

Welcome from BU Orientation!

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

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Whether you're heading to class, exploring Boston, or traveling home for a break, transportation is a key part of life at BU. This edition highlights the many ways students can get around campus and the city, from the BU Shuttle and MBTA to biking, walking, and rideshares.

- Understanding your transportation options will help you travel confidently and make the most of your time in Boston. Know your options: shuttle, subway, bus, bike, or foot.
- Get familiar with BU's transportation resources and services.
- Travel safely and confidently throughout the city.



Student Leader Spotlight

Anthony, Orientation Leader 2 (OL2)
College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) '27, Computer Science

Q. What's your favorite way to get around campus/Boston?

A. I prefer biking, you can save a couple bucks, and it's a lot more convenient especially when public transportation is really full, and it's a short ride. Whenever I go a longer distance or it's cold out, I use the T or the 57, as well as the BU Bus, the Night Bus especially since it stopped right in front of my South Campus dorm.

Q. Favorite places to go in Boston and how to get there?

A. I love riding a blue bike to the MIT bridge, the sunset, sunrise, any time of the day it's very relaxing especially if you can go to the other side and you can see the skyline of Boston.





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As you prepare for Orientation and your arrival on campus, it's helpful to familiarize yourself with how students travel around BU and the city of Boston- here are some tips!

- BU's campus is highly walkable, and many students find that walking is the quickest way to get to classes, dining locations, and campus events.
- The MBTA Green Line and BU Shuttles (The BUS) run through, making it easy to travel between residence halls, academic buildings, and popular Boston destinations. Only BU Shuttles are free and MBTA will cost money!
- Don't worry if you're unfamiliar with Boston's transportation system, many students arrive with little experience using public transit and quickly learn their way around

Get Connected

Book Talk

Join us this THURSDAY (7/16) for a Book Talk discussing the Common Read, *Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to attend on Thursday and register for future sessions!

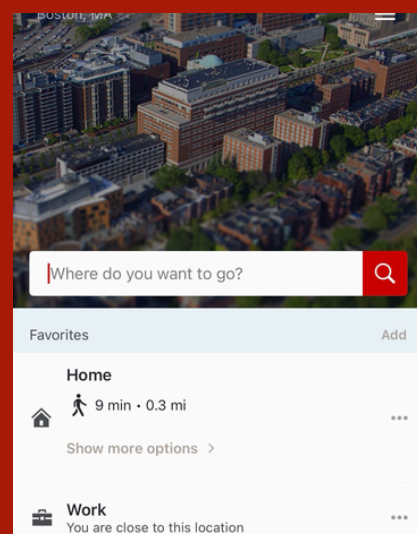
Terrier Transit App

Dedicated to guiding you from point A to B in the easiest and most efficient way. Get T and bus times, maps, and real-time arrival times.

Academic Exploration

Mapping Your Classes

You might be surprised at how long it takes to get across campus. It's a good idea to look up where your classes are ahead of time so you can map out where you'll need to go and leave enough travel time. (Pro tip: check out the list of [building abbreviates and addresses](#) to help you navigate). Depending on your schedule, you might not have time to go back to your dorm between classes, so plan accordingly and pack everything you need for the day. Have time to kill on campus? Mugar Memorial Library (771 Commonwealth Ave.), the George Sherman Union (775 Commonwealth Ave.), and the Yawkey Center for Student Services (100 Bay State Road) all have spaces where you can hang out.



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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](#)!

Get Involved in the Hall! Event and Leadership Opportunities in your RezHall!

Looking to make an impact in your residential community? This interactive session is designed to empower students to connect with key campus leaders, including Neighborhood Hall Councils (NHCs), Resident Assistants (RAs), and Faculty in Residence (FIRs). Whether you're interested in proposing events, launching sustainability initiatives, or advocating for improvements to your community, this session will provide practical tools, real-life examples, and a guide to help you get involved. Hosted by: Residence Life.

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



Inside Orientation: Finding Your Rhythm

Small Steps, Big Week

- Wear comfortable walking shoes! You will be doing a lot of walking throughout the week, especially during campus tours.
- Maintaining connection with peers and supporting networks, building relationships is a central part of orientation. Checking in regularly with roommates, Orientation Leaders, or friends can help foster a sense of community.
- Keep hydrating throughout the day. Hydration is key during the heat!
- Build in recovery time between sessions. Even short breaks between events are essential. Use these gaps to sit quietly, step outside, or simply reset before your next activity. Take this time to familiarize yourself with quiet or restorative campus spaces to relax!
- Use student support resources early! BU offers many student support services, and orientation is an ideal time to become familiar with them.



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