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TO: Boston University Students, Faculty, and Staff

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DATE: January 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Policies and Degree Programs Approved by the Boston University Council

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 at 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. The work of the UC is accomplished through standing committees that draw on the expertise of faculty and administrators throughout the university. 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/>

As this is the first of these communications, the following summary comprises the policies and degree programs approved and authorized during the 2015 calendar year:

Policies:

- Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students in Full-Time Programs (*effective January 1, 2015*)
- Policy on Audited Courses for Undergraduate Students (*effective June 1, 2015*)
- Policy on Repeated Courses for Undergraduate Students (*effective June 1, 2015*)
- Credit Assignment Policy (*effective June 1, 2015*)
- Suspension or Termination for Cause Policy for Faculty (*section K updated May 2015*)
- Protection of Minors Policy (*effective July 14, 2015*)
- Policy on D Grades for Undergraduate Students (*effective as of the 2015-2016 academic year*)
- Policy on Missing Grades (*effective Fall 2016*)

Degree Programs:

- Combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Archaeology (CAS) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Certificate in Data Analytics (MET) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Certificate in Creative Educational Leadership (SED) (*effective July 2015*)
- Certificate in Children's Adolescent and Young Adult Literature (SED) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Certificate in Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity (MET) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Business Analytics (MET) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Master of Science in Computer Science with Specialization in Data Centric Computing (GRS) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Master of Science in Athletic Training (SAR) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Doctoral Program in Occupational Therapy (SAR) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology and Applied Human Development (SED) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Master of Education in Applied Human Development (SED) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching (Teach for America Hybrid Track) (SED) (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Research Technologies (MED) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Concurrent Doctor of Medicine and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (GSDM) (*effective Fall 2017*)
- Master of Science in Pathology Laboratory Sciences (MED) (*effective Spring 2016*)
- Bachelor of Arts in Earth & Environmental Sciences (CAS) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics (GRS) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Certificate in International Business Law (LAW) (*effective Fall 2016*)
- Certificate in Estate Planning (LAW) (*effective Fall 2016*)

All of the policies listed above can be found on the Boston University Policies website, 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](#).