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Dear Colleague:

As globalization makes the world more interconnected, Boston University continues to examine and refine its mission, curriculum, and ventures abroad in order to reflect and accommodate the needs of students and industries worldwide.

This is especially true at BU's Metropolitan College. Recognizing that success in many of today's competitive industries requires a global perspective, we cultivate a dynamic learning environment for our students—locally, nationally, and internationally. In each of our numerous programs—whether focusing on arts administration or applied social sciences, computer information systems or cyber security—we place great importance on innovation, faculty creativity and scholarship, and the possibilities of educational technology. Additionally, Metropolitan College is one of the few U.S. institutions to have its graduate management programs accredited by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Program Accreditation System (EPAS) and, as part of Boston University, AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Instrumental to our global outreach, MET International forges partnerships with outstanding academic institutions around the world to bring their students to our U.S. programs. The mutual benefits are indisputable—our classrooms are enriched by diverse insights, customs, and traditions, while partner students gain exceptional preparation for the international job market through study in Boston.

I invite you to learn more about our programs, faculty, and university—and to consider the benefits of an educational partnership with us.

Tanya Zlateva
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Dean Zlateva oversees Boston University's Metropolitan College & Extended Education, one of the largest of Boston University's 17 schools and colleges. Diverse and innovative, Metropolitan College educates four thousand undergraduate and graduate degree candidates, and thousands of others in non-degree programs, each year—on campus, onsite at corporations and other locales, overseas, and online. The Dean is also responsible for MET International, the University's distance learning enterprise, and Summer Term. In addition, Dr. Zlateva is director for education at Boston University's Center for Reliable Information Systems & Cyber Security (RISCS).
One of the most vibrant, historic, and cultural cities in the U.S., Boston is a thriving business capital, a hub of innovation and research, and home to a diverse array of colleges, universities, museums, and cultural institutions.

And Boston University is right in the center of it all.

Available exclusively to BU’s partner institutions abroad, MET International Study in Boston is more than a chance to learn at a top-ranked U.S. university. It is a unique opportunity to live in Boston, engaging and interacting with a diverse community of students, scholars, and professionals from the U.S. and the world.

Destination BU
Established in 1839, and recognized internationally as a top institution of higher learning and research, Boston University is the fourth-largest independent university in the United States. The University’s 17 schools and colleges offer more than 250 degree programs, incomparable campus resources, and superb faculty.

In 2012, Boston University became an elected member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), an elite organization of 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada.
A Dynamic University
In a college town with more than 50 colleges and universities, what sets Boston University apart?

Faculty: With a student to faculty ratio of 13:1, students have the full attention of BU’s distinguished scholars and practitioners. The University’s 17 schools and colleges have hosted Nobel laureates and former U.S. poets laureate, as well as winners of the Pulitzer Prize, fellows of the National Academy of Sciences, members of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, members of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and recipients of the Guggenheim Fellowship—among other notables.

Students: BU is home to more than 33,000 students from all 50 states and over 130 nations. In 2015, there were 8,425 international students at BU—the eleventh-largest international student body in the U.S.—and over 1,000 scholars from more than 60 countries teaching and engaging in research.

Research: In 2013, the Center for Measuring University Performance placed BU among the top 50 research universities in the nation. BU receives over $350 million a year in sponsored program revenue.

Resources: Students benefit from the intellectual, social, and professional resources at BU, including state-of-the-art facilities; 23 libraries with 2.5 million volumes; over 100 academic centers and institutes; the 270,000-square-foot Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec); the George Sherman Union (GSU) student center; and hundreds of academic and social organizations.

Alumni: There are more than 340,000 living BU alumni making a difference in the world.

For more facts about BU, visit bu.edu/info/about. 

#64 in the world (Times Higher Education) 2015-16
#41 in the nation & #32 globally (U.S. News & World Report) 2015-16
#91 in the world (QS Quacquarelli Symonds) 2015-16
#73 in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities) 2015
Top 25 national, private research universities (Center for Measuring University Performance) 2013
Metropolitan College (MET)—one of Boston University’s 17 degree-granting schools and colleges—upholds BU’s mission as an “international, comprehensive, private research university, committed to educating students to be reflective, resourceful individuals ready to live, adapt, and lead in an interconnected world.” Applying the principles of excellence, accessibility, and innovation, MET reaches out to diverse populations with more than 70 undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs that are competitive, challenging, and rewarding.

