOOK GROUP OVER THE SUMMER OR WINTER TO MEET OTHER TRANSFERS.

## ROOMMATE

CONSIDER REQUESTING ANOTHER TRANSFER STUDENT AS A ROOMMATE OVER THE SUMMER OR WINTER.

## TAP & FYE

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR TAP (TRANSFER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM) & FYE (FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE) EVENTS ONCE ON CAMPUS.

# SOCIAL: STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Attending the Student Involvement Fair is a great way to get involved in [clubs and activities at BC!](#)

The first Friday of every academic year, BC hosts the fall Student Involvement Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM on the Campus Green lawn in front of Carney Hall and Stokes Hall. The spring Student Involvement Fair also takes place shortly after spring semester classes begin. The Student Involvement Fair welcomes you to BC, and by attending, you get a sense of the current involvement opportunities on campus and meet current student organization members.

When signing up for clubs, keep in mind that some have applications in order to join. So consider applying for more clubs than you intend on actually joining in case some are selective with membership!

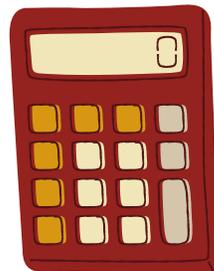


# ACADEMICS: THE BC CORE

The BC core is comprised of 15 core requirements for all BC undergraduates. All students, regardless of which undergraduate school they are in, must complete these 15 core requirements in order to graduate.

The BC core is comprised of:

- 1 course in Arts
- 1 course in Cultural Diversity
- 2 courses in History
- 1 course in Literature
- 1 course in Mathematics
- 2 courses in Natural Science
- 2 courses in Philosophy
- 2 courses in Social Sciences
- 2 courses in Theology
- 1 course in Writing



# ACADEMICS: SCHOOL-SPECIFIC CORE

Depending on which school you're in at BC, you may have a school-specific core curriculum.

The Carroll School of Management (CSOM), Connell School of Nursing (CSN), and Lynch School of Education and Human Development (Lynch) all have their own school-specific core that must be completed in addition to the BC core. The Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences (MCAS) does not have a school-specific core on top of the BC core, however, it is the only school with a [foreign language proficiency requirement](#).

These school-specific core curriculums can be found on each of the respective schools' website:

- [CSOM](#)
- [CSN](#)
- [Lynch](#)



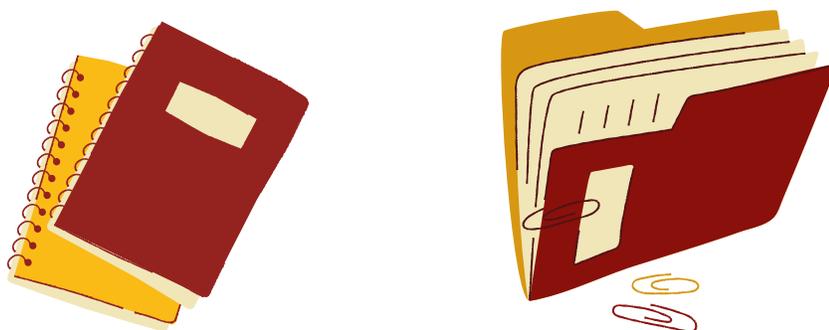
All three of these schools have specific guidelines outlined on their website for how students should go about completing their school-specific core curriculum, including the order and school year in which students must try to complete specific courses.

# TRANSFER CREDITS: HOW THEY WORK

BC's transfer credit policies are established by the deans and faculty of each undergraduate division. Course evaluations are completed by the Office of Transfer Admission.

In order for courses to be accepted, they must be equal in depth and breadth to courses taught at BC, and a grade of C- or better must be achieved. The maximum number of transferable credits is 60 credits.

Course descriptions for all BC courses and information on requirements according to academic division can be found in the [University Catalog](#).



# TRANSFER CREDITS: ELECTIVE COURSES VS. CORE, MAJOR, & MINOR COURSES

The Office of Transfer Admission may accept a class from your previous institution for transfer at BC as an elective course rather than a BC core, school-specific core, major, or minor course equivalent. Although elective courses fulfill credit requirements for graduation, they do not satisfy any BC core, school-specific core, major, or minor requirements.

If the Office of Transfer Admission accepts a course from your previous institution as an elective, you can still try to slot this course as a BC course equivalent to satisfy a BC core, school-specific core, major, or minor requirement through the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) of its respective division at BC.

