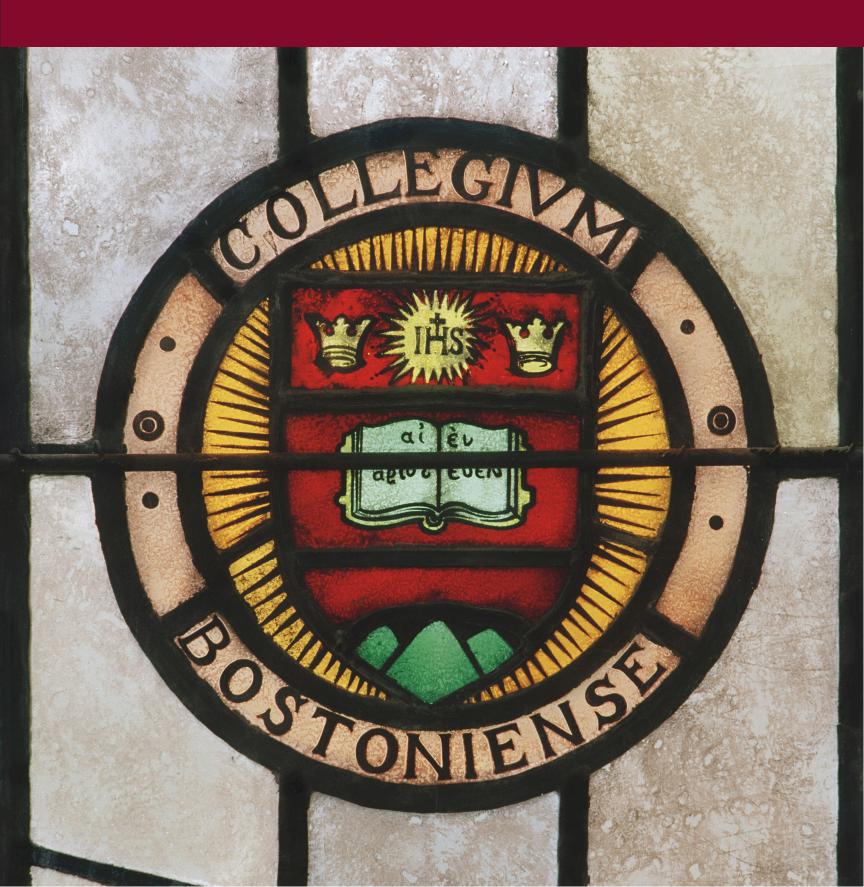
# BOSTON COLLEGE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES WELCOMES YOU



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# THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM BOSTON COLLEGE WELCOME TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

We are BC's One-Stop Center located on the first floor of Lyons Hall. Our Service Associates are always ready to answer your questions and to help you get off to a good start. Student Services can be reached at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294 or by email at studentservices@bc.edu. For further information and hours of operation, you may visit our website at www.bc.edu/studentservices.

Our Welcome Guide will introduce you to some of the services we offer. Be sure to complete all the items on the Pre-Orientation Checklist found on page 3, and fill out and return the Advising Center Survey (for Arts and Sciences students only) found on page 5.

In the pocket of the Welcome Guide, you will find the *Academic Planning Workbook for First Year Students*. Before you arrive on campus for orientation, read the Workbook carefully, including the Advanced Placement and language proficiency requirements, if any, for your school or college.

For more information about academic programs and requirements, refer to the *2014-2015 Boston College Catalog* which you will receive in June, or you can access the Catalog website at www.bc.edu/catalog. You can browse over 1,500 undergraduate course offerings by logging into the portal and selecting the online Course Information and Schedule, which includes course descriptions, faculty, syllabi, meeting times, and course evaluations.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email us. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Lonabocker Executive Director Office of Student Services Lyons Hall 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467

# **Pre-Orientation Checklist**

### AGORA PORTAL

For the web-based services below, you will need to log on to your Agora Portal (portal.bc.edu) and enter your username and password. You may also visit www.bc.edu/freshmenwelcome for direct links to each of these services. Remember to keep your username and password confidential.

- E-Sign the Technology Use Agreement
- Upload your photograph for your Eagle One Card and indicate the number of attendees for Orientation
- Update your addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts
- Set your Privacy Preferences
- View or update your race/ethnicity information
- Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling (if applicable)
- Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (if applicable)
- Sign up for payment plan (if applicable)
- Authorize your Third-Party Payer(s) through My Bill
- Waive the mandatory Medical Insurance (if applicable)
- Review/Add Optional Eagle-One accounts
- Review the Title IV Federal Financial Aid Funds requirements and submit your Federal Funds Authorization through your Agora Portal account
- Review Boston College laptop options
- Choose Mathematics courses

If you have questions, feel free to call the Office of Student Services at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294, or send us an email to studentservices@bc.edu.

### ACADEMIC PLANNING WORKBOOK

- Read the *Academic Planning Workbook* carefully and complete the Weekly Schedule Planner on pages 37 and 38. Bring the *Workbook* to your Orientation session.
- Review Advanced Placement information.
- Review language requirements, if any, for your school or college.
- Fill out and return the Information for the Advising Staff survey (for Arts and Sciences students only) found on page 5.

### LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

In order to register for the appropriate level French or Spanish language course, log on to www. bc.edu/rll. See page 27 of the *Academic Planning Workbook* for further details.

## **CHOOSING MATHEMATICS COURSES**

For more information about choosing mathematics courses, especially if you will be taking a Calculus course, visit the Mathematics Department Advisement website at www.bc.edu/mathadvise.