Along with its programs on campus in Boston, the College maintains a strong global presence with MET International partnerships. In addition, MET oversees the University’s numerous online programs, as well as BU Summer Term.

**MET International**
Through its alliances with educational partners worldwide, MET International enables students from partner institutions to have access to Boston University’s world-class resources—and MET’s industry-leading academic models—while experiencing one of the nation’s most exciting cities.

- Students are integrated within courses at Boston University’s Metropolitan College
- Graduate students enrolled in management programs may participate in credit-bearing internships
- Students fulfill home institution study abroad requirements and receive BU credits

**Summer Term**
Boston University Summer Term welcomes more than 7,000 students each summer—including over 300 visiting from abroad. MET International participants who choose to study during Summer Term benefit from:

- More than 700 undergraduate and graduate courses, day or evening, in over 70 subjects
- Unique programs offered exclusively during the summer
- BU’s wide range of academic and recreational resources

**Online Programs**
Boston University’s online programs bring pioneering research, academic innovation, and internationally renowned faculty to students around the globe. Since 2002, BU’s Distance Education office has worked with University faculty to design online programs that maximize the capabilities of today’s technologies and engage the full learning potential of each student.

Awards and rankings include:

- #1 Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs (master’s in Criminal Justice), U.S. News & World Report (2016)
- #3, Best Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Programs (master’s in Computer Information Systems), U.S. News & World Report (2016)
- #6, Best Online Graduate Business Programs (master’s programs in management), U.S. News & World Report (2016)
- #4, Best Online Colleges, TheBestSchools.org (2016)
- 21st Century Award for Best Practices in Distance Learning, United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) (2016)
- The Sloan Consortium Award for Excellence in Institution-Wide Online Education (2010)
Accreditation
Boston University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and is an accredited member of AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

In addition, the College’s graduate degrees in management and Administrative Studies are accredited by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Program Accreditation System (EPAS). Recognized globally as an accreditation body of quality in management education, EFMD has established accreditation services for business schools worldwide.

MET’s master’s degree programs in Computer Information Systems and Project Management are accredited by the Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC).

Designations and Recognition
Boston University is an elected member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), an elite organization of 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada. The University is also designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education and Research by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security.

Metropolitan College’s information security programs are certified by the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS).
MET International continues Boston University’s long-standing commitment to international higher education and global engagement. Through strategic alliances with distinguished educational partners worldwide, MET International partnerships demonstrate the College’s industry-leading academic models and offer access to the Boston University experience—exclusively for students from our partner institutions abroad.

Connect, Collaborate, Lead

The MET International team works closely with each partner institution to develop the most appropriate program of study for each student. International partner students satisfy their host institutions’ study abroad requirements through integration into courses at BU’s Metropolitan College. In addition, both American and foreign students benefit from diverse perspectives and academic experiences within the classroom.

New opportunities for collaboration are always welcome, and we look forward to hearing from institutions abroad interested in learning about our work. For more information on MET International educational partnerships with BU’s Metropolitan College, please contact us at metintl@bu.edu.
Working closely with each partner institution, the MET International team and Metropolitan College’s academic departments ensure that undergraduate and graduate students have an unforgettable, immersive study abroad experience in Boston, benefiting from the extensive resources of BU and the superb faculty of the College.

- Students enroll full-time, choosing from an array of undergraduate or graduate evening classes at MET.
- Students can study for one or two semesters—fall, spring, or summer.
- Upon completion, students receive an official BU transcript.
- Students receive coordinated academic advising, including pre-arrival advising.
- Students have access to student services and support staff.

**Undergraduate**
Undergraduates in MET International spend one or two semesters immersed in evening courses at Boston University’s Metropolitan College. Those who attend Summer Term may also choose daytime courses. Students study full-time, choosing up to five undergraduate courses each semester.

