

**Waiver Exams and Transfer Credit**

TO: All Newly Enrolled Students

**Transfer Credit**:

Students enrolling in the GSSWSR who have completed graduate level courses at another accredited college or university may be eligible for transfer credit.

* The GSSWSR will grant transfer credit for two foundation courses and one elective for a total of three transfer credits.
* Courses must have been taken within the last five years and a grade of “B” or better must have been earned.
* Students requesting transfer credit must provide a syllabus, an official transcript verifying the course and grade, and any other related materials needed for an assessment to be made by faculty teaching the comparable Bryn Mawr course. All materials must be submitted by August 15 in the summer before the student begins the program, to allow for faculty review.
* Request for transfer credit must be made *before* students begin the program.
* **TRANSFER CREDIT APPLICATION:** To apply for transfer credit, complete this application form: <https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/gsswsr-transfer-credit-application/>

**Waiver Exams:**

In some cases, when students do not meet the requirements for obtaining transfer credit, they may be eligible to take a waiver exam. It is possible for incoming students to waive the following first-year courses by written examination:

* B503 – Research Informed Practice I
* B504-- Research Informed Practice II

Waiver exam eligibility examples:

* When a course was completed at another institution but a grade of B or higher was not earned.
* When a course was completed over five years from the time of application to the GSSWSR.
* When a course was completed at a nonaccredited program/institution.

Waiver examinations *must be taken prior to the beginning of the fall semester* and on the dates specified by Dean’s Office. Each exam may only be taken once. Students must have satisfactorily completed undergraduate or graduate coursework in the area in which they are taking the waiver exam. The coursework must be supported by an official transcript.

Students may receive one unit of credit for any waiver exam that they pass. Each course waived through the passage of a waiver exam will reduce by one the number of courses required for the MSS degree. Waiver exam failures are not noted on the student’s academic record. Credit for waived courses is granted after successful completion of one semester at the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

**WAIVER EXAM APPLICATION**: To apply for waiver examinations, complete this application form: <https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/r1jdxn8u07i9k7d/>

**Credit for transferred and waived courses is granted *after* successful completion of one semester at the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.**