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# Boston College

## BC

140 Commonwealth Avenue  
 Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467  
 Private university affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church  
 (Society of Jesus), established in 1863, became coed in 1970.  
 Full-time undergraduates: 4,297 Men, 4,895 Women.  
 Graduate enrollment: 1,947 Men, 2,566 Women.  
 Total campus enrollment: 13,705.  
 FICE #2128, FAFSA #002128, SAT #3083, ACT #1788,  
 OPEID #212800, IPEDS #164924.

## ADMISSIONS

### Requirements

Graduation from secondary school required; GED accepted. General college-preparatory program recommended. 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 4 units of lab science, 4 units of foreign language, 4 units of social studies, and 4 units of history recommended. SAT Reasoning or ACT required. SAT Subject considered if submitted. The SAT or ACT writing component used for admission and as a validity check on the application essay. TOEFL required of international applicants. Admission may be deferred up to two years. Application fee \$75 (may be waived in cases of financial need), nonrefundable.

### Basis for Candidate Selection

**Academic:** Secondary school record and standardized test scores very important. Class rank, recommendations, and essay important.

**Non-academic:** Extracurricular activities, particular talent/ability, character/personal qualities, alumni/ae relationship, religious affiliation/commitment, and volunteer work important. Minority affiliation and work experience considered.

### Admissions Procedure

Normal sequence: Standardized test scores must be received by January 1. Application deadline is January 1. Common application form accepted; supplemental forms required. Notification of admission is sent by April 15. Reply is required by May 1. \$250 tuition deposit, nonrefundable. \$250 room deposit, refundable until June 1. 1% of freshmen enter in terms other than fall. Admissions process is need-blind.

**Special programs:** Early action program.

**Transfers:** Transfer students are accepted. In fall 2015, 1,467 transfer applications were received, 318 were accepted. Application deadline is March 15 for fall; November 1 for spring. Minimum nine semester hours required to apply as a transfer. Secondary school transcript, college transcript, essay or personal statement, standardized test scores, and statement of good standing from prior institutions required. Minimum 3.0 college GPA required. Lowest course grade accepted is "C." Maximum number of transferable semester hours is 20. At least two years of full-time coursework must be completed at the school to earn a bachelor's degree.

**International Students:** 557 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 68 countries represented. Minimum 600 TOEFL (100 Internet-based) score required. Preapplication form required. Application deadline is January 1 for fall; November 1 for spring.

**Learning Disabled Students:** Essay required; diagnostic test recommended. Support services available. Untimed standardized tests accepted. Students must self-identify and submit appropriate documentation in order for learning differences to be considered in review process. Lighter course load and additional time to complete degree permitted. Program/services serve 400 identified students.

**Placement Options:** Credit may be granted for International Baccalaureate.

### Freshman Class Profile

For fall 2015, 29% of 29,486 applicants were offered admission. 26% of those accepted matriculated. 7,072 applicants were put on a waiting list.

Secondary school class rank of freshmen (fall 2015):

Top tenth	79%
Top quarter	95%
Top half	99%
Bottom half	1%

19% of freshmen submitted class rank.

67% of accepted applicants submitted SAT Reasoning; 49% submitted ACT.

SAT Reasoning scores of freshmen (fall 2015):

	Reading %	Math %	Writing %
700-800	34	48	46
600-699	53	41	43
500-599	12	10	10
400-499	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100%	100%	100%

Range of SAT Reasoning scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2015):

Critical Reading: 620-720    Math: 640-750

ACT scores of freshmen (fall 2015):

	English %	Math %	Composite %
30-36	80	66	81
24-29	17	31	17
18-23	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	100%	100%	100%

Range of ACT scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2015):

English: 30-34    Math: 28-33    Writing: 8-10

### Student Body Characteristics

75% are from out of state. Average age of full-time undergraduates is 21.

Composition of student body (fall 2015):

	Undergraduate	Freshman
Non-resident aliens	6.1	6.9
Hispanic/Latino	9.8	9.4
Black	3.9	4.0
White	62.7	62.7
American Indian	0.1	0.0
Asian American	10.0	9.6
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	3.1	3.3
Unknown	<u>4.3</u>	<u>4.1</u>
	100.0%	100.0%

## FINANCIAL

### Expenses

Tuition (2016-17): \$50,480 per year. Room: \$8,610. Board: \$5,208. Required fees: \$816. Books/misc. expenses (school's estimate): \$2,650.

### Financial Aid

Needs analysis based on institutional methodology. FAFSA, CSS/PROFILE, Divorced Parent's statement, Business/Farm supplement, and tax forms: Priority filing date is February 1. Notification of awards begins April 1. In 2014, the average aid package of full-time undergraduates with financial need was \$38,533; \$37,639 for full-time freshmen. School participates in Federal Work-Study Program. 54% of 2014 graduates incurred an average debt of \$21,099. Of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid, 100% of need was met.

### Scholarships and Grants

Need-based Federal Pell, SEOG, state, college/university, and private scholarships/grants. Non-need-based academic merit, athletic, and ROTC scholarships/grants. On average, 294 non-need-based athletic scholarships are awarded with an average amount of \$50,154. In 2014, \$113,215,396 in need-based scholarships/grants and \$7,339,388 in non-need-based scholarships/grants was awarded.