### **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

If you plan to work on campus, you must complete an Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) in the Office of Student Services at the time of your hire and provide original documents (copies will not be accepted) that prove your identity and employment eligibility, e.g., passport or driver's license and social security card. These documents will be reviewed in the Office of Student Services and then returned to you. For more information, refer to page 8, or visit the Student Employment website at www.bc.edu/studentemployment. Bring your original documentation to registration on the final day of Orientation, and the Student Services staff will process your I-9.

# 2014-2015 Academic Calendar

#### Fall Semester 2014

September 1, Monday Labor Day—No classes

September 2, Tuesday Classes begin

September 10, Wednesday Last date for undergraduate students to drop/add or to declare a course pass/fail on the university's information system (UIS)

September 11, Thursday Mass of the Holy Spirit

September 26 to September 28, Friday to Sunday Parents' Weekend

October I, Wednesday Last date for undergraduates only to drop a course or to declare a course pass/fail in the Associate Deans' offices

October 13, Monday Columbus Day—No classes

November 26 to 28, Wednesday to Friday Thanksgiving Holidays

December 1, Monday Last date for official withdrawal from a course or from the University

December 11 to 12, Thursday and Friday Study days—No classes for undergraduate day students only

December 13 to 20, Saturday to Saturday Term Examinations—Posted grades available online

#### Spring Semester 2015

January 12, Monday Classes begin

January 19, Monday Martin Luther King Day—No classes

January 21, Wednesday Last date for undergraduate students to drop/add or to declare a course pass/fail on the university's information system (UIS)

February 13, Friday Last date for undergraduates only to drop a course or to declare a course pass/fail in Associate Deans' office

March 2 to 6, Monday to Friday Spring Vacation

April 2 to April 6, Thursday to Monday Easter Weekend—No classes on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. No classes on Easter Monday except for those beginning at 4:00 p.m. or later.

April 14, Tuesday Last date for official withdrawal from a course or from the university

April 20, Monday Patriot's Day—No classes

May 1 to 4, Friday to Monday Study days—No classes for undergraduate day students only

May 5 to May 12, Tuesday to Tuesday Term Examinations—Posted grades available online

May 18, Monday Commencement

# Information for the Advising Staff

For College of Arts and Sciences Students Only

Please return this form no later than Monday, June 2, 2014, to the Boston College Academic Advising Center, Stokes Hall, 140S, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

(Print or type all responses clearly)

Name	 
Nickname or Preferred Name	 
Orientation Session You Plan to Attend	

The information you provide will help your academic advisor to prepare for conversations with you during the summer and throughout the academic year. Please answer each question thoughtfully. During your time at BC, this sheet will remain among your undergraduate advising records for advising purposes.

I. ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET AND ON ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY, please write some comments for your advisor. Your advisor will be interested in whatever information you provide about your academic and personal interests and goals as you begin to shape your BC experience.

2. You need not choose a major in Arts and Sciences until your sophomore year, but it will help you and your advisor to start talking this fall about your interests. What are the three areas you are most likely to consider?

3. Please list at least three additional fields you might enjoy exploring at BC, whether or not you have studied them as subjects in secondary school.

4. Most students are more confident of their abilities and skills in some academic areas than in others. Please indicate what you consider your greatest academic strengths and also the areas in which you feel you have less well-developed abilities. NOTE: Please list types of skills or abilities, e.g., creative writing, literary analysis, quantitative problem-solving, rather than specific subject fields.

- I am strongest in:
- I am relatively weaker in:

5. What interests do you plan to pursue outside the classroom during the coming year?

6. Are you considering study, travel, or work abroad? If yes, where?

7. Do you expect to hold a job during the academic year?

8. Do you regularly speak a language other than English at home? If yes, what language?

#### COMMENTS FOR YOUR ADVISOR

# **Financial Aid**

The Office of Student Services administers financial aid programs that include federal and state grant and loan programs, Federal Work-Study, and need-based institutional grant and scholarship programs.

Students can access their financial aid award using Boston College's web portal (portal.bc.edu). All award notifications are sent out electronically. No paper award notifications are mailed to your home address.

Assuming that you have applied for financial assistance for the 2014-2015 academic year, you should have received the determination of your eligibility, assuming all application materials were received on time. If you have not received notification, check your application status at www.bc.edu/finaidapp.

The conditional award will be based on the financial aid application materials on file at the time the award is prepared, and is subject to change once the 2013 tax return and other documents are received. Changes in calculated financial need may result in adjustments in the aid award.

If you have received an award notification and have made your deposit, you will be sent the Boston College Incoming Student Validation Form in May. Upon receipt and review of the Validation Form, you will be notified that your financial aid information has been verified. Changes to your award based on this Validation Form are made only if the information provided differs from what was previously reported. Other adjustments may be necessary based on additional documentation received throughout the year, such as notification of outside scholarships or other resources.

Once your financial aid award is verified, institutional grant funds can be disbursed to the student account. Some federal and state grant funding may be disbursed later. Federal and state loans require Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note before funds can be disbursed.

You must apply for financial aid each year by completing all the forms required for that year. Financial aid application materials are available at www.bc.edu/finaidforms each January for the following academic year. Financial aid applications for 2015-2016 must be submitted by April 15, 2015.

All documents must be labeled with your name and Eagle ID and mailed to the following address:

Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center P.O. Box 489 Randolph, MA 02368.

Applications postmarked later than the April 15, 2015, deadline will be considered late and will be subject to a reduction in the amount of financial aid awarded. You may check the status of your application at any time by visiting www.bc.edu/finaidapp.

