You may go to the websites of those universities plus others in the Consortium to see courses that you may take outside of Tufts University—see the list below. These universities allow “cross-registration” among themselves, which means that a student can take a course in the Consortium without having to pay extra tuition at that other university. Your tuition here at Tufts will cover the course.

The following are Boston Consortium schools in addition to Tufts University:

1. Boston College
2. Boston University (Sargent College of Health & Rehab Sciences, plus there is a good psychology department in BU’s Arts & Sciences)
3. Brandeis University (and Heller School for Social Policy & Management is a top school in social issues & leadership)
4. New England Conservatory of Music

Here are tips:

- Go the websites of those universities and look at their class listings/bulletins.
- Contact the professor if you are interested to confirm that there are still openings in the class. Be aware that different universities have different ADD deadlines for adding new classes. You have to find out if ADD period is still open.
- You will need to factor in travel time to each of these universities—BU is closest and accessible by T, BC is second closest and also accessible by T, Brandeis is accessible by the commuter railway.
- If you find a course that looks like a good match for you and it is still open for enrollment, complete the Consortium Cross Registration Petition.
- Your advisor will need to see the course description to approve your registration for the course.
- It is also possible that you may find a professor here at Tufts in our department or others or in the Consortium who accepts students for independent study or special topics courses (one-on-one individual meetings). For example you see that they do scholarship/research in your area of interest and they will help you develop an outline for readings and papers that they will discuss with you in individual meetings. You must go to the professor and initiate this contact with a specific idea that you want to study. Professors in the Tufts occupational therapy department are very open to students approaching them for special topics/independent study.

Please let your advisor know if you find any new additional information as you search for a class and also be aware of our own ADD deadline here at Tufts.