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Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts
College Board Code: 3087

At a Glance

Main Address

One Sherbourne Street
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 353-2000
www.bu.edu

Admission Office

121 Bay State Road
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 353-2300
Fax: (617) 353-9695
admissions@bu.edu
Contact: Kelly Walter
Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Type of School

Private
University
Four-year
Coed
Percent applicants admitted: 54%
Regionally Accredited
New England Association of Colleges and Schools
College Board member

Calendar:

Semester

Degrees Available:

- Bachelor's
- Master's
- Doctoral

Setting

Urban setting
Very large city (over 500,000)
Residential campus

Size

Total undergrads: 18,534
First-time degree-seeking freshmen: 4,131
Degree-seeking undergrads: 16,474
Graduate enrollment: 11,002

Student Body

1st-year students:

20% In-state students
80% Out-of-state students

60% Women
40% Men

<1% American Indian/Alaskan Native
14% Asian/Pacific Islander
3% Black/Non-Hispanic
7% Hispanic
43% White/Non-Hispanic
10% Non-Resident Alien
23% Race/ethnicity unreported

55% in top 10th of graduating class
87% in top quarter of graduating class
99% in top half of graduating class

26% had h.s. GPA of 3.75 and higher
30% had h.s. GPA between 3.5 and 3.74
20% had h.s. GPA between 3.25 and 3.49
20% had h.s. GPA between 3.0 and 3.24
4% had h.s. GPA between 2.5 and 2.99



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Deadlines

Tests

SAT Reasoning / ACT score report due by: --
SAT Subject score report due by: --

Admission

Regular application deadline: --
Priority application deadline: --
College will notify student by: --
Student must reply to acceptance by: --
Deadline for housing deposit: 01-MAY

Early Decision & Early Action

Early decision deadline: --
College will notify student of early decision by: --
Early action deadline: --
College will notify student of early action by: --

Financial Aid

Financial aid deadline: --
Financial aid priority deadline: --

International Students

Fall application deadline: --

Transfer Students

Transfer application closing date: --
Transfer priority application date: --
College will notify student of transfer decision by: --
Transfer deadline for filing financial aid forms: --
Transfer priority financial aid deadline: --
College will notify student of financial aid decisions on or about: --
Student must reply to financial aid decision by: --

Admission

Application Fee

College has an application fee: Not reported

Acceptance & Retention

Percent applicants admitted: 54%

Percent of students who return for sophomore year: 91%

Transfer Students

Number of transfers who applied for fall term: 2,518

Number of transfers who were admitted for fall term: 719

Number of transfers who enrolled for fall term: 232

Terms in which transfers may enroll: Fall, Spring

Transfers accepted at these levels: First-semester freshman, second-semester freshman, sophomore, junior

Admission requirements for transfers:

- Required of All: High School Transcript, College Transcript(s), Essay or Personal Statement, Standardized Test Scores, Statement of good standing from Prior Institutions(s)
- Not Required: Interview

Minimum college GPA required (4.0 scale): 3.5

Lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit (on a 4.0 scale): 2.0

Additional requirements for transfer admission: Transfer Student Status Report required.

Early Decision & Early Action

Early decision and early action plans let you apply early to colleges, but there are different rules for each plan. See Help for more information.

Plan(s) available:

- Early decision

Number of early decision applications received: 836

Number admitted under early decision plan: 340

Some programs do not have option. If accepted students must send enrollment deposit by January 15 and withdraw all other college applications. Statement of understanding must be signed by student, counselor, parent/guardian acknowledging binding nature of program.

Admission Policies and Factors

Admission requirements:

- Essay(s) required
- Required: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- If submitting ACT, the writing section is required
- Required: SAT Subject Tests

Very important admission factors:

- Rigor of secondary school record
- Talent/Ability

Important admission factors:

- Class Rank
- Application Essay
- Recommendations
- Standardized Test Scores
- Academic GPA

Admission (continued)

Admission Policies and Factors (continued)

Considered:

- Alumni Relation
- Character/Personal Qualities
- Extracurricular Activities
- Geographical Residence
- Racial/Ethnic Status
- State Residency
- Volunteer Work
- Work Experience
- First generation college student
- Level of Applicant's Interest

A note about the college's admission requirements: Evidence of strong academic performance in challenging college-prep curriculum most important.

