

**C. First-Time, First-Year (Freshman) Admission Fall 2019**

**C1. First-time, first-year (freshman) students admissions statistics**

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Applicants</b>	25,671	36,553	62,224
<b>Offered admission</b>	4,910	6,876	11,786
<b>Full-time enrolled</b>	1,306	1,850	3,156
<b>Part-time enrolled</b>	0	0	0

**C2. Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability)**

<b>Do you have a policy of placing students on a wait-list?</b>	Yes
<b>Total freshman applicants placed on wait-list</b>	5,235
<b>Total freshman applicants accepting place on wait-list</b>	2,987
<b>Total freshman applicants accepted from wait-list</b>	339
<b>Is wait-list ranked?</b>	No
<b>Release wait-list information to school counselors?</b>	No

**C3. High school completion requirement**

High school diploma is required and GED accepted; home-schooled students should contact the Office of Admissions.

**C4. Does your institution require or recommend a general college preparatory program for degree-seeking students?**

Required

**C5. Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended**

	<u>Units Required</u>	<u>Units Recommended</u>
<b>English</b>	4.0	4.0
<b>Mathematics*</b>	3.0	4.0
<b>Science (with labs)</b>	3.0	4.0
<b>Foreign language</b>	2.0	4.0
<b>History/Social Studies</b>	3.0	4.0
<b>Academic Electives</b>	-	-
<b>Computer Science</b>	-	-
<b>Visual/Performing Arts</b>	-	-
<b>Other</b>	-	-
	-	-
<b>Total</b>	15.0	20.0

\* Mathematics: requires study through pre-calculus and recommends the study of calculus.

**C6. Do you have an open admissions policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications?**

No

**C7. Relative importance of each of the following academic non academic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admissions decisions**

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
<b>Academic factors</b>				
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank		X		
Academic GPA		X		
Standardized test scores		X		
Application essay		X		
Recommendations		X		
<b>Non-academic factors</b>				
Interview <sup>1</sup>			X	
Extracurricular activities		X		
Talent/ability <sup>2</sup>	X			X
Character/personal qualities		X		
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation		X		
Geographical residence			X	
State residency			X	
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Racial/ethnic status			X	
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest		X		

<sup>1</sup> Interviews are only required for seven-year Accelerated Medical program finalists and Medeiros Scholarship nominees.

<sup>2</sup> Talent/ability is very important for College of Fine Arts applicants, otherwise not considered.

**C8. Entrance exams**

**A. Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in admissions decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?**

Yes

SAT or ACT (no preference)

Required for some programs

SAT Subject

Required for some programs

**B. If your institution will make use of the ACT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for Fall 2019, please indicate which ONE of the following applies:**

ACT with writing component required

ACT with writing component recommended

**ACT with or without writing component accepted**

**If your institution will make use of the SAT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for Fall 2019, please indicate which ONE of the following applies:**

SAT with essay component required

SAT with essay component recommended

**SAT with or without essay component accepted**

**C. Please indicate how your institution will use the SAT or ACT writing component.**

Not using essay component.

**D. In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?**

Yes

**E. Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission.**

January 1

**Latest date by which SAT Subject Test scores must be received for fall-term admission.**

Not required for most programs at Boston University. If required, January 1 is the deadline.

F. Test Policy <sup>a</sup>

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Arts & Sciences	SAT or ACT	X		

Note: There is no transfer admission as an undeclared major.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Fine Arts - School of Music	SAT or ACT			

Notes: Candidates are required to audition for admission.  
Check College of Fine Arts website at [www.bu.edu/cfa](http://www.bu.edu/cfa) for audition schedules.  
Candidates for the Theory and Composition program must audition and present a portfolio.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Fine Arts - School of Theatre Arts	SAT or ACT			

Notes: Candidates for the Acting and Theatre Studies Programs must audition for admission. Candidates for the Design, Production and Stage Management Programs must present a portfolio in an interview with the faculty. Check the College of Fine Arts website at [www.bu.edu/cfa](http://www.bu.edu/cfa) for audition and portfolio preparation schedules.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Fine Arts - School of Visual Arts	SAT or ACT			

Notes: Candidates are required to submit a portfolio.  
Check College of Fine Arts website at [www.bu.edu/cfa](http://www.bu.edu/cfa) for instructions.  
There is no transfer admission as an undeclared major.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Communication	SAT or ACT	X		

Note: There is no transfer admission as an undeclared major.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
Wheelock College of Education and Human Development	SAT or ACT	X		

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Engineering	SAT or ACT	X		

Note: There is no transfer admission as an undeclared major.

