

Academic Development Center

The Academic Development Center (ADC) exists to support and enhance all aspects of academic excellence by helping undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty improve learning quality and teaching effectiveness. The ADC, which opened its doors in September 1991, is located on the second floor of O'Neill Library in the Eileen M. and John M. Connors, Jr. Learning Center.

The ADC is a comprehensive, inclusive resource serving all of the University's students and faculty. To address the needs of the great majority of Boston College students, the Center provides tutoring for more than 60 courses, including calculus, statistics, biology, chemistry, nursing, accounting, and classical and foreign languages. In addition, graduate students in English serve as writing tutors. (All ADC tutors are recommended and approved by their relevant academic departments; most are graduate students, juniors, or seniors.)

The Center offers programs designed to challenge the most academically talented, highest achieving students — as well as programs designed to support those who are least prepared and most academically challenged. One of the ADC's three professional staff members assists students with learning disabilities, helping to ensure their academic success at Boston College.

Tutoring, and all other academic support services, are free of charge to all Boston College students and instructors.

The Center also sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for faculty and graduate teaching fellows on strategies for successful teaching and learning. Through these and other activities, the Academic Development Center plays an increasingly important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

Source: University Librarian

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Academic Year	Hours of Tutoring	Students Tutored	Rated Tutoring "Extremely" or "Very Useful"
1991-92	2,584	1,100	88%
1992-93	3,973	2,000	92%
1993-94	4,585	2,000	93%
1994-95	5,215	2,200	91%
1995-96	6,419	2,000	92%
1996-97	6,162	2,000	92%

Source: University Librarian

University Archives

Archives are the official noncurrent papers and records of an institution that are deemed worthy of preservation for their legal, fiscal, or historical values. The University Archives, a department within the John J. Burns Library, contain the office records and documents of the various University offices, academic and otherwise, copies of all University publications, including student publications, movie footage of Boston College football, some audiovisual materials, and tape recordings of the University Lecture Series and other significant events. A significant collection of photographs documents the pictorial history of Boston College. Alumni, faculty, and Jesuit records are also preserved. In addition, the Archives are the repository for the documents of Newton College of the Sacred Heart (1946–1975); the Jesuit Education Association (1934–1970); the Catholic International Education Office (1952–1976); and the documents of the Jesuit Community of Boston College (1863–).

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The Language Laboratory

The Boston College Language Laboratory, serving all the language departments, students of English as a foreign language, and the Boston College community at large, is located in Lyons 313. In addition to its 62 listening/recording stations and dual-teacher console, the facility includes video viewing rooms, multimedia-equipped Macintosh workstations, and a short-wave radio/CD listening station. The Lab's audio and videotape/laserdisc collection, computer software, other audio-visual learning aids, and print materials including mono- and bilingual dictionaries, as well as laboratory manuals for elementary through advanced language courses, directly support and/or supplement the curriculum requirements in international language, literature, and music. The Lab's collection is designed to assist users in the acquisition and maintenance of aural comprehension, oral and written proficiency, and cultural awareness. Prominent among the Lab's offerings that directly address these goals are international news broadcasts and other television programming available through the Boston College cable television network and made accessible to Lab users via EagleNET connections and/or via videotaped off-air recordings. These live or near-live broadcasts from around the world provide a timely resource for linguistic and cultural information in a wide variety of languages. Students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, and BC community members who wish to use the Language Laboratory facility and its collection will find the Laboratory staff available during the day, in the evening, and on weekends to assist them in the operation of equipment and in the selection of appropriate materials for their course-related or personal language needs.

Source: Language Laboratory