

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
AND SOCIAL RESEARCH  
OF  
BRYN MAWR  
COLLEGE

TO: All Newly Enrolled Students  
RE: Waiver Exams and Transfer Credit

**Waiver Exams:**

Students enrolling in the GSSWSR may waive by written exam certain required courses, with the exception of field instruction, the practice courses, and the required course *Power, Privilege and Oppression*.

- Students must have satisfactorily completed undergraduate or graduate coursework in the area in which they are taking the waiver exam.
- This coursework must be supported by an official transcript.
- Students 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 exams must be taken before coursework begins.** Semester I exams are: B503 – Research Informed Practice I; B505 – Theoretical Perspectives in SW I, and B517 – Social Policy Foundations. The exams will be available from June 15, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. until August 19, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.
- First year students will receive an email in October regarding the waiver exam for B504 - Research Informed Practice II (a second semester course). The Dean’s Office email will specify dates when the exam will be available. This is the only time the exam may be taken - no exceptions.
- To apply for waiver examinations, please complete this application form:  
<https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/z7hapva1jh2jfy/>

**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.
- Request for transfer credit must be made *before* students begin the program. **Materials must be submitted for faculty evaluation before August 19, 2022.**
- To apply for transfer credit, please complete this application form:  
<https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/gsswsr-transfer-credit-application/>

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

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***If you have any questions, please email the Dean's Office at [socialwork@brynmawr.edu](mailto:socialwork@brynmawr.edu)***