

Boston University College of Fine Arts Enrollment services

This guide was created to help you orient yourself with the College of Fine Arts, Boston University, and the city of Boston. It does not replace the valuable information regarding academic policies and procedures detailed in the academic handbooks that are provided by each school within the College of Fine Arts.

Guide to Life For New Graduate Students 2009-2010

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

FALL 2009	
Instruction Begins	September 2, 2009
Holiday, Classes Suspended	September 7, 2009
Holiday, Classes Suspended	October 12, 2009
Substitute Monday Schedule	October 13, 2009
Parents' Weekend	October 16-18, 2009
Holiday, Classes Suspended	November 11, 2009
Fall Recess	November 25-29, 2009
Final Exams Begin	December 16, 2009
Final Exams End	December 21, 2009
SPRING 2010	
Instruction Begins	January 13, 2010
Holiday, Classes Suspended	January 18, 2010
Holiday, Classes Suspended	February 15, 2010
Substitute Monday Class Schedule	February 16, 2010
Spring Recess	March 6-14, 2010
Holiday, Classes Suspended	April 19, 2010
Substitute Monday Class Schedule	April 22, 2010
Final Exams Begin	May 4, 2010
Final Exams End	May 8, 2010
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND	May 14 – May 16, 2010

The University, in scheduling classes and examinations on religious holidays and observances, intends that students respecting those traditions be given ample opportunity to make up work. Faculty members who wish to observe religious holidays will arrange for another faculty member to meet their classes or for canceled classes to be rescheduled.

CFA OFFICE GUIDE

Dean's Office, Room 230

Walt C. Meissner, Dean ad interim
 Patricia Mitro, Sr. Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services
 Alyssa Baker, Manager of Student Services
 Andrew Ryan, Records Manager
 Dan MacLeod, Financial Aid Officer
 Emily Liberis, Senior Staff Assistant

School of Music, Room 244

Robert Dodson, Director
 Mary Squires, Executive Operations Officer
 Tony Enslow, Executive Assistant
 Casey Soward, Production Manager
 Janice Filippi, Assistant to the Director

School of Theatre, Room 470

Jim Petosa, Director
 Paolo DiFabio, Assistant Director of Performance
 Roger Meeker, Associate Director of Design/Production
 Tim Spears, Project Coordinator
 Elizabeth Mazar, Department Administrator

School of Visual Arts, Room 552

Lynne Allen, Director
 Jeannette Guillemain, Assistant Director
 Logen Zimmerman, Department Administrator
 Alana Silva, Administrative Coordinator

*For a complete listing of all faculty and staff visit:
<http://www.bu.edu/cfa>

The Dean's Office

Go to the Dean's Office for:

- Financial aid questions
- Registration forms
- Transfer credit forms
- Questions about registration and transfer credits
- International student semester verification
- Payroll checks

Also in the Dean's Office are the CFA Business Office, Public Relations, Graduate Admissions and the Office of Dean Meissner

If you get lost you can always ask for help at the front desk

The Individual School Offices

Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

Go to your school's office for:

- Room scheduling
- Information about performances or exhibits
- Contact information for a professor
(Or visit www.bu.edu/directory)
- Your Academic Advising Code after meeting with your advisor
- International student semester verification for School of Music students
- Questions about study abroad programs
- BU ID card encoding for access to practice rooms and other spaces in the building
- General academic questions

Facilities

If you notice something broken or if you have a concern about something in the building, you should send an e-mail to cfabldg@bu.edu or contact your school's Building Committee representative listed below.

School of Music: Tony Enslow – enslow@bu.edu

School of Theatre: Tim Spears – tspears1@bu.edu

School of Visual Arts: Logen Zimmerman – logenz@bu.edu

BU Theatre: Jane Casamajor – janec@bu.edu

THE STUDENTLINK

www.bu.edu/studentlink

The above website is one you will be using throughout your time here at BU. It is your link to registering, viewing your class schedule, checking your student account, and more. Here is a reference guide to help get you oriented.

