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2024-2025

Student Life Guide

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Arts Boston *Greater Boston’s most comprehensive source for all things arts and culture*[artsboston.org](http://artsboston.org/)

Keezer’s Classic Clothing1740 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge ~ 617.547.2455*Purchasing new and pre-owned men’s suits, tuxedos, and other formal men’s wear for concerts and gigs*[lecouturierma.com/](https://www.lecouturierma.com/)

Favorite Nearby SOM Restaurants/Pubs  
  
Sunset Cantina Otto Pizza Starbucks  
Brown Sugar Cafe Raising Cane’s Caffè Nero   
Chipotle Life Alive   
Super 88 Food Court Dunkin’ Donuts

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Other Useful Resources

Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) College Card

*BU students can register for a Boston Symphony Orchestra College Card at no cost, granting free access to various BSO performances as they become available. Visit the link below to register for a card. Students typically gain access to register for College Cards during the month of September.*

[*bu.edu/arts/memberships/*](https://www.bu.edu/arts/memberships/)

BU Arts Initiative

*Learn about the broad range of artistic, cultural, and creative activities organized by students at BU.*

[bu.edu/arts](http://www.bu.edu/arts/)

Arts | Lab @ BU Med Campus

*CFA’s outreach initiatives at Boston Medical Center/BUMC*

[bu.edu/cfa/artslab/](https://www.bu.edu/cfa/artslab/)

BU Calendar

*This lists a wide variety of activities going on in and around campus, such as lectures, cultural gatherings, concerts, and exhibits.*[bu.edu/calendar/](https://www.bu.edu/calendar/)

Boston Music Intelligencer *A website for concerts and other musical events in the Boston area. You can also post your own events!*   
[classical-scene.com](https://www.classical-scene.com/)

**The BU Sport & Performance Psychology Team**

*They provide performance enhancement training. Alongside the strategic,  
technical and physical coaching that athletes/performers receive, Performance Enhancement Training adds a focus on mental skills and preparation and can have a tremendous impact on overall well-being and performance. They provide teams and individuals with training in mental skills that have been shown to improve performance and make it more consistent.* [*blogs.bu.edu/sportpsychology*](https://blogs.bu.edu/sportpsychology/)

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2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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| **FALL 2024** | |
| Labor Day Holiday (No Classes) | Monday, September 2 | |
| Fall Classes Begin | Tuesday, September 3 | |
| Indigenous Peoples’ Day (No Classes) | Monday, October 14 | |
| Substitute Monday Schedule (BU Monday) | Tuesday, October 15 | |
| Thanksgiving Recess | Wednesday, November 27 – Sunday, December 1 | |
| Last Day of Classes | Tuesday, December 10 | |
| Study Period | Wednesday, December 11- Friday, December 13 | |
| Final Exams Begin | Monday, December 16 | |
| Final Exams End | Friday, December 20 | |
| **SPRING 2025** | |
| MLK Jr. Day (No Classes) | Monday, January 20 | |
| Spring Classes Begin | Tuesday, January 21 | |
| Presidents’ Day Holiday  (No Classes) | Monday, February 17 | |
| Substitute Monday Schedule  (BU Monday) | Tuesday, February 18 | |
| Spring Recess | Saturday, March 8 – Sunday, March 16 | |
| Classes Resume | Monday, March 17 | |
| Patriots’ Day Holiday (No Classes) | Monday, April 21 | |
| Last Day of Classes | Thursday, May 1 | |
| Study Period | Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4 | |
| Final Exams Begin | Monday, May 5 | |
| Final Exams End | Friday, May 9 | |
| Commencement Weekend | Thursday, May 15 – Sunday, May 18 | |

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Where to go in CFA for…

Go to the School of Music Office (2nd Floor, Room 244) for:

* Contact info/mailbox for a professor ([bu.edu/directory](http://www.bu.edu/directory/))
* Admissions
* Student Services:
  + General academic questions and degree audits
  + Help with class registration and petitions
  + Career resources
  + Questions about placement exams
  + Program changes

Go to the Dean’s Office (2nd Floor, Room 230) for:

* Enrollment Services and CFA Registrar:
  + Questions regarding AP and transfer credits, intra‐University transfers, registration, financial aid (graduate), and CFA policies/procedures
* BSO College Card (FREE! See pg. 8 for details.)
* Graduation applications

