

Dear Graduate Student,

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Department of Economics Orientation on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:00 am in 264 Bay State Road, Room 315, SSW 315. This is intended to provide you with information about registration procedures and other services offered by the University.

REGISTRATION

The registration process for new Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Economics students will begin during Orientation, Wednesday, January 18. ***Incoming Economics graduate students cannot register before Orientation.** Classes begin on Thursday, January 19. *Detailed registration instructions and a Registration Form for the spring will be provided then. You will not receive this information through the mail.*

Academic Calendars: <http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/>

Semester Dates: <http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/semester/>

Withdrawal and Tuition Refund Schedule: <http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/refund/>

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Use the Student Link, www.bu.edu/studentlink, to view or print your student account and class schedule **after** you have registered during Orientation. A student enrolled in three to four-and-a-half courses (12-18 credits) will be considered full-time and will be charged full tuition and fees. You cannot pay your tuition and fees before you register.

Tuition and fees are posted on our Orientation website.

Student Accounts, <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/>

Student Accounting Services is located at 881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level, Tel: 617-353-2264. Payment deadline for new graduate students in the Spring 2016 semester is February 1, 2017. Payments must be received by close of business (5 p.m. EDT) on the day of the deadline. <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-deadlines/> Use the Student Link, www.bu.edu/studentlink, to view or print your student account and class schedule **after** you have registered during Orientation.

REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

All entering Boston University students have pre-matriculation health requirements that must be completed prior to your first term at Boston University. If you do not submit these forms prior to the first day of classes, you must submit them within the first two weeks of the semester. **IMPORTANT!** Failure to complete the required health requirements will result in a registration hold on your Student Account. **An Immunization and Physical Form is required of all new students. Students must arrange to have this form completed by your physician before you register.** Information regarding this requirement is available at: <http://www.bu.edu/shs/resources/forms/crchealthform/> If you need additional information, you may contact Student Health Services at <http://www.bu.edu/shs/contact/help/> or telephone at 617-353-3575.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

*Medical insurance coverage extends from January 1, 2017 through August 22, 2017. Coverage takes effect once registration has been processed. A more complete listing of the University's tuition and fees, as well as explanations of certain fees, or to waive the medical insurance, please see the Student Accounting Services website at <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/tuition-fees/>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Upon initial arrival to the Boston University Campus, international students must report to the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) with your I-20, passport and I94 card. Should you have any problems or questions about your visa status, please contact the ISSO at 888 Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02215 (Tel. 617-353-3565) or at isso@bu.edu <http://www.bu.edu/isso/>

The Graduate School Admissions Office is open from 9 AM to 5 PM EDT, Monday through Friday, 705 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 112, CAS 112.

GEA: The Graduate Economics Association (GEA) of Boston University assists students in the graduate programs in economics (PhD, MA, MAEP, MAGDE) and provides peer resources on a variety of topics. The GEA also hosts a series of events during the year, aimed at bringing together students and professors in an informal setting, such as pub nights and move nights. Additionally, the GEA puts on the annual Rosenthal Memorial Lecture, choosing a notable speaker to give a guest lecture at the University. <https://sites.google.com/site/thebugea/home>

Following is a list of additional links that may be of interest to you as a new graduate student at Boston University. Best wishes for a successful academic experience at Boston University!

-- A campus map can be found at: <http://www.bu.edu/maps/>

--Information regarding Boston's rapid transit system (the MBTA, or simply, the T) can be found at: <http://www.mbtta.com/>

-- Boston University is located at several stops along the Boston College branch (B Line) of the Green Line: http://www.mbtta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/lines/?route=GREEN

-- If you plan on biking, driving or taking the BU Shuttle to classes, you should take a look at the Parking & Transportation Services website at: <http://www.bu.edu/parking/>

-- The Educational Resource Center provides students with the services and resources for developing personal and academic skills: <http://www.bu.edu/urc/>

-- Information regarding campus safety can be found at the BU Police Department's website at:

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

-- The Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PERD) offers programs and facilities for numerous forms of physical activity: <http://www.bu.edu/perd/>

-- Boston University houses a number of libraries on campus and you'll make use of at least one of them during your time here: <http://www.bu.edu/library/>

-- The Office of Information Technology provides general-access computing and communications facilities for the entire University community: <http://www.bu.edu/tech/>

-- The Geddes Language Center provides a wide range of instructional media services to the University community: <http://www.bu.edu/geddes/>

-- Wellness & Prevention Services at Boston University: <http://www.bu.edu/shs/wellness/>

-- The University's bookstore is located within the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus:
<http://bu.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/BNCBHomePage?storeId=13555&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

-- The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) is a student-run advocacy group for Graduate School of Arts and Sciences students: <http://people.bu.edu/gso/>