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**TO:** Boston University Students, Faculty, and Staff

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**DATE:** October 24, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Policies and Degree Programs Approved by the Boston University Council in Spring 2017

As part of an ongoing effort to keep you up-to-date on newly approved or revised policies and programs affecting the BU community at large, my office will provide a summary near the beginning of each semester of the academic, faculty, and administrative policies enacted by the Boston University Council and authorized by the President over the course of the previous semester. We will also include a listing of any new degree programs that have been approved.

As a reminder, the Boston University Council (UC) is a body of elected faculty representatives and academic administrators that considers and recommends action on academic matters including degree requirements, the creation and discontinuation of academic programs, and the development of policies that impact either faculty or students. Details about the constitution, membership, and responsibility of the UC can be found in the faculty handbook:

<http://www.bu.edu/handbook/governance/the-constitution-of-the-boston-university-council/>

The following summary comprises the policies and degree programs approved and authorized during the Spring 2017 semester:

**Policies:**

- [Student Bereavement Leave Policy](#) (effective February 2017)
- [Revised Policy on Emeritus Faculty](#) (effective March 2017)
- [Policy on Access to Electronic Information](#) (effective June 2017)
- [Policy on Network Security Monitoring](#) (effective June 2017)
- [Investigator Financial Conflicts of Interest Policy for Research](#) (effective July 2017)
- [Policy on Intellectual Property](#) (effective July 2017)

**Degree Programs:**

- Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in English (CAS/GRS) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Bachelor of Arts in International Relations/Master of Arts in International Affairs (CAS/GRS) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- PhD in Linguistics (GRS) (*effective Fall 2018*)
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing (GRS) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Master of Arts in Earth & Environment (GRS) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- PhD in Earth & Environment (GRS) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Certificate in Corporate Finance (MET) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Certificate in Financial Management (MET) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Certificate in International Finance (MET) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Certificate in Investment Analysis (MET) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (MET) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Communication (SHA) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Master of Divinity/Master of Arts in Teaching (STH/SED) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Master of Theology Studies/Master of Arts in Teaching (STH/SED) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Executive Master of Public Health (SPH) (*effective Fall 2018*)

New policies can be found on the Boston University Policies website, [www.bu.edu/policies](http://www.bu.edu/policies). Academic policies may also be found in the [Policies](#) section of the Bulletin. Details of new degree programs, meanwhile, may be found on the [Curriculum Portal](#) and in the [Bulletin Addendum](#).