

Information for Students

A. University	Boston College https://www.bc.edu/ Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/office-of-international-programs/exchange-students.html
B. Location	Newton, Massachusetts, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: August to December Semester 2: January to May*</p> <p>*Please note: NUS only sends students for SEP to BC in Semester 2 (Spring)</p> <p>https://www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/academic/current/calendar.html</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	Exchange students to BC are expected to take around 15 to 16 US credits per semester.
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA), and no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English
viii) Modules Compatibility	Exchange students often find the U.S. academic system to be quite different from home: class size is usually fairly small; students are required to prepare for each class; there will be exams and written assignments during the semester as well as a final exam; final grades are often computed on the basis of written or oral work, exams, and class participation; and the grading system is different.

	<p>Perhaps the greatest difference is that BC students take classes in a broad range of subjects. A typical student will take no more than 2 or 3 classes per semester in only one subject area, even if that is their major subject or specialization; exchange students are expected to do the same.</p> <p>BC tends to be a good fit for FASS, FoS, and SoC student.</p> <p>International students are required to take between 12 to 15 credits each semester, which is approximately 4 to 5 classes at BC. BC's Office of International Programs (OIP) registers students for classes based on the preferences expressed on the exchange applications. While every effort is made to enroll students in the requested courses, there is no guarantee that students will secure their required/preferred courses.</p> <p>Exchange students should not plan to take classes that are required for graduation at their home institution.</p> <p>Exchange students are urged to be flexible with their course selections. 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.</p> <p><u>BC Online Course Catalog</u> https://services.bc.edu/PublicCourseInfoSched/courseinfoschedHome!displayInput.action</p>
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Due to high demand, the Economics and Finance Department will enroll students in only one class.</p> <p>There is also a limited range of classes in the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Computer Science • Marketing
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>

<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodation</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>The availability of on-campus accommodations for exchange students is extremely limited and rooms are assigned by lottery. Most exchange students live in off-campus accommodations such as shared houses or apartments with other BC and international students. The BC Off-Campus Housing Services office provides assistance to exchange students in locating housing both before and after arrival in Boston.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Some visa application processes can take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</p> <p>In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.</p> <p><i>For BC, students are automatically enrolled in the mandatory BC Medical Insurance Plan. Information about the plan may be found at:</i> https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/student-services/billing-student-accounts/medical-insurance.html</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>In the unlikely event of an emergency, exchange students should first contact Boston College Police by calling +1 617 552 4444, followed by the Office of International Programs at +1 617 552.3827.</p>

H. Cost of Living

**i) Estimated
Monthly Living
Expenses**

Budget prepared by BC as an estimate of expenses:

- On-Campus Housing: USD \$4,890 - \$6,530 per semester
- Meal Plan: USD \$2,911 per semester for meal plan (required by certain dorms)
- BC Mandatory Medical Insurance: USD \$1,500 fall semester; \$3,620 full year (cannot be waived)
- University Fees: USD \$1,211 per year
- Books & Personal expenses: USD \$2,650 per semester (does not include entertainment or travel)

For more information, please refer to the following webpage with regard to finances. Note that exchange students will not be required to pay BC tuition fees, but may be required to pay other non-academic fees.

<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/offices/student-services/billing-student-accounts/tuition-fees.html>

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the various BC links for the most up-to-date information.