High School Preparation

High School diploma required, GED accepted

Required units: 15 total

| | |
|------------------|---|
| English | 4 |
| Foreign Language | 2 |
| Math | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Science Lab | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3 |

Recommended units: 20 total

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Foreign Language | 4 |
| Math | 4 |
| Science | 4 |
| Science Lab | 4 |
| Social Studies | 4 |

Home-Schooled Students

Students should contact Office of Admissions prior to application.

SAT®, AP®, CLEP®

Test Scores

| | Middle 50% of First-Year Students | Percent Who Submitted Scores |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAT Critical Reading: | 580 - 670 | 90% |
| SAT Math: | 600 - 690 | 90% |
| SAT Writing: | 590 - 680 | 90% |
| ACT Composite: | 25 - 30 | 35% |

SAT & ACT Policies

For admission decisions:

- Required: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- If submitting ACT, the writing section is required
- Required: SAT Subject Tests

For placement:

- SAT
- ACT

SAT or ACT writing component will be used as follows:

+ indicates availability

| | SAT essay | ACT essay |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Will be used for admission: | + | + |
| Will be used for placement: | | |
| Will be used for advising: | | |
| Will be used in place of an application essay: | | |
| Will be used as a validity check on the application essay: | | |

- SAT Reasoning/ACT score report due by: Not reported
- SAT Subject score report due by: Not reported

SAT score-use policy:

- Highest Section Scores Across Test Dates

Other test policies:

SAT Subject Tests in Chemistry and Math (level 2) required for accelerated medical and dental programs. Others required to submit 2 subject tests in subject areas of their choice.

Advanced Placement Program(AP) Information

AP Credit and Placement Policy

Offers credit for AP Exams: Yes
Offers placement into higher-level courses for AP Exams: Yes

From the college:

Most programs at Boston University award credit for test scores of 4 or 5 on most Advanced Placement Exams. For some programs and exams, credit is awarded for score of 3. The number of credits granted varies by school. The faculty meet annually to review AP policies. Please understand that policies may change after this posting is made and credits assigned will vary by school and college.

Want detailed information about this college's AP policy?

<http://www.bu.edu/dbin/infocenter/content/index.php?pageid=40>

SAT®, AP®, CLEP® (continued)

College-Level Examinations Program(CLEP) Information

All CLEP exam scores range from 20 to 80. A score of 99 indicates that credit is awarded on an individually-determined basis

| Exam | Minimum Grade for Credit | Credit Hours Awarded |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| American Government | -- | -- |
| American Literature | -- | -- |
| Analysis and Interpretation of Literature | -- | -- |
| Biology | -- | -- |
| Calculus | -- | -- |
| Chemistry | -- | -- |
| College Algebra | -- | -- |
| College Algebra-Trigonometry | -- | -- |
| College French-Level 1 | -- | -- |
| College French-Level 2 | -- | -- |
| College German- Level 1 | -- | -- |
| College German-Level 2 | -- | -- |
| College Mathematics | -- | -- |
| College Spanish-Level 1 | -- | -- |
| College Spanish-Level 2 | -- | -- |
| English Composition | -- | -- |
| English Composition with Essay | -- | -- |
| English Literature | -- | -- |
| Financial Accounting | -- | -- |
| Freshman College Composition | -- | -- |
| History of the United States I | -- | -- |
| History of the United States II | -- | -- |
| Human Growth and Development | -- | -- |
| Humanities | -- | -- |
| Information Systems and Computer Application | -- | -- |
| Introductory Business Law | -- | -- |
| Introductory Educational Psychology | -- | -- |
| Introductory Psychology | -- | -- |
| Introductory Sociology | -- | -- |
| Natural Sciences | -- | -- |
| Precalculus | -- | -- |
| Principles of Accounting | -- | -- |
| Principles of Macroeconomics | -- | -- |
| Principles of Management | -- | -- |
| Principles of Marketing | -- | -- |
| Principles of Microeconomics | -- | -- |
| Social Sciences and History | -- | -- |
| Trigonometry | -- | -- |



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| Exam | Minimum Grade for Credit | Credit Hours Awarded |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648 | -- | -- |
| Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present | -- | -- |

