

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Student Engagement and Academic Resources (SEAR) was originally founded in August 2011 as the Division of Research and Academic Resources. The founding goal of our department was supporting all student populations in realizing their full academic potential and promoting student and faculty research and creative works. In July 2024 we built on this original goal by welcoming Student Life and Engagement into the team. Our expanded goal is to enrich the college experience and support every student in realizing their full potential. Our programming and resources are intentionally created to give all students access to opportunities, events, and communities that fit their unique needs. SEAR includes the following areas:

- Accessibility Services
- Hatch Learning Commons, including Library Services and Student Academic Support Services
- Health and Wellness, including Health Services, Counseling, and the Fitness Center
- Research and Creative Work, including the Institutional Review Board
- Student Life and Engagement, including Student Activities and Residence Life
- Signature Bay Path events including Convocation, Academic Achievement Day, the T. Marc Futter Ethics Lecture, the Marcia H. Conrad Awards Ceremony, and Commencement.

## Accessibility Services

Under the guidelines of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act, Bay Path University provides a variety of services to students with disabilities based on individual documentation and need. The University is committed to providing an equal opportunity for student participation in the University's programs, activities, and services unless doing so would compromise the academic integrity of the University or the student's educational program, or impair the rights or opportunities of other students.

The responsibility of the University is to provide reasonable, appropriate accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids as determined on a case-by-case basis. The University, at its discretion, may require additional testing or evaluation if the student-provided documentation is inadequate or needs to be updated. The student may be asked to sign a release or authorization as part of the accommodation process. Records are maintained in a confidential manner and are not included in a student's academic record.

**Location:** Blake 111

**Contact Information:** [accessibility@baypath.edu](mailto:accessibility@baypath.edu)

## Center for Research and Creative Work & Institutional Review Board

### Center for Research and Creative Work

Our department provides opportunities for students to enhance their educational experience at Bay Path through original research projects or attendance at academic conferences. We support undergraduate

and graduate students in all majors and programs. Approved projects are provided financial support to purchase supplies, and fund travel for conference attendance. Certain grants, such as the Summer Scholars Grant or Student-Assisted Faculty Research, include student stipends or hourly pay for work completed.

**Location:** Elliott 211

**Contact Information:** [research@baypath.edu](mailto:research@baypath.edu)

### Institutional Review Board

The Bay Path Institutional Review Board works with students and faculty to ensure their research complies with federal regulations for the protection of human subjects.

**Contact Information:** [irb@baypath.edu](mailto:irb@baypath.edu)

## Hatch Learning Commons

Hatch Learning Commons, located just across the street from the main campus, provides you with dedicated learning and teaching support all year long, in person, over the phone, in web chats, or via virtual reference sessions. It consists of both library services and student academic support services. Hatch Learning Commons provides a friendly and accessible space for students and faculty to work toward our shared goals of learning and teaching. The Learning Commons includes reservable study rooms equipped with collaborative technology, group study spaces on the main floor, and quiet study spaces on the lower and upper floors. The Course Reserves shelves provide access to common course texts for use within the library, allowing students to save money on expensive textbooks. We also offer a robust selection of popular fiction and DVDs for check out.

Peer Tutors and Academic Coaches are available in the Learning Commons for help with classes, general study skills, test preparation, note taking, organization, time management and much more. Students can schedule an appointment to meet with an on ground tutor or academic coach through the Bay Path Portal (<https://sso.baypath.edu/adfs/ls/idpinitiatedsignon.aspx?logintoRP=https://lhh.tutor.com/saml/v2.aspx>).

Online tutoring services through tutor.com (<http://tutor.com>) are also offered to students on-demand 24 hours a day. Students can access a variety of support services including content based tutoring, writing support and academic skill development. Students can access this online tutoring with their University email.

