



First Generation Student Newsletter

February 2012

Upcoming Events

- Test Prep/Test Anxiety workshop: Feb. 15 from 4-5 p.m. in CAS 201
- Writing Papers/Writing Assistance workshop: Feb. 22 from 4-5 p.m. in CAS 213
- February First Gen Drop-In: Feb. 23 from 5-6 p.m. at the USC
- Do you have an event you want to share? Let us know and we'll list it here.

Important Dates

- **February 20**
Holiday, classes suspended
- **February 21**
 - Substitute Monday schedule of classes
 - Last day to drop a course (without a 'W' grade)
 - Last day to change a course from credit to audit status
- **March 1**
Application deadline for most summer study abroad programs
- **March 10-18**
 - Spring recess
 - Residences close on 3/10 at noon
 - Residences open on 3/18 at 10 a.m.
- **March 15**
Application deadline for most fall study abroad programs
- **March 30**
Last day to drop a course (with a 'W' grade)

Have a question or problem you need help resolving?

Visit us! 881 Commonwealth Avenue
Call us! (617) 358-1818
E-mail us! usc@bu.edu

**Happy
Valentine's
Day!**

February Drop-In

This spring, the USC is hosting monthly drop-ins for our first gen students. We'll have refreshments, of course, and one lucky attendee will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Our February drop-in will be held on the 23rd from 5 to 6 p.m. Thanks to our January attendees and congrats to our \$10 Dunkin' Donuts gift card winner!

Study Abroad

Consider studying abroad this summer or during the fall semester! It's a great way to enhance your BU education and gain a new perspective on the world. Develop your language skills and learn about another culture all while taking classes toward your degree and participating in an internship. There are more than 75 programs to choose from, so it's not hard to find one that interests you, and financial aid is available. Check out the bar on the left for application deadlines for most programs. Some have different deadlines, so be sure to look at the [BU Study Abroad website](#) for more information. Attend an [information session](#) to learn more.

Check out the USC's [website](#) for events and workshops happening this month around campus!

Check out the [USC's First Gen Facebook page!](#) Like us to stay up-to-date on USC news, information, and events.

Need Help with Financial Planning?

- BU Financial Assistance: Speak with [Financial Assistance](#) to explore the possibility of receiving more need-based aid from BU.
- BU Fellowships and Scholarships: Check out this [site](#) for a listing of nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships for which you may be eligible.
- The Higher Education Resources Institute (TERI) at Boston Public Library: This [institute](#) offers free assistance with paying for college. Review the resources online or use their computers to search for scholarships and other sources of financial aid.
- At Home: Visit your high school guidance counselor or hometown public library to find out about locally-based scholarships.
- USC: You can always make an appointment to meet with one of the associate directors here at the USC to discuss financial matters.