Application materials:	www.bc.edu/undergradaid	
Application status:	www.bc.edu/finaidapp	
Frequently asked questions:	www.bc.edu/finaidfaq	
Payment options:	www.bc.edu/paymentoptions	
Student Employment:	www.bc.edu/studentemployment	
Student Services:	www.bc.edu/studentservices	

#### BC'S FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

#### Successful Start

Many students graduating from college have little or no information about creating budgets, managing personal finances, or borrowing and using credit. The goal of the Successful Start program is to ensure that Boston College's students are financially-literate for their lifetime. The Program offers a series of workshops and seminars, led by Boston College employees and expert guest speakers, related to all aspects of personal financial management.

For additional information about the Successful Start Program, visit their website at www. bc.edu/successfulstart.

#### SALT

Boston College has partnered with American Student Assistance (a nonprofit organization that delivers quality delinquency prevention services and BC's prior guarantee agency for all Federal student loans) to create a debt management and financial education program for our current Boston College students, as well as our alumni. This program rewards you for making smart money decisions, and all of its services to you—including your membership— are free of charge.

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Office of Student Services would like to encourage you to take advantage of our on- and offcampus work opportunities. Student workers gain practical employment experience, learn from mentors and role models, develop networks and potential future references, and earn income for educational and living expenses.

You are welcome to drop by Student Services in Lyons Hall to make an appointment with one of our student staff members to discuss strategies for finding a job. Consider increasing the chances of getting the job you want by developing a resume and strengthening your interviewing skills. Remember: Be prepared and be persistent! Tips are available from BC's Career Center at www.bc.edu/bc/offices/careers/jobs.html.

You may work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours during the Christmas and spring breaks. The academic year employment period begins Sunday, August 31, 2014, and ends Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Student employees are paid only for hours worked (no lunch breaks, sick days, holidays, or emergency closings). All earnings are taxable. W-2 statements for the previous calendar year are issued through the University's Human Resources Service Center (HRSC) by January 31.

The work-study awards that appear on your Financial Aid award are not deducted from your tuition bill. Students are issued payroll deposits for hours worked.

You should not accept any employment offer until you are certain of the job's duties and requirements, the extent of the time commitment, and the demands of your academic workload. Academic year job listings will be posted on the Student Employment website located at www. bc.edu/studentemployment beginning August 27, 2014. To learn more about student employment, visit the website listed above or contact the Office of Student Services at 617-552-3300.

#### For On-Campus Employment

Students awarded Federal Work Study are not guaranteed an on-campus job. Review the campus employment job listings available as of August 27, 2014, and daily thereafter, on the Student Employment website at www.bc.edu/studentemployment, and contact the campus employer directly. Job listings are created and maintained on this website by the campus employer. Also, if you work two jobs for the University, working both jobs will deplete your Work Study award that much sooner.

Boston College uses an automated student employment system for on-campus hourly paid employment. If you are hired, the campus employer will be able to process your information electronically as long as you have completed the I-9 process.

#### For Off-Campus Federal Work-Study (FWS) Employment

If you were awarded Federal Work-Study, you are still an employee of Boston College even if you work at an off-campus agency. Your wages are determined by Boston College's student employee guidelines and established student wage structure, and your time sheets are submitted to the Office of Student Services for review and processing.

You are responsible for keeping an accurate record of your earnings since you may not earn more than the maximum Federal Work-Study amount you were awarded in your Financial Aid package.

Job postings on the Student Services' website are from agencies that have contracted with Boston College. Contact that employer directly to schedule an interview.

Review the Hire/Rehire Form process for off-campus FWS positions at www.bc.edu/ offcampusfws. Hire/Rehire Forms are available at the Office of Student Services in Lyons Hall and on the web. Visit www.bc.edu/ssforms and click on "Student Employment Forms."

Supervisor- and student-signed Boston College Off-Campus Agency time sheets must be received by the Office of Student Services by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday to receive payment on Friday of the following week. Your time sheet will be due earlier the week before a holiday.

#### International Students (F-1)

International students who will be working on campus must complete the Form I-9 and bring original documentation to the Office of Student Services as indicated under "Required Forms" listed below. You must also bring:

- A Letter of Permission to Work from the BC Office of International Students and Scholars (Maloney Hall 249)
- Passport and Visa
- I-20 or Form DS2019

You are required to apply for a social security number in order to be paid. You will need to bring to the Social Security Office a specific letter (offer) for employment which has been completed by your campus employer.

For more information, visit the BC Office of International Students and Scholars website at www.bc.edu/oiss.

Students will need to bring their passport, visa, and social security number or receipt to the Foreign Tax Specialist at the Human Resources Service Center (HRSC) located at 129 Lake Street, Room 100, on the Brighton Campus. Permanent resident students will only need to bring their permanent resident card to the HRSC. The HRSC can also assist international students with completing tax forms. Call the HRSC (617-552-4772) to confirm the availability of the Foreign Tax Specialist.

#### **Required Forms:**

The forms listed below are required for all newly-hired University student employees.

- Employment Eligibility and Verification Form (I-9) available on the Office of Student Services website or on the Human Resources website at www.bc.edu/hrsc. Complete Part I and bring this Form with original documents (copies will not be accepted) that establish both identity and employment eligibility to the Office of Student Services. Refer to our website for a specific list of acceptable documents.
- W-4 Federal withholding form
- M-4 Massachusetts withholding form
- Direct Deposit Enrollment Form

Contact HRSC at 617-552-4772 with any questions concerning income tax withholding, tax forms, direct deposit, or issues with accessing those sites from your Agora Portal.

Enrolled Boston College student employees have the ability to complete, edit, or update W-4, M-4, and Direct Deposit information through their Agora Portal. New hires will have this ability once your hire forms have been processed by the University's HRSC, after which you will have the Human Resources links to complete those forms. **Please note:** International students, however, will still need to go to the HRSC at 129 Lake Street, Room 100, on the Brighton campus with their passport, visa, and social security number or receipt, and assistance in completing paper tax withholding forms is available at the HRSC. Permanent resident students will only need to bring their PR card to the HRSC. It is suggested that students call ahead to the HRSC at 617-552-6415 to confirm the availability of the foreign tax specialist.