Cost & Financial Aid

Annual College Costs (Fall 2009)

| | Living on -campus | Living at home | Commuting, not living at home |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| In-state tuition and fees: | \$38,440 | \$38,440 | \$38,440 |
| Out-of-state tuition and fees: | \$38,440 | \$38,440 | \$38,440 |
| Room and board: | \$11,848 | \$2,103 | \$11,848 |
| Books and supplies: | \$940 | \$940 | \$940 |
| Estimated personal expenses: | \$1,226 | \$1,226 | \$1,226 |
| Transportation expense: | \$546 | \$2,191 | \$546 |
| Cost per credit hour: | \$1,184 | | |
| Cost per credit hour (in-state): | | | |
| Cost per credit hour (out-of-state): | | | |

Financial Aid Statistics

- Full-time freshman enrollment: 4,131
- Number who applied for need-based aid: 2,427
- Number who were judged to have need: 1,954
- Number who were offered aid: 1,952
- Number who had full need met: 930
- Average percent of need met: 90%
- Average financial aid package: \$30,935
- Average need-based loan: \$4,960
- Average need-based scholarship or grant award: \$21,485
- Average non-need based aid: \$18,405
- Average indebtedness at graduation: \$26,586

Financial Aid Distribution

Percent of total undergraduate aid awarded as:
Scholarships / grants: 69%
Loans / jobs: 31%

Non-need-based aid determined by:

- Academics
- Alumni Affiliation
- Art
- Athletics
- Leadership
- Music/Drama
- ROTC
- Religious Affiliation
- State/District Residency

Need-based aid determined by:

- Academics
- Art
- Leadership
- Minority Status
- Music/Drama

Scholarship opportunities:

Trustee Scholar Program; full tuition and fees (renewable); candidates nominated by high school principals, headmasters, or students. University Scholarships; half tuition (renewable); based on exceptionally strong high school academic record. Dean's Scholarships; \$10,000 (renewable); based on strong academic credentials; for students who have applied for need-based financial aid but have financial resources which exceed, cost of attendance. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship; full tuition; for academically gifted students with proven leadership abilities and strong commitment to social justice and community involvement.



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Cost & Financial Aid (continued)

Financial Aid Forms

Domestic first-year financial aid applicants must submit the following forms, if applicable:

- Business/farm supplement
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- FAFSA
- Noncustodial (divorced/separated) Parents Statement
- State aid form

Contact Information

Financial Aid Office phone: (617) 353-2965

Majors

Most Popular Majors

For Bachelor's Degrees

Business/Marketing: 18%
Social Sciences: 18%
Communications/Journalism: 17%
Psychology: 7%
Biology: 6%
Engineering: 6%
Health Professions: 6%
Visual and Performing Arts: 5%

Graduate Paths

Not reported

All Majors

Levels at which colleges offer undergraduate majors are designated by these letters:
A = Associate degree, B = Bachelor's degree, C = Certificate or diploma.

Area, Ethnic, Cultural, & Gender Studies

American Studies *B*
East Asian Studies *B*
Italian Studies *B*
Latin American Studies *B*
Russian/Slavic Area Studies *B*

Arts, Visual & Performing

Acting *B*
Art History/Criticism/Conservation *B*
Arts - General *B*
Commercial/Advertising Art *B*
Directing/Theatrical Production *B*
Drawing *B*
Film Production/Cinematography *B*
Music - General Performance *B*
Music - Piano/Organ *B*
Music - Voice/Opera *B*
Music History/Literature *B*
Music Theory/Composition *B*
Painting *B*
Sculpture *B*
Theater Design/Stagecraft *B*
Theater Literature/History/Criticism *B*

Biological & Biomedical Sciences

Biochemistry *B*
Biology *B*
Ecology *B*
Marine/Aquatic Biology *B*
Molecular Biology *B*

Majors (continued)

All Majors (continued)

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Business, Management, & Marketing

Accounting *B*
Business Administration/Management *B*
Entrepreneurial Studies *B*
Finance/Banking *B*
Hospitality Administration/Management *B*
International Business *B*
International Finance *B*
Management Information Systems *B*
Marketing Management *B*
Marketing Research *B*
Operations Management *B*
Organizational Behavior Studies *B*

Communications & Journalism

Advertising *B*
Broadcast Journalism *B*
Communications/Rhetoric *B*
Journalism *B*
Public Relations *B*

