

# Welcome from BU Orientation!

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18 weeks to arrival. 39 days to thrive.

## Special Edition: Transfer Student Experience

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### Welcome to BU—Your Story Starts Here

- Whether you're arriving from another college, taking a new academic path, or starting fresh in Boston, we're excited you're here. Transferring isn't just changing schools; it's bringing your experiences, perspectives, and ambitions into a new community.
- This special edition is designed to help you feel prepared, connected, and confident as you begin your BU journey. Starting somewhere new can be exciting, overwhelming, and everything in between. We created this special edition with transfer students in mind because your transition looks different from first-year students.
- Our goal is simple: To answer your questions, highlight opportunities, and remind you that there are people across campus ready to support you.

Welcome—we can't wait to meet you during Orientation!



## Student Leader Spotlight

**Amelia, Program Coordinator (PC)**  
**College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) '28, Psychology**

### **Q. What was your biggest challenge during your first semester at BU?**

The biggest challenge would be how big BU is. It was hard at first meeting so many amazing people, but then not being able to reconnect with them. However, working at BU Telefund and BU Orientation made me realize that it's very easy to keep connections! I also made so many friends in classes; don't be afraid to talk to new people!

### **Q. What is your advice for incoming transfer students?**

Get involved in niche activities on campus that align with your interests! Another thing I recommend is to drop the storybook fantasy of BU. It is a huge transition, and it may not be easy at first. You will face challenges and be open to using all the resources at BU. We are here to help you adjust to everything!



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### Toolkit for Transfer Success

#### Resources on Campus

##### Your Academic Toolkit

- **Academic Advisor:** You can make an appointment with your advisor through your BU Student Portal.
- **Office Hours:** Professors are always happy to help! Find information on office hours in your course syllabi
- **Educational Resource Center (ERC):** The ERC provides resources like academic coaching and peer tutoring.

##### Your Community Toolkit

- **Transfer to BU (TTBU):** Transfer-student peer mentoring program
- **HUB FY 101 (Transfer Cohort):** 0-unit class designed to help transfer students with BU campus life and academics! Fulfills the Hub requirement The Individual in Community.
- **Splash:** Discover the 450+ student organizations at BU! Make sure to attend on 9/5!

##### Your Wellness Toolkit

- **Student Health Services:** For all physical and mental health needs!
- **Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec):** [Register for a free PE course!](#)

### Get Connected

#### Transfer Student Success

You can meet with [Deb Marcus](#), the Assistant Director of Transfer Success, with questions about adjusting to BU and Boston, the transfer credit evaluation process, and getting involved with campus resources!

#### Transfer Roadmap

The Transfer Roadmap is a helpful planning tool to map out your time at BU. You can use the roadmap before meeting with your advisor to get a better understanding of your BU journey.

### Welcome Message from Deb Marcus

Welcome to BU! As your Assistant Director of Transfer Success, I work alongside your academic and other advisors during your first year at BU to help support you in your transition. I can connect you with resources and opportunities on campus, answer questions, and point you in the right direction if I don't know the answer myself. Schedule a meeting with me through MyBU Student or reach out via email at [dmarcus@bu.edu](mailto:dmarcus@bu.edu) - I'd love to meet you!





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#### What is the BU Hub?

At BU, we have a university-wide educational program known as the Hub. The BU Hub is an approach to general education, helping students build the skills and experiences they'll use long after graduation. Instead of thinking about general education as a separate set of courses, the Hub weaves important learning outcomes into the classes students take over the duration of their BU studies. Transfer students will complete a modified version of the curriculum that acknowledges prior coursework while ensuring they receive a comprehensive BU education. The goal is to help Terriers connect what they learn in the classroom to real-world challenges and prepare them to succeed in their careers, communities, and everyday lives. Students fulfill their Hub requirements through coursework both inside and outside their major. Learn more about the Hub [here](#)!



### Special Events for Transfer Students

#### Transfer Community Connections Lunch

Thursday, August 27, various times (part of your Orientation schedule)

Come as you are. Leave with new friends. Join fellow BU transfer students for a laid-back lunch focused on community and connection. Hosted in the GSU Food Court, there's no agenda—just good food, great people, and a chance to start building your BU community in a relaxed, welcoming space.

#### Transfer Student Welcome Reception

Friday, September 4, 3-5pm

We are so excited to welcome you to the BU community! Mark your calendars for a special welcome reception for transfers during the first week of classes. You'll meet fellow transfer students and university leaders (including President Gilliam) and partake in food and refreshments. Registration is required: [sign up here](#) to save your spot!



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