Getting Acclimated

Coming to college is a big transition. Here are some tips for getting off to a smooth start!

1. Participate in FYSOP: The First Year Student Outreach Project (FYSOP) is Aug 27 – 31. It’s a fantastic opportunity to make friends, get to know BU campus, and explore the city of Boston!

2. Get Involved on Campus: BU has plenty of clubs and organizations to jump into! You can also connect online with the Class of 2022. Remember, you’re not alone—everyone else is trying to make friends too!

3. Use BU Resources: From building a resume to time management to study skills, the Educational Resource Center (ERC) and Center for Career Development (CCD) can help you hit the ground running.

4. Connect with Faculty and Staff: They’re here for you! The Connections Directory lists faculty and staff who are excited to work with first gen students. Reach out to them about academics, personal identity, starting college, and anything else on your mind!

5. Find a Job: You can explore plenty of job listings through Student Employment. Make sure to consider your course load. While jobs can help you financially and professionally, they can also take time away from classes.

6. Get to Know Boston: Walk the North End, explore the Freedom Trail, and experience the fine arts with student discounts! Grab a CharlieCard for cheaper MBTA rates.

7. Reach Out to Disability Services: They’re here to support you! Check in with the Office of Disability Services to start the semester with accommodations in place and ready to help you succeed!

Welcome to Boston University!

We’re so glad you’re here!

Student Spotlight

Geneve Lau, COM

Every month, we showcase a student’s values and achievements. This summer, read about Geneve’s many roles on campus and passion for creating change!

Planning for Move-In

Make sure you know your move-in dates and plan travel arrangements in advance. The Housing website has suggestions on what to bring. You can ship packages to your residence, order items through the BU Barnes & Noble website for pick up on campus, or shop for supplies when you arrive. Just remember—stores will be packed!

Important Dates

Aug 27-31 – FYSOP
Sept 1 & 2 – Move in
Sept 2 – Matriculation
Sept 4 – Classes begin
Sept 8 – SPLASH!
Sept 20 – First Gen Connect Social

Keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation to the social and other First Gen Connect announcements!

FY101: First Year Experience Course

With a small group of classmates and an upperclass mentor, this 1-credit pass/fail course is packed full of trips, discussions, and activities to help you create a more meaningful, successful college experience. FY 101 helps students get involved in BU’s first gen community, succeed academically, improve mental and physical wellness, ensure safety on campus, and explore their own identities and values.

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