

Boston University Info Guide

School Information

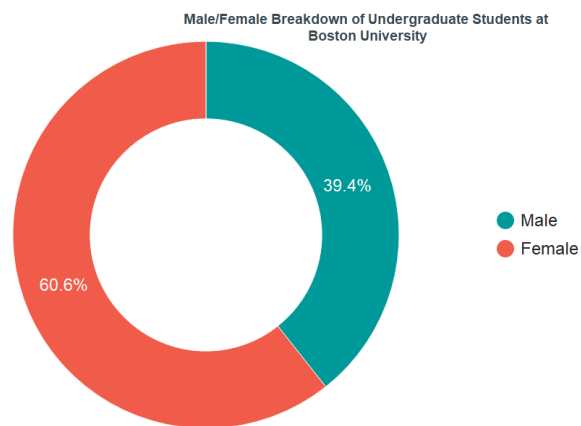
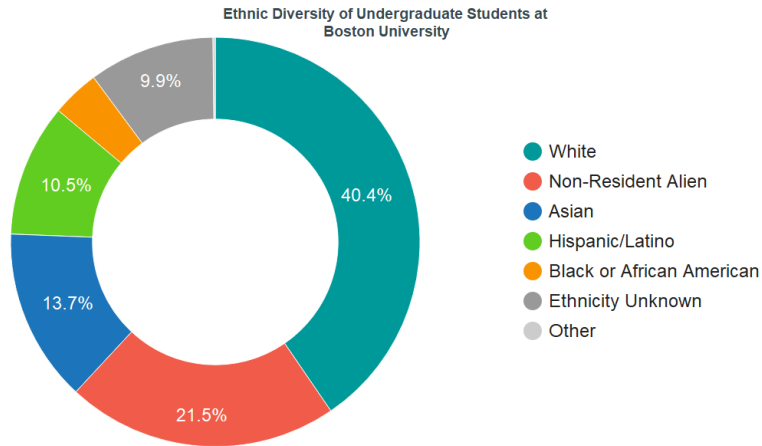
- Private, non-profit, co-ed, research university located in Boston (urban setting)
 - Fourth largest private university in the country
- Spread-out campus, a total of three campuses around Boston
 - Most buildings located along Commonwealth Avenue
 - Charles River Campus, Fenway, and BU Medical Center Campuses
- Student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1
- Acceptance rate of 18.5%

Surrounding Area

- Over 250,000 students and 90 colleges in the Boston area
- Vibrant and historic New England city with lots to do and see
- “The T” (Boston’s public transportation system) is used to get around and there are 3 stops, one for each campus
- The university borders the neighborhoods of Fenway, Allston, and Brookline
 - Charles River campus is across from Cambridge, Massachusetts

School Size

- About 18,000 undergraduate students
- Average class size of 27 students
- About 4,000 international undergraduate students, ranked among the top 10 colleges for international students
- About 2,600 faculty members
- Culturally, ethnically and academically diverse student body



Academics

- The school follows a semester-based calendar
- 300+ majors and minors to choose from
- 10 colleges within the university for undergraduates
 - College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)
 - College of Communication (COM)
 - College of Engineering (ENG)
 - College of Fine Arts (CFA)
 - College of General Studies (CGS)
 - College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent)
 - Pardee School of Global Studies (Pardee)
 - Questrom School of Business
 - School of Hospitality Administration (SHA)

- Wheelock College of Education & Human Development
- Programs offered across different schools for Pre-law, Pre-dentistry, Pre-medicine, Pre-veterinary medicine
- The Collaborative Degree Program is a dual degree program that allows students to receive two undergraduate degrees from two different colleges in only four years
- Seven-Year Accelerated Medical Program offers early admission to BU Medical School
- Popular majors include:
 - Business Administration and Management
 - Communication and Media Studies
 - Economics
 - Psychology
 - Computer Science
- There is grade deflation
- Over 25 languages offered