Academics

- View the University class schedule
- View your current schedule
- Register, plan, or drop your courses
- View your final exam schedule
- View your grades at the end of the semester
- Check your external credits and test scores
- View and order a copy of your transcript

Money Matters

- Complete Stafford Loan Counseling
- Electronically sign Stafford Promissory Note
- Check your Student Account
- Check information on Health/Dental Insurance
- Waive Resnet or Sports Pass fees
- Check your Financial Aid Package

Personal

- Update Personal Information on file
- Set Data Restriction level for directory
- Order an MBTA Semester Pass
- Find information on FitRec Membership

Work

- Search Job Board and Quickie Job listings
- Get information on Work-Study positions
- Find the Career Advisory Network

Food & Shelter

- Purchase Convenience Points
- Check your balance of meals and points
- Rent a MicroFridge for your room

Basics

- Find an on-line guide to the Studentlink
- Look over the campus map
- Get information on the BU Bookstore
- Change your Kerberos password
- Check frequently asked questions
- Send in a suggestion

CFA offers hundreds of concerts, operas, plays, art exhibitions, and artist lectures that are FREE with your BU ID. Stay up to date on CFA news and events throughout the year:

- Sign up for the CFA e-calendar at www.bu.edu/cfa/events
- Become our fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/buarts
- Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/buarts

Important Offices Outside of CFA

George Sherman Union (GSU) 775 Commonwealth Avenue

(617) 353-2321
<http://www.bu.edu/gsu>

Within the GSU, you'll find a food court, ATMs, Campus Convenience, and many useful offices.

- **Escort Security Services**
1st Floor (in the evenings)
(617) 353-4877
<http://www.bu.edu/escort>
Stuck walking alone across campus at night?
Call on the Escort Service to provide a walking
buddy or to send the van.
- **Dining Services**
3rd Floor West (Entrance on University Rd.)
(617) 353-2990
<http://www.bu.edu/dining>
- **Parking Services**
2nd Floor
(617) 353-2160
<http://www.bu.edu/parking>
- **Student Activities Office**
4th Floor
(617) 353-3635
<http://www.bu.edu/sao>

- **Terrier Card Office**
Basement
(617) 353-9966
<http://www.bu.edu/terriercard>
- **US Post Office**
Basement
(617) 266-0665
A full-service post office open
weekdays from 9am—4:30pm

881 Commonwealth Avenue

- **Office of Financial Assistance**
5th Floor
(617) 353-2965
<http://www.bu.edu/finaid>
- **Office of the Registrar**
2nd Floor
(617) 353-3612
<http://www.bu.edu/reg>
- **Student Accounting Services**
Basement
(617) 353-2264
<http://www.bu.edu/comp/saweb>
- **Student Employment Office**
2nd Floor
(617) 353-3594
<http://www.bu.edu/seo>
- **Student Health Services**
West Entrance (Corner of Buick St.)
(617) 353-3575 <http://www.bu.edu/shs>

- **Verifications Office**
2nd Floor
(617) 353-3621
<http://www.bu.edu/reg/information>
Visit here for letters that verify your enrollment or your graduation.

More Offices

- **BU Police Department**
32 Harry Agganis Way
General: (617) 353-2110
Emergency: (617) 353-2121
<http://www.bu.edu/police>
- **Office of Housing**
985 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 353-3511
<http://www.bu.edu/housing>
- **Office of Information Technology**
111 Cummington Street (Behind Warren Towers)
(617) 353-2780
<http://www.bu.edu/it>
- **Office of Residence Life**
985 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 353-4380
<http://www.bu.edu/reslife>
- **Personal Computing Support Center**
111 Cummington Street, B19
(617) 353-7272
<http://www.bu.edu/pcsc>

The Library

- **Mugar Memorial Library**
771 Commonwealth Avenue (Attached to the GSU)
Circulation: (617) 353-3732
Reference: (617) 353-3704
<http://www.bu.edu/library>
A very helpful tip is to check out the library's website. From there you can locate all of the libraries on campus as well as locate your research materials and check their availability before going there. This website also has links to all of the university's subscription resources such as NAXOS Music, Grove Music Online, WorldCat (a world-wide library catalogue), and a huge collection of journals and databases.
- **CFA Resources**
Each school within the College of Fine Arts has its own library at 855 Commonwealth Avenue.

