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2025-2026

Student Life Guide



School of Music

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Arts Boston

Greater Boston’s most comprehensive source for all things arts and culture

artsboston.org

Keezer’s Classic Clothing

1740 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge ~ 617.547.2455

Purchasing new and pre-owned men’s suits, tuxedos, and other formal men’s wear for concerts and gigs

lecouturierma.com/

Favorite Nearby SOM Restaurants/Pubs

Sunset Cantina

Otto Pizza

Starbucks

Brown Sugar Cafe

Raising Cane’s

Caffè Nero

Chipotle

Life Alive

Super 88 Food Court

Dunkin’ Donuts

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Other Useful Resources

Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) College Card

BU students can register for a Boston Symphony Orchestra College Card at no cost, granting free access to various BSO performances as they become available. Visit the link below to register for a card. Students typically gain access to register for College Cards during the month of September.

bu.edu/arts/memberships/

BU Arts Initiative

Learn about the broad range of artistic, cultural, and creative activities organized by students at BU.

bu.edu/arts

Arts | Lab @ BU Med Campus

CFA's outreach initiatives at Boston Medical Center/BUMC

bu.edu/cfa/artslab/

BU Calendar

This lists a wide variety of activities going on in and around campus, such as lectures, cultural gatherings, concerts, and exhibits.

bu.edu/calendar/

Boston Music Intelligencer

A website for concerts and other musical events in the Boston area. You can also post your own events!

classical-scene.com

The BU Sport & Performance Psychology Team provides performance enhancement training. Alongside the strategic, technical, and physical coaching that athlete/performers receive, Performance Enhancement Training adds a focus on mental skills and preparation and can have a tremendous impact on overall well-being and performance. They provide teams and individuals with training in mental skills that have been shown to improve performance and make it more consistent. blogs.bu.edu/sportpsychology

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

FALL 2025	
Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday, September 1
Fall Classes Begin	Tuesday, September 2
Indigenous Peoples' Day (No Classes)	Monday, October 13
Substitute Monday Schedule (BU Monday)	Tuesday, October 14
Thanksgiving Recess	Wednesday, November 26 – Sunday, November 30
Last Day of Classes	Wednesday, December 10
Study Period	Thursday, December 11- Sunday, December 14
Final Exams Begin	Monday, December 15
Final Exams End	Friday, December 19
SPRING 2026	
MLK Jr. Day (No Classes)	Monday, January 19
Spring Classes Begin	Tuesday, January 20
Presidents' Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday, February 16
Substitute Monday Schedule (BU Monday)	Tuesday, February 17
Spring Recess	Saturday, March 7 – Sunday, March 15
Classes Resume	Monday, March 16
Patriots' Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday, April 20
Substitute Monday Schedule (BU Monday)	Wednesday, April 22
Last Day of Classes	Thursday, April 30
Study Period	Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3
Final Exams Begin	Monday, May 4
Final Exams End	Friday, May 8
Commencement Weekend	Thursday, May 14 – Sunday, May 17

Where to go in CFA for...

Go to the School of Music Office (2nd Floor, Room 244) for:

- Contact info/mailbox for a professor (bu.edu/directory)
- Admissions
- Student Services:
 - General academic questions and degree audits
 - Help with class registration and petitions
 - Career resources
 - Questions about placement exams
 - Program changes

Go to the Dean's Office (2nd Floor, Room 230) for:

- Enrollment Services and CFA Registrar:
 - Questions regarding AP and transfer credits, intra-University transfers, registration, CFA policies/procedures
- Graduation and Commencement questions
- CFA Business Office, Graduate Admissions, and Graduate Financial Aid

Go to Room 240 (2nd floor, next to the SOM Office) for:

- Administrative Coordinators for all academic departments
- Jury and recital information and paperwork
- DMA paperwork

Go to Room 243 for the CFA Music Curriculum Library
bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/

Flutistry Boston
801A Tremont St ~ 617.519.8966
flutistry.com

Sharpkeys Flute and Piccolo Repair
10 Eleanor St, Dedham ~ 978.621.1121
sharpkeys.com

Dignan Bows
PO Box 383, Whitman, MA 02382 ~ 617.262.5511
dignanbows.com

Leonard's Music
128 Great Rd, Bedford ~ 781.271.1189
leonardsmusic.com

Johnson String Instrument
1029 Chestnut St, Newton Upper Falls ~ 617.964.0954
johnsonstring.com