For example, say you took a Literature course at your previous institution and it was accepted for transfer at BC as an English elective. Although you still receive credit to graduate with this English elective, you will have to take another Literature course during your time at BC to fulfill the BC Literature core requirement. However, if you are able to slot this Literature course as a BC Literature course equivalent through the DUS of the English Department, you will satisfy the BC Literature core requirement and will not have to take another Literature class at BC. See the next page for steps on how to slot a course!

For more information on degree requirements, you can visit the [Academic Advising Center](#) to learn about BC core, school-specific core, as well as major and minor requirements.

# TRANSFER CREDITS: SLOTting ELECTIVES INTO CORE, MAJOR, & MINOR REQUIREMENTS

To slot an elective as a BC core, school-specific core, major, or minor course equivalent, first check the course descriptions for all related BC courses in the [University Catalog](#). By checking the University Catalog, you will be able to determine if the elective actually fits the bill for an equivalent course at BC.

If it does, then find the contact information of the DUS of its respective department. Prepare the course's official description and syllabus, and email these two documents to the DUS of its respective department. In your email, explain how the course transferred as an elective, why you believe it meets the requirements of a specific equivalent course at BC, and how this BC course equivalent satisfies one of your BC core, school-specific core, major, or minor requirements.

Although there is no guarantee that the DUS can approve the slotting of the course, it doesn't hurt to try!

CHECK  
UNIVERSITY  
CATALOG

LOCATE DUS  
OF  
RESPECTIVE  
DEPARTMENT

PREPARE  
COURSE DESC.  
& SYLLABUS

CONTACT  
DUS

# TRANSFER COURSE REGISTRATION: CLASS FULL

If a class is closed for registration because it's full, consider emailing the professor respectfully asking if they can add you to the class.

In your email, explain how you're a transfer student and need to register for the class to not fall behind on your major, minor, BC core, or school-specific core.

Although there is no guarantee that the professor can overrule registration and add you to the course, again, it doesn't hurt to try!

Also, if they are indeed unable to add you to the course directly, inquire about a waitlist for the class and if you may be added to it.

Remember: be respectful, polite, and understanding throughout your correspondence!

EMAIL  
PROFESSOR  
ASKING TO BE  
ADDED TO  
CLASS

EXPLAIN  
YOUR  
SITUATION

IF DENIED,  
INQUIRE  
POLITELY  
ABOUT  
WAITLIST

# TRANSFER STUDYING ABROAD: EXPLORING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES



Most transfer students who enter BC as a first semester sophomore are able to study abroad.

If you're interested in studying abroad, make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to outline a multi-semester plan for your time at BC; your advisor's contact information can be found on the Agora Portal under "Academic Advisor." Then, make an appointment with an Advisor at the [Office of International Programs \(OIP\)](#) to explore potential study abroad programs.

If you are a second semester sophomore or first semester junior interested in studying abroad, there are many summer study abroad programs available at BC. You should still make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to outline a multi-semester plan for your time at BC and then make an appointment with an Advisor at [OIP](#) to explore the summer abroad programs.

# TRANSFER RESIDENTIAL LIFE: AN INTRODUCTION



Fall transfer students receive one year of guaranteed housing and spring transfer students receive one semester of guaranteed housing. Transfer students' housing must be used for their first semester(s) at BC and cannot be transferred to another academic period.

There are many resources available to students about off-campus housing and how to go about searching for an apartment, house, etc.

Residential Life has its very own [Off-Campus Housing Search website](#) where students can search for off-campus housing based on their preferences such as rent, number of bedrooms, and number of parking spaces. There is also a very helpful [FAQ site by Residential Life](#) which answers many of the questions you may have about living off-campus.

# TRANSFER RESIDENTIAL LIFE: HOUSING APPEAL



Students can appeal for an additional semester or year of on-campus housing on the Agora Portal through “My ResLife” once applications open. Applications to appeal housing for the next academic year typically open around October.

Due to a limited number of available beds, Residential Life is not able to approve the majority of requests for on campus housing. Students that appeal for university housing should select their reason in their application for why they’re unable live off-campus (Medical, Financial, Returning from Leave, or Other). Residential Life staff reviews all appeals on a case-by-case basis and all decisions are made on an individual need basis. Students submitting housing appeals under the “Other” category should state why they’re unable to live off-campus. Unfortunately, most appeals filed under this category are denied. However, it never hurts to try to appeal your housing.