School of Music Curriculum Library-2nd Floor

School of Theatre Script Library-4th Floor

School of Visual Arts Library-5th Floor

Academic Misconduct

The College of Fine Arts strives to be a community in which students believe that the work they produce is being judged fairly and that they are not put at an academic disadvantage by another student's dishonesty. The College has a policy on academic misconduct which students are given upon entrance. Additional copies are available in the Office of the Dean (Room 230) and online on the CFA website under Resources. Students are expected to be familiar with this policy. Questions on academic misconduct can be directed to Alyssa Baker (afbaker@bu.edu) or Patricia Mitro (pmitro@bu.edu) in the Dean's Office.

Here's a brief overview of what constitutes Academic Misconduct:

1. Cheating on exams
2. Plagiarism
3. Theft of an exam
4. Unauthorized conversation during an exam
5. Alteration of grades or other university records
6. Submitting the same work for more than one course
7. Giving exam information to another student
8. Allowing someone else to complete your work
9. Altering, destroying, or stealing another student's work
10. Removing materials from studios, libraries, or offices without permission

Each act of misconduct will be faced with penalties that range from failing a course to expulsion from the university.

Safety

Although our campus is quite safe, we are located in a city. Because we want visitors to come see our productions, concerts and exhibitions, our buildings are open during the daytime. Therefore, it is important not to leave any valuables unattended (backpacks, computers, instruments, etc).

If you have something stolen or if you spot someone who looks suspicious, call the BU Police at 3-2121 (the phone number is on the back of your Terrier Card).

Sexual Harassment

Boston University is committed to the principle that no employee, student, or applicant for employment or admission should be subject to sexual harassment. The University strives to provide workplaces and learning environments that promote equal opportunity and are free from illegal discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a violation of federal and state laws and of University policy, as is retaliation against any individual who in good faith files a complaint of sexual harassment or cooperates in the investigation of such a complaint. Upon receipt of a complaint of sexual harassment or retaliation, Boston University will undertake a fair and thorough investigation, with due regard for the rights of all parties. If you have any questions or concerns about sexual harassment please contact one of the individuals listed below:

Patricia Mitro, Sr. Assistant Dean, College of Fine Arts
Chair, CFA Sexual Harassment Committee
617-353-3350
pmitro@bu.edu

Daryl DeLuca, Director of Judicial Affairs
Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Safety
(617) 358-0700

Kim Randall, Equal Opportunity Officer
Office of Equal Opportunity
(617) 353-9286
krandall@bu.edu

B.U. COUNSELING AND OTHER SERVICES

SpeakEasy

speasy@bu.edu

<http://people.bu.edu/speasy>

Monday – Thursday nights, 9:30 pm to 1:00 am

Trained peers offer support and suggestions.

This service is completely confidential and anonymous.

Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders

648 Beacon Street, 6th floor

www.bu.edu/anxiety 617-353-9610

This center provides treatment for a variety of phobias and disorders.

Mental Health and Counseling Clinic

881 Commonwealth Avenue, West

www.bu.edu/shs 617-353-3569

Behavioral medicine clinic and crisis intervention counseling.

(This service offers 10 free visits to all full time students)

Marsh Chapel Pastoral Counseling

735 Commonwealth Avenue 617-353-3560

www.bu.edu/chapel/facilities/counseling

Anyone (any faith) may contact the University Chaplain with personal issues.

The Danielsen Institute Clinic

185 Bay State Road 617-353-3047

danist@bu.edu www.bu.edu/danielsen

A mental health clinic with special concern for religious dimensions of personality.

CFA Manager of Student Services

Office of the Dean, Room 230

617-353-3350

Contact Alyssa Baker at afbaker@bu.edu

Help with degree program, registration, and personal concerns.