Sheet Music and Books

Berklee College of Music Bookstore
1090 Boylston St ~ 617.747.2402
berklee.bncollege.com

Yesterday Service Sheet Music, Inc.
191 Highland Ave, Somerville ~ 617.547.8263
yesterday-service-sheet-music.mybigcommerce.com/

Music Library of Mugar Library
771 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor
bu.edu/library/music

CFA Music Curriculum Library
855 Commonwealth Ave, Room 243 ~ 617.353.3731
bu.edu/cfa/students/music/music-curriculum-library/

Instrument Purchase and Repair

Maestro Woodwind
7 Harvard Avenue Office 5, Brookline ~ 617.267.7704
maestrowoodwinds.com/

Pope Instrument Repair
80 Wenham Street, Jamaica Plain ~ 617.522.0532
poperepair.com/

Virtuosity Musical Instruments
234 Huntington Ave ~ 617.530.1993
virtuosityboston.com

Go to the Basement Floor for:

- B01: BU ID card encoding for practice room access, room scheduling, locker check-out
- B02: Production and Performance
- B07: Stage Manager
- Computer lab with Sibelius and Finale software

Go to CFA Information & Technology (Room 203/204) for:

- Printing, copying, and scanning documents
- Using public computers

Other places to make copies:

- Mugar Memorial Library (771 Commonwealth Ave)
- Please note there is a fee for making copies in these locations; copies may NOT be made in the School of Music office.

Facilities: If you notice something broken or have a concern about something in the building, please report it to cfabldg@bu.edu

School of Music Career Development Workshop Series 2025-2026

Join us for these dynamic workshops presented by renowned guest speakers who share their insights, challenges, and innovative approaches toward successful careers in the arts.

Scan the QR code for details:



Important University Offices

BU Police Department

Text: tip411 (847-411) key word: BU + your message
32 Harry Agganis Way
General: 617.353.2110 ~ Emergencies: 617.353.2121
bu.edu/police

Office of Housing (Undergraduate Only)

25 Buick St
617.353.3511 ~ bu.edu/housing

Office of Residence Life (Undergraduate Only)

25 Buick St
617.353.4380 ~ bu.edu/reslife

Information Services and Technology Help Centers

771 Commonwealth Ave (Mugar Library)
179 Amory St (West Campus)
617.353.HELP (4357) ~ bu.edu/tech

International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)

888 Commonwealth Ave
617.353.3565 ~ bu.edu/isso

Mugar Memorial Library

771 Commonwealth Ave
Circulation: 617.353.3732 ~ Reference: 617.353.2700
bu.edu/library

Music Library, 2nd Floor Mugar

617.353.3705 ~ bu.edu/library/music

Parking & Transportation Services

1019 Commonwealth Ave
617.353.2160 ~ bu.edu/parking



Walking

Walking is a great way to experience one of the US's most beautiful and historic cities.

The B.U.S.

The free(!) Boston University Shuttle runs from West Campus to the BU Medical Center, making stops along the way including East Campus and right across from Symphony Hall. Visit bu.edu/thebus or the BU Mobile app for the bus schedule and live tracking.



Cabs and Car Rental

You might encounter an unfortunate situation in which the MBTA is closed and taxis are nowhere to be seen, or your destination is not accessible by the T. There is a way to get home or elsewhere with one of the cab-like apps such as Uber and Lyft.

Boston Pedicab is a fun and effective way to get around Boston. Generally, in Back Bay and Downtown areas, pedicab bikers (they have a cart/chariot attached to their bikes) will help you get to your destination. You also have an option to discuss touring or can take a more scenic route with the "driver." You can call ahead to request a ride on their website (bostonpedicab.com) or by phone (617.266.2005).

Want to go into the suburbs or have to move furniture? Sign up for a Zipcar account with a student discount of \$15! There are many Zipcar stations throughout and near BU. Visit the Zipcar website (zipcar.com/universities/boston-university) for more information on how to rent a car and pricing.

Getting Around Boston University

The MBTA

The “T” (the nickname for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority [or MBTA]) is the Boston public transportation system. There are four modes of transit: train, bus, commuter rail, and boat. BU is located on the “B” train of the Green Line, and the most useful bus route for BU students is the 57 Bus. Both the Green Line and the 57 Bus run along Commonwealth Ave.

Acquiring a plastic, refillable “Charlie Card” will reduce the cost of taking public transportation. There are a few places that you can get a Charlie Card, including the Downtown Crossing Station, most 7-11 stores, Tedeschi stores, and Star Markets.