#### Off-Campus, Part-Time Employment (Non-Federal Work-Study)

If you are looking for non-Federal Work Study employment off-campus, check out the employment opportunities available through CollegeHelpers.com, which offers 24/7 access via the internet. Job searches can be made by job title or by geographic area. Visit www.collegehelpers.com for more details or to register, or email them at support@collegehelpers.com. Features on this website include:

- Job searches by title or geographic area
- Automatic emails when a new job has been posted for BC
- A range of job choices
- 24/7 access via the Internet
- No charge for BC students

Any student hired by that off-campus employer is an employee of that employer and not an employee of Boston College or of CollegeHelpers.com.

# **My Bill**

Boston College provides you and your family with a fast, flexible, and secure online billing and payment process. **All tuition and fees bills are sent out electronically**. No paper bills will be mailed to your home address. Students are responsible for retrieving these statements and ensuring payment is made by the due date. Fall semester statements are generated in mid-June and due August 8. Spring semester statements are generated in mid-November and are due December 10.

Although statements and email notifications are only generated once a month, you may always see your current student account by logging onto your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu and selecting "My Bill" from the "My Services" menu under "Account and Personal Info." Real-time student account information can be viewed by selecting "Recent Activity" within My Bill. Your billing statement history is maintained on My Bill for your entire BC career.

For further information, a list of frequently asked questions, and BC's current tuition and fees chart, you may access the Office of Student Services' My Bill website at www.bc.edu/mybill.

#### EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Whenever a bill is generated, you will receive an email notification at your BC email address. If you forward your BC email account and fail to provide a correct forwarding address, you will not receive any notifications, but you will still be responsible for all pending charges and late fees, if applicable.

When you receive an email, log on to your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu and click on "My Services" and then "My Bill" under "Account and Personal Info." This will take you to BC's secure billing website. You can access the online billing system from any Macintosh or PC running Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or later or Mozilla Firefox 5.0 or later.

#### AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY PAYERS (INCLUDING PARENTS)

Any third-party payers, including a parent, guardian, or sponsor, must be authorized by you, or they will not be able to see and pay your bills. To authorize third-party payers, log on to your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. Select the "My Services" tab and then select "My Bill" under "Account and Personal Information." From the menu bar in the left navigation, select "Authorize Payers." You will then provide their email addresses and assign them temporary login names and passwords. Be sure to let your authorized payers know their temporary login names and passwords

since they must use them to access the billing system. They will be required to change these temporary passwords the first time they log on to the billing system.

Once authorized, all third-party payers will be notified by email of a pending bill. They may view statements and make online payments through a link to the online bill in the email notification. If you need to change your third party payer's email address, you must delete the authorized third party payer profile and create a new one with the new email address.

Third-party payers can still use the same password and email address for all accounts, but the login name for additional students needs to be different. For example, if the login name for the third-party payer is **billdad**, the second student could assign **billdad**<sup>2</sup> as the login name for the same third-party payer.

#### MAKING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

You may pay electronically any day of the week from a personal checking or statement savings account in the United States. You can keep your bank account information on the secure website or enter it each time you make an online payment. Payments will be transferred electronically to Boston College.

Each authorized payer is assigned a separate password for access to his/her account and payment history. No one else, not even the student or the school, will be able to view or use a third-party payer's confidential bank account information.

#### PAYING BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Students and authorized payers can print the online bill pdf, tear off the bottom portion only, and send a check or money order made payable to Boston College to the address listed below. Boston College does not accept cash payments. Foreign checks must be sent for collection and are subject to exchange rates and collection fees. All checks must include the bottom portion of the billing statement and should have the student's Eagle ID Number on it.

Mail payments to the following address: Boston College

Office of Student Services P.O. Box 3500-60 Boston, MA 02241-0560 Mail correspondence to: Boston College Office of Student Services Lyons Hall, Room 103 Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

#### PAYING IN PERSON OR BY WIRE TRANSFER

You may pay in person at the Office of Student Services, first floor of Lyons Hall. Boston College does not accept cash or credit card payments for tuition and fees. BC's online billing system does not accept payments from foreign bank accounts. If you cannot pay your bill through a bank account in the United States, we recommend wiring the payment.

Wire Transfer payments (in U.S. dollars) should be made at least seven days in advance of the due date and must include your full name and Eagle ID number. Contact the Office of Student Services at 800-294-0294 or 617-552-3300 for wiring instructions.

#### **International Wire Transfer Payments**

Boston College has partnered with peerTransfer<sup>™</sup> to streamline the tuition payment process for our international students. With peerTransfer<sup>™</sup>, you are offered excellent foreign exchange rates, allowing you to pay in your home currency (in most cases) and save a significant amount of money, as compared to traditional banks. You will also be notified via e-mail when your payment is received by Boston College. To begin the payment process, visit www.bc.edu/wiretransfer.

#### QUIKPAY® PAYMENT PLAN

Interest-free monthly payment plans are available within My Bill. Please visit www.bc.edu/ paymentoptions for more information.

If you have any questions, you may call the Office of Student Services at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294, or send us an email at studentservices@bc.edu.

# SAMPLE E-Bill

Payment due at BC.

