



Listed below are some commonly asked questions about the graduate degree and certificate programs offered at Hanscom AFB.

- *Which school at Boston University grants the degrees and certificates offered at Hanscom AFB? Does my diploma look different because I earned my degree or certificate at Hanscom AFB?*

Metropolitan College is one of the seventeen degree-granting bodies that make up Boston University. The College's special purpose is to serve the Boston metropolitan area, and since 1965 it has been focusing on the needs of working professionals. By providing the highest quality credit in the evenings and weekends, Metropolitan College offers opportunities for education, career advancement, and personal fulfillment to thousands of working adults who might not otherwise have the chance to take courses or earn degrees. Metropolitan College, as a part of Boston University, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, one of six nationally recognized regional accrediting agencies. Your diploma is the same valid and valuable credential earned by every other Boston University graduate, regardless of the location where the degree was earned. The top of your diploma reads "Boston University" in large type, below that in smaller type is the name of the college ("Metropolitan College") and the name of your degree (e.g. "M.S. Leadership").

- *How long will it take me to earn my degree?*

All degree programs offered at Hanscom AFB (MS Leadership, MS Computer Science, and MS Computer Information Systems) require you to complete ten courses. If you take two courses in each of the three semesters offered per year you can finish the requirements in five semesters. From start to finish, this would take approximately 20 months. Students, however, may take up to six years to complete their degree requirements. Please be aware, to successfully complete a master's degree program you must receive no lower than a B- grade in each course and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.

- *How much do the courses cost?*

Once registered for a course you will be billed for tuition and Student Services fee charges. There is a \$60 Student Services fee due each semester. Checks should be made payable to Boston University. No student may withdraw in good standing unless all current obligations to the University are paid. The Trustees of the University reserve the right to change tuition rates or fees at their discretion. The University maintains a tuition guaranty bond that is registered with the clerks of the Superior Court of Norfolk County, Massachusetts, and is accessible at the Department of Risk Management, Office of Business Affairs, Boston University, 985 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

Tuition for the 2019-2020 academic year (9/1/19–8/31/20) is \$2,840 per course (\$710 per credit hour) . Tuition for future years is subject to change and is determined by the Boston University Board of Trustees. Note that the tuition listed above is a reduced rate for the Military Programs and does not apply to courses taken online or at the main BU campus. The tuition listed above is for classes at military sites, including the Hanscom AFB site. This special military rate applies to active duty military, their dependents, and DoD employees or contractors.

- ***Do you have to be in a degree program to enroll in classes?***

No, you may take up to two courses prior to being admitted to a degree program. This provides the student time to collect transcripts, letters of recommendation and other application materials while taking classes.

- ***Are your professors the same professors that teach at Boston University?***

Our faculty consists of scholars and professionals. Our scholars are members of the greater Boston University academic community. Many of them have had experience teaching in Metropolitan College's other military programs. Our professionals are men and women of achievement who have excelled in their chosen fields and who are eager to share their knowledge and experience with students.

- ***How can I register for a class?***

As the programs at Hanscom AFB are not open to the general public, online registration is not available. To register for a particular course, please e-mail Professor Greg Page at [gpage@bu.edu](mailto:gpage@bu.edu). Once registered, you will be billed for the registration fee and tuition charges.

- ***When are the information sessions? When can I ask questions in person about this program?***

The Program Director, Professor Greg Page, teaches and advises students full-time on the main campus in Boston. However, he will hold an information session on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Education Center on Chennault Road at Hanscom Air Force Base, at 10:30 a.m. You can also reach him via e-mail at [gpage@bu.edu](mailto:gpage@bu.edu) either to ask questions directly or to set up a time to chat by phone or via Zoom/Skype.

- ***How often will my class meet?***

Each weekend class will meet seven times during the semester. One class is scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on seven Saturdays. A second class is scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on seven Sundays. Evening classes in the MSCS and MSCIS programs meet one evening per week and generally follow the University schedule for the particular semester.

- ***How do I apply for admission to the degree or certificate programs?***

You should apply online to any of the degree or certificate programs by visiting the MET admission site, <http://www.bu.edu/met/admissions/apply-now>

- ***Do I need to take the GMAT or GRE?***

At this time, no GMAT or GRE is required for any of the degree or certificate programs offered at Hanscom AFB.

- *Who is eligible to participate in the Hanscom degree and certificate program?*

BU graduate degree and certificate programs offered at Hanscom AFB are available to active duty military personnel, their dependents, and Department of Defense employees or contractors. Dependents of Department of Defense employees or contractors are not eligible unless they have their own access to the base.