OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:
GPA: 3.0 and above

English Proficiency:
IELTS 6.5 overall or
TOEFL iBT 79

*additional requirements for graduate nominations (by agreement only)

APPLICATION PROCESS
Electronic documents
• Exchange Application
• Copy of Passport
• English Proficiency Score
• Declaration of Finances
• Bank Statement
• Digital Photo

Official Transcript
• Send via secure encrypted email to ogexchange@bc.edu or mail hard copy to:

Boston College Hovey House
Office of Global Education
Attn: Exchange Program Manager
140 Commonwealth Ave
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
**KEY DATES**

Nomination Deadline  
Fall/Academic Year: March 15  
Spring: September 15

Application Deadline  
Fall/Academic Year: March 30  
Spring: September 30

Mandatory Orientation  
Fall: August 20, 2024 (TBC)  
Spring: January 11, 2024 (TBC)

*Please note that orientation is mandatory; if students do not attend it physically, there is no virtual option for the orientation. Students who miss orientation will be required to come and meet with OGE and OISS in person.*

**Academic Calendar**  
https://www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/academic/current/calendar.html

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**ACADEMICS**

Online Course Catalog  
https://services.bc.edu/PublicCourseInfoSchedule/courseinfoschedHome/displayInput.action

International students are required to take between 12 to 15 credits each semester, which is approximately 4 to 5 classes. The Office of Global Education (OGE) registers students for classes based on the preferences expressed on the exchange applications. **While every effort is made to enroll students in the requested courses, there is no guarantee that students will secure their required/preferred courses. Exchange students should not plan to take classes that are required for graduation at their home institution. Students cannot take all their courses in one subject (i.e., 5 Finance courses) nor can they take only courses in the School of Management.**

Boston College is deeply committed to its identity as a liberal arts university, and encourages all students to take a wide variety of courses, including at least two College of Arts and Sciences courses, even if admitted to the School of Management.

Due to high demand, the Economics, Finance, and Psychology Departments will enroll students in only one class. There is also a limited range of classes in the following departments:

- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Management
- Political Science

Exchange students are urged to be flexible with their course selections and plan to enroll in a broad range of classes. **Students may not enroll in classes for which they have not completed the necessary prerequisites or in classes that are closed or restricted.** There is an add/drop period at the beginning of the semester, which allows students to make changes to their courses.

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**ESTIMATED COST**

**On-Campus Housing:** $5,325-$7,000 per semester  
**Meal Plan:** up to $3100 per semester (required by certain dorms)  
**BC Mandatory Medical Insurance:** $2,375 for Spring semester (can be waived with proof of valid U.S. insurance)  
**University Fees:** $353  
**Books/ Supplies:** $1,150 per semester  
**Personal Expenses:** $2,875 per semester
On-Campus
Campus housing is extremely limited. Students interested in on-campus housing will be put in a housing lottery. The Office of Residential Life will contact students directly with their placements. Some dorms require a meal plan and students living on campus must pay the Health Services fee. For additional information, visit: https://www.bc.edu/offices/reslife.html

Private Accommodations
Students who opt for private accommodations will be provided/connected with off-campus housing resources. Additional information is available at https://www.bc.edu/offices/reslife/offcampus.html.

HOUSING

Health Insurance
Students are automatically enrolled in the mandatory BC Medical Insurance Plan. Information about the plan may be found at: https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/student-services/billing-student-accounts/medical-insurance.html

Student Resources
University Health Services: University Health Services are available on campus to provide medical services (for a fee) and referrals. http://www.bc.edu/offices/uhs

University Counseling Services: University Counseling Services are available free of charge.
http://www.bc.edu/offices/counseling.html

Connors Family Learning Center: offers free academic support services and peer advising.
https://www.bc.edu/libraries/help/tutoring.html

The Women’s Center
http://www.bc.edu/offices/wc.html

Sexual Assault Resources
http://www.bc.edu/offices/wc/SANet.html

Campus Ministry
http://www.bc.edu/offices/ministry/

AHANA Student Resources
http://www.bc.edu/offices/ahana/

LGBTQ Resources
http://www.bc.edu/offices/dos/subsidiary_offices/GLBTQ.html

Students with Disabilities
http://www.bc.edu/offices/dos/subsidiary_offices/disabilityservices.html

CAMPUS LIFE

Student Organizations:
https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/campus-life/student-organizations.html

Boston College Global Education on Social Media:
https://www.instagram.com/bceaglesabroad/

With departmental approval, during the add/drop period students may be able to register for courses not approved during the preliminary registration phase. Graduate level courses are restricted by agreement and Woods School of Advancing Studies courses (anything that begins with “AD”) are not available to exchange students. Exchange students are also prevented from enrolling in courses that require fieldwork; asynchronous courses; and online courses due to visa restrictions.

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