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		responsible for the TOTAL BALANCE above.		College by the date
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# Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2014-2015

#### TUITION

#### Undergraduate

Per Semester: \$23,335 Per Credit (extra courses only): \$1,556

#### RESIDENCE HALL RATES

**Freshman Residence Halls** Per Semester: \$4,090

**Residential Meal Plan** Per Semester: \$2,503

#### UNIVERSITY FEES

Campus Health Fee (Infirmary) Per Year: \$450

Freshman Orientation Fee Per Year: \$444

Identification Card Fee Per Card: \$30

Lab Fees Per Course/Per Semester: \$105-\$335

Undergraduate Students Late Payment Fee Per Semester: \$150

Medical Insurance (unless covered by family plan) Fall Semester: \$1,143 Spring Semester: \$1,498

Undergraduate Students Activity Fee Per Year: \$316

All fees are proposed and subject to change.

The University reserves the right to correct typographical errors or to adjust the Tuition and Fees schedule at any time it deems necessary.

# **Medical Insurance**

In order to comply with the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Boston College policy, students registered in a degree program are automatically enrolled in and charged for the Student Blue Plan, BC's Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan.

If you are currently enrolled in a health plan that is comparable to the Student Blue Plan you may waive coverage as follows:

- If you are 18 years or older, access your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. Select the "My Services" option from the main menu and then "Medical Insurance" under "Account and Personal Info." To provide proof of comparable coverage, you will need to have information about your current health insurance plan readily available.
- If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign and submit a written waiver, which you can download at www.bc.edu/ssforms and click on "Medical Insurance Forms." You cannot file an electronic waiver.
- If you are an international student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, you will be automatically enrolled in the Boston College insurance plan. You are not eligible to waive the student insurance plan.

The deadline to waive the medical insurance for the academic year is September 12, 2014, and for spring semester only, January 23, 2015.

Waivers must be completed every year. Providing insurance information to other offices on campus (e.g., Athletics or Health Services) does not fulfill this requirement. Incomplete waivers will not be processed.

If you do not complete a waiver (electronic or paper) prior to the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in and charged for BC's insurance plan. The cost is \$1,143 for coverage from August 7, 2014, to January 11, 2015, and \$1,498 for coverage from January 12, 2015, to August 6, 2015.

Detailed information on costs, benefits, and participating providers is available online at www.gallagherkoster.com/bc or www.bc.edu/medinsurance.

# **Eagle-One Cards**

The Eagle-One Card, BC's official ID, serves both as identification and as a debit account card. You must keep it available at all times in order to obtain access to residence halls, computer labs, libraries, and the Flynn Recreation Complex. Boston College identification cards are the property of the University and must be presented to authorized University officials upon request. Failure to comply with this regulation can result in judicial action. Falsifying, altering, or misusing your own or anyone else's Eagle-One Card in any way is strictly prohibited and illegal.

The \$30 fee for an original Eagle-One Card (\$20 for each replacement) is automatically billed to your student account. If you lose your card, log on to your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu immediately to deactivate it. Be aware that you remain responsible for card usage, including debits from Residential and Optional Dining Plans, prior to deactivation.

You may also go directly to the Office of Student Services during business hours to have your lost card cancelled and a replacement issued immediately.

# **Dining Services**

All first year resident students are automatically billed \$2,503 for the Residential Dining Program which includes:

#### Residential Meal Plan

You will receive \$2,328 per semester to spend at qualifying on-campus dining locations. At the end of the fall semester, any remaining funds will be carried over to the spring semester. Balances remaining at the end of the academic year will be forfeited. There are no exceptions.

### Residential Dining Bucks

With Residential Dining Bucks (\$175) you may make purchases at specialty dining locations and vending machines. Remaining balances will roll over to next year. Upon graduation a 100% refund on any balance over \$5 will be applied to your student account.

Most freshmen on a mandatory meal plan will not need additional dining funds; however, we do recommend adding a small amount of Eagle Bucks for laundry and bookstore usage. You can make immediate deposits to your optional accounts through your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. Parents can make deposits at portal.bc.edu/webpayment.

The University accepts e-checks (electronic withdrawal from your checking or savings account), VISA, or MasterCard for optional Dining and Eagle Bucks accounts. You may also charge up to \$100 to your student account if your account is paid in full. Cash or checks are not accepted for optional account deposits.

To view the activity of your dining accounts log on to your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu and select "My Services" and "Eagle One Card Activity Summary" under "Account and Personal Info."



RESIDENTIAL DINING PROGRAM

We offer a program for all first-year students that combines a Residential Dining Plan and Dining Bucks. This is also provided to anyone living in a residence hall that does not have individual cooking facilities. Our program is designed to allow students to purchase what they want, when they want. Because our program is an essential part of the residential life experience at Boston College, it is required as an integral part of the Residence Hall Contract for students living in Upper Campus, Newton Campus, Walsh Hall, 66 Commonwealth Avenue, Greycliff, Vanderslice Hall, 90 St. Thomas More Road and Stayer Hall.

> Residential Dining Plan Residential Dining Bucks Total Semester Cost

\$ 2,328 \$ 175 \$ 2,503

#### RESIDENTIAL DINING PLAN

You will receive \$2,328 per semester in residential dining dollars to spend at qualifying on-campus dining locations. Any remaining fall semester funds will be carried over to spring semester in the same academic year. At the end of the academic year any remaining balance will be forfeited. There are no exceptions.

#### RESIDENTIAL DINING BUCKS

This account provides \$175 per semester and is designed to give you even more flexibility in buying meals other than those provided by the Residential Dining Plan by allowing purchases at specialty dining locations and vending machines. Any balance remaining at the end of the academic year will roll over to the next year. Upon graduation a 100% refund on any balance over \$5 will be applied to your student account.

