



Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Summer 2026 Pathways Program Student Handbook

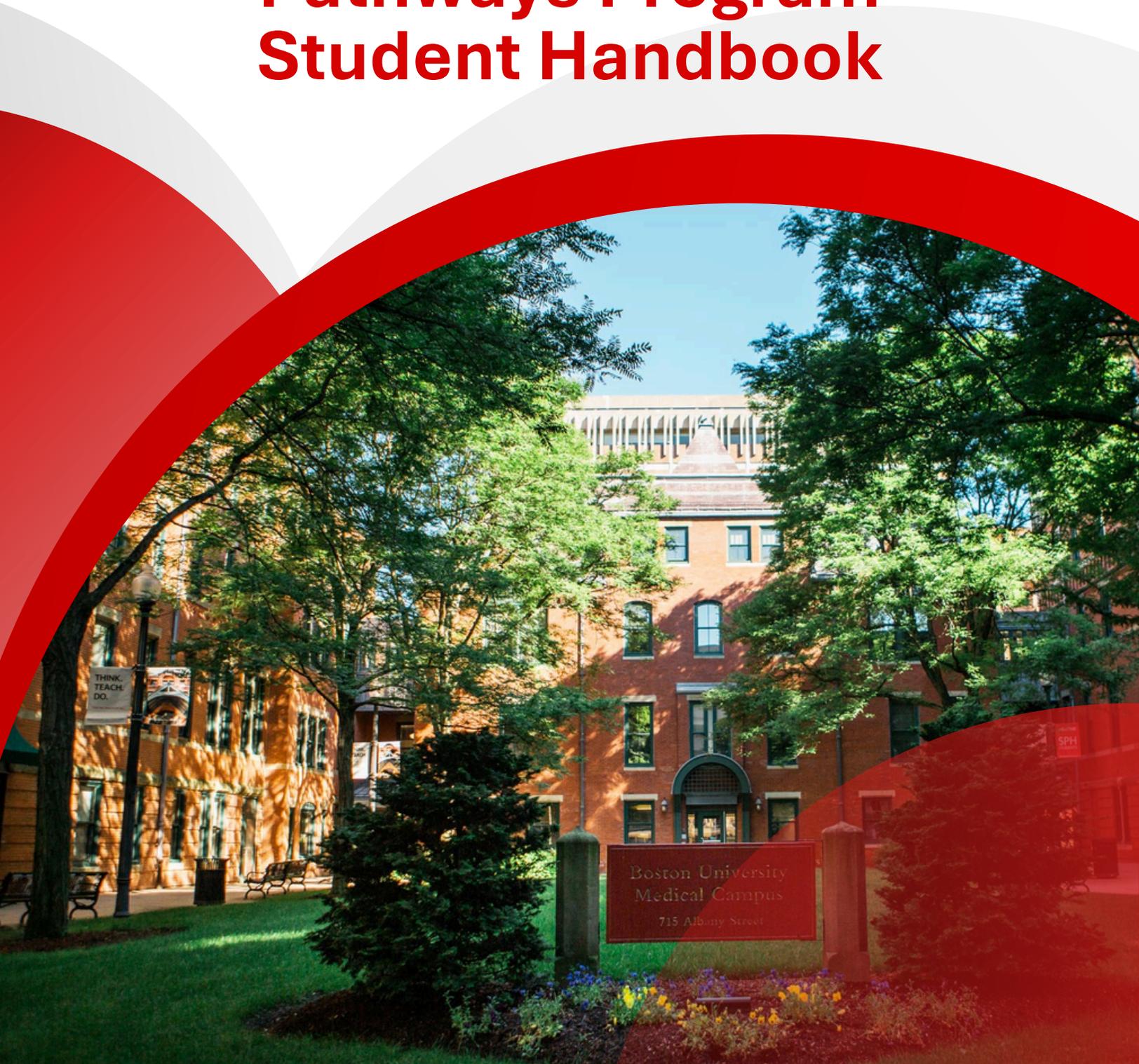


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Welcome to BU!

