

FALL 2026 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS ORIENTATION

Master's and PhD Students:
All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

Tuesday, August 25
STO B50, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Room B50

8:30 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:00 am Welcome meeting with all Master's and PhD students.

Afterwards there will be separate sessions for Master's and PhD students to go over the Rules and Requirements of the programs and pre-registration advising sessions.

Karen Rodi will send master's students the advising and registration information.
Mirtha Cabello will send doctoral students the advising and registration information.

Economics Master's Students Orientation

Tuesday, August 25 - STO B50, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Room B50

8:30 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:00 am Welcome meeting with all Master's and PhD students.

10:00 am to 11:00 am **Mandatory Math Placement Exam.**

This exam is intended to help us guide you in selecting the courses appropriate for your level of preparation. The results of this exam will be made available to your faculty advisor before you meet with him. These results are not part of your academic record.

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Plenary Session on "Rules and Requirements of the Economics Master's Programs" with Professor Huynh, Director of Economics Master's Programs.

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm - Alex Kane, Economics Graduate Student Union Representative.

Wednesday, August 26 – Zoom Pre-Registration Advising Session with Professor Huynh, Director of Economics Master's Programs, for academic advice and Fall 2026 course selection.

Students must upload registration form by 4:00 pm Friday, August 28, 2026. [Sign-up info for Orientation, the Plenary Session and Pre-Registration Advisory Sessions and instructions on where to upload registration form will be emailed to students.]

Students may register via MyBU Portal after Orientation and must upload the registration form:
<https://student.bu.edu/MyBU/s/academics>

Payment Deadline for New Graduate Students September 16, 2026.

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

Registration and other fees are non-refundable as of the first day of the semester, and deposits toward tuition and/or room and board are non-refundable.

<https://www.bu.edu/academics/grs/policies/withdrawal-leave-of-absence-and-reinstatement/>

Economics PhD Students Orientation

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Tuesday, August 25

STO B50, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Room B50

8:30 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:00 am Welcome meeting with all Master's and PhD students.

SSW 315, 264 Bay State Road, Room 315, Economics Department

10:15 am to 12:00 pm Rules and Requirements of the PhD Program with Professor Qu.

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm Alex Kane, Economics Graduate Student Union Representative.

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm **SSW 407, Room 407.** PhD students attend individual advising meetings with Professor Qu for academic advising and Fall 2026 course selection.

1. **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.
2. Payment deadline for Fall 2026 is September 16, 2026. Payments must be received by close of business (5:00 pm ET) on the day of the deadline. Use the MyBU Student Portal, <https://student.bu.edu/MyBU/> to view or print your student account and class schedule. Student Accounting Services, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level, Tel: 617 353 2264. <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-deadlines/>

Add/Drop Deadlines: <http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/semester/>

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

Student Financials: <https://www.bu.edu/studentfinancials/>

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: Classes Begin!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: Labor Day Holiday. Classes Suspended.