



Department/Program Information Sheet

Please be sure that you have carefully read the procedures and requirements outlined on the Application and Credential Requirements page before referring to the following chart. **Official results of the GRE General Test are required of all applicants.**

Area of Study	Deadlines		Degrees Offered			GRE Subject Test Required	Additional Requirements (to those listed on the Application and Credentials Requirements page)
	Fall	Spring	MA	MA/PhD (Postbachelor's)	PhD (Post-master's)		
African American Studies	July 1	---	X				
American and New England Studies	Jan. 15	---		X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample; personal statement
Anthropology (including Applied Anthropology ¹)	Jan. 1	---		X	X		3 recommendations; personal statement
Applied Linguistics	Mar. 1		X		X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample for post-MA PhD applicants
Archaeology (including Archaeological Heritage Management)	April 1	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample for post-MA PhD applicants
Ge archaeology	April 1	---	X				3 recommendations
Art History (including nondegree Certificate in Museum Studies)	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Astronomy	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X	X (Physics)	3 recommendations
Bioinformatics	Dec. 15	Oct. 1	X (MS)	X (MS/PhD)	X		3 recommendations; résumé
Biology	Jan. 1	---	X	X	X	X ²	3 recommendations
Biostatistics	Mar. 1*	Oct. 15	X	X	X		
Cellular Biophysics	July 1	Oct. 15		X ³	X	X	3 recommendations
Chemistry	April 1	Oct. 15	X	X	X	X (recommended)	3 recommendations
Classical Studies	July 1*	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample
Cognitive and Neural Systems	May 1	Nov. 15	X	X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations
Computer Science	Dec. 15	Oct. 1	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Creative Writing	Mar. 1	---	X				Creative writing sample
Division of Religious & Theological Studies ⁴	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; academic writing sample; personal statement
Earth Sciences	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Economics (including ⁵ Political Economy)	Mar. 1	Oct. 1	X		X*		3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
Economic Policy ⁵	Mar. 1*	---		X			3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
Economic Policy ⁵	Mar. 1	Oct. 1	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
Editorial Studies	Mar. 30*	---	X		X		3 recommendations—at least one academic; thesis proposal

¹ Please indicate interest by writing "Applied Program" in the space provided for "Specialization" on the Application for Admission.

² In biology, chemistry, physics, or biochemistry and molecular biology; other science subject exams may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

³ This is a postbachelor's PhD program only. No MA degree will be awarded.

⁴ The degrees of Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry are offered through Boston University's School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

⁵ Admission in the Spring semester is only accepted for the Economics MA and MAEP programs. It does not apply to the MAPE/PhD and PhD programs.

* January 15 if applying for financial aid.

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Energy and Environmental Analysis (including)	July 1	Nov. 15	X				3 recommendations
Environmental Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems	July 1	Nov. 15	X				
International Relations and Environmental Policy	July 1	Nov. 15	X				
English	Jan. 1	---	X		X	X	3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample
French Language & Literature	July 1	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; writing sample
Geography and Environment	July 1	Nov. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations; writing sample;
Hispanic Language & Literatures	April 15	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; writing sample
History	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		Writing sample
International Relations (with or without a Graduate Certificate in African Studies) including:	April 15	Oct. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations* **
International Relations and Religion	April 15	Oct. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
International Relations and International Communication	April 15	Oct. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations* **
International Relations and Environmental Policy	July 1	Nov. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
Mathematics & Statistics	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X	X (Mathematics)	3 recommendations
Mathematical Finance ¹	May 1	---	X			X (recommended) ²	
(begins during the University's Summer II Session in July)							
Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, & Biochemistry ⁴	Jan. 1	---	X	X	X	X ³	3 recommendations; detail research interests in Personal Statement;
Music ⁵	Oct. 15	Mar. 15	X			X	3 recommendations; musical composition or research paper
Neuroscience	Dec. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Philosophy	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample;
Physics	Jan. 15	Nov. 1	X	X	X	X (Physics)	
Political Science	Mar. 1		X	X	X		3 recommendations; personal statement
Preservation Studies	April 1*	Nov. 15	X				3 recommendations; writing sample; personal statement
Psychology (including)	Jan. 15	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
(Brain Behavior and Cognition, and Human Development Program)	Jan. 15	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
(Clinical Psychology)	Dec. 1	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
MA Program (1st round)	Mar. 1	---	X				
MA program (final round)	June 1	---	X				
Sociology	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; academic writing sample
Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Sociology and Social Work	Jan. 15	---			X		scholarly writing sample; MAT may be substituted for GRE

¹Please indicate interest by writing "Mathematical Finance" in the space provided for "Specialization" on the Application for Admission.

²In Mathematics, Computer Science, or Economics.

³In biology, chemistry, physics, or biochemistry and molecular biology.

⁴Write "MCBB" in the space provided for "Department Name" on the Application for Admission and specify research interests on the "Specialization" line below.

⁵The degrees of Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts are offered through Boston University's College of Fine Arts, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

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** Professional letters of recommendation are suitable substitutes for academic recommendations when someone has been away from a student status for more than 2 years.