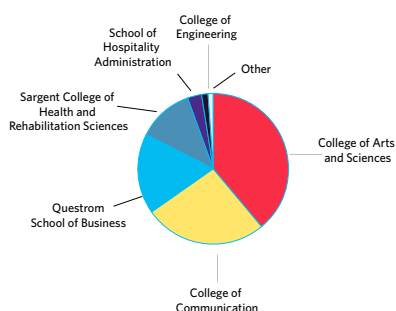


THE CGS EXPERIENCE

WHO WE ARE

The College of General Studies' innovative, interdisciplinary program inspires students to make connections between disciplines and to connect their knowledge to real-world problems. A small liberal arts college within a large research university, CGS gives students a liberal arts foundation in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and writing. Students take electives at other BU schools or colleges each semester, making CGS a great option both for students who know their intended major and for those who are undecided.

In the sophomore year, students declare a major. In the junior year, they continue into one of BU's nine degree-granting schools or colleges to complete their degrees. The graph below shows where CGS students continue within BU.



ACADEMIC ADVISING



At CGS, we take pride in our academic advising program. We have a full-time advising team dedicated entirely to helping you navigate, explore, and pursue a variety of educational experiences. The key to a successful academic advising experience is partnership. Academic advisors partner with you in exploring talents and goals, planning a pathway to your BU degree, choosing a major, selecting and registering for courses, and researching career paths. They also lend support as you transition to college, become familiar with the many resources across campus, and get to know BU's policies and procedures.

In addition to meeting with you regularly, our academic advisors also meet with the faculty teams to understand what's going on in your courses so that they can best advise you on academic and career matters.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,200 students total
- 4 academic divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Science & Mathematics, Rhetoric
- 52 faculty members; 96% of whom hold Ph.Ds
- 0 teaching assistants; faculty teach all lectures, hold all office hours, and grade all work



OUT-OF-THE-CLASSROOM

Study Abroad: Through the Boston-London Experience, CGS students are able to study abroad as early as their first year in college—no application necessary—allowing students to enhance their global experience while completing their CGS courses. For students who prefer to stay in Boston, CGS also offers the Boston-New England Experience, which provides an opportunity for experiential education throughout the region.

Research Opportunities: In a large research university, opportunities to partner with faculty on research can be competitive, especially for first- and second-year students. We offer research opportunities with CGS faculty for both credit and stipend, allowing students to build their resumes early on in their academic career.

CGS Student Groups: In addition to the 450+ student groups supported by the Student Activities Office, CGS students have the chance to participate in any of our active student groups, which span interest areas such as community service, student government, diversity, and the arts. These groups help strengthen the CGS community, allowing students to collaborate outside the classroom and work closely with CGS faculty or staff.