University Service Center

881 Commonwealth Avenue

www.bu.edu/usc 617-358-1819

USC handles all withdrawals and leaves of absence for undergraduate students. They also provide general B.U. information for students and their families.

Office of Career Services

19 Deerfield Street 617-353-3590

Get help writing your resume and learn how to make a good impression at interviews. Students can seek general career guidance here as well.

Educational Resource Center

George Sherman Union, 4th floor

(617) 353-7077

erc@bu.edu

<http://www.bu.edu/erc>

Tutors, writing help, career advice

ART SUPPLIES

Pearl Art & Craft Supplies Inc.

579 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 547-6600

www.pearlpaint.com

Hours:

M-Sa 9am—7pm, Su 12pm—6pm

Artist and Craftsman Supply

580 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 354-3636

www.artistcraftsman.com

Hours:

M-Sa 9am – 7pm, Su 12pm – 6pm

or

957 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 202-4003

Hours:

M-Sa 11am – 8pm, Su 12pm – 4pm

The Art Store, Blick Art Materials

401 Park Drive

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 247-3322

www.dickblick.com

Hours:

M-Sa 9am—9pm, Su 11am—6pm

Utrecht

1030 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 495-0250

www.utrechtart.com

Hours:

M-Sa 9am—7pm, Su 11am—6pm

or

333 Massachusetts Avenue

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 262-4948

Hours:

M-F 9am—7pm, Sa 9am—6pm

Su 12pm—6pm

MUSIC RESOURCES

SHEET MUSIC AND BOOKS:

Berklee College of Music Bookstore

1080 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 267-0023

<http://berklee.bkstore.com>

Music Espresso Inc.

295 Huntington Avenue, Suite 212

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 424-9322

This store can be a little hard to find since it's on the second floor, but keep your eyes peeled. It will be right across the street from New England Conservatory.

Yesterday Service

191 Highland Avenue, Suite B7
Somerville, MA 02143

<http://www.yesterdayservice.com>

Specializes in classical sheet music.

Mugar Library (2nd Floor)

771 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

(617) 353-3705

<http://www.bu.edu/library/music>

CFA Curriculum Library (2nd Floor)

855 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

(617) 353-3731

http://www.bu.edu/cfa/resources/music_library.htm

While you should continue to build your personal library of sheet music and scores, it can get very expensive. These two libraries carry a wide range of music and texts.

INSTRUMENT REPAIR AND ACCESSORIES:**Maestro Woodwind Musical Instruments**

1112 Boylston Street, Suite 221

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 267-7704

This 2nd floor shop has reasonably priced instrument repair as well as accessories.

Pope Instrument Repair

80 Wenham Street

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

(617) 522-0532

<http://www.poperepair.com>

Ken Pope is known for repairing brass instruments out of his home shop. If you can make the trip, it's worth it.

Rayburn Music

238 Huntington Avenue

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 266-4727

<http://www.rayburnmusic.com>

Rayburn is diagonally across the street from Symphony Hall and is a convenient source of accessories such as valve oil and slide grease.

Rutman's Violins

11 Westland Avenue

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 578-0066

<http://rutmansviolins.com>

Note: Don't forget to check out the bulletin board outside of room 213 for posted gigs around Boston, and online on the virtual gig office at www.bu.edu/bumo.

THEATRE RESOURCES**PLAYS:****Barnes & Noble at Kenmore Square**

660 Beacon Street

Kenmore Square

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 267-8484

<http://bu.bkstore.com>

Believe it or not, the University Bookstore offers a decent selection of plays.

Brookline Booksmith

279 Harvard Street
Brookline, MA 02446
(617) 566-6660

<http://www.brooklinebooksmith.com>

This charming bookstore at Coolidge Corner has a great selection of plays to offer at reasonable prices.

Mugar Library or the Theatre Office (Room 470)

771 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 353-3732

<http://www.bu.edu/library>

The campus library and the Theatre School allow scripts to be borrowed, so utilize this option.