Also in the Dean’s Office: CFA Business Office, Graduate Admissions, and Graduate Financial Aid  
  
Go to Room 240 (2nd floor, next to the SOM Office) for:

* Administrative Coordinator for all academic departments
* Jury and recital information and paperwork
* DMA paperwork

Go to Room 243 for the CFA Music Curriculum Library

[bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/](https://www.bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/)

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Flutistry Boston

801A Tremont St ~ 617.519.8966

[flutistry.com](https://www.flutistry.com/)

Sharpkeys Flute and Piccolo Repair

10 Eleanor St, Dedham ~ 978.621.1121

[sharpkeys.com](http://www.sharpkeys.com/Sharpkeys/Home_-_Sharpkeys_flute_and_piccolo_repair_Boston.html)

Dignan Bows

PO Box 383, Whitman, MA 02382 ~ 617.262.5511

[dignanbows.com](https://www.dignanbows.com/)

Leonard’s Music

128 Great Rd, Bedford ~ 781.271.1189

[leonardsmusic.com](https://www.leonardsmusic.com/)

Johnson String Instrument

1029 Chestnut St, Newton Upper Falls ~ 617.964.0954

[johnsonstring.com](https://www.johnsonstring.com/)

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Sheet Music and Books

Berklee College of Music Bookstore

1090 Boylston St ~ 617.747.2402

[berklee.bncollege.com](https://berklee.bncollege.com/shop/berklee/home)

Yesterday Service Sheet Music, Inc.

191 Highland Ave, Somerville ~ 617.547.8263

[yesterday-service-sheet-music.mybigcommerce.com/](https://yesterday-service-sheet-music.mybigcommerce.com/)

Music Library of Mugar Library

771 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor

[bu.edu/library/music](http://www.bu.edu/library/music/)

CFA Music Curriculum Library

855 Commonwealth Ave, Room 243 ~ 617.353.3731

[bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/](https://www.bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/)

Instrument Purchase and Repair

Maestro Woodwind

7 Harvard Avenue Office 5, Brookline ~ 617.267.7704  
[maestrowoodwinds.com/](http://www.maestrowoodwinds.com/)

Pope Instrument Repair

80 Wenham Street, Jamaica Plain ~ 617.522.0532

[poperepair.com/](https://poperepair.com/)

Virtuosity Musical Instruments

234 Huntington Ave ~ 617.530.1993

[virtuosityboston.com](https://www.virtuosityboston.com/)

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Go to the Basement Floor for:

* B01: BU ID card encoding for practice room access, room scheduling, locker check-out
* B02: Production and Performance
* B07: Stage Manager
* Computer lab with Sibelius and Finale software

Go to CFA Information & Technology(Room 203/204) for:

* Printing, copying, and scanning documents
* Using public computers

Other places to make copies:

* Mugar Memorial Library (771 Commonwealth Ave)
* Please note there is a fee for making copies in these locations; copies may NOT be made in the School of Music office.

Facilities:

If you notice something broken or if you have a concern about something in the building, please report it to [cfabldg@bu.edu](mailto:cfabldg@bu.edu).

[The School of Music DEIA Committee](https://www.bu.edu/cfa/music/diversity-equity-inclusion/) promotes Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Antiracism awareness and presence in the School of Music and BU in general. Help us make a difference with your ideas and inspirations. If you would like to learn more about the committee or get involved, please contact Minju Kim at [mkim62@bu.edu](mailto:mkim62@bu.edu) and Allison Voth at [avoth@bu.edu](mailto:avoth@bu.edu).

