



Welcome from BU Orientation!

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18 weeks to arrival. 39 days to thrive.

Volume 4: BU101: Beginning Your Academic Journey



Your academic journey at BU begins with thinking about your interests and goals and how you can pursue them through the major you choose. Some of you will have chosen a major already, while others are still exploring. Either way, how should you select the classes you'll take in your first semester?

- Your academic advisor, a staff person in your school or college, is here to help! Academic advisors help students craft an educational plan that aligns with their values, interests, and goals.
- If they haven't already, an academic advisor in your school or college will email you information and guidance about course selection. This email will be packed with important instructions so please read it carefully and follow the guidance! Bear in mind that most students take four, 4-unit courses in their first semester

Get Excited.

Fall 2025 course registration opens for incoming transfer students on Tues. June 17 and for incoming first-year students on Tues. June 24!

Get Ready.

Watch the Preparing for Registration video to learn how to get ready to register for classes in MyBU.

Get Connected.

Students are assigned an academic advisor in their school/college. Your academic advisor's name is available on the MyBU Student Portal in the "Advisors" section of your main Dashboard.

Student Organization Spotlight: WTBU

Have you ever wanted to host a radio show? WTBU is Boston University's premiere radio station. There, you can choose from a variety of shows and become a DJIT (DJ in Training) before becoming a full-on DJ! Topics for the shows range from lifestyle to pop culture to specific music genres, and the station is open to all students at Boston University.



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Academic Exploration

BU has over 100 majors and some of those are subjects that your previous school might not have offered. **Fun fact! First-year students have two years to make a final decision but you will ultimately be required to choose and complete ONE major in order to graduate from BU.** Minors are optional at BU. For now, it's a good idea to consider all the different majors and minors so you know all that's possible. Use the list of [degree programs](#) in the BU Bulletin to filter for "undergraduate majors" or "undergraduate minors". The [BU Bulletin](#) is your official guide to the departments, programs, policies, and courses at BU. It's not a "beach read" but it's packed with important and helpful information. Remember, taking a [BU Hub](#) course can be a good way to explore a major or a minor while meeting general education requirements.



Inside Orientation Week

On Thursday, 8/28, students can personalize their schedule by choosing a track experience. Check out this one:

How to BU

This interactive session is all about you and how you will approach your time here. During How to BU, you'll talk with your peers and student leaders about your values, your purpose in attending college, and what you want to get out of your time at BU. Along the way, you'll learn how to use elements of Life Design to design your BU experience. Hosted by: [First-Year Success office](#)

10am - 12pm or 1 - 3pm

Visit [MyBU Student Portal](#) to add it to your schedule!

Student Tip of the Week

Professors host office hours weekly to answer your questions! Don't hesitate to stop by--they're eager to help!

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