



Center for English Language & Orientation Programs (CELOP) BRIDGE TO BU PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHY WAS I SELECTED FOR THE CELOP BRIDGE TO BU PROGRAM?

A. Undergraduate admission to Boston University is highly selective, and we are unable to offer admission to many accomplished students. We regret that we were not able to accommodate your enrollment for September 2025. You have been offered a place in the CELOP Bridge to BU program in order to improve your overall English language proficiency. You are one of a select group of students who have been offered admission to this program.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE CELOP BRIDGE TO BU PROGRAM?

A. Students must enroll in and successfully complete the entire CELOP Bridge to BU program and receive satisfactory instructor evaluations for classroom participation, progress, and attendance. Students who successfully meet these conditions will be able to begin their BU undergraduate degree program in the January 2026 semester.

Q. WILL I BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM FOR ADMISSION?

A. No, this is not a requirement of this program.

Q. HOW DO I ACCEPT THIS CELOP OFFER?

A. To accept this offer, enroll in the CELOP Bridge to BU program at bu.edu/celop/bridge-to-bu. Please complete the online application and submit all required documents to CELOP. Please remember to indicate on your application to CELOP that you have previously applied to Boston University. If you have any questions regarding CELOP, please email celop@bu.edu.

Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY IMMIGRATION FORM I-20?

A. Once a student has applied and been accepted to the CELOP program, they will receive an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility from CELOP. For more information on the immigration and visa process, please visit bu.edu/celop/admissions/immigration-visas or email at celop@bu.edu.

Q. CAN I ATTEND A SUMMER CELOP PROGRAM INSTEAD OF THE FALL CELOP BRIDGE TO BU PROGRAM?

A. While you may attend a summer CELOP program to further strengthen your English proficiency skills, you will be required to attend the CELOP Bridge to BU program during the fall semester. Please note, however, that as part of the Bridge to BU program, you will be required to attend a 4-week online pre-arrival program orientation, which will begin immediately following the end of the Summer Term.

Q. WILL I BE ADMITTED TO AN ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM?

A. Yes. Students who successfully complete all of the necessary conditions of the CELOP Bridge to BU program and meet the established standards of the Board of Admissions will receive an offer of admission to the program to which they previously applied. Students will be notified via the MyBU Applicant Portal by mid-December.

Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY NEW BU UNDERGRADUATE IMMIGRATION FORM I-20?

A. Upon receiving an offer of admission from the Board of Admissions by mid-December and submitting an enrollment deposit, we will assist in providing a seamless transition from your CELOP I-20 to your bachelor's degree I-20.

Q. CAN I TAKE BU ACADEMIC CLASSES AT THE SAME TIME?

A. The CELOP Bridge to BU program is a full-time English Language and Orientation program. There will not be an opportunity for students to take additional BU academic classes.

Q. WHAT IF I DO NOT COMPLETE THE CELOP BRIDGE TO BU PROGRAM?

A. Admission to your previously designated degree program is dependent upon satisfactory completion of the CELOP program in its entirety. The Board of Admissions will review attendance and performance evaluations at the end of the program to ensure satisfactory completion.

Q. IS HOUSING PROVIDED?

A. Yes. The CELOP Bridge to BU program requires on-campus housing from the time you begin the CELOP program on-campus in September to the time you begin your undergraduate studies in January. If admitted to an undergraduate degree program beginning in January, students are also required to live in on-campus housing for the spring semester. Please note that students must request housing and complete housing registration forms well in advance of the conclusion of the CELOP program. On-campus housing can be guaranteed for the following years through participation in the annual room selection process.

Q. CAN I PICK MY HOUSING AND MY ROOMMATE?

A. You may request a roommate using his or her BU ID, but assignments are not guaranteed and are based on availability. While you cannot request a specific dorm, you may request specific housing types, such as a shared bedroom in a dorm or a single bedroom in an apartment. You may do this when completing your online housing application. BU Housing will email you several days before your move-in day with your assignment. You will be able to access your room assignment through your online Housing Portal. For information about CELOP Bridge to BU Housing in the Fall, please email celop@bu.edu.

Q. HOW CAN I PAY MY CELOP FEES AND TUITION DEPOSIT?

A. After you have completed your CELOP online application form for Bridge to BU and created your BU login, you can view your account on MyBU Student. Follow these steps to view your account and make a payment:

- Login to the MyBU Student
- Click on the "My Bill and Aid"
- On that page, you can view all charges on your account, check your account balance, and make payments.
- Click on "Make a Payment."

Q. WHOM MAY I CONTACT WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT MY DECISION?

A. You may contact an Assistant Director of Admissions & Immigration at intadvis@bu.edu or 617-353-4492.

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