#### **OPTIONAL EAGLE-ONE ACCOUNTS**

Our optional Dining Bucks, Eagle Bucks, & Flex Dining Plan accounts are ideal for upper-class students and commuters or as a supplement to the Residential Dining Program. Open these accounts online at any time during the year through the Agora Portal (http://portal.bc.edu). Balances remaining at the end of the academic year will roll over to the next academic year. Upon graduation a 100% refund on balances over \$5 will be applied to your student account.

#### **OPTIONAL DINING BUCKS**

This optional account offers a 10% point of sale discount all day, every day on purchases made at qualifying on-campus dining locations. Please note that these discounts apply only after your Residential Dining Program funds have been depleted.

#### **OPTIONAL EAGLE BUCKS**

This optional account allows purchases at all on-campus dining locations, residence hall laundry facilities, BC bookstores, network printing locations, as well as off-campus restaurants, food delivery services and retail merchants.

#### FLEX DINING PLAN

The Flex Dining Plan is designed to meet the needs of all students living in off-campus housing and apartment style residence halls with kitchens.

# CHECK OUT WHERE YOUR PLANS ARE ACCEPTED



10% discount all day, everyday

# **Parking and Transportation Information**

#### PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are not readily available to residential students. The rare exceptions made for junior or senior students must be approved by the appropriate academic or administrative department. Freshman resident students are not eligible for a parking permit.

If you are an undergraduate commuter student, you may purchase a parking permit if, during the academic year, you live off campus at a radius greater than one mile from public transportation lines. If you live in the following cities or towns, you do not meet this requirement and do not qualify for a commuter parking permit: Allston, Brighton, Boston, Chestnut Hill, and Brookline. You are expected to use your personal academic year address, not the address of a family or friend, when applying for a parking permit. If you do not provide an accurate academic year address, you risk disciplinary action including loss of parking privileges at Boston College and loss of parking permit fee refund.

When applying, an undergraduate commuter student must submit the following:

- A parking application, which can be downloaded from www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/forms.html
- A copy of a Certificate of Insurance listing you as an insured driver of the registered vehicle
- A valid vehicle registration in your name or that of an immediate family member
- Proof of qualifying residency in your name, such as a lease, bank statement, or utility bill

#### MBTA "T" PASSES

Boston College is pleased to offer its students the opportunity to purchase monthly MBTA passes for the semester at an 11% discount, which allows for unlimited usage on the MBTA. The deadline to purchase these passes is August 1, 2014. Visit www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/mbta.html for more information.

Students who will only use the MBTA occasionally throughout the semester would be better served by purchasing a stored-value Charlie Card available for purchase at many MBTA stations or on the web at www.mbta.com.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

All questions regarding parking and transportation should be directed to the Office of Transportation and Parking at transportation@bc.edu or 617-552-0151. For more information including parking rules and regulations, inter-campus transportation, commuting aids, maps, directions, and a host of links to the Greater Boston area, visit the following websites:

BC Shuttle Schedule: www.bc.edu/shuttle Emergency Transportation: www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/bcpd/services1/eagle-escort.html Handicapped: www.bc.edu/bc/offices/transportation/disabilities.html MBTA Charlie Pass: www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/mbta.html Student Parking: www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/parking/student.html Transportation website: www.bc.edu/transportation Visitor parking: www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/visitor.html

# Degree Audits, Enrollment Certifications, and Transcripts

#### **DEGREE AUDITS**

The degree audit is a computer-generated analysis that enables you and your faculty advisor to assess your academic progress by matching the courses that you have completed or have registered for against your degree and major requirements.

Degree audits may be run at any time against a current or simulated major. You will also receive a degree audit from your faculty advisor before every registration period until you graduate. Review your audit carefully in consultation with your faculty advisor before you register.

If a course on your degree audit is not being counted correctly, contact your Academic Recorder (A&S and LSOE: Mary McCrosson, 617-552-4974; CSOM and CSON: Terry Rezzuti, 617-552-4984). If you want a course to count for a requirement that it does not usually fulfill, obtain a Degree Audit Course Substitution and Waiver Form from the Office of Student Services and take it to the department for approval. Return the form with the appropriate approval to the Office of Student Services for processing.

For questions concerning Advanced Placement credit, contact the Office of Transfer Admission (617-552-3295).

#### ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATIONS

The National Student Clearinghouse will process fall 2014 deferment forms after September 11, 2014, in accordance with Federal regulations.

If you need an enrollment certification for deferment of a student loan, mail the forms to the Office of Student Services, Lyons Hall, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, or stop by Lyons Hall. Your deferment form will be forwarded to the National Student Clearinghouse.

If your enrollment certification does not require an official school seal or signature, you may process the certification online through your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. Select "My Services" and then "Enrollment Certification Request" from the "Academics and Courses" list.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

Your authorization is required in order to release your transcript records. You can do this electronically via the web, on paper via mail or fax (617-552-4975), or in person in Lyons Hall (requires picture ID). Requests received via the web are faster, easier, and more secure. Transcripts sent via fax are unofficial. There is no charge for transcripts unless FedEx is selected as the mode of delivery. For further information, visit www.bc.edu/transcripts.

During grading periods, transcripts will be held until all your grades are posted.

#### Requesting a Transcript via the Web

Use the transcript request and transcript status tracking features in your Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. Click on "My Services" and then "Transcript Request and Status" under "Academics and Courses." Review the information on the screen, add any additional information, and submit your request, which will be received immediately and processed as soon as possible. Use the status tracking page to follow your request. Your password acts as the authorization to release your record.

# **Student Code of Conduct**

The University Code of Student Conduct reflects the ethics, values, and standards of the University community and its concern for all its members.

The Student Conduct System has been developed to ensure an environment that fosters the intellectual, personal, ethical, psychological, social, and spiritual potential of all students. In keeping with the mission of Boston College, a conduct system should be, first and foremost, educational in nature.