# DINING: AN INTRODUCTION

## À LA CARTE DINING

BC DINING IS À LA CARTE, A STYLE OF SERVICE IN WHICH EACH MENU ITEM HAS A SEPARATE PRICE. THEREFORE, STUDENTS PAY FOR THE MENU ITEMS THEY CHOOSE TO BUY.

## 15 DINING HALLS

THERE ARE 15 DINING HALLS LOCATED THROUGHOUT BC'S UPPER, MIDDLE, LOWER, NEWTON, AND BRIGHTON CAMPUSES. THEY ALL OFFER DIFFERENT DINING EXPERIENCES RANGING FROM SIT-DOWN MEALS TO GRAB AND GO ITEMS TO MOBILE ORDERING.

## 50% OFF DOMINO'S PIZZA

USE THE CODE "GOBC" WHEN ORDERING DOMINO'S TO CAMPUS TO GET 50% OFF PIZZA.

# DINING: GET MOBILE

Download the [GET Mobile app](#) and pre-order food and beverages at Eagle's Nest, Addie's, Stuart Hall, and Hillside Cafe!

Your order will be ready for pick-up at your convenience.



# EAGLE BUCKS: AN INTRODUCTION

Eagle Bucks are funds that can be added to your Eagle-One Card through the Agora Portal.

Eagle Bucks can be used at a variety of locations including the BC bookstores, residence hall laundry facilities, campus ticket offices, campus printers and copiers, and off-campus locations.

Eagle Bucks rollover each academic year and are recommended for laundry!



BOOKSTORE

LAUNDRY

TICKET  
OFFICE

PRINTERS  
&  
COPIERS

OFF-CAMPUS

# EAGLE BUCKS: OFF-CAMPUS

FLATBREADS

RICHDALE'S

DOMINO'S

Eagle Bucks can be used at off-campus restaurants, food delivery services, and retail merchants!

You can add Eagle Bucks funds to your Eagle-One Card by going to the Agora Portal and selecting "Eagle One Card - Add Funds."

# EAGLE BUCKS: DOMINO'S

All BC students enjoy 50% off online and phone-in Domino's pizza orders with the code "GOBC"!

You can save 50% on all of your Domino's online and phone-in pizza orders using your Eagle Bucks, credit card, or debit card.

Visit [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com) to place your online or phone-in orders.



# TRANSPORTATION: BC BUS SYSTEM



BC has a great bus shuttle service available for students! Whether traveling between campuses or commuting from your off-campus housing to main campus, BC students enjoy access to the University's bus shuttle services. There are several bus stops that can be viewed on the ["TransLoc Rider" app](#) that students use when taking the bus. There are stops on BC's main campus, Newton campus, and several along the Chestnut Hill Reservoir heading to the C Green Line's Cleveland Circle MBTA stop and Huntington Market by the B Green Line's Chiswick Road MBTA stop. Both freshmen living on Newton Campus and upperclassmen living off campus use the shuttle often to get to main campus, however, many other students use the shuttle to travel within main campus and to get into Boston via the T!

# BC SLANG: CAMPUS

The next couple of pages feature a list of "slang" and acronyms that BC students commonly use to refer to campuses, dorms, dining halls, and more!

## Different Campuses

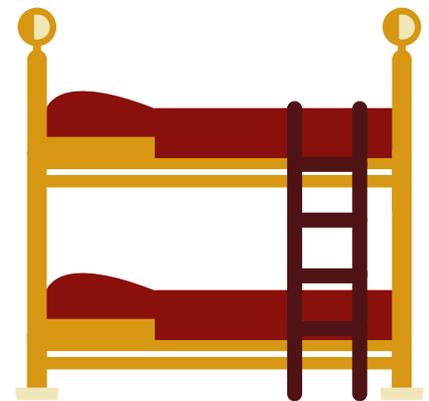
### & Areas of Main Campus:

- Main campus ..... Chestnut Hill campus; where most academic buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, and dining locations are located
- Newton ..... Newton campus; houses the BC Law School; where about 40% of the freshman class lives
- Brighton ..... Brighton campus; houses the School of Theology and Ministry Library, the Cadigan Alumni Center, and Human Resources
- Upper ..... upper campus; area by the O'Connell House; where about 60% of the freshmen live
- Middle campus ..... area by the quads where the academic buildings are located
- Lower ..... lower campus; area by Corcoran Commons
- CoRo ..... stands for College Road; area where Roncalli, Welch, and Williams dorms are located
- Million Dollar Stairs ..... stairs by Maloney hall

