

The mission of the **Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center** is to support the undergraduate community, with a particular focus on AHANA, multiracial, and OTE students in navigating college life. We strive to promote a welcoming environment that fosters holistic development.

Our vision is to promote equity, build community, and support opportunity.

The mission of the **Options Through Education** Transitional Summer Program is to prepare the transition to Boston College for a select group of diverse students who have demonstrated potential and leadership in spite of challenging educational and financial circumstances. This summer residential program nurtures student's academic, social, cultural and spiritual development.

Still have Questions?

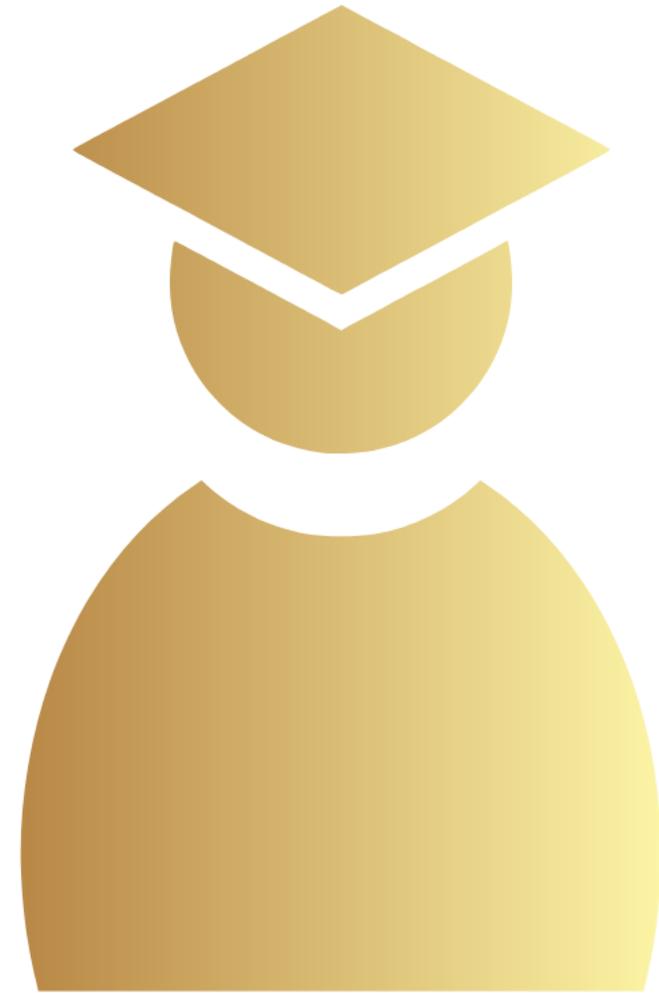
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OPTIONS THROUGH EDUCATION (OTE)

Transitional Summer Program



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When does the program begin/end?

A: Check-in: Sunday, June 17, 2018 Check-out: Friday, August 3, 2018 after closing ceremony.

Q: How are students selected for OTE?

A: The Undergraduate Admissions Office & the Thea Bowman AHANA & Intercultural Center select a diverse group of students based on a rigorous criteria of accomplishments, determination, leadership, talents, & potential, in spite of challenging educational & financial circumstances.

Q: How many students participate?

A: 40-45 students each year

Q: How much does the program cost?

A: Courses, campus housing, meals, social events, & trips are free. You will need to bring personal spending money for any additional needs during the program (e.g., buying souvenirs during trips, eating off-campus)

Q: What classes will I need to take during the program?

A: English, Math, Interpersonal Communication, & a BC 101 seminar. A maximum of 2 courses (6 credits) can be counted for college credit.



Q: Why is the program mandatory?

A: The OTE Committee believes that participating in the program will help selected students build on their strengths and prepare them to succeed at Boston College.

Q: Can I go home on the weekends?

A: Students are expected to participate in all events, including Saturday trips. If you live locally, you can check-out Saturday evening if there are no Sunday activities planned, but you must be back by Sunday at 5pm. We have one free weekend when students can plan to go home.

Q: What types of social events are there?

A: Staff planned trips around the Greater Boston area are planned for each Saturday (previous trips included the Boston Duck Tour, Martha's Vineyard, and Six Flags New England). Students also organize several events, such as talent shows, parties, and sports tournaments. These trips play an important role in community building, developing friendships, and gaining exposure to the New England area

Q: What if I have another commitment during the program (e.g., wedding, graduation)?

A: Prior to accepting your offer to BC, students must speak with the coordinator of the OTE program about any special circumstances that may require exemption from part of the program.

Q: Do I need to attend the Boston College First Year Orientation session?

A: Yes! Immediately following the OTE Opening Ceremony, all OTE students will attend an orientation session from June 17th-June 19th.



Q: Why OTE?

A: There are many benefits of being in OTE!
Some of these include:

\$500 enrollment confirmation fee WAIVED!

FREE 7-week summer program at BC (includes free tuition, housing, meals, social events, and trips, & more)

Earn graduation credits for courses passed in the summer

Fun social activities and trips

On-campus housing for 4 years

Academic counseling and support for 4 years

TOP MAJORS (Fall 2016)

OTE students

- Economics
- Biology
- Finance
- Political Science
- Applied Psych

AHANA students

- Biology
- Finance
- Economics
- Political Science
- Communications

NON-AHANA OTE students

- Economics
- Finance
- Biology
- Political Science
- Communications