

## Things to do in Boston

### Museums

- *Museum of Fine Arts*—free with BU ID
- *Institute of Contemporary Art*—Free to everyone Thursday evenings
- *Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum*—\$5 with a student ID. Visit [http://www.gardnermuseum.org/plan\\_a\\_visit/offers\\_and\\_discounts](http://www.gardnermuseum.org/plan_a_visit/offers_and_discounts) for more information.

### Movies

The Coolidge Corner Theater, an independently operated not-for-profit, offers a student rate for memberships. Student membership provides benefits such as \$3 off movie tickets, free Science on Screen movies, and two for one tickets for midnight movies. Go to <http://www.coolidge.org/> for more information.

### Listings

- *Boston.com*—the *Boston Globe* website, has listings of activities around Boston. You can search for events, movies, restaurants by date, neighborhood, or activity. Go to <http://www.boston.com/thingstodo/> for listings. The website also has a couple of slide shows listing free things to do around Boston.
- *Meetup.com*—provides opportunities to meet people from around the city with similar interests. You can organize a knitting circle, a bike ride, or a frisbee game, for instance.
- *The Phoenix*—also has listings of upcoming events, including concerts, festivals, and even food truck locations. Go to <http://thephoenix.com/Boston/Events/Search/> to search.

### Discounts

- *Boston Public Library Museum Pass*—You can use your BPL card to reserve free or discounted tickets to area museums including the Museum of Science, the New England Aquarium, and Zoo New England. Visit [http://www.bpl.org/general/circulation/museum\\_passes.php](http://www.bpl.org/general/circulation/museum_passes.php) for information
- *Charlie Card Discounts*—Use your Charlie Card to get discounts at area restaurants, spas and salons, and museums. Go to [http://www.mbta.com/riding\\_the\\_t/CharlieCard\\_Discount\\_Book/](http://www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/CharlieCard_Discount_Book/) for details.

## Tips for GRS Grad Students

### Convenience Points

They're not just for undergrads! You can add convenience points to your BU ID for tax-free food purchases at various BU locations. The George Sherman Union accepts convenience points, as does the Subway on the 600 block of Comm Ave., for example. If you don't want to use convenience points, you can still buy tax-free meals at stores that accept convenience points by showing your BU ID. Go to <http://www.bu.edu/dining/where-to-eat/retail-dining/> for a list of places that accept convenience points.

### FitRec

- *Facilities*—The Fitness and Recreation Center on Comm. Ave. by Agganis Arena is pretty amazing, and membership is free to all full-time students. Along with all of your typical gym offerings like elliptical machines and free weights, it also has a climbing wall, a lazy river, and an enormous hot tub.
- *Classes*—You can take inexpensive non-credit courses of all kinds, as well. Check them out at <http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/programs/noncredit/index.shtml>
- *Lockers*—If you will be making regular, or even irregular use of FitRec, you should strongly consider putting your name on the wait-list for a locker. They will probably tell you that you'll be on the list for two years, but generally, wait times are much shorter. Also, towel service is only an additional \$20 a year, and is definitely worth it. Go to <http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/membership/services/lockers.shtml> for details.

