

Cost Of Attendance & Planning Worksheet

Step 1. Understanding Your Cost of Attendance: Billed Expenses

The Cost of Attendance, or Budget, is the amount it will cost a student to go to school for one academic year. The Cost of Attendance is broken down into both billed and non-billed expenses which when combined determine the amount of aid that can be awarded to a student for an academic year. As a Title IV institution, Boston University cannot allow students to borrow Federal or Private funds beyond the calculated CoA.

Below you will find a breakdown of the expenses that make up your total Cost of Attendance to attend BU Wheelock for the 26/27 academic year. Some fields below will be left blank, as they are not automatically included in your budget, or are subject to a student’s individual enrollment. Please note that this worksheet does not include summer sessions.

Billed Expenses: Full Time Enrollment (12-18Cr)		
	Cost Per Semester	Cost Per Year (Fall/Spring)
Tuition	\$36,512	\$73,024
Mandatory Fees	\$549	\$1,098
BU Student Health Insurance	\$3,538*	
Total Full Time:		A.
Billed Expenses: Part Time Enrollment (2-11Cr)		
	Cost Per Credit	Cost Per Fall and Spring
Tuition - Online & Evening Rate (after 4pm)	\$1,141	
Tuition - Daytime Rate	\$2,282	
Part Time Fees (per semester)	\$100	
Total Part-Time Billed Expenses		B.

*Medical Insurance is only assessed to full time students in the Fall Term, and can be waived through student health services if you have comparable coverage. This price is still subject to change before the start of Fall 2026

Step 2. Estimated Non-Billed Expense (Based on a 9 Month Academic Year)

The non-billed expenses that are factored into a student’s total Budget include Books & Supplies, Food & Housing, Personal Expenses and more. Boston University estimates what we expect a graduate student will need for standard living expenses, and automatically apply the below figures to each student’s budget. Your actual expenses may differ from the BU estimates; if you expect any of them to be above the figures below, you will need to contact Financial Assistance for budget approval.

Non-Billed Expenses		
	Cost Per Semester	Cost Per Year (Fall/Spring)
Food & Housing	\$8,125	\$16,250
Books & Supplies (Full Time)	\$648	\$1,296
Personal	\$1,646	\$3,292
Transportation	\$560	\$1,120
Allowable Additionas		
	Monthly Cost	Cost Per Fall and Spring
Laptop Purchases (One Time)		
Phone & Internet		
Dependent Care		
Total Non-Billed		C.

Step 3. Determine the amount of additional financing you will need

Cost of Attendance	
Total Costs - Full Time (A + C)	D.
Total Costs - Full Time (B + C)	E.
Resources	
Contributions From Savings/Pauyments	
Scholarship & Grants	
Expected Earnings (Student Employment)	
Total Resources	F.
What To Plan For	
Remaining Expenses (Subtract F. from D. or E.)	G.

Step 4. Reviewing your budget and your financing options

Wheelock as a graduate program does not have the resources to award need-based financial aid, nor are graduate students eligible for Federal need-based grants. The primary avenue to financing your degree is through student loans. Scan the QR code below to access all the resources necessary to meet with our team and create your financing plan.

