### Getting Around Boston

#### Public Transportation Close to BUMC

The MBTA is Boston’s public transit agency ([www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)).

**Trains:** Orange Line (at Massachusetts Avenue), Red Line (at Broadway Station)  

**Buses:** #1, #8, #10, #47, CT1, CT3 (Newton and Concord Streets, Mass. Ave). Silver Line (on Washington Street)

*Taxi:* are plentiful on Washington and Tremont Streets, especially in the evening.

*The BU Shuttle:* ([www.bu.edu/thebus](http://www.bu.edu/thebus)) is a free BU bus that travels between the BUMC and the Charles-River campus. It stops at Albany Street every 10 to 20 minutes.

*Bicycle Cages/Racks:* there are 2 bicycle cages and 5 bike racks on campus and a bike sharing system at [www.thehubway.com](http://www.thehubway.com).

### Finding Roommates

Most students in Boston will live with roommates to make housing more affordable. Before deciding to live with a roommate, students should make sure they have three “C’s”: credit, consideration, and communication. Roommates in Boston are "jointly and severally" liable for rent, meaning that if one roommate doesn’t pay, everyone else has to make up the rest.

**Popular Roommate-Finding Resources**

- **BU Roommate-Matching Database** ([www.bu.edu/offcampus](http://www.bu.edu/offcampus))  
- **Craig’s List** ([www.boston.craigslist.org](http://www.boston.craigslist.org))  
- **Boston Roommates** ([www.bostonroommates.com](http://www.bostonroommates.com))  
- **Harvard Medical School Trading Post** ([mycourses.med.harvard.edu/tradingpost](http://mycourses.med.harvard.edu/tradingpost))

### Finding Housing

#### BU Resources

1. **Housing Resources**  
   Located on the Medical Campus, Housing Resources ([www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr](http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr)) assists students with the entire housing search process from finding a roommate to signing a lease. Contact 617-638-5125 for more information.

2. **Off-Campus Services**  
   Located on the Charles River Campus, Off-Campus Services ([www.bu.edu/offcampus](http://www.bu.edu/offcampus)) hosts the BU apartment database with listings in the Greater Boston area.

3. **Rental Property Management (RPM)** ([www.bu.edu/rpm](http://www.bu.edu/rpm)) offers University owned apartments for rent. Students who want to live in housing that is managed by Boston University, which also includes Harrison Court, should contact RPM at 617-353-4101. Space is limited for Harrison Court.

#### Online Resources

1. **Craig’s List** ([www.boston.craigslist.org](http://www.boston.craigslist.org))  
   The largest online apartment-hunting tool in Boston. Students can use it to find open apartments, roommate-situations, short-term housing, even furniture.

2. **BostonApartments.com**  
   Another online search tool, although most of the apartments are listed by realtors, who usually charge a fee. The ‘no fee’ section of the listings are very useful.

3. **www.padmapper.com**  
   Offers the opportunity to search for no-fee listings by neighborhood.

#### Realtors

If you are short on time or have very specific criteria, using a realtor is a good option. They can show you several apartments during one appointment, and may know a lot about the neighborhood where they work. Most Boston realtors charge a 'realtor fee' or commission, which can be up to one month’s rent.