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
School of Hospitality Administration	SAT or ACT	X		

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
Questrom School of Business	SAT or ACT	X		

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College	SAT or ACT	X		

*Note: There is no transfer admission as an undeclared major.*

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
Seven-Year Accelerated Liberal Arts/Medical Education Combined Degree Program	SAT or ACT SAT Subject Test: Chemistry SAT Subject Test: Mathematics (level 2) SAT Subject Test: Foreign Language *	X		

*\* SAT Subject Test: Foreign Language is recommended, not required.*

*Notes: Please note that no substitute for the required tests will be accepted.*

*Application due date for accelerated programs is November 15.*

*For all accelerated programs, finalists will be contacted and are required to interview in Boston.*

<u>School</u>	<u>Test</u>	Early Decision	Transfer Admission	Early Admission
College of General Studies	SAT or ACT	X		

## TOEFL and IELTS Tests

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of any student for whom English is not the native or first language. Students who are most competitive for admission will have a composite score of at least 90-100 and minimum scores of 20 in each section. The average TOEFL score for students admitted to Boston University is 106. The Board of Admissions looks closely at the score for each section as well as for consistency across all subscores within each single language proficiency test.

IELTS: In lieu of the TOEFL exam, you may submit the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A score of 7 or higher will also satisfy BU's English Language proficiency requirement for all programs. Learn more on the IELTS website.

<sup>a</sup>Requirements for the TOEFL and IELTS tests are available on our admissions website ([www.bu.edu/admissions](http://www.bu.edu/admissions)).

### G. Please indicate which tests your institution uses for placement (all schools/programs)

<b>SAT</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>SAT Subject tests</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>AP</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CLEP</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Institutional Exam</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**C9. Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2019 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores.**

	<u>% Submitting</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Middle 50th percentile</u>
SAT I	73%	2,313	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	650-720
			SAT Math	690-790
ACT	32%	1,024	SAT Composite	1360-1480
			ACT Composite	30-34
			ACT English	31-35
			ACT Math	27-33
			ACT Writing	28-31

**Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range**

<i>SAT I Distribution</i>	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Math	SAT Composite
700-800	42%	72%	1400-1600 64%
600-699	53%	25%	1200-1399 34%
500-599	5%	3%	1000-1199 2%
400-499	0%	0%	800-999 0%
300-399	0%	0%	600-799 0%
200-299	0%	0%	400-599 0%

<i>ACT Distribution</i>	Composite	English	Math	Writing
30-36	79%	82%	55%	55%
24-29	20%	16%	41%	43%
18-23	1%	2%	4%	2%
12-17	0%	0%	0%	0%
6-11	0%	0%	0%	0%
below 6	0%	0%	0%	0%

**C10. Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges**

Top 10%	64%	Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school class rank:	19%
Top 25%	92%		
Top 50%	100%		
Bottom 50%	0%		
Bottom 25%	0%		

**C11. Percent of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale)**



4.00	19%
3.75 - 3.99	29%
3.50 - 3.74	39%
3.25 - 3.49	9%
3.00 - 3.24	4%
2.50 - 2.99	0%
2.00 - 2.49	0%
1.00 - 1.99	0%
Below 1.00	0%

**C12. Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA**

3.72

**Percent of total freshman submitting high school GPA** 100.0%

**C13. Application fee**

**Is there an application fee?** Yes  
**Amount of application fee** \$80  
**Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?** Yes \*

*\* Students should speak with high school guidance counselors to request the submission of a fee waiver.*

**C14. Application closing date**

**Does your institution have an application closing date?** Yes

January 1 for fall admissions

(November 15 for Accelerated Medical program. December 1 for Trustee Scholar, Presidential Scholar, Thomas M. Menino, and Cardinal Medeiros Scholar programs.)

**C15. Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall?**

Yes, in most programs

**C16. Notification to applicants of admission decision sent**

By April 1

**C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants**

**Must reply by May 1.**

Deadline for housing deposit: Enrollment deposit due May 1 (no separate housing deposit)

Amount of housing deposit: Enrollment deposit - \$650

Refundable if student does not enroll? No

**C18. Deferred admission**

**Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?**

Yes, Deferred admission is allowed with a maximum postponement of one year (freshmen only).

**C19. Early admission of high school students**

**Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?**

No

**C20. No longer on the Common Data Set**

**C21. Early Decision**

<b>Does your institution offer an early decision plan for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment?</b>	Yes
<b>First or only early decision plan closing date</b>	November 1
<b>First or only early decision plan notification date</b>	December 15
<b>Other early decision plan closing date</b>	January 1
<b>Other early decision plan notification date</b>	February 15
<b>Number of early decision applications received by your institution</b>	4,877
<b>Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan</b>	1,462

**Details about early decision plan**

Only available for high school seniors applying for September admission; some programs do not have an Early Decision option. If admitted, students must send in the required enrollment deposit by January 15 for Early Decision and by February 15 for Early Decision 2. Applicants must withdraw applications to other colleges and universities. A statement of understanding, acknowledging the binding nature of this program must be signed by student, counselor, and parent/guardian.

**C22. Early Action**

**Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?**

No