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Important University Offices

BU Police Department

Text: tip411 (847-411) key word: BU + your message

32 Harry Agganis Way

General: 617.353.2110 ~ Emergencies: 617.353.2121

[bu.edu/police](http://www.bu.edu/police/)

Office of Housing (Undergraduate Only)

25 Buick St

617.353.3511 ~ [bu.edu/housing](https://www.bu.edu/housing/)

Office of Residence Life (Undergraduate Only)

25 Buick St

617.353.4380 ~ [bu.edu/reslife](http://www.bu.edu/reslife/)

Information Services and Technology Help Centers

771 Commonwealth Ave (Mugar Library)

179 Amory St (West Campus)

617.353.HELP (4357) ~ [bu.edu/tech](http://www.bu.edu/tech/)

International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)

888 Commonwealth Ave

617.353.3565 ~ [bu.edu/isso](http://www.bu.edu/isso/)

Mugar Memorial Library

771 Commonwealth Ave

Circulation: 617.353.3732 ~ Reference: 617.353.2700

[bu.edu/library](http://www.bu.edu/library/)

Music Library, 2nd Floor Mugar

617.353.3705 ~ [bu.edu/library/music](http://www.bu.edu/library/music/)

Parking & Transportation Services

1019 Commonwealth Ave

617.353.2160 ~ [bu.edu/parking](http://www.bu.edu/parking/)

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Walking

Walking is a great way to experience one of the US’s most beautiful and historic cities.



The B.U.S.

The free(!) Boston University Shuttle runs from West Campus to the BU Medical Center, making stops along the way including East Campus and right across from Symphony Hall. Visit [bu.edu/thebus](http://www.bu.edu/thebus/) or the BU Mobile app for the bus schedule and live tracking.

 Cabs and Car Rental

You might encounter an unfortunate situation in which the MBTA is closed and taxis are nowhere to be seen, or your destination is not accessible by the T. There is a way to get home or elsewhere with one of the cab-like apps such as Uber and Lyft.

Boston Pedicab is a fun and effective way to get around Boston. Generally, in Back Bay and Downtown areas, pedicab bikers (they have a cart/chariot attached to their bikes) will help you get to your destination. You also have an option to discuss touring or can take a more scenic route with the “driver.” You can call ahead to request a ride on their website ([bostonpedicab.com](http://www.bostonpedicab.com/)) or by phone (617.266.2005).

Want to go into the suburbs or have to move furniture? Sign up for a   
Zipcar account with a student discount of $15! There are many   
Zipcar stations throughout and near BU. Visit the Zipcar website ([zipcar.com/universities/boston-university](https://www.zipcar.com/universities/boston-university)) for more information on how to rent a car and pricing.

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Getting Around Boston University



The MBTA

The “T” (the nickname for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority [or MBTA]) is the Boston public transportation system. There are four modes of transit: train, bus, commuter rail, and boat. BU is located on the “B” train of the Green Line, and the most useful bus route for BU students is the 57 Bus. Both the Green Line and the 57 Bus run along Commonwealth Ave.

Acquiring a plastic, refillable “Charlie Card” will reduce the cost of taking public transportation. There are a few places that you can get a Charlie Card, including the Downtown Crossing Station, most 7-11 stores, Tedeschi stores, and Star Markets.

There are many apps that you can use to track MBTA transportation and look at the routes. A few apps we recommend are Transit, ProximiT, Greenline, and Citymapper.



Cycling

Boston is a very bikeable city, and many major roads have bike lanes. Biking is one of the quickest ways to get around the city and around campus. Make sure you use a bike lock when parking your bike and wear a helmet! Please refer to [bu.edu/bikesafety](http://www.bu.edu/bikesafety/) for more info.

Want to cycle around the city but don’t have a bike? There are many Bluebikes stations throughout the city for you to rent a bike for a few hours. Visit [bluebikes.com](https://www.bluebikes.com/) to know more about the bike rental. Helmets are not provided at the stations, but you can get one for free either at the Office of Judicial Affairs (19 Deerfield St, 3rd floor) or at the Parking & Transportation Services (1019 Commonwealth Ave).

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MyBU Student Portal  
[bu.edu/mybu](http://www.bu.edu/mybu/)

**Academics**

* View the University class schedule & your class schedule
* Register, plan, or drop your courses
* Academic summary: find your faculty advisor
* View your final exam schedule
* View your transcript, external credits, and test scores

**Money Matters**

* Complete Stafford Loan Counseling & Promissory Note
* Check your Student Account & Financial Aid Package
* Check information on Health/Dental Insurance
* Waive Medical Insurance or Sports Pass fees

**Personal**

* Review and update your “Compliance” status – important for class registration!
* Update Personal Information & set data restriction
* Order an MBTA (bus/train) Semester Pass

