

Dear Graduate Student,

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Department of Economics Orientation on Tuesday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m. ET. This is intended to provide you with information about registration procedures and other services offered by the University.

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has an Orientation which students must attend as well. TBA by GRS Admissions Team.

For MA, MS students: <https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/ma-ms/admitted-students/>

For PhD students: <https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/phd-mfa/admitted-students/>

REGISTRATION

The registration process for new Economics graduate students will begin during Orientation on Tuesday, August 25th. ***Incoming Economics graduate students cannot register before Orientation.** Classes begin on Wednesday, September 2. *Detailed registration instructions and a Registration Form for the fall will be provided via email by Karen Rodi to master's students and Mirtha Cabello to PhD students. You will not receive this information through the mail.*

Academic Calendars: <https://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/>

Semester Dates: <https://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/semest>

Withdrawal and Tuition Refund Schedule: <https://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/refund/>

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION: Registration WILL BE BLOCKED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AFTER CLASSES BEGIN IF THE STUDENT HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS. <https://www.bu.edu/reg/registration/requirements/>

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS & DEGREE CERTIFICATES

All incoming students are required to submit to the GRS Admissions Office a final transcript, degree certificate or other official document showing all previous degrees conferred in a sealed envelope from your institution. If you have not submitted transcripts or degree certificates showing all previous degrees, please do so before classes start in September. If your degree will be conferred in September 2026, please submit an official document stating that you have completed all degree requirements by the start of the Fall 2026 Semester and an official transcript or degree certificate as soon as the degree is conferred. The GRS Admission Office can be contacted at: Graduate School Admissions Office, 705 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 112, Boston, MA 02215 (Tel: 617-353-2696 or email: PhD students: grs@bu.edu; MS, MA students: GRS, Master's Admissions grsmams@bu.edu).

To be eligible to enroll, you must ensure that all previous degrees are accurately reflected on your student record. You can verify this information by accessing the My BU Student Portal <https://student.bu.edu/MyBU/>. Your updated student profile should be reflected ten days after submitting your final transcripts. If you do not see any updates, please contact the [Graduate School](#) for more information. <https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/ma-ms/admitted-students/>

BOSTON UNIVERSITY EMAIL ACCOUNT & TERRIER CARD

GRS will be sending an email with instructions on accessing Boston University's Early Access Program. This program allows incoming students to create a BU email account and allows early access to some online services. If you have submitted all required documents and do not receive the email for setting up access after three weeks, please contact GRS Admissions at grsmams@bu.edu.

IS&T (617) 353-2780 or <https://www.bu.edu/tech/contact/>
<https://www.bu.edu/tech/support/>

TERRIER CARD ID Photo Upload Procedure and Guidelines

After you are registered, you can obtain a Terrier Card ID Photo.

<https://www.bu.edu/housing/terrier-card-photo-upload/>

PAYMENT INFORMATION

After you register, you can view or print your student account on the My BU Student Portal:

<https://student.bu.edu/MyBU/> A student enrolled in three to four-and-a-half courses (12-18 credits) will be considered full-time and will be charged full tuition and fees. You must register first before you can pay your tuition and fees.

Student Accounting Services: <https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/>

Student Accounting Services is located at 25 Buick Street, Suite 130, Boston, MA 02215.

Telephone 617 353 2264. Payment deadline for the Fall 2026 is TBD. Payment deadline for the Fall 2025 semester tuition and fees was September 15, 2025. Payments must be received by close of business (5:00 p.m. ET) on the day of the deadline. <https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-deadlines/>

Payment Options: <https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-options/>

REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

All entering Boston University students have pre-matriculation health requirements that must be completed prior to your first term at Boston University. If you do not submit these forms prior to the first day of classes, you must submit them within the first two weeks of the semester. **IMPORTANT!** Failure to complete the required Incoming Health Requirements will result in a registration hold on your Student Account. **An Immunization and Physical Form is required of all new students. Students must arrange to have this form completed by your physician before you register.** <https://www.bu.edu/shs/getting-started/incoming-health-requirements/>

Student Health Services: <https://www.bu.edu/shs/getting-started/using-patient-connect/>

Telephone: 617 353 3575

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medical insurance coverage extends from August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2027. Coverage takes effect once registration has been processed. A more complete listing of the University's tuition and fees, as well as explanations of certain fees, or to waive the medical insurance, please see the Student Accounting Services website at <https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/tuition-fees/>

<https://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/resources/student-health-insurance-at-boston-university/>

The Boston University Wellness & Prevention Services aims to promote the physical and emotional well-being of students: <https://www.bu.edu/shs/wellness/>

Disability & Access Services: <https://www.bu.edu/disability/>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students will need to [check in](#) with the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) as soon as they arrive on campus. Additionally, international students must attend the [mandatory](#) "BU First Class." Please follow the instructions on the [ISSO orientation](#) website to register for this online non-credit per-arrival course. If you have any questions, please contact [ISSO](#) at 617-353-3565 or issogac@bu.edu;

ISSO Office: 888 Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02215 <https://www.bu.edu/isso/>

Following is a list of additional links that may be of interest to you as a new graduate student at Boston University.

ON CAMPUS, INCLUDING PART-TIME JOBS, QUICK JOBS, AND SUMMER

JOBS: <https://www.bu.edu/seo/students/>

GRADUATE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (GEA)

The Graduate Economics Association (GEA) of Boston University assists students in the graduate programs in economics (Ph.D., MSQE, MSEPP, MAGDE, ECON+DS, MBA/MSQE and BA to MSQE) and provides peer resources on a variety of topics. The GEA also hosts a series of events during the year, aimed at bringing together students and professors in an informal setting, such as pub nights and move nights.

Email: mailgea@bu.edu

Visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/bu.edu/thebugea/>

Join our Facebook group: [BU Graduate Economics Association](#)

WOMEN IN ECONOMICS: <http://www.bu.edu/econ/students/studentorgs/weorg/>

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) is a student-run advocacy group for Graduate School of Arts and Sciences students: <https://www.bu.edu/gso/>

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[BU Cycle Kitchen](#) (BUCK) in West Campus have all the equipment to fix your bike, from repair stands to torque wrenches to air pumps. They can teach you how to reattach a slipped chain or repair brake pads...and it is free. 1019 Commonwealth Ave. in West Campus (entrance is on Babcock Street).

<https://www.bu.edu/parking/buck/>

-- Campus Map: <https://maps.bu.edu>

-- The University's bookstore is located within the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus:

<https://bu.bncollege.com/?storeId=13555&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

--Information regarding Boston's rapid transit system (the MBTA, or simply, the T) can be found at:

<https://www.mbta.com/>

-- Boston University is located at several stops along the Boston College branch (B Line) of the Green Line:

<https://www.mbta.com/schedules/Green>

-- If you plan on biking, driving or taking the BU Shuttle to classes, you should take a look at the Parking & Transportation Services website at: <http://www.bu.edu/parking/>

-- [City of Boston](#) official website.

-- The Educational Resource Center provides students with the services and resources for developing personal and academic skills: <https://www.bu.edu/erc/>

-- Information regarding campus safety can be found at the BU Police Department's website at: <https://www.bu.edu/police/>

-- The Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PERD) offers programs and facilities for numerous forms of physical activity: <http://www.bu.edu/perd/>

-- Boston University houses a number of libraries on campus and you'll make use of at least one of them during your time here: <https://www.bu.edu/library/>

-- The Office of Information Services & Technology provides general-access computing and communications facilities for the entire University community: <https://www.bu.edu/tech/>

-- The Geddes Language Center provides a wide range of instructional media services to the University community: <http://www.bu.edu/geddes/>