There are many apps that you can use to track MBTA transportation and look at the routes. A few apps we recommend are Transit, ProximiT, Greenline, and Citymapper.

Cycling

Boston is a very bikeable city, and many major roads have bike lanes. Biking is one of the quickest ways to get around the city and around campus. Make sure you use a bike lock when parking your bike and wear a helmet! Please refer to bu.edu/bikesafety for more info.

Want to cycle around the city but don’t have a bike? There are many Bluebikes stations throughout the city for you to rent a bike for a few hours. Visit bluebikes.com to know more about the bike rental. Helmets are not provided at the stations, but you can get one for free either at the Office of Judicial Affairs (19 Deerfield St, 3rd floor) or at the Parking & Transportation Services (1019 Commonwealth Ave).

MyBU Student Portal

Academics

- View the University class schedule & your class schedule
- Register, plan, or drop your courses
- Academic summary: find your faculty advisor
- View your final exam schedule
- View your transcript, external credits, and test scores

Money Matters

- Complete Stafford Loan Counseling & Promissory Note
- Check your Student Account & Financial Aid Package
- Check information on Health/Dental Insurance
- Waive Medical Insurance or Sports Pass fees

Personal

- Review and update your “Compliance” status – important for class registration!
- Update Personal Information & set data restriction
- Order an MBTA (bus/train) Semester Pass

Work

- Student employment
- Get information on Work-Study positions
- Find the Career Advisory Network

Food & Shelter

- Check on your residence assignment
- Purchase Convenience Points & check your balances
- Rent a MicroFridge for your room

Basics

- Find an online guide to the Studentlink & FAQs
- Change your Kerberos password

Class Enrollment in MyBU Student Portal

- Consult <https://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/registration/> for class enrollment times and dates
- Schedule a time with your advisor in advance of enrollment dates to review your course selections
- Always make sure you’re in compliance with all university regulations – see the “Holds” drop-down in “My Information”

Important University Resources

Student Health Services

881 Commonwealth Ave, 1st Floor ~ 617.353.3575 ~ bu.edu/shs
Medical and behavioral medicine, crisis intervention, counseling, and referrals

Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders

900 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor
617.353.9610 ~ bu.edu/anxiety or email bonnieb@bu.edu

BU Bookstore: Barnes & Noble

910 Commonwealth Ave
617.267.8484 ~ bu.bncollege.com

Fitness & Recreation Center (“FitRec”)

915 Commonwealth Ave
617.358.3740 ~ bu.edu/fitrec

Survivor Advocacy Response & Prevention Center (SARP)

930 Commonwealth Ave, 1st Floor
617.353.7277 ~ bu.edu/sarp
Providing confidential, immediate & responsive services to victims and their family of, but not limited to, sexual assault, physical assault, interpersonal violence & other traumatic incidents

Marsh Chapel Pastoral Counseling

735 Commonwealth Ave
617.353.3560 ~ bu.edu/chapel/religion
Available to all faiths for personal issues

Center for Career Development

100 Bay State Rd
617.353.3590 ~ bu.edu/careers

Educational Resource Center

100 Bay State Rd, 6th Floor
617.353.7077 ~ bu.edu/erc

George Sherman Union (GSU)

775 Commonwealth Ave ~ 617.353.2321 ~ bu.edu/gsu
Food court, ATMs, Campus Convenience

Scarlet SafeWalk

Will provide a walking buddy from 9pm-12am
Call 617.353.4877 ~ bu.edu/escort

Terrier Card (your BU ID) Office

25 Buick St, 1st floor ~ 617.353.9966 ~ bu.edu/terriercard

Student Accounting Services

25 Buick St, Suite 130 ~ 617.353.2264
bu.edu/studentaccountingservices

Student Activities Office

1 University Rd ~ 617.353.3635 ~ bu.edu/sao

University Service Center

A great place to go when you have a problem or concern on the University level and aren't sure where to go
881 Commonwealth Ave, Lower Level ~ 617.358.1818 ~ bu.edu/usc

Office of Financial Aid (Undergraduates Only)

881 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor ~ 617.353.2965 ~ bu.edu/finaid

Office of the Registrar

881 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor ~ 617.353.3612 ~ bu.edu/reg
For letters that verify your enrollment or graduation

Student Employment Office

881 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor ~ 617.353.3594 ~ bu.edu/seo