**Work**

* Student employment
* Get information on Work‐Study positions
* Find the Career Advisory Network

**Food & Shelter**

* Check on your residence assignment
* Purchase Convenience Points & check your balances
* Rent a MicroFridge for your room

**Basics**

* Find an online guide to the Studentlink & FAQs
* Change your Kerberos password

Class Enrollment in [MyBU Student Portal](https://www.bu.edu/mybu/)

* Consultt<https://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/registration/> foriclass enrollment times and dates your course selections
* Schedule a time with your advisor in advance of enrollment dates to review your course selections
* Always make sure you’re in compliance with all university regulations – see the “Holds” drop-down in “My Information”

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Important University Resources

Chief Health Office

Up to date info re: COVID-19 & BU  
 [bu.edu/chiefhealthoffice](https://www.bu.edu/chiefhealthoffice/)

**Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders**

900 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor

617.353.9610 ~ [bu.edu/anxiety](http://www.bu.edu/card/) or email [bonnieb@bu.edu](mailto:bonnieb@bu.edu)

**BU Bookstore: Barnes & Noble**

910 Commonwealth Ave

617.267.8484 ~ [bu.bncollege.com](https://bu.bncollege.com/shop/bu/home)

**Fitness & Recreation Center (“FitRec”)**

915 Commonwealth Ave   
617.358.3740 ~ [bu.edu/fitrec](http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/)

**Sexual Assault Response & Prevention Center (SARP)**

930 Commonwealth Ave, 1st Floor

617.353.7277 ~ [bu.edu/sarp](http://www.bu.edu/shs/sarp/)

*Providing confidential, immediate & responsive services to victims and their family of, but not limited to, sexual assault, physical assault, interpersonal violence & other traumatic incidents*

**Marsh Chapel Pastoral Counseling**

735 Commonwealth Ave

617.353.3560 ~ [bu.edu/chapel/religion](http://www.bu.edu/chapel/religion/)

*Available to all faiths for personal issues*

**Center for Career Development**100 Bay State Rd   
617.353.3590 ~ [bu.edu/careers](http://www.bu.edu/careers/)

**Educational Resource Center**100 Bay State Rd, 6th Floor  
617.353.7077 ~ [bu.edu/erc](http://www.bu.edu/erc/)

**George Sherman Union (GSU)**  
775 Commonwealth Ave ~ 617.353.2321 ~ [bu.edu/gsu](http://www.bu.edu/meetatbu/explore-our-facilities/campus-venues/george-sherman-union/)

*Food court, ATMs, Campus Convenience*

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**Scarlet SafeWalk***Will provide a walking buddy from 9pm-12am*

Call 617.353.4877 ~ [bu.edu/escort](http://www.bu.edu/dos/late-night-transportation/)

**Terrier Card (your BU ID) Office**

25 Buick St, 1st floor ~ 617.353.9966 ~ [bu.edu/terriercard](https://www.bu.edu/housing/services/terriercards/)

**Student Accounting Services**

25 Buick St, Suite 130 ~ 617.353.2264   
[bu.edu/studentaccountingservices](https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/)

**Student Activities Office**

1 University Rd ~ 617.353.3635 ~ [bu.edu/sao](http://www.bu.edu/studentactivities/)

881 Commonwealth Avenue

**University Service Center**

*A great place to go when you have a problem or concern on the University level and aren’t sure where to go*

Lower Level ~ 617.358.1818 ~ [bu.edu/usc](http://www.bu.edu/usc/)

**Student Health Services**

1st Floor ~ 617.353.3575 ~ [bu.edu/shs](http://www.bu.edu/shs/)

*Medical and behavioral medicine, crisis intervention, counseling, and referrals*

**Office of Financial Aid (Undergraduates Only)**

2nd Floor ~ 617.353.2965 ~ [bu.edu/finaid](http://www.bu.edu/finaid/)

**Office of the Registrar**

2nd Floor ~ 617.353.3612 ~ [bu.edu/reg](http://www.bu.edu/reg/)

*For letters that verify your enrollment or graduation*

**Student Employment Office**

2nd Floor ~ 617.353.3594 ~ [bu.edu/seo](http://www.bu.edu/seo/)

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