

ONLINE PROGRAM - REGISTRATION GUIDE

**Registration for Summer 2026 opens:
Thursday, February 19th, 2026, at 8:00 AM EST**

Please register early as online courses fill up quickly. Please note online students have priority registration for online courses. All online students will be accommodated with a course that meets their program requirements. If you are on the waitlist, it is not guaranteed that you will get a spot in your first-choice request. All students will be offered an option that will allow them to progress in the program.

This following information will assist you in preparing for the next semester in the program.

Before registering:

- Resolve outstanding balances on your student account.
- Confirm your account is in compliance.

*Please note these outstanding matters can result in a hold on your account and may prevent you from registering.

Which courses should I register for?

All students follow a standard program plan to ensure completion of the requirements for the MSW degree. Program plans will vary depending on your major (Clinical or Macro), your track (HSE, TT, or AS) and your semester of entrance.

Standard program plans can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to access course descriptions. If you are following a revised program plan and need a copy, please contact sswolp@bu.edu.

Any adjustments to your program plans must receive written pre-approval to ensure that you meet the requirements for graduation. To request a revised program plan, please contact your Student Services Administrator (SSA) or use the [Revised Program Plan Request Form](#).

Please note: As of Summer 2026, IS 600 is no longer a registration requirement. While it may still appear on some program plans, no registration or action is needed

How do I register?

The [MyBUStudentPortal](#) is your portal to register for classes, review your transcript, update addresses, and pay tuition bills. It is advised to register for courses as early as possible to have the opportunity to enroll in your preferred live classroom section.

Log into the [MyBU Student Portal](#)

- On the left sidebar, click **Class Information**, then **Class Search**
- Set **Term** to Spring 2026 and **School/College** to School of Social Work
- Select your **Subject** and **Catalog Number**
 - for example: for HB 720, "HB" is the subject and "720" is the catalog number

- Click **More Filters** and set **Location** to Online for a more targeted search
- Enrollment can then occur directly from classes added to the shopping cart via the planning process. If classes have already been added to the Shopping Cart, they will also display on the Dashboard.
- Click the three dots to access the Actions menu, then select Enroll or check one or multiple select box(es) and click the Enroll button in the top right corner of the page. This option allows registration for multiple classes at once.
- If enrollment was a success, the class will be listed with a message indicating it has been Added to Your Schedule.

PLEASE NOTE: Online course sections begin with O. When you register for an online course, you choose a specific section time for the Live Classroom session you want. In the example below, when you select CP756 O1 you will be enrolled in the CP756 course and the Live Classroom session time will be on Sunday 6:30-7:45 pm EST.

SECTION	SESSION	INSTRUCTOR	DAYS	START	END	DATES	UNITS	STATUS	INSTRUCTION MODE
O1-IND (17713)	DYN	To be Announced	Su	6:30 pm	7:45 pm	09/03 - 10/...	3	O 15/15 ▲	Online

CLASS NOTES
Live Classroom is EST. Charles River Campus and Off-Campus students seeking permission to join this section can email sswolp@bu.edu.

Learning Resources

Check Compliance - [Quick Card](#)

Navigate to Registration - [Video](#)

Preparing for Registration - [Video](#) and [Guide](#)

Methods of Registration - [Video](#) and [Guide](#)

Class Search - [Video](#) and [Guide](#)

Schedule Builder - [Video](#) and [Guide](#)

For registration assistance please contact the **SSW Registrar** at swreg@bu.edu or call 617-353-2221.

Waitlist

If the course or section you want is full, you may choose to add yourself to the waitlist. See the information below on how to join a waitlist. Please note adding yourself to the waitlist does not guarantee that you will be enrolled in that course or section. It is your responsibility to monitor your place on the waiting and reach out to your SSA to explore your options.

Class Wait List

Understanding Wait Lists

The option to join a class Wait List is a new feature of MyBU Student registration. If a class has been set up with a Wait List in MyBU Student, a student may choose to join the Wait List at registration if there are no open seats available to them at that time. As seats become available, students who are eligible to register and in full compliance with registration requirements will be **automatically enrolled** in the order in which they were added to the Wait List.

When joining a Wait List, students have the option select a class to swap, allowing them to choose a class they're already enrolled to be dropped in the case they get enrolled off the Wait List of their preferred class.