Self-discipline, knowledge of limits, proper exercise of freedom, responsibility for judgment, and accountability for actions are all critical components of personal formation. When behavioral standards on or off campus are violated, an appropriate educational response will be forthcoming from the University through the Student Conduct System.

All Boston College students, graduate and undergraduate, are expected to comply fully with all the policies and procedures listed in the Student Guide. Among their responsibilities, Boston College students must disclose any arrests, indictments, or convictions for a criminal offense, excluding minor traffic violations, regardless of where they occur and regardless of whether the University is in session at the time. Incoming students must also disclose any arrests, indictments, or convictions for a criminal offense, excluding minor traffic violations, that have occurred between the time the student submitted an application to Boston College and when the student matriculates.

Such reports are to be made to the Office of the Dean for Student Development. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in University disciplinary action.

# University Communication Policies and Student Responsibilities

University Communication Policies and Student Responsibilities Official communications of the University with its currently-enrolled students, including notices of academic and administrative matters and communications from faculty and administrative staff, may be sent via postal service, campus mail, or email. To assure that these communications arrive in a timely manner, all enrolled students have the following responsibilities:

**Postal service and Campus mail:** For purposes of written communication, the student's local and permanent addresses on record at Student Services will be regarded as the student's official local and permanent residences. All students have a responsibility to provide both local and permanent mailing addresses, and to enter corrections via the Agora Portal if the addresses are not accurate in university records. Students should review their address record for accuracy at the beginning of each semester, and again soon after submitting any corrections.

Students who are studying abroad have a responsibility to provide their local international address via a link on the Office of International Programs website.

**Email:** The University recognizes and uses electronic mail as an appropriate medium for official communication. The University provides all enrolled students with Boston College email addresses, as well as access to email services from computer stations at various locations on campus. All students are expected to access their email accounts regularly, to check for official University communications, and to respond as necessary to such communications.

All student responses to official email communications from the University must contain the student's Boston College email address in the "From:" and "Reply To:" lines, and should originate from the student's Boston College email address, to assure that the response can be recognized as a message from a member of the University community.

Students may forward their email messages from their Boston College email address to non-university email systems, if they wish. In such cases, however, students shall be solely responsible for all consequences arising from such forwarding arrangements, including any failure by the non-university system to deliver or retain official University communications. Students should send test messages to and from their University email account on a regular basis, to confirm that their email service is functioning reliably.

# **Directory and Office Locations**

Academic Advising Center Akua Sarr, Director, Stokes Hall, S140

Accounting Billy Soo, Chairperson, Fulton 552B

Admission, Undergraduate John L. Mahoney, Jr., Director, Devlin 208

Advancing Studies Fr. James P. Burns, I.V.D., Interim Dean, McGuinn 100

African and African Diaspora Studies Rhonda Frederick, Director, Lyons 301

AHANA Student Programs Ines Maturana Sendoya, Director, 72 College Road

American Studies Carlo Rotella, Stokes 419S

Arts and Sciences Gregory Kalscheur, S.J., Interim Dean, Gasson 101

Akua Sarr, Associate Dean—Freshmen, Stokes Hall, S140

**Biology** Thomas Chiles, Chairperson, Higgins 414

**Business Law** Stephanie M. Greene, Chairperson, Fulton 420

**Campus Ministry** Fr. Tony Penna, Director, McElroy 233

**Career Center** Joseph Du Pont, Associate Vice President Southwell Hall

**Chemistry** Amir Hoveyda, Chairperson, Merkert 303

**Classical Studies** Mary Crane, Chairperson, Stokes 423S

**Communication** Lisa M. Cuklanz, Chairperson, Maloney Hall 523

**Computer Science** Edward Sciore, Chairperson, Maloney Hall, Suite 559 **Connors Family Learning Center** Suzanne Barrett, Director, O'Neill 200

**Counseling Services** Thomas P. McGuinness, Associate Vice President Gasson 001

**Dean of Students, Office of** Maloney Hall 212

**Earth and Environmental Sciences** John Ebel, Chairperson, Devlin 309

**Economics** Donald Cox, Chairperson, Maloney Hall 489

**Education** Maureen Kenny, Dean, Campion 101

Audrey Friedman, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Student Services, Campion 118

**English** Suzanne Matson, Chairperson, Stokes 495S

**Environmental Studies** Noah Snyder, Director, Devlin 320

**Finance** Hassan Tehranian, Chairperson, Fulton 550B

**Fine Arts** Claude Cernuschi, Chairperson, Devlin 431

**First Year Experience Programs** Rev. Joseph P. Marchese, Director, Stokes 177S

**German Studies** Michael Resler, Chairperson, Lyons 201

History Robin Fleming, Chairperson, Stokes 325S

Honors Program Arts and Sciences: Michael Martin, Gasson 109 Education: Audrey Friedman, Campion 104 Management: Ethan Sullivan, Fulton 254B Nursing: Catherine Read, Cushing 202 Information Systems Robert Fichman, Chairperson, Fulton 410A **International Programs, Office of** Nick Gozik, Director, Hovey House 106

**International Studies** Robert G. Murphy, Director, Maloney Hall 485

Islamic Civilization and Societies Ali Banuazizi, Associate Director, McGuinn 513

**Learning Resources for Student Athletes** Dard Miller, Director, Yawkey Athletic Center 409

Management Andrew Boynton, Dean, Fulton 510

Richard Keeley, Undergraduate Associate Dean, Fulton 360A

Management and Organization Judith Gordon, Chairperson, Fulton 430A

**Marketing** Katherine Lemon, Chairperson, Fulton 444

Mathematics Solomon Friedberg, Chairperson, Carney 317

**Music** Michael Noone, Chairperson, Lyons 416

Nursing Susan Gennaro, Dean, Cushing 203

Sean Clarke, Acting Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Cushing 202

