

Title: Student Absences for Religious Reasons
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Policy

Boston College complies with Chapter 151C, Section 2B, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the text of which appears below.

Any student in an educational or vocational training institution, other than a religious or denominational educational or vocational training institution, who is unable, because of his religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day shall be excused from any such examination or study or work requirement, and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up such examination, study, or work requirement which he may have missed because of such absence on any particular day; provided, however, that such makeup examination or work shall not create an unreasonable burden upon such school. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such opportunity. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his availing himself of the provisions of this section.

A copy of this section shall be published by each institution of higher education in the catalog of such institution containing the list of available courses.

In compliance with the above, the University Registrar and others are to publish appropriate excerpts from this policy in all catalogs or bulletins that list available courses offered by Boston College.

Definition

The term **religious or denominational educational institution** is defined by Chapter 151C, Section 1(c), of the General Laws of Massachusetts to include "any educational institution, whether operated separately, or as a department of, or school within the university, and which is operated, supervised or controlled by religious or denominational organizations, or in which the courses of instruction lead primarily to the degree of bachelor, master or doctor of theology, and which has so certified to the commission that it is so operated, supervised or controlled."

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