



Welcome from BU Orientation!

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Your journey starts here
18 weeks to arrival. 39 days to thrive.

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Find Your Support Squad 🤝😎

Welcome to BU! We're so excited to welcome you. Whether you're coming from across the world or just across the street, we know BU is a big place, which is why we have built-in supports to help you thrive.

- The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) provides advice on immigration and employment for international students.
- Disability & Access Services (DAS) is here to provide services and support to ensure that students are able to access and participate in the opportunities available at BU.
- First Gen students often find community and support from the Newbury Center.

Get Excited.

The Office of the Dean of Students is your one-stop-shop for support needs. Check out their extensive list of student support services to learn how they help terriers every day.

Get Ready.

BU's Assistant Directors of First Year Success and Transfer Student Success are ready to help you succeed at BU! They're thrilled to meet you, so don't be afraid to request a meeting.

Get Connected.

Curious about how to approach assignments and coursework? Connect with the Educational Resource Center. They offer writing assistance, peer tutoring, and more!

Orientation Leader Spotlight:

Meet Madisyn, Biology CMG, CAS'26

Q: What's one piece of advice you would give to an incoming first-year?

A: Give yourself time to settle in! There's a lot of pressure to get out and make friends as soon as possible, but it's also equally important to let yourself adjust before you dive into everything.



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Academic Exploration

Your BU "Support Squad" includes multiple staff who will provide support and advice as you explore and experience all that BU has to offer. In addition to your academic advisor(s), staff from the Student Success team are here to support you through your first year at BU. First-year students all have an Assistant Director of First-Year Success (AD). You can talk with your AD about anything that's on your mind but common topics include: your goals for college, how to get involved, and good ways to make friends.

Transfer students are encouraged to make an appointment with Debra Marcus (they/them), Assistant Director of Transfer Success. Debra is dedicated to helping transfers with things like transferring credit from other institutions or finding community at BU.



Inside Orientation Week

Group Time 🐾♂️

Throughout the weekend, your Orientation Leader (OL) will guide your group during unstructured group time. During these blocks, you might explore campus, play games, visit the bookstore, or just hang out and connect with your peers. It's a great chance to get to know each other and discover campus at your own pace. Your OL may ask the group for ideas, so start thinking about what you'd like to see behind the scenes at BU!

Student Tip of the Week

Don't be afraid to ask for help! Even if your professor or advisor can't fix the issue, they can guide you in the right direction—you'll never know unless you ask!

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