Computer & Information Sciences

Computer/Information Sciences - General *B*

Education

Art Teacher Education *B*
Bilingual/Bicultural Education *B*
Chemistry Teacher Education *B*
Drama/Dance Teacher Education *B*
Early Childhood Education *B*
Education - General *B*
Education of Deaf/Hearing Impaired *B*
Elementary Education *B*
English Teacher Education *B*
Mathematics Education *B*
Music Teacher Education *B*
Physical Education *B*
Science Teacher Education *B*
Social Studies Teacher Education *B*
Special Education *B*

Engineering

Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering *B*
Biomedical Engineering *B*
Computer Engineering - General *B*
Electrical/Communications Engineering *B*
Engineering - General *B*
Mechanical Engineering *B*

English Language & Literature

English Language & Literature - General *B*

Majors (continued)

All Majors (continued)

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Foreign Language & Literature

Classics *B*
Foreign Language & Literature - General *B*
French *B*
German *B*
Greek, Ancient *B*
Greek, Modern *B*
Italian *B*
Latin *B*
Linguistics *B*
Russian *B*
Spanish *B*

Health Professions & Clinical Sciences

Athletic Training/Sports Medicine *B*
Communication Disorders *B*
Dental Laboratory Technology *B*

History

History - General *B*

Law & Legal Studies

Legal Administrative Assistance *B*
Paralegal/Legal Assistance *B*

Mathematics

Mathematics - General *B*

Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies

Mathematics/Computer Science *B*
Neuroscience *B*
Nutrition Sciences *B*

Natural Resources & Conservation

Environmental Science *B*
Environmental Studies *B*
Natural Resources & Conservation - General *B*
Natural Resources Management/Policy *B*

Parks, Recreation & Fitness

Exercise Sciences *B*

Philosophy & Religion

Philosophy *B*
Religion/Religious Studies *B*

Physical Sciences

Astronomy *B*
Astrophysics *B*
Chemistry *B*
Geology *B*
Geophysics/Seismology *B*
Physics *B*
Planetary Sciences *B*

Psychology

Psychology - General *B*



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Majors (continued)

All Majors (continued)

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Social Sciences

Anthropology *B*

Archaeology *B*

Economics *B*

Geography *B*

International Relations *B*

Political Science/Government *B*

Sociology *B*

Urban Studies *B*

Academics & Support

Special Study Options

- Accelerated Program
- Cross-Registration
- Distance Learning
- Double Major
- Dual Enrollment of High School Students
- ESL
- Honors Program
- Independent Study
- Internships
- Liberal Arts/Career Combination
- ROTC, Air Force
- ROTC, Army
- ROTC, Navy
- Semester At Sea
- Student-Designed Major
- Study Abroad
- Teacher Certification
- Washington Semester
- Weekend College

Cooperative (Work-Study) Programs

Cooperative (work-study programs): Yes

Academic Support Services

- Extensive Undergraduate Evening or Early Morning Classes
- Learning Center
- Study Skills Assistance
- Tutoring
- Writing Center

Counseling & Other Support Services

- Adult (re-entering) student services
- Career Counseling
- Chaplain/Spiritual Director
- Employment Service
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Freshman Orientation Program
- Health Services
- Minority Student Services
- Personal Counseling
- Placement Service
- Veterans Counselor

Special Services for Transfer Students

For students transferring IN from another school:

- Advisor
- Orientation

For students transferring OUT of this school:

- Transfer advisor

Services for Students with Disabilities

- Comprehensive Learning Disability Services
- Services/Facilities For Hearing Impaired
- Services/Facilities For Speech Or Communications Disorders
- Services/Facilities For Visually Impaired
- Wheelchair Accessibility



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Academics & Support (continued)

Computer Services

- 750 work stations, available in:
 - dorms
 - libraries
 - computer centers
 - student centers
- Dorms Wired for Access to Campus-Wide Network
- Email Accounts Provided to All Students
- Online Course Registration for Freshmen
- Commuter/Off-Campus Students Can Connect to Campus Network
- Computer Repair Service Available On Campus
- Computer Helpline Available
- Dorms Wired for High Speed Internet Connections
- Online Library
- Discounted Computer Software for Sale
- Discounted Computer Hardware for Sale
- Student Web Hosting
- Wireless Network