### Loans

Federal Perkins, Federal Nursing, and state loans. Tuition Management Systems. In 2014, \$22,833,092 in need-based self-help aid was awarded, including \$15,414,754 in student loans.

### Student Employment

17% of full-time undergraduates work on campus during school year. Institutional employment. Students may expect to earn an average of \$2,500 per year. Off-campus part-time employment opportunities rated "good."

## ACADEMIC

### Accreditation

Accredited by NEASC; professionally by AACSB, AALS, ABA, APA, CCNE, CSWE, NCATE, and NLN.

### Instructional Faculty

Full-time: 470 men, 316 women; part-time: 342 men, 402 women.

Doctorates/Terminal 94%      Masters 6%

FTE Student-Faculty ratio: 13 to 1.

### Degree Offerings

*Baccalaureate*: B.A., B.S. *Master's*: M.A., M.A.T., M.B.A., M.Div., M.Ed., M.S., M.S.A., M.S.Finance, M.S.N., M.S.Teach., M.S.W., Th.M. *Doctoral*: D.S.W., Ed.D., J.D., Ph.D., S.T.D.

### Majors Leading to Bachelor's Degree

Accounting, Accounting Information Systems, Applied Developmental Psychology, Art History, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Communication, Computer Science, Corporate Reporting/Analysis, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Elementary Education, English, Environmental Geoscience, Environmental Studies, Film Studies, Finance, French, General Management, Geology, Geology/Geophysics, Geophysics, German Studies, Hispanic Studies, History, Human Resources Management, Information Systems, International Studies, Islamic Civilization/Societies, Italian, Linguistics, Management/Leadership, Marketing, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Operations/Strategic Management, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Russian, Russian Culture/Civilization, Russian Language/Literature, Sacred Theology, Secondary Education, Slavic Studies, Sociology, Studio Art, Theatre, Theology.

### Academic Requirements

Six semester hours of religion/theology required. Core curriculum required. Minimum 1.7 GPA required for graduation; some programs require different GPAs.

### Academic Programs

Many minors offered. Self-designed majors. Double majors. Dual degrees. Independent study. Accelerated study. Honors program. Phi Beta Kappa. Pass/fail grading option. Internships. Distance learning. Teacher certification in early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special education and in 12 specific subject areas. Graduate programs offered; qualified undergraduates may take graduate-level classes. Preprofessional programs in law, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, and theology. Member of Retirement Research Consortium, New England Law Library Consortium, Boston Library Consortium, Massachusetts Library Information Network, International Consortium for Social Development, and the Boston Area Consortium of Universities. Washington Semester. Domestic exchange program with American U. Study abroad in many countries. AFROTC and NROTC at Boston U. ROTC at Northeastern U.

### Facilities

1,000 microcomputers available to all students. Internet access. E-mail services/accounts. Computer equipment/network access provided in computer center/labs. Wireless network. Library of 2,951,599 titles, 44,891 current serials, 4,330,030 microforms, 171,099 audiovisuals, 623,286 e-books. Special collections. Rare books. Study spaces. Law, social work, and theology/ministry libraries. School is a member of library consortium. Art museum.

### Academic Experience

95% of freshmen return for their sophomore year. Average GPA of freshmen after first year is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. 92% of freshmen graduate within six years. The most popular majors among recent graduates were finance, economics, and communications. 21% of graduates pursue further study within one year. 65% of graduates are employed in major field within six months.

### Guidance Facilities/Student Services

Non-remedial tutoring. Placement service. Health service. Women's center. Health insurance. Many career, counseling, international, LD, and handicapped student services. 95% of campus is accessible to the physically handicapped.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Athletics

Intercollegiate Alpine skiing, baseball, basketball, cross-country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor) for men. Intercollegiate Alpine skiing, basketball, cross-country, fencing, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball for women. Many men's and women's club and intramural/recreational sports. 10% of students participate in intercollegiate sports. 64% of students participate in intramural sports. Member of Atlantic Coast Conference (Division I, Football I-A), Eastern College Athletic Conference (Division I, Football I-AA), Hockey East Association (Division I).

### Student Activities and Organizations

Student government, newspapers (*The Heights*; *The Observer*; *Stylus*), literary magazine, yearbook, radio station, television station. 12 honor societies. Many religious, minority, and international student groups. Music, theatre, political, service, and special-interest groups. A total of 225 registered organizations. No social fraternities or sororities.

## GENERAL

### Housing

Students may live on or off campus. Coed dormitories and disabled student housing. 85% of all undergraduates (99% of all freshmen) live in school-owned/-operated/-affiliated housing.

### Regulations and Policies

Alcohol permitted on campus for students of legal age; additional restrictions apply. Class attendance policies set by individual instructors. Hazing and hover boards prohibited. Smoking prohibited in all buildings. Academic integrity policy. All freshmen must attend orientation session and fall convocation during freshman year. 6% of students have cars on campus. Only upperclassmen who need a car for degree-required placements in nursing or teaching may have cars on campus.

### Environment/Transportation

121-acre main campus in Chestnut Hill (population: 87,971), additional 66-acre campus in Brighton and 40-acre campus in Newton (six miles). Major airport, bus, and train serve Boston. School operates shuttle service between campuses and in surrounding neighborhood. Public transportation serves campus.

### Calendar

Semester system; classes begin in early September and mid-January. Two summer sessions of six weeks each. Orientation for new students held in June, July, and August.