KEEP IN MIND:

- Not all classes have a wait list option.
- Some schools/colleges and academic departments maintain internal wait list procedures that are not currently available in MyBU Student registration. To learn more about wait list procedures for classes in a particular academic department, please refer to that department's resources.
- Students must be eligible to register and fully compliant with registration requirements to be enrolled off a Wait List.
- Students can be registered for a maximum of 20 total units, plus an additional 16 waitlisted units. (Note that registering for more than 18 total units may be subject to overload tuition charges.)
- Wait Lists have limited capacity – if there are no open spots on a Wait List, students cannot be added to it.
- Spots on the Wait List may be subject to Requirement Group restrictions – a student who meets those restrictions will be enrolled off the Wait List before a student who does not, regardless of which of them joined the Wait List first.
- Reserved seats for Requirement Groups may or may not be released – this depends on departmental policies.

FAQ

How do I know if a class has a Wait List available in MyBU Student?

Look up the class in Class Search – make sure the option to show open classes only is *unchecked*:

Show Open Classes Only

In the search results, click the expand icon (>) for the class to view details. Under Availability, the second digit of the "Wait List Open" field indicates if there are any spots set up in a Wait List. In the below example, there is *no Wait List* set up, because there are 0 total spots.

AVAILABILITY	
Status:	Open
Seats Open:	15/15
Wait List Open:	0/0

What if I have the class in my Shopping Cart or Schedule Builder, but all the seats are taken when I go to register?

A message will appear indicating which class(es) are not available. If spots are available on a Wait List, this will be indicated, with an option to join.

I can see open seats on the Wait List but I am unable to join it.

Why might this be the case?

You will not be able to join a Wait List if...

- You're already registered for the maximum of 20 units and/or are already waitlisted for 16 units
- You have a registration hold or are otherwise not currently eligible for registration
- There's a time conflict with your current Schedule
- You don't meet any current Requirement Group restrictions for the class

How can I view and manage the classes I'm waitlisted for?

Use the View Waitlist page, which can be found under the Enrollment section of the navigation menu in MyBU Student. You can also view waitlisted classes on your Schedule. Remember that you are **not** officially registered for waitlisted classes, and you will not be billed for any waitlisted units, but if a seat becomes available in the class you will be automatically enrolled.

If you want to give up your place on the Wait List, use the Drop Classes page to drop a class you're waitlisted for. If you want to change which class to swap out, you will have to drop the class and attempt to re-join the Wait List – note that this will cause you to lose your current place.

How do I know if I've been taken off the Wait List and enrolled in the class?

You will see the change reflected on your Schedule in MyBU Student.

What should I do if I'm enrolled off the Wait List but I no longer want to take the class?

You can drop the class as you normally would, using the Drop Classes page in MyBU Student. Remember to drop any classes you don't want to take before the Add/Drop deadline!

Is there a way to request to be added to a class that's full but doesn't have Wait List available?

This will typically depend on departmental policies. Contact the academic department of the class for more information.



How do I pay for my courses?

After registering you will receive a tuition bill from [Student Accounts](#). Please contact the **Student Accounting Office** at 617-353-2264 if you have questions regarding your bill. You can check the status of your account and pay your bill via the [BU MyBUStudentPortal](#). You may also review your bill, learn about payment options, and monitor the payment deadlines and late fees on the [Student Accounts](#) webpage.

Financial Aid questions should be directed to sswfa@bu.edu. Please visit the [SSW Financial Aid page](#) for information on the financial aid process, forms, and deadlines.

Reminders

- **There is also a \$75 part time graduate student service fee.**
- Please remember that to be eligible for financial aid, students must be registered for at least six credits per semester.
- Federal loans will not be finalized until after you are registered for courses. You will receive more information about your financial aid status after you register.

What do I do if I have to change my schedule?

Any adjustments to your program plans must receive written pre-approval to ensure that you meet the requirements for graduation. To request a revised program plan, please contact your Student Services Administrator (SSA) or use the [Revised Program Plan Request Form](#).

DROPPING OR WITHDRAWING FROM COURSES

Dropping or withdrawing may impact your status in the program and your eligibility for financial aid.

Before dropping course(s)

1. Pay close attention to the [Add/Drop deadlines](#) to avoid fees and tuition obligations.

2. Registration and other fees are non-refundable as of the first day of the semester.
3. Students can drop a course by the drop deadlines for possible reversal of charges.
4. After the drop course deadline, students can withdraw from a course. Withdrawing from a course means the course will remain on the student's transcript as a "W". Withdrawn students will not be eligible for a refund and will be required to pay for courses.