**Graduate**
Graduate students in MET International enroll in specialized certificate programs, concentrating in a specific field while satisfying the international study requirements of their home institutions. Certificate programs offer real-world, practical learning in an environment of diverse perspectives and academic experiences.

Students are integrated into classes at MET, and study with the College’s distinguished faculty. They also benefit from guest lecturers from the business community—successful leaders who share their unique insight on practical business concepts and strategies.

**Internships**
Certain certificate programs allow graduate students to participate in a 4-credit internship upon completion of a certificate, with permission from their home institution.
MET’s full-time faculty are more than distinguished scholars. They are seasoned, successful professionals who bring years of practical industry experience to the BU classroom. They engage students with case studies, enlighten with hands-on examples, and challenge with rigorous examination of the ideas, concepts, and methods that drive innovation. Accessible, supportive, and attentive to students’ educational and professional needs, MET faculty share the most advanced knowledge available in their fields.

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Find more MET faculty research, publications, awards, and honors at bu.edu/met/academic-community/faculty.

- **Tanya Zlateva**, Dean of Metropolitan College and Professor of the Practice of Computer Science, is director for education at the BU Center for Reliable Information Systems & Cyber Security (RISCS). The Center promotes and coordinates research and education in system reliability and information security by emphasizing a multidisciplinary approach. In 2010, the RISCS team secured two $3 million grants from the National Science Foundation, supporting research for the “Softphone” and “Trustworthy Interactions in the Cloud.” For more, visit bu.edu/riscs.

- In April 2016, Dr. Madhu Dutta-Koehler, coordinator of Metropolitan College’s City Planning & Urban Affairs programs, was part of a fourteen-professor panel on climate change and environmental policy held at Boston University. The symposium, part of the “Research on Tap” lecture series, saw BU educators present relevant findings and analyses, including the concepts at the root of Applied Sustainability. Dutta-Koehler, whose research and teaching focuses on climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability in the built environment, was recently named a board member of the University’s newly constituted Institute of Sustainable Energy.

- In January 2016, “Empirical Distributions of Daily Equity Index Returns: A Comparison”—a paper by Assistant Professor Canan Gunes Corlu, faculty coordinator for Metropolitan College’s Applied Business Analytics programs—was accepted for publication in a highly prestigious scientific journal, *Expert Systems with Applications*—rated as the top journal in the field of Artificial Intelligence by Google Scholar.

- In October 2015, Adjunct Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Kyung-shick Choi, who coordinates Metropolitan College’s programs in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity, published his book *Cybercriminology and Digital Investigation* (LFB Scholarly Publishing, October 2015). The book updates conventional criminological theories with an interdisciplinary model designed to combat emerging cybercrime threats to individuals, institutions, and matters of national and international security. In 2016, Boston University’s online Master of Criminal Justice was ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
Life on Campus
Boston University’s campus extends over 131 acres from Boston’s Back Bay district along the banks of the Charles River—and there’s plenty to explore. From residence halls to the eclectic neighborhoods surrounding campus, memorable social and cultural experiences abound.

Restaurants, art galleries, bookstores, music venues, and shopping can be found along Commonwealth Avenue, while the Charles River Esplanade provides miles of running, walking, and biking trails. Peaceful parks and campus plazas offer spots in which to gather, read, do homework, or simply relax.

Boston: A World-Class City
From the bustle of Chinatown or the historic charm of the North End to the stately avenues of Back Bay and brownstones of the South End, each corner of Boston is distinct. It’s easy to find authentic cuisine from around the globe, the shopping is world-class, and there are many choices when it comes to nightlife. A stone’s throw across the Charles River is Cambridge, boasting vibrant neighborhoods such as Harvard Square and Central Square.

Museums, theatres, galleries, shopping districts, cafés, historic parks, and major universities are all within walking distance of Boston University. One can easily explore the entire city by bus, trolley, or subway—there are several trolley stops on campus. For a change of scenery, New England’s beautiful coastline, mountains, and countryside are accessible by bus or rail.
If you have questions about developing a partnership with Boston University's Metropolitan College through MET International, or would like to find out more about programs at MET, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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