



**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS
FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF THE DIPLOMA APPLICATION:

NOVEMBER 1 for January Graduation **FEBRUARY 1** for May Graduation **JUNE 1** for September Graduation

INFORMATION FOR FILING THE APPLICATION: An unofficial copy of your current academic record (transcript) must accompany this Diploma Application. A copy of your transcript can be printed from the [Student Link](#). Please print from the "Transcript Preview" option, which is found under "Academics" and choose to print the transcript **with** your name and ID.

Before you submit the diploma application and transcript, it is recommended that you **review your record** with your Major Advisor or the Director of Graduate Studies in your department or program. If any information is missing (the dates exams were passed, missing grades, resolved incompletes that have not been recorded, etc.), please make a notation on the copy of the transcript and ask the department to provide a copy of the missing information to attach to this application, or ask the professor of the course to submit a grade change for a missing grade. Please be sure that previously earned undergraduate and graduate degrees are recorded at the top of your transcript under "Basis of Admission."

If sometime during the semester you know **you will not be completing** your requirements in time for the degree to be conferred, please notify the Graduate School **and** submit a **new diploma application** for the next graduation date.

NOTICE FOR JANUARY GRADUATES: Students who will submit their dissertations by the December deadline and will be eligible for January graduation, may request **fall semester medical insurance coverage only**. They must complete the *Medical Insurance Premium Adjustment Form* with Student Accounting Services at 881 Commonwealth Avenue. The form is on the Student Accounting website (www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices) under the "Also see" column. The deadline to submit the adjustment form to that office is December 31. Please note: If you do not wish to terminate coverage, you will continue to be covered by the Boston University Student Medical Insurance until 11:59 p.m., on August 22.

INFORMATION FOR FORMATTING AND SUBMITTING A DISSERTATION: Please pay particular attention to the [deadlines for submission](#) of the final copies of the dissertation. In fairness to all students trying to complete the requirements, this deadline is strictly enforced.

Dissertation guidelines (Library Research Guide) are available on the [Graduate School website](#). Please follow the guidelines exactly. **Do not assume that exceptions to the format will be permitted by the library.** No later than three weeks before the Final Oral Examination (Dissertation Defense) send a draft of your properly formatted dissertation to the Records Officer's e-mail (wellman@bu.edu). You will be notified if the format is approved or changes are required. After the dissertation defense, when all corrections and revisions to the of content have been made and your readers have signed the approval page, you will submit the dissertation to ETD admin. At that time you may make an appointment with the Records Officer to submit the approval page and all required documents. More specific instructions will be sent to you when receipt of this application is acknowledged.

DIPLOMA DISPERSAL

SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY GRADUATES:

Students who graduate in September and January will receive their diplomas by mail. When you receive notification via your Boston University e-mail address that you have been added to the tentative list of graduates, you will be asked by the Office of the University Registrar to provide an address to which your diploma should be mailed. Diplomas will be mailed approximately one month from the date of graduation. September and January graduates may still attend the ceremonies in May.

MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOR SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, AND MAY, GRADUATES:

All-University Commencement Exercises are held once each year in May. Information regarding the May ceremonies and the rental or purchase of caps and gowns will be available in the spring semester on the [University Commencement website](#).

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Major Fields and Hegis Codes

<u>MAJOR FIELD</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>MAJOR FIELD</u>	<u>CODE</u>
African American Studies	2218	History	2205
		History & JD/Law	1401
American & New England Studies	4905		
Preservation Studies	0289	History of Art and Architecture	1003
Preservation Studies & JD/Law	1401		
		International Relations	0317
Anthropology	2202	Global Development Policy	0314
Applied Anthropology	2252	International Affairs	0315
		IR & Environmental Policy	0322
Applied Linguistics	4961	IR & International Communication	5509
		IR & JD/Law	1401
Archaeology	2203	IR & MBA - Health Sector Management	0520
Archeological Heritage Mgmt	2221	IR & MBA - Public Management	0521
Geoarchaeology	2222	IR & Religion	0323
Astronomy	1911	Latin American Studies	0308
Bioinformatics (School: EGS)	0499	Mathematics	1701
Biology	0401	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry	0445
Biostatistics	0419	Music (MA)	1005
		Musicology (PhD)	1013
Biotechnology (BA/MA only)	0433		
		Philosophy	1509
Cellular Biophysics	0498	Philosophy & JD/Law	1401
Chemistry	1905	Physics	1902
Classical Studies	1504	Playwriting	1516
Cognitive and Neural Systems	0432	Political Science	2207
Computer Science*	0701	Psychology	2001
Computer Science with Specialization in			
Cyber Security	0723	Religious Studies	1515
		<i>Subfields:</i>	
Creative Writing	1507	Counseling Psychology and Religion	1583
		History of Christianity	1587
Earth and Environment		Islamic Studies	0306
Earth Sciences	1926	Jewish Studies	1585
Energy and Environmental Analysis	0120	New Testament and Christian Origins	1595
Environmental Remote Sensing &		Philosophy of Religion	1593
Geographic Information Systems	0119	Psychology of Religion	1592
Geography	2206	Religion and Literature	1588
		Religion and Society	1586
Economics	2204	Science, Philosophy, and Religion	1590
Economic Policy	2253	Social Ethics	1589
Political Economy	2255	Theology	5524
Global Development Economics	2251		
		Romance Studies	
Editorial Studies	2256	French Language and Literature	1132
		Hispanic Language and Literature	1135
English	1501		
English & JD/Law	1401	Sociology	2208
		Sociology/Social Work	5507

Degree Codes: 41=MA 42=MS, MFA 43=MS* 47/86=MS/PhD* 48/88=MA/PhD 81=PhD

* Degree codes for Computer Science only. Note that the degree code for the MS in Bioinformatics is 42.