



888 Commonwealth Avenue, Mezzanine
Boston, Massachusetts 02215
617-358-6350
www.bu.edu/globalprograms

MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Deans
FROM: Willis G. Wang *WGW*
DATE: July 9, 2021
RE: BU First Class 2021 Launch

I am writing to update you on [BU First Class](#) 2021, which was offered to all incoming first year international students on July 1, 2021. As a friendly reminder, BU First Class is a free online noncredit pre-arrival course that Global Programs created with the assistance of many at BU and designed to prepare incoming international students for their transition to the BU classroom and community. Since the initial program in 2016, over 10,000 international students have participated in BU First Class.

In addition to modules on The Boston University Classroom, Academic Integrity and Expectations, and Transitioning to Campus, we have included important information for international students about maintaining their U.S. immigration status. This information previously was delivered during a required ISSO orientation session. As in previous years, please encourage your incoming international students to participate in BU First Class and highlight the importance of completing the course before the start of classes.

If you or anyone on your team have any questions or would like access to BU First Class, please contact Kamelia Turcotte, Assistant Director of International Student Initiatives in Global Programs, at kameliat@bu.edu.

We have already been contacted by many incoming international students inquiring about the course. However, we know that many more may find the modules beneficial. Your continued support and promotion of BU First Class to help us reach as many new international students as possible is much appreciated. Thank you.