CLOTHES:**The Garment District**

200 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 876-5230

<http://www.garment-district.com>

This consignment shop in Cambridge has a hip feel with great deals. Look for the \$1/pound pile.

Urban Renewals

122 Brighton Avenue
Allston, MA 02134
(617) 783-8387

<http://www.familythrift.com>

As with all thrift stores, this could be a hit or a miss, but the cheap prices make it worth looking.

Boston Dancewear

173 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 536-2281

<http://www.bostondancewear.com>

This store has dance shoes, clothes, and gear.

Boston Hotel Guide

- **Beacon Inn**
1087 Beacon Street, Brookline
(617) 566-0088
- **Beach Tree Inn**
83 Longwood Avenue, Brookline
(617) 566-0088
- **Brookline Manor Guest House**
32 Centre Street, Brookline
(617) 232-0003
- **The Buckminster Hotel**
645 Beacon Street, Boston
(617) 236-7050
- **DoubleTree Guest Suites**
400 Soldier's Field Road, Boston
(800) 222-TREE
- **The Eliot**
370 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
(800) 44-ELIOT
- **Holiday-Inn Boston-Brookline**
1200 Beacon Street, Brookline
(617) 277-1200
- **Hotel Commonwealth**
500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
(617) 927-4445

*ask about BU parent discounts
- **Hyatt Regency Cambridge**
575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
(617) 492-1234
- **Newbury Guest House**
261 Newbury Street, Boston University
(617) 437-7666

Find more on the Office of Admissions website:
www.bu.edu/admissions/visits

Weekend Guide

The Student Activities Office is a great resource for activities and inexpensive excursions. They also produce all the information about university clubs and activities. Check out their website at www.bu.edu/sao

*Want to go to the movies? Go to the SAO office (4th floor of the GSU) to get Regal Theatre tickets for \$6.00.

- Keep an eye out for BU's "Drive-in Movies!" While the weather is nice, movies will be shown at the BU beach every few weekends. These movies are free and very popular, so show up early with a picnic and plenty of blankets.
- BU Central, in the lower level of the George Sherman Union, is a great place to hang out with friends. Free billiard tables, big-screen TVs, table tennis, and a long list of guest artists that range from local bands to comedians to hypnotists. Check out upcoming events on their website at www.bu.edu/sao/bucentral.
- Keep an eye on upcoming CFA events. The student government hosts events to bring the CFA community together such as barbecues, Halloween bashes, and other fun trips and projects. Events are listed at www.bu.edu/cfa.
- Visit BU Today, an online newsletter, to see the most update list of university-wide events at www.bu.edu/today.
- Be sure to read all e-mails from CFA since they generally contain important information and updates for the events calendar.

Movies:

- Regal Cinemas Fenway 13—201 Brookline Avenue
Mainstream theater with student discounts and fun midnight movies on Fridays
- Loews Boston Common 19—175 Tremont Street
Large mainstream theatre that hosts some free advanced screenings with a pass you can get from the Boston Phoenix (a free weekly newspaper)
- Coolidge Corner Theatre—290 Harvard Street, Brookline
<http://www.coolidge.org>
This theater plays independent movies and hosts some great midnight movies and theme parties (zombie movie marathons for twelve hours, The Big Lebowski midnight movie with prizes for the best The Dude costume and free white Russians, etc.)
- Brattle Theatre—40 Brattle Street, Cambridge
<http://www.brattlefilm.org>
This is one of Boston's best independent theaters showcasing a wide array of films from every genre and era
- Kendall Square Cinema – 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge
This theatre plays lots of independent and foreign films that you can't see anywhere else in Boston

Theatre:

- American Repertory Theatre—64 Brattle Street (Harvard Sq.)
(617) 547-8300
<http://www.amrep.org>
This theatre has a student pass you can purchase for the whole season, and they occasionally offer special deals to students for individual performances.

