Important Dates

- MOVING INTO THE RESIDENCE HALLS
  - If you are attending Winter Orientation: Friday, January 16, 2015
  - If you attended Summer Orientation: Sunday, January 18, 2015
- FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
- FINAL EXAMS END: Saturday, May 9, 2015
- LONDON SEMESTER: Depart Boston Saturday, May 16; Depart London Saturday, June 27

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the January Program in Boston and London?

The CGS January Program in Boston and London is an interdisciplinary and global program at Boston University’s College of General Studies. The coursework uniquely combines rhetoric, the humanities and social sciences, an elective, an interdisciplinary directed study, and an international experience.

You will enter the College of General Studies in January and complete your freshman year by the end of June. You also will complete your sophomore year in CGS and then transition into the BU school or college of your choice to complete your degree.

CGS Student Services: 617-353-2850, cgs@bu.edu

January Program Curriculum

BU Admissions: 617-353-2300, admissions@bu.edu

January Student Next Steps

How many students will begin their studies in the January Program in Boston and London?

Approximately 200 students will begin their first semester in January 2015. In the second year, students who began their first semester in September (approximately 420 students) merge with the students who began in January to form the sophomore class.
**Why was I admitted for the January 2015 semester when I applied for September 2014?**

This was the most competitive year ever for admission to Boston University. We received 54,161 applications for an incoming freshman class of 3,700 students. To accommodate this exceptional class, we selected a group of well-qualified students for January 2015 admission who we feel will excel in CGS.

**Can I change my admission to the fall instead of January, or be placed on the waitlist?**

Unlike students on our waitlist, you have received full admission to BU through the January Program in Boston and London. It is not possible to change your semester of entry.

**If I start in January, will I be a semester behind?**

You will earn a total of 32 credits for the spring semester and summer term which will complete your freshman requirements and put you on track as a sophomore in CGS for the fall of 2015. After completing your sophomore year in CGS, you will have fulfilled most of your general education requirements and will continue into one of BU’s degree-granting schools or colleges for your junior and senior years.

**Is the London semester required?**

Yes, this is a required component of the January Program in Boston and London, and is an essential part of the interdisciplinary course curriculum.

**Can I transfer in the fall of September 2015 to other schools or colleges in Boston University?**

You must continue into the sophomore year in the College of General Studies in the fall.

**Where will I live on campus?**

All incoming freshmen are guaranteed on-campus housing for four years. You will be assigned to a residence for January 2015. On BU’s Boston campus, you will be housed in one of our dormitory-style residences. Housing in Europe is at the BU campus in the Kensington area of London.

**How will January 2015 students fit in with the rest of the student body?**

January students will fit in seamlessly. You will attend University Orientation in the summer to connect with your class, meet your academic advisor, and explore the city of Boston. You will also be invited to a winter welcome event in January 2015. You will engage with BU’s dynamic community through your residential experience, where you will live with students from all undergraduate schools and colleges.
How should I spend the fall semester?

Students often take this opportunity to volunteer, participate in an internship, work or travel. This can be a very beneficial time to pursue a special interest. Students may also take approved non-degree college courses that could be applied for credit toward graduation. Shortly after you accept BU's offer of admission and submit your enrollment deposit, your College of General Studies academic advisor will contact you to discuss any courses you might plan to take and will continue to be in touch by phone and email throughout the fall.

We recommend that students also stay connected to BU through BU Today, The Daily Free Press (BU's student newspaper), the CGS website, and the CGS current student portal, CGSNow. Be sure to join the BU Class of 2018 Facebook group, like the CGS Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter.

When will I register for classes?

You will officially register for classes in the fall. You will be contacted by your College of General Studies academic advisor who will provide one-on-one guidance to help you plan your courses.

Costs, billing, financial aid; how do I learn more?

Information about the tuition, fees, room, board and other expenses is available on our CGS January Program in Boston and London tuition page. There, you will also find information about University charges and the financial aid notification and disbursement process for the spring semester in Boston and the summer term in London.

BU Financial Assistance: 617-353-2965, finaid@bu.edu

January Program Financial Assistance, Costs, and Payment Plan