

Welcome from BU Orientation!

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Volume 4: Welcome to the Neighborhood!

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Home Away From Home

Here are a few tips from Terriers to help you settle in:

- Introduce yourself to your roommate(s) early.
- Attend your floor or hall meetings (it's the easiest way to meet people).
 - Your first-floor or hall meeting takes place during Orientation week (more info to come soon!)
- Make sure you connect with your Resident Assistant (RA). They are there to support you and welcome your questions.
- Your community has a Faculty-in-Residence, a faculty member who lives on campus and hosts programs and fun events. Attend their weekly open hours!
- Consider joining your neighborhood's hall council so you can plan programs, meet new people, and improve life in your residence!



Student Leader Spotlight

Esraa, Program Coordinator

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) '26, Computer Science

Q. What's your go-to spot on campus and why?

A. My go-to spot is the top floor of Student Village 1 ('StuVi-1') because the view is amazing, especially at sunset. I also love stopping by Buick Street Market between classes.

Q. What's one piece of advice for living in Boston?

A. Take advantage of everything BU and Boston have to offer, such as student discounts, museums, sports games, and city events. Explore as much as you can and enjoy the experience!





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- At Boston University, campus life is centered along Commonwealth Avenue on the **Charles River Campus**, where students easily move between classes, dining, and residence halls in a connected city setting.
- The Charles River Campus is divided into East, Central, West, and South Campus. **East** includes residence halls and academic buildings near Kenmore Square; **Central** is the main academic hub with the George Sherman Union (GSU) and Mugar Memorial Library; **West** is a major residential area with West Dining and many first-year students; and **South** Campus is a quieter residential area closer to Fenway.
- A short walk or quick [BU Shuttle](#) ride, **Fenway Campus** offers Fenway Dining, residence halls, study spots, and easy access to Boston city life.

Get Connected

Residence Life (ResLife)

The ResLife team supports students living on campus. Your Resident Assistant (RA) is a fellow student who can help support you during your transition to university living.

Student Health Services (SHS)

Dedicated to supporting student well-being through confidential medical care, mental health services, and wellness programs that help students stay healthy throughout their time at BU.

Academic Exploration

Learn to Speak BU

Learning to navigate a new place, in this case our campus, also means learning a lot of BU language and lingo. You will find that there are abbreviations for campus buildings, the names of schools and colleges, academic departments, and even days of the week. When you're picking your classes, it's good to be aware of all of this so that you know what's where and how long it may take to get from one place to another. For instance, the Questrom School of Business (QST) is in HAR, which stands for Rafik B. Hariri Building, on east campus, a bus ride away from the dorms on west campus. For more information, check out this [campus map](#) and this very helpful [list of abbreviations](#)! It's also useful to know that things are not always pronounced the way you might think. For example, the College of Arts & Sciences is shortened to CAS (pronounce each letter individually) and the College of Engineering is ENG (pronounced "ehn-geh").





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Elective Session Spotlight

During your Orientation experience, you have the opportunity to personalize your schedule by choosing sessions based on your interests. Check out this session and register on your [MyBU Student Portal](#)!

Behind the Scenes at BU:

How Campus Operations & Safety Support You

Get an inside look at the teams that keep BU safe and running smoothly, from emergency response and security to campus operations and maintenance. Learn how BU's planning, technology, and resources support students every day. Plus, meet Bean, BU's Community Resource Dog!

Hosted by: Safety, Security & Preparedness

Friday, August 28, 9:15am, 10:45am, 2:30pm or 4pm



Inside Orientation: Orientation Leaders

Your Orientation Crew

- All new BU students are placed into an Orientation group to build community and meet other incoming students.
- Orientation Leaders (OLs) are BU students who guide your group throughout Orientation Week. OLs help answer questions, support your transition, and connect you to campus resources.
- Your group will meet your OL on the first day after the Orientation Welcome, and they will help you get where you need to be. You will spend time with your OL and group during activities, informational sessions, and shared meals.
- Many students stay in touch with their OLs and group beyond Orientation as a continued support system at BU.

Your OLs can't wait to meet you and support you on your BU journey!



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