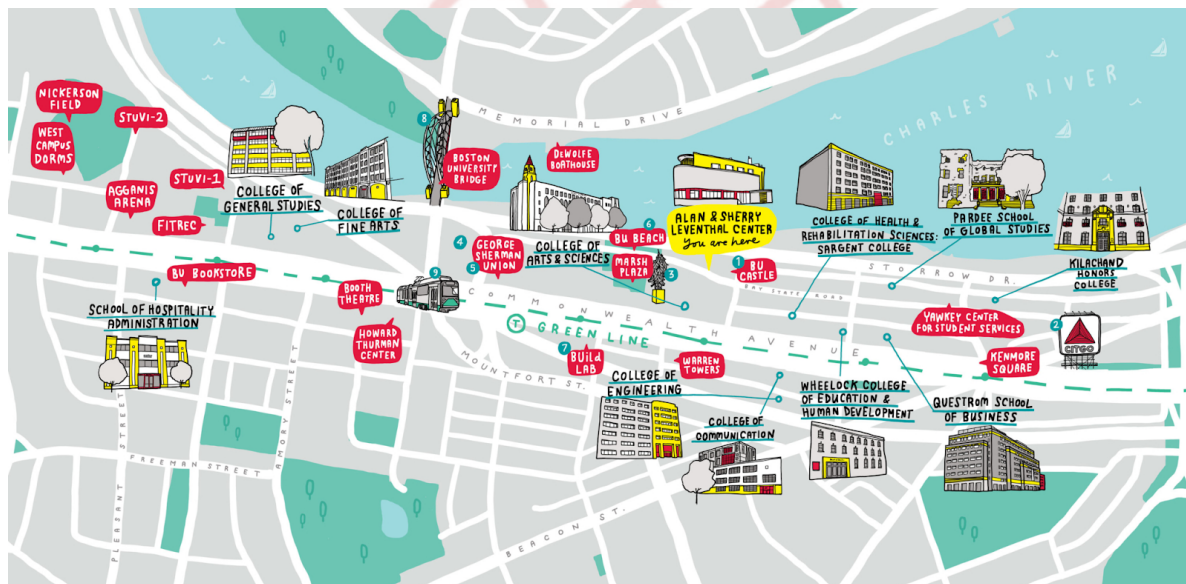
Core Curriculum/Requirements

- The BU Hub is the general education program
- 26 Hub units required to graduate
 - There are six categories that classes fall under:
 - Philosophical, Aesthetic, and Historical Interpretation
 - Scientific and Social Inquiry
 - Quantitative Reasoning
 - Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship
 - Communication
 - Intellectual Toolkit
- AP credits can be used for these classes if you receive a 4 or 5 on the exam

Student Life

- Only about 11% of students participate in greek life
 - 9 recognized fraternities and 10 recognized sororities
 - Recruitment happens at the beginning of the Spring semester over a weekend

- Consists of Philanthropy Day, Sisterhood Day, Preference Night, and Bid Night
- Over 500 student organizations offered, including interest-based clubs, professional organizations, community service, cultural groups, and more
- 24 NCAA Division I athletic teams, part of the Patriot League
 - Known for their Men's Hockey team that have won several championships
- The FitRec Center is a state of the art five-floor workout space that offers exercise classes, has an Olympic pool, a lazy river, a rock-climbing wall, and more
- The BU "Beach" is a green area behind the Marsh Chapel and is a popular spot for students to relax in the warmer months
- The Agganis Arena is BU's main arena used for sporting events, concerts, ceremonies, and more
- There are religious life student organizations, a Hillel for Jewish students, The BU Catholic Center



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Opportunities

- Its urban location allows for many internships and job opportunities
 - 90% of students have completed at least one internship before graduating
- Offers combined BA/MA programs
- Highly-ranked study abroad program

- Over 70 programs in 15+ countries
- Many of these programs are tailored to the field of study/major
- Other campuses located in London, Los Angeles, Paris, Washington, DC, and Sydney
- Large alumni network of over 300,000 in over 180 countries
- Ranked #14 for employability, 94% of graduates found jobs after graduating or admission to graduate school
- Questrom Honors Program at the business school
- Kilachand Honors College offers a liberal education, smaller class sizes, a Keystone project, and [more](#)
- The Directed Study Program through the College of Arts & Sciences allows students to conduct research with the help of faculty members
 - Requires an application
 - Research must be within the liberal arts field

Application Info

- The application deadline is January 4th
- Application fee of \$80
- Uses the Coalition or Common Application
- Requires two supplemental essays
- Minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 letters of recommendation
- Test optional this year

Unique Features

- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)
 - Allows students to conduct their own research in a range of disciplines while being mentored by faculty
 - Research is typically published
 - Some researchers receive rewards and/or present at conferences
- Over 2,000 research labs on-campus, Tier 1 research institution
- Many [resources](#) available to students

- There are both on-campus and off-campus internships offered

School's Strengths

- Most known for their law school, medical school, and economics program
- Ranked #42 by US News and #27 by the Wall Street Journal
- Ranked #56 in the world by the CWUR World University Rankings
- Their mostly highly-ranked graduate schools include the School of Law, School of Management, School of Medicine, College of Engineering, and School of Education
 - School of Law ranked 22nd “Best Law Schools”
 - Ranked 29th in “Best Medical Schools: Research.”
 - The College of Engineering ranked 35th “Best Engineering Schools”
- Globally renowned research conducted here (explained further above)

Housing

- Guaranteed housing all four years for undergraduates
- 75% of students live on-campus, less common to live off-campus
 - 99% of freshmen live on-campus
- Large traditional style in buildings, small traditional style in brownstones, apartment-style with kitchens, and [more](#)
- The Student Village is the largest, most centrally located housing option with suite-style and apartment-style housing open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors (nicknamed StuVi and StuVi2)
- Living-Learning Communities allow students that share common interests, backgrounds, and/or fields of study to live together
- Housing is guaranteed to be safe, have fast WiFi, and many dining options
- Must be enrolled in a year-long meal plan if living in dorms
- Some buildings are in busier areas than others

Food On & Off-Campus

- Food on-campus is highly rated by students
- Kosher, halal, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergy-friendly options

- Many different kinds of restaurants near and around campus
- George Sherman Union Food Hall (GSU)
 - New food court with a Starbucks, Panda Express, Open Kitchen, Rhett's Diner, Greens & Grains Salads, CRBC, The Market, Basho Sushi
 - Offers mobile ordering through GrubHub Campus Dining, take out, and on-site ordering
- Buick Street Market & Cafe
 - Dunkin' Donuts, Loose Leafs Fresh Salads, Charles River Bread Company
- The West Campus Dining Hall has the best selection of food and healthy options
- Other [dining options](#) on campus
- A BU ID card is required for entry to most dining locations

Other Information

- Notable alumni include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who earned a doctorate in Theology from BU in 1955
- Historically affiliated with the Methodist Church
- One of 60 universities part of the Association of American universities
- The Boston terrier is the school's mascot