How to drop or withdraw from a course

- 1) Prior to dropping a course, contact our **Financial Aid Office** at sswfa@bu.edu to discuss Federal Stafford Loan obligations and any implications that may occur when dropping a course.
- 2) Notify the Online Program Team at sswolp@bu.edu to discuss intentions in the Online MSW program and revising a program plan.
- 3) Inform the instructor, facilitator, and advisor about plans to drop the course.

NOTE: Students taking a leave of absence or withdrawing from the program must submit an official [Withdrawal/Leave of Absence Form](#). **Students who do not submit the appropriate paperwork by the withdraw deadline, will not be officially withdrawn and will be required to pay the course/semester's tuition, and be graded in any active courses.**

PLEASE NOTE: Click [here](#) to view important deadlines including the **last day for 100% Tuition reimbursement** and **last day for withdrawing**.

ADDING COURSES TO YOUR SCHEDULE

If you need to add a course to your schedule due to a program plan adjustment or registration error you should follow the process outlined below. **Remember**, students may not add courses outside the prescripts of their program plans. Students interested in taking a course not listed on their program plan for the current semester must have written permission from **Online Program Team**.

Before adding course(s)

1. Consult with our **Financial Aid Office**, sswfa@bu.edu to discuss any financial implications that may occur when adding a course.
2. Add course by logging onto [MyBUStudentPortal](#). Follow the same steps outlined in the *How to Register* section.
3. If it is past the deadline to register via MyBUStudentPortal contact the **SSW Registrar** at swreg@bu.edu and include the following information:
 - a. Full Name
 - b. BU ID
 - c. Program: Online MSW
 - d. Courses needed to add (i.e. HB720 OL)

Any requests to change sections once the course has started must be discussed with the Instructor of Record.

When is the registration deadline?

Summer 2026 courses begin on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026. It is recommended that students register for classes before Day 1 of the Summer 1 Term.

Spring 2026 Semester Calendar

May 5	First Day of Spring 1 classes
*May 25	Memorial Day (BU Holiday): classes follow course schedule
June 22	Last Day of Summer 1 classes
June 30	First Day of Summer 2 classes
August 17th	Last Day of Summer 2 classes

** Live classrooms sessions are held Sundays and Mondays from 6:00 – 10:00 PM EST. When there is a Monday holiday the live classroom sessions will be held on Tuesday.*

The University, in scheduling classes on religious holidays and observances, intends that students observing those traditions be given ample opportunity to make up work. Faculty members who wish to observe religious holidays will arrange for another faculty member to meet their classes or reschedule canceled classes.

Important Contacts

MSW Online Program (OLP)

Please be sure to keep sswolp@bu.edu as a safe contact, as many communications will be sent from this address. Registration guides, program information, news, and events will be sent via email. For general inquiries please contact Nisa and be sure to inform her of any changes including change of name, address, or if you have any general inquiries.

Nisa Thompson, Senior Staff Coordinator, School of Social Work

Email: sswolp@bu.edu

School of Social Work Registrar

Please contact the SSW Registrar for assistance with adding, dropping, or withdrawing from classes.

Email: swreg@bu.edu

BU Virtual

David and Atlas are available to support you with navigating the Online Campus and with technical issues within your courses; connect you to BU resources; provide textbook information and Live Classroom technology

David Field, Lead Faculty & Student Support Administrator Email: dfield2@bu.edu

Atlas Redden, Faculty & Student Support Administration Email: aredden@bu.edu

School of Social Work Financial Aid Office

For questions about the financial aid process, sources of aid and eligibility please contact the Financial Aid Office

Email: sswfa@bu.edu

OLP Practicum (Field) Education

For assistance with practicum education, regional advisors, integrative seminar, or E-Portfolio please contact Field Education. Primary contact for students with general inquiries related to Practicum Education and to submit documents related to Practicum Education

Jenna Landsman, Senior Program Coordinator, Online Program Practicum Education

Email: sswolpFE@bu.edu

Student Accounting Office

For assistance with billing, payment deadlines, and account inquiries please contact Student Accounting.

Email: studenta@bu.edu

Technology Support

For desktop support, including issues with the Online Campus (Blackboard Learning Management System) and Zoom please contact Information Services and Technology and be sure to identify yourself as a distance education student.

Email: ithelp@bu.edu Phone: 617-353-HELP (4357)

Disability and Access Services

To request disability accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability & Access and review the Policies and Procedures for requesting academic accommodations.

Email: access@bu.edu

Veteran Services

Support for Veterans can be found through the BU Office of the Registrar (**OUR**). Students should contact **OUR** for more information regarding educational benefits and programs.

Email: veterans@bu.edu