- Boston Playwrights Theatre—949 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 353-5899
<http://www.bu.edu/bpt>
This small theatre is host to the BU graduate playwriting program's student-written plays. All BU students get in for free.
- Charles Playhouse—74 Warrenton Street
(617) 426-6912
<http://www.bluman.com>
Blue Man Group plays here, and anyone can volunteer as an usher to see the show for free.
- Cutler Majestic Theatre—219 Tremont Street
1-800-233-3123
<http://www.emerson.edu/emersonstage>
This theatre hosts professional touring companies when they take Broadway plays to Boston.
- Huntington Theatre Company—281 Huntington Avenue
(617) 266-7900
<http://www.huntingtontheatre.org>
The BU Theatre plays host to this professional theatre company. All shows are free for BU students. Many CFA events such as theatre performances and operas occur here as well.
- Wang Center for the Performing Arts—270 Tremont Street
(617) 482-9393
<http://www.wangcenter.org>
This theatre offers student rush tickets.
- Avalon – 15 Lansdowne Street
www.avalonboston.com
This is a club and concert venue, bigger than The Paradise, but still intimate. They also have a sister club next door called Axis where concerts are also held.
- The Middle East – 472/480 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge
www.mideastclub.com
This club has a small upstairs venue and a bigger downstairs venue, as well as being a bar and restaurant. It's located in Central Square.
- Agganis Arena—925 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 358-7000
<http://www.bu.edu/agganis>
This large BU facility houses sporting events, conventions, and large concerts.
- Berklee Performance Center—136 Massachusetts Avenue
(617) 266-7455
<http://www.berkleebpc.com>
This mid-size venue often hosts big names in pop, rock, jazz, and world music.
- Tsai Performance Center—685 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 353-8725
<http://www.bu.edu/tsai>
BU's Tsai Center offers concerts for many things beyond CFA's own musical ensembles, and most of these performances are free for BU students.

Concerts:

- Paradise Rock Club and Lounge – 967-969 Commonwealth Ave
www.thedise.com
This is a great, close-by small venue for rock concerts.
- Jordan Hall—30 Gainsborough Street
(617) 585-1270
<http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu/jordanhall>
- Schubert Theatre—265 Tremont Street
(617) 542-6772
<http://www.blo.org>
This theatre is home to the Boston Lyric Opera.

- **Symphony Hall—301 Massachusetts Avenue**
(617) 266-1492
<http://www.bso.org>
This large venue is home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and is one additional venue where the BU Symphony and Chorus perform each year. Look into purchasing a student card at the start of the concert season.

- **Museum of Fine Arts—465 Huntington Avenue**
(617) 267-9300
<http://www.mfa.org>
The MFA is free to BU students. They also host great concerts in the building all year and in the courtyard during the summer.

Museums:

- **BU Art Galleries—855 Commonwealth Avenue**
(617) 353-3371
<http://www.bu.edu/cfa/visual/galleries>
These galleries (Faye G., Jo, and James Stone Gallery; the Commonwealth Gallery; the 808 Gallery; and the Sherman Gallery at the GSU) are free to the public.
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—280 The Fenway**
(617) 278-5166
<http://www.gardnermuseum.org>
The student discount here reduces admission rates to \$5 with your valid student ID.
- **Harvard University Art Museums—32 Quincy Street (Harvard Yard)**
(617) 495-9400
<http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu>
Harvard has a set of three art museums and all of them have free admission each day after 4:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Institute of Contemporary Art Galleries—100 Northern Avenue**
(617) 266-5152
<http://www.icaboston.org>
Students can wander the exhibits in this gorgeous new building on Boston harbor for \$5 with valid student ID. Thursday nights from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. are free

Transportation in Boston

The B.U.S.

(Boston University Shuttle)

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the BUS?

The BUS is the BU Shuttle that runs from West Campus to the BU Medical Center, and stops along the way at the BU Theatre.

Why would I need to ride the BUS?

If you are a theatre or music student working at the BU Theatre, the BUS will take you there. There's an art store on the corner of Huntington Ave for visual arts students.

What makes it better than the T?

The BUS is free and reliable.

Where does the BUS stop and when does it run?

Visit www.bu.edu/thebus and print out a schedule.

