

C. First-Time, First-Year Admission**C1. Applications**

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who applied	30,474
Total first-time, first-year females who applied	46,302
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who applied	

First-Time, First-Year Student Admits	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who were admitted	4,070
Total first-time, first-year females who were admitted	5,783
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who were admitted	

First-Time, First-Year Student Enrollees	Total
Total first-time, first-year males who enrolled	1,356
Total first-time, first-year females who enrolled	2,093
Total first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	

First-Time, First-Year Student Enrollees by Status	Total
Total full-time, first-time, first-year males who enrolled	1,355
Total part-time, first-time, first-year males who enrolled	1
Total full-time, first-time, first-year females who enrolled	2,091
Total part-time, first-time, first-year females who enrolled	2
Total full-time, first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	
Total part-time, first-time, first-year students of unknown sex who enrolled	

Residency breakdowns for total applicants, admits, and enrolled students: Fall 2025

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Unknown	Total
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who applied	8,059	50,764	15,794	2,159	76,776
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who were admitted	1,075	5,908	2,521	349	9,853
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who enrolled	500	2,138	714	97	3,449

C2. First-time, first-year wait-listed studentsDo you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?

Waiting List	Total
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	16,135
Number accepting a place on the	10,393
Number of wait-listed students	479

Is your waiting list ranked?

If yes, do you release that information to students?

Do you release that information to

C3. High school completion requirement

High school diploma is required and GED is accepted	X
High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted	
High school diploma or equivalent is not required	

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

Require	X
Recommend	
Neither require nor recommend	

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

Distribution of high school units	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units	15	
English	4	
Mathematics	3	
Science	3	
Of these, units that must be lab		
Foreign language	2	
Social studies	3	
History		
Academic electives		
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (specify)		
Mathematics: Pre-calculus required. Calculus recommended for most		

C6. Basis for Selection

Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary

If so, check which applies:

Open admission policy as described above for all students

Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--

selective admission for out-of-state students

selective admission to some programs

other (explain):

No

C7. Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking general (not

Academic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank		X		
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay		X		
Recommendation(s)		X		
Nonacademic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities		X		
Talent/ability				X
Character/personal qualities		X		
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation				X
Geographical residence			X	
State residency			X	
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	

C8. SAT and ACT Policies

C8A. Does your institution make use of SAT or ACT scores in admission Yes

If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for students applying for Fall 2027.

Admission	Required to be considered for admission	Required for some	Recommended	Not required for admission, but considered if submitted	Total
SAT or ACT				X	
ACT Only					
SAT Only					

C8B. Has been removed from the CDS.

C8C. Has been removed from the CDS.

C8D. In addition, does your institution use applicants' test YesC8E. Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be January 5

C8F. If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of Boston University has decided to remain test optional for students applying for admission through fall 2028 and spring 2029. Our test optional policy applies to all undergraduate schools and colleges at BU, as well as all scholarship programs. While the admissions process at Boston University has always been holistic and decisions have never been solely based on one single factor, such as an SAT or ACT score, the move to test optional has improved our process by adding considerable weight to the important qualities and characteristics that focus more on you and your academic and personal accomplishments. Applicants will have the ability to indicate whether they would like us to consider their standardized test scores when they apply.

International students will still be required to submit the TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo English Test* as the primary means for evaluating English-language proficiency.

Requirements for the TOEFL and IELTS tests are available on our admissions website (www.bu.edu/admissions).

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 107. 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.

CFA School of Music Notes: Candidates are required to audition for admission.

Check College of Fine Arts website at www.bu.edu/cfa for audition schedules.

Candidates for the Theory and Composition program must audition and present a portfolio.

CFA School of Theatre Arts 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 for audition and portfolio preparation schedules.

CFA School of Visual Arts Notes: Candidates are required to submit a portfolio.

Check College of Fine Arts website at www.bu.edu/cfa for instructions.

C8G. Please indicate which tests your institution uses for placement (e.g., state tests):

SAT	X
ACT	X
AP	X
CLEP	
Institutional Exam	
State Exam (specify):	

C9. Percent and number of first-time, first-year students enrolled in Fall 2025 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	36%	1257
Submitting ACT Scores	10%	341

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the

Assessment	25th Percentile Score	50th Percentile Score	75th Percentile Score
SAT Composite	1420	1470	1510
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and	700	730	750
SAT Math	720	750	780
ACT Composite	33	34	34
ACT Math	30	33	34
ACT English	34	35	35
ACT Writing			
ACT Science	31	33	34
ACT Reading	33	35	36

Percent of first-time, first-year students with scores in each range:

Score Range	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	SAT Math
700-800	77%	86%
600-699	23%	13%
500-599	1%	0%
400-499		
300-399		
200-299		
Totals should = 100%	100%	100%

Score Range	SAT Composite
1400-1600	88%
1200-1399	11%
1000-1199	0%
800-999	
600-799	
400-599	
Totals should = 100%	100%

Score Range	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science
30-36	97%	96%	80%	97%	89%
24-29	3%	4%	19%	3%	11%
18-23	0%	1%	1%		
12-17					
6-11					
Below 6					
Totals should = 100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Assessment	Percent
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	86%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	98%
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	100%
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	0%
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	0%
Percent of total first-time, first-year students who submitted high school class rank:	14%

C11. Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the

Range	Percent (Students who submitted scores)	Percent (Students who did not submit scores)	Percent (All enrolled students)
Percent who had GPA of 4.0			36%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75			36%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74			27%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49			1%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24			0%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99			0%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49			0%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99			0%
Percent who had GPA below 1.0			0%
Totals should = 100%	0%	0%	100%

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

Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time,	3.86
Percent of total first-time, first-year students who submitted	100%

C13. Application Fee

Does your institution have an application fee?	Yes
Amount of application fee:	\$80
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	Yes

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-line:

Same fee ☒ X
 Free ☐
 Reduced ☐

Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with	Yes
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C14. Application closing date

Does your institution have an application closing date?	Yes
Application closing date (fall)	January 5, for all admissions
Priority Date	December 1, for Presidential Scholar, and Thomas M. Menino Scholar

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

Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall?	Yes, in most programs
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C16. Notification to applicants of admission decision sent (fill in one only)

On a rolling basis beginning (date):
 By (date): April 1
 Other:

C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)

Must reply by (date):	May 1
No set date	
Must reply by May 1st or within	
Other:	
Deadline for housing deposit (MMDD):	May 1
Amount of housing deposit:	\$650
Refundable if student does not enroll?	No

C18. Deferred admissionDoes your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission? Yes

If yes, maximum period of postponement: Deferred admission is allowed with a maximum postponement of one year (freshmen only).

C19. Early admission of high school studentsNo

Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time,

C20. Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

C21. Early DecisionDoes your institution offer an early decision plan (an
If "yes," please complete the following:Yes

First or only early decision plan closing date

November 1

First or only early decision plan notification date

December 15

Other early decision plan closing date

January 5

Other early decision plan notification date

February 15**For the Fall 2025 entering class:**Number of early decision applications received by your
institution6,907

Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan

2,165

Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:

Only available for high school seniors applying for September admission.

If admitted, students must send in the required enrollment deposit by January 9 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/guardia

C22. Early action

Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby

No

If "yes," please complete the following:

Early action closing date

Early action notification date

Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you

No