

Family Zoom – Most Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Where should students go if they need general assistance?

A: Start with their class Deans. Their dean can lead them to the appropriate resources if they are unable to help the student.

Q: What opportunities are available for students interested in careers in arts, humanities, and writing?

A: Initiatives include events like Inclusive Hiring Meetups, Tri-Co Career Fairs, and the Women's Colleges & Universities Diversity career expo, where they can network with over 150 organizations across all industries and fields. Additionally, there are specialized events like the Museums Meet Up and Social Justice & Advocacy Meet Up, where students can connect with arts, cultural, and nonprofit organizations. Keep an eye out for "Listen, Learn, Connect" sessions in these areas as well to make connections with Bryn Mawr alumnae/i in these fields.

Bryn Mawr also give students opportunities to explore these fields through our funded summer programs, from self-design funding to support internships that students find on their own to organized internship/research programs like Summer of Service, International & U.S. Internship Partners, and Hannah Holborn Grey Fellowship. During the academic year, students can gain experience with academic credit through Praxis Fieldworks seminars.

Q: How is the college addressing health-related concerns, such as COVID testing, vaccines, and flu shots?

A: The college is actively addressing health-related concerns by offering a combined flu clinic with COVID booster shots to enhance community safety. Students can access COVID testing at the health and wellness center, and testing is done symptomatically. The Health Center provides testing and care, even for students without insurance. Flu shots are also available, and students are encouraged to get them. The college's approach focuses on holistic health, including addressing other illnesses besides COVID. Bryn Mawr's Covid Policy is listed here: <https://www.brynmawr.edu/inside-254>
<https://www.brynmawr.edu/inside/offices-services/health-wellness-center/coronavirus-information-updates>

Q: How can students access mental health support on campus?

A: Through the counseling center and other resources. The college is working to lower barriers to access for mental health services. Students can seek individual therapy, participate in groups, or consult with triage nurses or clinicians. It's essential for students to reach out and communicate their needs, and the college is focused on providing a range of support options.

Q: How does the college address the impact of climate change, particularly in relation to extreme heat in residence halls?

A: The college is aware of the challenges related to extreme heat in residence halls and is working to address them. During room selection, students receive information about which rooms can accommodate air conditioning units. Vulnerable students can access spaces with air conditioning during heatwaves. The college also discusses adding central air conditioning to buildings when they undergo upgrades, considering the community's input.

Q: What resources are available for students during breaks, such as Thanksgiving break?

A: The college offers resources and support to students during breaks. If Students are trying to leave early they must, communicate with faculty about excused absences. There are also opportunities for students who stay on campus to access support services and facilities, even though many offices might have limited hours during breaks.

Q: What advice do you have for people struggling to declare majors?

A: If you're struggling to declare a major, consider these steps:

- Reach out to one of the class Deans to schedule a meeting and discuss your interests.
- Conduct a "value sort" through career and civic engagement to discover your core values and potential subjects of interest.
- Remember that your choice of major doesn't always dictate your future career, so focus on something you genuinely enjoy.
- Seek advice and explore various options with your class Dean or academic advisors.

Q: How can students address enrollment challenges or waitlists in STEM-based classes?

A: If students are facing enrollment challenges or waitlists for STEM-based classes:

- Understand that there are arrangements in place to help students who have been dropped from a class more than once.
- Conversations are ongoing with department heads to explore increased offerings in popular majors.
- Speak to your academic advisor or class Dean for assistance in navigating enrollment challenges.

Q: Are there opportunities for social connections between Haverford and Bryn Mawr students?

A: Yes, there are opportunities for social connections between Haverford and Bryn Mawr students:

Students from both campuses can attend events, lectures, and parties on either campus.

BiCO programs like Club Athena encourage interaction and collaboration between the two colleges.

While connections aren't required, there are ample opportunities for students to engage socially with their counterparts.

Q: Is tuition for academic year study abroad covered by the school?

A: Tuition for academic year study abroad is typically covered by your regular tuition. However, summer study abroad programs often have separate fees that are not included in regular tuition.

Q: How can a student who doesn't have a clear goal for a major or career seek guidance?

A: If a student is uncertain about their major or career path:

- Schedule an appointment with Career and Civic Engagement to explore their values and interests.
- Reach out to their class Dean for academic advising to discuss their academic goals.
- Consider talking to faculty members in areas of interest to gain insights into different majors and subjects.

Q: What are the transportation options for students leaving for Thanksgiving on a day with scheduled classes?

A: Students should always talk to their professors in advance about missing classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Some faculty may be understanding and allow students to miss class for holiday travel.

Q: How can students ensure safe early morning travel to the airport?

A: Students can consider taking public transportation, like trains, which are generally safe. They can also use ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft. Additionally, campus safety can be called to escort students to transportation hubs, such as the Train Station, if needed.

Q: Is it recommended for students to stay on campus or leave for fall break?

A: The decision to stay on campus or leave for fall break depends on each student's individual needs and circumstances. There's no one-size-fits-all recommendation. Students should do what's best for them, whether it's staying on campus or going home.

Q: How can students address challenges in finding PE classes that work for their medical issues or schedules?

A: Students facing challenges with PE class schedules due to medical issues or conflicts should:

- Consult their class Dean for guidance and accommodations.
- Talk to the PE department to explore alternative options or independent study opportunities.
- Consider enrolling in PE classes offered during other semesters.

Q: How can students access information about extended gym hours?

A: Information about extended gym hours can typically be found on the college's website for specific details. The link can be found here: <https://gobrynmawr.com/sports/2023/1/25/information-facilities-fitnesscenterpoolhours.aspx>