The T and Buses

Map of the T:



Frequently Asked Questions:

How much does the T cost?

The T costs \$2 if you pay in cash, but if you use a pre-paid, refillable Charlie Card it costs \$1.70 per ride. The city buses cost \$1.50 in cash and \$1.25 with a Charlie Card.

How do I get to CFA?

The College of Fine Arts is located at 855 Commonwealth Avenue. The stop is called BU West and it is on the Green Line B train towards Boston College. You can also take the 57 bus that runs from Kenmore Station to Watertown, so it goes through BU campus and through Allston, Brighton, Newton, and Watertown.

How do I get to the BU Theatre?

Take the T inbound to Hynes Convention Center (the second underground stop) and walk down Mass Ave for 6 or 7 blocks, until you get to Huntington Ave. Or you can take the B.U.S.

How do I get anywhere else?

Go to www.mbta.com. They have a program that lets you enter in your starting location and your destination and they tell you which lines to take (T and bus) and how to walk there once you get off. Don't be afraid of the city bus, it is less expensive and often less crowded than the T.

Boston Neighborhoods

A Very Short Guide to Living, Eating, Shopping, and Strolling

Allston/Brighton

The Green Line B Train (Toward Boston College) or the 57 or 66 Buses

Allston is where most undergraduate BU students live when they move off-campus. It's a great place to get your first apartment. Aside from reasonable rent, Allston also has a lot of shops and restaurants that cater to a young clientele. Try Herrell's Renaissance Café at 155 Brighton Avenue for great coffee and amazing homemade ice cream. Getting a bike is a great way to get around Boston and one of the best bike shops in the city is in Allston: International Bicycle Center at 89 Brighton Avenue. Brighton is an even cheaper place to live and it's quieter than Allston. There is also a plethora of wonderful ethnic food restaurants in Brighton. Try Asahi at 418 Market Street for wonderful sushi or Esperia Grill at 344 Washington Street for great Greek food.

Cambridge

Kendall/MIT through Harvard Square stops on the Red Line

Cambridge has tons of unique neighborhoods like Harvard Square, Central Square, Kendall Square, and Inman Square. Harvard campus is a great place for a romantic stroll. Central Square has lots of fun bars, restaurants, and music venues (The Middle East, Cantab Lounge, T.T. the Bear's Place, etc). Inman Square is good to visit for independent clothing and food shops like Christina's Spice & Specialty Foods at 1255 Cambridge

Street. Kendall Square is great for seeing movies at the Kendall Square Cinemas (see Movies section). Just hop on the Red Line and explore.

Brookline

The Green Line C (Toward Cleveland Circle) and D (Toward Riverside) Trains

Brookline is a beautiful city. There are some amazingly pretty neighborhoods there, but rent can cost you an arm and a leg. If you can afford it, Coolidge Corner and Washington Square are great places to live. For those of us who are pinching pennies, though, Coolidge Corner and Washington Square are great places to visit. Coolidge offers a fantastic movie theater (see Movies section) and lots of great restaurants. Try Zaftigs Delicatessen at 335 Harvard Street for brunch or Anna's Taqueria (which is actually a small chain with a few locations around Boston) at 446 Harvard Street for amazing burritos. Washington Square Tavern at 714 Washington Street has wonderful food and a really lovely atmosphere. It's a great place to bring a date. Also try Athan's Bakery across the street from Washington Square Tavern at 1621 Beacon Street for great espresso, gelato, and baklava.

Back Bay/South End/Fenway

Kenmore/Hynes/Copley stops on the Green Line

Fenway park is the home of the Red Sox. Going to a game is a lot of fun, but so is watching the game at the bars around the park, such as Boston Beer Works or the Cask and Flagon. However, beware of Red Sox fans during the playoffs, they can get pretty rowdy. Also be aware that during a home game the Fenway area can get frustratingly crowded. Back Bay is an affluent neighborhood with lots of great shopping and restaurants. Visit Newbury Street for tons of shops where you

can find clothes, music, shoes, and much more. Copley Square is also a great location for shopping and dining. The huge and gorgeous Boston Public Library is located in Copley Square. The South End is a beautiful neighborhood and a great place for foodies. High-end restaurants abound. Try Addis Red Sea for Ethiopian food at reasonable prices (at 544 Tremont Street), or for a fancier night out, try Sibling Rivalry at 525 Tremont Street.

