Core Courses Taken Outside of Boston University

If you drop or fail a core course, it must be made up.

- You can take an equivalent course at Boston University during summer term, but it is also possible to study at another four-year college or university or community college if the class is approved.
- **Important note:** All external work must be outside the route 128 beltway. A list of schools within the 128 beltway is available in Room 211.
- In the Spring, division chairmen distribute a list of acceptable substitute courses being offered by Boston University’s Summer Term.
- If you plan to make up a core course outside of Boston University, you must complete the Inter-Collegiate Course Transfer Request form (available in Room 211) and submit a Summer Term course description to the Department Chairman and get prior approval before you invest time and tuition money. Please plan ahead and do this as soon as possible. It is much easier to do this before you leave campus when chairmen are available.

Elective Courses Taken Outside of Boston University

If you plan to take an elective, the elective must be approved by the relevant department in CAS, COM, SAR, or SMG — using a course approval form available from the appropriate school/department.

If you have taken college courses while in high school, be sure an official transcript has been sent. Check the Student Link to see how many credits you have received and which specific Boston University courses you have been credited with.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credits

If you have taken AP courses while in high school, be sure an official record of your test results has been sent to Boston University. Check the Student Link to see how many credits you have received and which specific Boston University courses you have been credited with. In most cases, AP scores of 4 or 5 are necessary for BU credit.

Getting credit

- Don’t forget that CGS credit will be given for approved courses taken outside Boston University only if the grade is “C” or higher. Some concentrations in departments of other schools in BU require a C+ or higher — check the Bulletin.
- Credit will be given but grades earned outside of Boston University are not computed in your Boston University grade point average.
- Pass/Fail courses are not acceptable.
- If you take a course outside of Boston University, you are responsible for having an official transcript sent to CGS — do not send it to the University Registrar. Official transcripts should be sent to the address below by the second week in August to avoid delay in continuation to another school or college:
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