Distance Learning

Offers distance learning courses or programs (online or partially online): Yes

Housing & Campus Life

Housing and Policies

Guaranteed On-Campus Housing For All Undergraduates
 99% of first-year students live in college housing
 65% of all undergraduates live in college housing

Housing options:

- Coed Housing
- Women's Housing
- Apartments For Married Students
- Apartments For Single Students
- Cooperative Housing
- Special Housing For Disabled Students
- Wellness housing (alcohol/drug/smoke-free)

Deadline for housing deposit: 01-MAY

Amount of housing deposit: \$650

Housing deposit is not refunded if student does not enroll.

First-time first-year students allowed to have car

Campus

Urban setting

Very large city (over 500,000)

Residential campus

Unique facilities:

biodiversity station in Ecuador, dedicated management library, planetarium, National Public Radio station, 20th century archives, professional theater/theater company, center for remote sensing, speech, language and hearing clinic, culinary center, communication multimedia lab

Geographical location:

Downtown

Activities

+ indicates availability

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Campus ministries | + | Choral groups | + |
| Concert band | + | Dance | + |
| Drama | + | Film society | + |
| Fraternities | + | International students | + |
| Jazz band | + | Literary magazine | + |
| Marching band | + | Model U.N. | + |
| Music ensembles | + | Musical theater | + |
| Opera | + | Pep band | + |
| Radio station | + | Sororities | + |
| Student government | + | Student newspaper | + |
| Symphony orchestra | + | Television station | + |
| Yearbook | + | | |

Percent of men who join fraternities: 3%

Percent of women who join sororities: 7%

Student newspaper: www.dailyfreepress.com

Other activities or organizations:

468 student organizations available.

Sports

General Athletics

Member: NCAA

Team name: Terriers

| Sport | Levels Available |
|------------------------------|--|
| Badminton | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Baseball | Men's Club |
| Basketball | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Cheerleading | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Cross-Country | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Diving | Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Equestrian | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Fencing | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Field Hockey | Women's NCAA Division I Women's Intercollegiate Women's Scholarship |
| Football (Non-Tackle) | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural |
| Golf | Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate |
| Gymnastics | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Ice Hockey | Men's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Women's Intramural Women's Club Women's Scholarship |
| Lacrosse | Women's NCAA Division I Women's Intercollegiate Men's Club Women's Scholarship |

Sports (continued)

| Sport | Levels Available |
|------------------|--|
| Rugby | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Sailing | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Soccer | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Softball | Women's NCAA Division I Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Women's Scholarship |
| Swimming | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Table Tennis | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Tennis | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Women's Scholarship |
| Track And Field | Men's Intercollegiate Women's Intercollegiate Men's Scholarship Women's Scholarship |
| Track: Indoor | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I |
| Track: Outdoor | Men's NCAA Division I Women's NCAA Division I |
| Ultimate Frisbee | Men's Club Women's Club |
| Volleyball | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Men's Club Women's Club |
| Water Polo | Men's Intramural Women's Intramural Women's Club |



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|-------|------------------|
|-------|------------------|

Other sports:

ballroom dancing, cycling, dance team (W), dance theater group, figure skating, floor hockey, ice broomball, inline hockey, kung fu arts, jiu jitsu, shotokan karate, ski racing, snowboarding, wiffleball

International Students

Admission for International Students

Fall application deadline: --

Annual College Costs (Fall 2009)

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$38,440 |
| Room & Board (on-campus) | \$11,848 |
| Additional estimated expenses | \$1,617 |
| Costs per credit hour | \$1,184 |

Financial Aid

International students eligible for non-need-based aid
Number of enrolled international undergraduates received aid: 116
Total amount awarded : \$3,771,342

Non-resident aliens must submit the following financial aid forms:

- Foreign Student Certification of Finances

Tests for International Students

- Required: SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests; or ACT
- Required for Some: SAT Subject Tests
- TOEFL required of non-resident alien applicants
- TOEFL (paper) minimum score: 550
- TOEFL (computer) minimum score: 215
- TOEFL (computer) average score: 260

Services for International Students

- English as a Second Language Program On Campus for International Students
- Housing During Summer Months for International Students
- International Student Adviser
- Special International Student Orientation Program