

OFFICE OF
GLOBAL
EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

GPA: 3.0 and above

English Proficiency:

- TOEFL iBT (Testing Center **or** Home Edition)

Tests taken pre-January 2026: 79

Post-January 2026: 4.5

- IELTS 6.5
- Duolingo 120

In place of an English proficiency test, students may submit a letter from their home university stating that **all** university coursework has been conducted in English.

Unacceptable forms of English proficiency include:

- TOEFL MyBest scores
- Cambridge scores
- Tests taken more than two years prior to the students' application date

APPLICATION PROCESS

Electronic documents for application

- Exchange Application (sent after nomination)
- English Proficiency Score
- Official Transcript
- Housing Preference

Send transcript 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

Electronic documents for visa

- OISS portal information
- Bank Statement
- Copy of Passport

KEY DATES

Nomination Deadline

Fall/Academic Year: March 13

Spring: September 15

Application Deadline

Fall/Academic Year: March 20

Spring: September 30

Mandatory Orientation

Fall: August 25, 2026 (TBC)

Spring: January 15, 2027 (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/bc-web/offices/student-services/registrar/academic-calendar.html>



ESTIMATED COST

On-Campus Housing: \$5,470 - \$7,315 per semester

Meal Plan: up to \$3,672 per semester (required by certain dorms)

BC Mandatory Medical Insurance: ~\$1890 for Fall semester (can be waived only in limited situations)

University Fees: \$392

Books/ Supplies: \$1,860 per semester

Personal Expenses: \$3,000 per semester

Students should be prepared to show a minimum of \$17,000 in liquid US funds for the Fall 2026 semester.

ACADEMICS

Online Course Catalog

<https://services.bc.edu/PublicCourseInfoSched/coursesinfoSchedHome!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 in student registration plans. **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.**

Please note that Economics courses are offered through the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences (MCAS.)

Upon acceptance, exchange students are granted Boston College credentials. As soon as these are received, students need to log into the Boston College systems and begin creating a registration plan for courses.

Boston College is deeply committed to its identity as a liberal arts university, and all students are expected 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 prior to arrival. Computer Science courses may not be available until orientation. There is also a limited range of classes in the following departments:

- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Communications
- 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.

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. The Woods School of Advancing Studies courses (anything that begins with “AD”) and courses in the Schools of Engineering, Law, and Nursing 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.



HOUSING

On-Campus

Campus housing is extremely limited, and availability and enrollment is determined on a semester-by-semester basis. Students interested in on-campus housing will be put in a housing lottery. Results of the lottery are typically not available until July for the fall/full-year semester, and November for the spring semester. 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>

Off-Campus Housing

Students who opt for off-campus housing (called “private accommodations” on the application) will be provided/connected with off-campus housing resources. Most of our exchange students live off-campus, and we recommend that all students begin looking for housing as soon as possible. Additional information is available at
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/dean-of-students/programs-services/off-campus-housing.html>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students are automatically enrolled in the mandatory BC Medical Insurance Plan. **International students are not eligible to waive BC insurance except in extremely limited situations.** 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.
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/health-wellness/university-health-services.html>

University Counseling Services: University Counseling Services are available free of charge.
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/health-wellness/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
<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/womens-center>

Sexual Assault Resources
<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/womens-center/programs/sexual-assault-network.html>

Campus Ministry
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/mission-ministry/sites/campus-ministry.html>

AHANA Student Resources
<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/ahana.html>

LGBTQ Resources
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/sites/lgbtbc/resources-on-campus.html>

Students with Disabilities
<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/studentaffairs/sites/dean-of-students/student-support/disability-services.html>