# BC SLANG: DORM HALLS

## Dorms:

- The Mods ..... most popular senior housing despite being temporary housing from the 70s; located on Lower campus by Corcoran Commons
- 2150 ..... Thomas More Apartments dorm hall
- 90 ..... 90 St. Thomas More dorm hall
- 66 ..... 66 Commonwealth Ave dorm hall
- Vandy ..... Vanderslice Hall dorm
- Iggy ..... Ignacio Hall dorm hall
- Ruby ..... Rubenstein Hall dorm
- 2k ..... 2000 Commonwealth Ave dorm hall



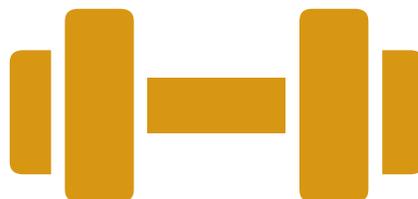
# BC SLANG: DINING HALLS

## Dining Halls

- Lower ..... Lower Live dining hall in Corcoran Commons
- Mac ..... Carney's dining hall
- The Rat ..... Lyon's Hall dining hall
- Hillside ..... Hillside Cafe dining hall
- Addie's ..... The Loft @ Addie's dining hall
- The Nest ..... Eagle's Nest dining hall
- Chocolate Bar ..... cafe that serves coffee and baked goods in Stokes Hall



# BC SLANG: RECREATION & LIBRARIES

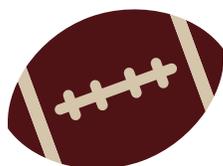


## Recreation:

- The Plex ..... BC's gym, the Margot Connell Recreation Center
- Robsham ..... BC's theater, the Robsham Theater Arts Center
- Conte ..... Conte Forum, home to BC's hockey, basketball, and volleyball teams
- Alumni ..... Alumni Stadium, home to BC's football team

## Libraries:

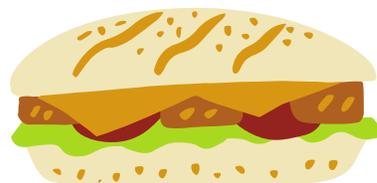
- O'Neill ..... Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Library
- Bapst ..... Bapst Library



# BC SLANG: OFF CAMPUS

## Off Campus:

- Flatbreads ..... Flatbreads Cafe; sandwich shop by BC; accepts Eagle Bucks
- Richdales' ..... Richdale Food Shops; market by BC; accepts Eagle Bucks
- White Mountain ..... White Mountain Creamery; ice cream shop by BC
- The Res ..... Chestnut Hill Reservoir; where students love to go for a walk by BC



# BC ACRONYMS: PART 1

## Acronyms:

- BCPD ..... Boston College Police Department
- UHS ..... University Health Services
- UCS ..... University Counseling Services, provides mental health counseling
- A&S ..... arts and sciences
- MCAS ..... Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
- CSOM ..... Carroll School of Management
- CSON ..... Connell School of Nursing
- Lynch ..... Lynch School of Education and Human Development
- WCAS ..... Woods College of Advancing Studies
- LAW ..... Law School
- SSW ..... School of Social Work
- STM ..... School of Theology and Ministry

# BC ACRONYMS: PART 2

## Acronyms:

- OSI ..... Office of Student Involvement
- FYE ..... First Year Experience, organizes programs for first year students including orientation and retreats
- Half Time ..... free weekend retreat open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors that happens multiple times throughout the year
- TAP ..... Transfer Ambassador Program, where upperclassmen transfers create programming for incoming and current transfers
- SAP ..... Student Admissions Program, where current students promote BC to prospective students

# BC ACRONYMS: PART 3

## Acronyms:

- UGBC ..... Undergraduate Government of Boston College
- AHANA ..... student organization for people of African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American descent
- PULSE ..... year-long course that fulfills both philosophy and theology BC core requirements through community service
- Agora ..... Agora Portal; where students access resources that aid in their experience at BC
- Canvas ..... online portal where students view coursework for classes
- CAB ..... Campus Activities Board
- MyBC ..... online portal where students can view clubs and RSVP to events