**Location:** 539 Longmeadow Street

**Contact Information:** [hatchlibrary@baypath.edu](mailto:hatchlibrary@baypath.edu) or [academicsupport@baypath.edu](mailto:academicsupport@baypath.edu)

## Student Life and Engagement

### Student Activities

Our Student Life & Engagement team is here to support all students in making their time here fun, engaging, and meaningful. This includes providing opportunities for student involvement both on campus and online through events, student clubs and organizations, Student Government Association, and more.

**Location: Breck Fitness Center****Contact Information:** [studentlife@baypath.edu](mailto:studentlife@baypath.edu)**Residence Life**

On campus housing is available for both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees at Bay Path University. The Residence Life Department of Bay Path University challenges students to expand their learning beyond the classroom with a focus on education of the whole person. We are committed to creating an inclusive, safe and engaging residential environment that supports the academic, social, and personal growth of all resident students.

**Contact Information:** [residencelife@baypath.edu](mailto:residencelife@baypath.edu)**Health & Wellness**

At Bay Path University, we approach health and wellness holistically. Whether you need medical care, fitness advice, or a mental health check up, students can expect quality, evidence-based care and guidance from our staff.

Learning about being healthy, both physically and mentally, is an integral part of the college experience. Throughout the year, we offer a variety of clinics, workshops, and lectures. We also work to increase awareness of mental health as part of students' overall wellness and to decrease the stigma of mental health conditions, issues, and treatment.

**Health Services**

Health Services are provided through Urgent Care of Longmeadow. Located just down the street from the Longmeadow campus, this partnership with Urgent Care will expand the hours and medical care available to students.

Urgent Care is open 7 days a week and can provide comprehensive medical care from physical exams to wound care to rapid testing for UTI, Strep, Flu and COVID-19.

**Location:** 688 Bliss Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106**Contact Information:** [healthservices@baypath.edu](mailto:healthservices@baypath.edu) or <https://urgentcareoflongmeadow.com>**Counseling Services**

Understanding and caring for your mental health is critical. We have several options to support student mental health.

Our Counseling Center is available for individual counseling sessions, both on ground and online during regular office hours, as well as connection and referral to off-campus mental health services.

We also partner with Uwill, a leading mental health platform for colleges and universities, to provide free teletherapy for all students. Therapists can be accessed via video, phone, or chat. Uwill also offers a 24/7/365 crisis hotline for our students.

**Location:** Center for Health & Wellness, North House**Contact Information:** [counseling@baypath.edu](mailto:counseling@baypath.edu) or <https://uwill.com/>**Fitness Center**

The Breck Fitness Center is one of the hubs of campus activity. The Fitness Center is located on the ground floor of the building where you will find a modern, fully equipped facility with state of the art

cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Remember, You only get one body. Do your best to treat it right!

The Fitness Center offers: Free personal training sessions, free nutritional consultations, drop-in wellness classes, and lifetime membership for BPU alumni

**Location:** Breck Fitness Center**Contact Information:** [rpanetti@baypath.edu](mailto:rpanetti@baypath.edu)**Wildcat Pantry**

The main goal of the Bay Path Wildcat Food Pantry is to serve as a community-based program that collects and safely stores food, personal care, and household products for free distribution to members of the Bay Path community who are facing food insecurity.

**Location:** Center for Health and Wellness, North House**Contact Information:** [pantry@baypath.edu](mailto:pantry@baypath.edu)

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**T. Marc Futter Program for Ethics in Leadership and Integrity in Action**

Funded by the generosity of benefactor T. Marc Futter, the Program for Ethics in Leadership and Integrity in Action is a University-wide initiative, incorporated throughout the undergraduate curriculum. Based on the belief that ethics is reflected in both words and actions, the Program includes an intense ethics discussion for all incoming students at New Student Orientation. Ethical concepts are infused throughout the curriculum in all majors and examine the basic notions of "right" and "wrong" in contemporary society. Students develop and define their individual standards of ethical behavior relevant to their personal and professional lives. Each year we also select an Ethics Speaker to hold an open discussion with the Bay Path community about a timely topic related to ethics.

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