Downtown/Beacon Hill/Chinatown

Park Street/Downtown Crossing/South Station stops on the Red Line

Downtown is also known as the theatre district—it has lots of great theatres that show Broadway plays while they're on tour. Downtown is also home to clubs and concert venues such as The Roxy. Beacon Hill is a very affluent neighborhood (John Kerry lives there) full of beautiful brownstones. It's a great place for an afternoon stroll. Chinatown has lots of great Asian restaurants. There is dim sum, of course, but also some fantastic Vietnamese food. Try Pho Pasteur at 682 Washington Street. This is also where South Station is located. South Station is the main train station and bus depot for the commuter rail, Amtrak, Greyhound, and Chinatown buses to New York.

The North End

The Government Center stop on the Green Line

The North End is Boston's Little Italy. It is just a short walk from the Government Center T stop and is home to tons of fantastic Italian restaurants—too many to list. Just take a walk through the busy streets and check out the menus posted outside the restaurants. There are also some world-famous bakeries like Mike's Pastry at 300 Hanover Street or Modern Pastry at 257 Hanover Street. This is a great place to go with family or friends and is also quite romantic, but be careful if

you're heading out on a Friday or Saturday night as it can get very crowded and you may end up waiting hours for a table at every restaurant you try.

Jamaica Plain

Jackson Square through Forest Hills stops on the Orange Line

Jamaica Plain is home to lots of liberal young people and independent shops. It is a great place to visit and just walk around. It has a very family-oriented, neighborhood feel. Take a walk around Jamaica Pond, or visit Centre Street, the main thoroughfare. Try J.P. Licks at 659 Centre Street for wonderful ice cream, The Milky Way Lounge & Lanes for bowling, billiards, and live-band karaoke on Tuesdays at 405 Centre Street, or Alchemist Lounge for great food and drinks and Guitar Hero tournaments (also on Tuesdays) at 435 S Huntington Avenue.

Somerville

Porter Square/Davis Square/Alewife stops on the Red Line

Somerville is the area just beyond Cambridge to the North of the Charles. This is a great place to get an apartment if you don't want to pay Cambridge prices. Davis Square is a fun place to spend an evening. Try the Somerville Theatre at 55 Davis Square. They play movies and host live music and comedy performances. They have a bar inside the theatre and they let you bring in outside food. How can you beat that?

South Boston

Broadway /Andrew stops on the Red Line

This area used to be known as a working-class residential neighborhood, but lately it has been undergoing rapid

gentrification (new condos, hip new restaurants and bars, etc). Southie is still home to many classic Boston bars and Irish pubs (try the Blackthorn Bar at 471 W Broadway) and it's right on the water. The beaches in Southie aren't great for swimming, but it's still nice to be by the ocean and it's a great place for a jog.

East Boston

The Blue Line

This is an up-and-coming neighborhood where rent is cheap, but it can be dangerous. However, it is worth a trip out on the Blue Line to go to Revere Beach. This beach is a great destination in the summer months, and even a fun place to visit in the off-season.

Dorchester

JFK/UMass Station through Butler Station on the Red Line (Toward Mattapan)

Dorchester is rough unless you know where to go, but rent is inexpensive and Castle Island Beach has a great park and a fun area for walking or jogging. And try Shanti for Indian/Pakistani food at 1111 Dorchester Ave.

Roslindale

Forest Hills stop on the Orange Line and the 39 Bus

Roslindale is a great place for thrift stores and specialty food shops and the rent is very affordable. Roslindale Village is a quaint area where lots of restaurants and shops are located. Visit the Boston Cheese Cellar at 18 Birch Street for great cheeses from all over the world as well as local cheeses from right here in Boston.

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