



# The University Service Center's First Gen Connect Newsletter

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At this time of year, the most common questions we get are related to registration and end-of-semester move-out. These tips will help guide you through these processes.

## Registration Tips and Info

**1. Think Long Term:** Meet with your advisor and look over your degree requirements before planning your schedule. It is important that you are staying on track for your entire course sequence. Some courses are only offered during one semester each year and many courses have prerequisites. Consider whether there are courses that must be taken during particular semesters or in a certain sequence. Make sure you have a long term plan for meeting all of your requirements on time.

**2. Plan Ahead:** Once you know what courses you need to take, use the course registration planner on the [Student Link](#) to choose your courses and map your schedule. You can also check your registration time there. Planning ahead will save you stress on registration day. You will only need to log in at your assigned time and press "add classes from planner".

**3. Consider your course load:** Think about how your courses will balance each other out. Consider registering for a mix of course types, subjects, and levels each semester so you won't be stuck taking three math classes or three high level social sciences courses at the same time and can spread out your requirements.

**Staying in Boston this summer?**  
Consider volunteering with First Gen Connect to work with incoming First Gen students and their families.  
[Email us](#) for more info!

Students aren't the only first gens on campus. Check out our Faculty and Staff First Gen [Spotlights](#)!

**4. Have Backups:** Depending on your registration time and the demand for courses, it is possible that you may not be able to register for all of your first choices. Make sure to have backup plans in place so that you aren't thrown off guard when it is time to register. If there is a course that is full that you must take next semester, consider reaching out to the professor for permission and their signature on an add/drop form.

**5. Sign up for PDP's:** Fit Rec's [PDP courses](#) are a great way to stay active or try something new! They offer a wide range of activities at all levels, with everything from ice skating to sailing or rock climbing. You can register on the Student Link for pass/fail academic credit and the course will be included in your tuition if you are registered for 18 or fewer credits.

## Move-Out and Storage

*If you're traveling home by bus, train, or plane, you may not have room to take home all of your belongings, particularly things you won't need for summer (winter items, dorm supplies, etc.) We've compiled some helpful resources based on feedback from our continuing students:*

**1. Shipping:** UPS offers [student shipping](#) if you have items that you need to bring home but can't carry with you. Boxes and shipping materials are provided at the UPS Store at 1085 Commonwealth Avenue and at residence locations prior to move-out.

**2. Curb to Curb Pick up and Drop off:** There are many companies that will pick up boxes directly from your dorm and drop



## Spotlight

Check out our [April Spotlight](#) - Ania Patla (CAS '17)

them off when you move in in the fall. This is a great and convenient option to consider if you don't have any large items or have access to transportation. It can save a lot of time, as you simply need to pack your items into boxes. Make sure to shop around for the best price. Consider [UPS](#), [Storage Squad](#), and [College Boxes](#) and compare to others that you find. Before move-out time, many companies will be on campus advertising and providing boxes.

**3. Self-Storage Units:** If you have access to transportation or have a lot of items, it may be cheaper to consider renting a self-storage unit. Consider what size you will need and shop around for the best price. Consider [CubeSmart](#) or [Pubic Storage](#). Think about splitting a unit with a friend to reduce costs.

## Upcoming Dates

- April 10:** Registration for Seniors and Juniors
- April 16:** Global Day of Service
- April 17:** Registration for Sophomores and Freshmen
- April 18:** Patriots' Day Holiday
- April 28:** Last day of classes
- May 2:** First Gen Study Break



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