

A Handy Reference on **How To**, **How Much**, and **How Are My Chances?**



What do I need to do? And when?

First, take a deep breath. Applying to BU is actually pretty straightforward. Use this list of deadlines to stay on track. Better yet, put them on your personal calendar. For more detailed information on the entire application process, go to www.bu.edu/admissions/apply.

DEADLINES for freshman applicants 

REGULAR DECISION	
DECEMBER 1	Application deadline for the Accelerated Medical Program, Accelerated Dental Program, and New Jersey Medical Program. Application deadline for the Trustee Scholarship; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship; and Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship.
JANUARY 1	Application deadline. All materials may be submitted online, including high school transcripts and \$75 non-refundable fee.
FEBRUARY 15	Deadline for the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be received by the processors.**
LATE MARCH to EARLY APRIL	Admission decisions mailed and available online on students' BU Web accounts. Financial aid notifications mailed and available online on students' BU Web accounts for admitted students who have met the Feb. 15 financial aid deadline.
MAY 1	Deadline for accepting BU offers of admission and financial aid. Enrollment deposit due.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Please follow the guidelines and requirements for Transfer Admissions on our website: www.bu.edu/admissions/transfer-applicants.

EARLY DECISION (September applicants only)	
NOVEMBER 1	Application deadline. All materials may be submitted online, including high school transcripts, Early Decision Agreement,* and \$75 non-refundable fee. Deadline for the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE to be received by the processors.**
DECEMBER 15	Admission decisions mailed and available online on students' BU Web accounts.
JANUARY 15	Deadline for accepting Early Decision offers of admission and financial aid. Enrollment deposit due.
FEBRUARY 15	Deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be received by the processors.**

JANUARY ADMISSION (Spring semester)

NOVEMBER 1	Application deadline. All materials may be submitted online, including high school transcripts and \$75 non-refundable fee. Deadline for the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be received by the processors.**
MID-NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER	Admission decisions mailed and available online on students' BU Web accounts.

* Early Decision is binding and available only to high school seniors for September admission. You can find the agreement on the Common Application website at <http://app.commonapp.org>.

** For more information, please see the Boston University publication, "Investing in Your Education," or the Financial Assistance website: www.bu.edu/finaid.

YOUR APPLICATION

BU accepts the Common Application exclusively. To complete your application we also require the Boston University Supplement, available on the Common Application website at <http://app.commonapp.org>. Please submit all application documents online at the same time.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

You must submit scores from either the SAT or ACT (with writing test). Scores must be sent directly to BU from the test administrators. The Boston University codes to use when registering for the tests are:

- SAT: 3087
- ACT: 1794

Most BU schools and colleges require you to submit two SAT Subject Test scores. Please refer to the requirements section of our website for a complete list of individual school and program requirements: www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/freshman/program-requirements.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- High school transcript
- Mid-year senior grades
- School Report Form
- Teacher Evaluation
- College/university transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Essays
- Portfolios and auditions (College of Fine Arts only)
- Early Decision Agreement (Early Decision applicants only)

Get detailed application instructions and additional requirements at www.bu.edu/admissions/apply.

International students:

Please visit www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/international for requirements specific to international applicants.

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Can I get in?



You won't know until you apply, of course. But you *should* know this: admission to BU is very competitive.

Total applicants:	37,768
Total freshmen enrolled:	4,100
Ranked in top 10% of high school class:	61%
Ranked in top 15% of high school class:	76%
Ranked in top 25% of high school class:	91%
Average GPA:	A-
Composite SAT (middle 50% range):	1850-2080
ACT (average):	29

Because we're looking for students who are likely to succeed at BU, grades matter. Taking honors, AP, IB, or the most challenging courses available to you matters. Test scores matter. On the left is a profile of the freshman class admitted for the fall of 2009.

We're also looking for students who will create a unique, diverse community at BU. People who are doers—volunteers, entrepreneurs, and artists. Students who are passionate about a single pursuit or exploring a wide variety of subjects. That's why we consider extracurricular activities and interests, special talents and skills, along with recommendations from teachers, counselors, community leaders, and others who know you well.

Learn more about our admission criteria in the Freshman Applicants section of our website: www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/freshman.

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How much will it cost?



Attending BU, like most prestigious universities, requires an investment. Here's a breakdown of costs for the 2009/2010 academic year:

TUITION	\$ 37,910
ROOM (depending on accommodations)	7,710
BOARD (most dining plans)	4,138
FEEES	530
TOTAL	\$ 50,288
Estimate for other expenses (Books, personal expenses, transportation)	\$2,712

Keep in mind that you are not in this alone. We invest in you too. Merit awards and need-based financial aid are available to help with these expenses. Last year, we awarded over \$44 million in need-based grants and merit awards to incoming students. For those students who received a grant from BU, the average total financial aid award was \$30,370, of which 78 percent was grants. See our Financial Assistance website at www.bu.edu/finaid for more information.

Note to international students: Boston University does not offer need-based financial assistance to international students. For general information about financial assistance, request the booklet "Financial Planning for Study in the United States" from the U.S. Information Agency or binational advising center in your home country.