#### **Operations Management** Samuel Graves, Chairperson, Fulton 354B

Philosophy

Arthur R. Madigan, S.J. Chairperson, Stokes 311N

**Physics** Michael Naughton, Chairperson, Higgins 335

**Political Science** Susan Shell, Chairperson, McGuinn 231

**Psychology** Ellen Winner, Chairperson, McGuinn 343

**Residential Life** George Arey, Director, Maloney Hall 228

**Romance Languages and Literatures** Franco Mormando, Chairperson, Lyons 304B

**Slavic and Eastern Languages** Michael Connolly, Chairperson, Lyons 210 **Sociology** Sarah Babb, Chairperson, McGuinn 426

Student Services Louise Lonabocker, Executive Director, Lyons 101

Summer Session Fr. James P. Burns, I.V.D., Interim Dean, McGuinn 100

**Theatre** Scott T. Cummings, Chairperson, Robsham Theater

**Theology** Catherine Cornille, Chairperson, Stokes 333N

**University Librarian** Thomas Wall, O'Neill Library 410

**Volunteer and Service Learning Center** Daniel Ponsetto, Director, McElroy Commons 114

# Get a Head Start: Voter Registration

#### MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

The Office of Student Services would like to encourage you to register to vote. Massachusetts residents may request a Voter Registration Form be mailed to them at www.sec. state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm.

For more information, you can access the home page for Massachusetts elections at www.sec.state. ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm, or go to the Student Services' Voter Registration Information page at www. bc.edu/offices/stserv/voterinfo.html.

#### NON-MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

If you are not a Massachusetts resident, you may download a Voter Registration Form at www.eac.gov or the League of Women Voter's website at www.lwv.org.

If your state requires that your ballot be notarized, you may go to the Office of Student Services in Lyons Hall where notary services are available upon request.

# **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

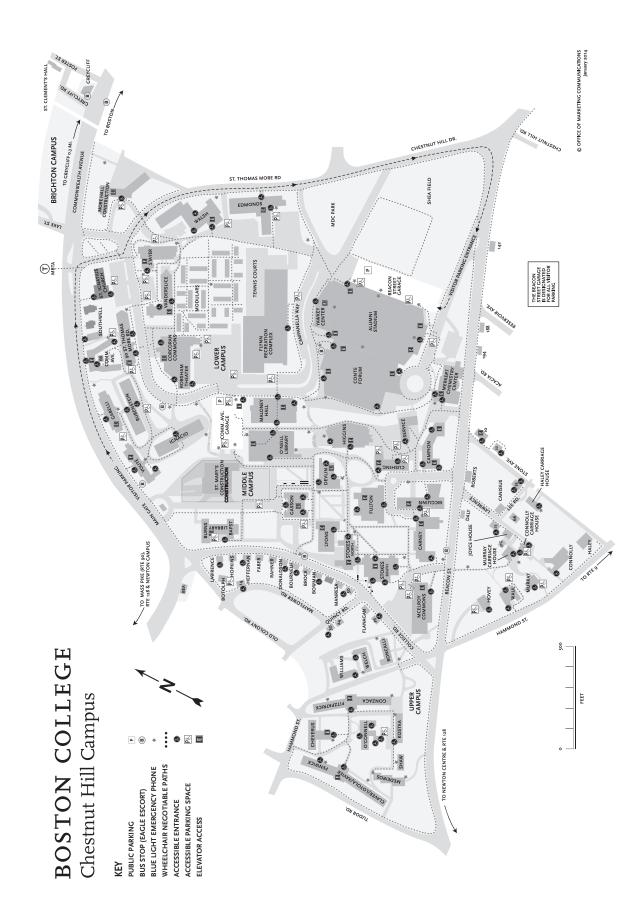
Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College is dedicated to intellectual excellence and to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage. Boston College recognizes the essential contribution a diverse community of students, faculty and staff makes to the advancement of its goals and ideals in an atmosphere of respect for one another and for the University's mission and heritage. Accordingly, Boston College commits itself to maintaining a welcoming environment for all people and extends its welcome in particular to those who may be vulnerable to discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, age, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, military status, or other legally protected status.

Boston College rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, wrongful discrimination and disrespect. It has developed procedures to respond to incidents of harassment whatever the basis or circumstance. Moreover, it is the policy of Boston College, while reserving its lawful rights where appropriate to take actions designed to promote the Jesuit, Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs on the basis of a person's race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, age, marital or parental status, genetic information or family medical history, or military status, and to comply with state law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation.

To this end, Boston College has designated its Executive Director for Institutional Diversity to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities to prevent discrimination in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and the ADA. Any applicant for admission or employment, and all students, faculty members and employees, are welcome to raise any questions regarding this notice with the Executive Director for Institutional Diversity: Boston College Office for Institutional Diversity (OID), 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, Phone: 617-552-2323, Email: diversity@bc.edu

The Executive Director for Institutional Diversity oversees the efforts of the following additional Title IX coordinators: (i) Student Affairs Title IX Coordinator (for student sexual harassment complaints), 260 Maloney Hall, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, reachable at 617-552-3482 or (odair@bc.edu); (ii) University Harassment Counselor, reachable via OID (see above contact information); and (iii) Athletics Title IX Coordinator, the Senior Women's Administrator, 310 Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, reachable at 617-552-4801 or (jody.mooradian@bc.edu).

In addition, any person who believes that an act of unlawful discrimination has occurred at Boston College may raise this issue with the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education.



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