Shaping Bright Futures Since 1848



Summer Programming

Who We Are

Boston University Medical Campus (BUMC), located in the historic South End of Boston, comprises the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, School of Public Health, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and Chobanian & Avedisian SOM's Graduate Medical Sciences. The Campus includes Boston Medical Center, the primary teaching affiliate of the Chobanian & Avedisian SOM, and the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, a state mental health facility.

Renowned for the quality of teaching and research and for service to the community, these schools provide education and training in the most current thinking and techniques in their fields, with a particular focus on disadvantaged, underserved, and indigent populations.



☘ TO-DOs

Here is what you need to complete before arriving on campus!

- Submit your Photo for your BU ID
- All pre-arrival training for your program
- Complete any and all onboarding for your program. **You will receive instructions from your program leadership on how to complete your BU email/Kerberos password and receive your BU ID number***

****NOTE: All official Boston University communications will be sent to your BU email address. You can forward your BU email to another preferred email address.***

☘ Student Responsibilities

The basic responsibilities of the student include:

- Respecting the rights of others.
- Respecting the highest standards of academic integrity and reporting any violations of those standards to the dean of his or her school or college or the Dean of Students for appropriate investigation and disposition.
- Respecting the property of others and the property, equipment, facilities, and programs of the University.
- Refraining from actions that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of any University community member or its guests.
- Comply with the university's normative standards, rules, and regulations and with federal, state, and local laws



Information About Stipends

Students who participate in government-funded research programs through their home institutions may be eligible for a modified rate to supplement their summer stipend from other sources**.

Depending on the registration date, the stipends are distributed in two (June/July) or three installments (May, June, July).

Funds can be used for food, laundry, dining out, bus and cab fares, toiletries, postal service, and other incidentals and living expenses. Please take a look at your spending habits when deciding how to budget these funds throughout the summer.

Boston may **not** have a local branch of your preferred bank. We encourage you to review your banking options before your arrival. Any money you bring with you onto campus is your responsibility. **We strongly advise that you avoid keeping large amounts of money with you or in your room.**

Direct Deposit

All students receiving a stipend **must set up direct deposit**. Direct Deposit is a safe and convenient way to authorize the University to automatically deposit your earnings into your checking or savings account. **Even if you already have direct deposit from working at BU previously, you should verify that you have authorized direct deposit for any new student employment positions.** Visit this [webpage](#) to see a step-by-step guide to set up direct deposit.

****Note: Per federal guidelines, students who participate in government or association-funded research programs and/or already receive summer stipends from their home institutions may have to forfeit their program's stipend. For instance, students already participating in other government-funded programs that provide summer stipends, such as the American Heart Association Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (AHA SURE), the Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC), and the Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Programs. In these cases, your program's staff will contact your home institution regarding summer stipend and other accommodations.**

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**Housing,
Dining &
Wellness**



🍷 Planning for Your Arrival

What to Bring

IMPORTANT: Please bring a government-issued form of identification. You will need this to obtain your Boston University ID Card (BU ID).

Clothing

The following list serves as a guide and is intended to provide you with a sufficient variety of clothing for your stay. There is no formal daily dress code; however, students are expected to dress appropriately for a laboratory setting (closed toe shoes). Clothing for special functions, while not required, is highly recommended. Please note: Laundry facilities are available.

- Casual shirts and tops
- Shorts
- Pajamas
- Jeans or skirts
- Dress Clothing
- Sneakers/casual walking shoes
- Athletic clothing
- Rain gear
- Bathrobe
- Evening wear
- Swimwear
- Sweater/sweatshirt
- Light coat/jacket
- Hat/visor

Toiletries

You are responsible for your own toiletry and personal hygiene items. You may want to bring a small basket or carrying case to transport items between your dorm room and the bathroom.

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Comb/brush
- Hair dryer
- Deodorant
- Shower shoes/flip-flops
- Shower caddy
- Sunscreen
- Extra contact lenses/glasses
- Personal medications (must be registered to you)

Dorm

You must bring your own linens, pillows, and anything else required to make your dorm room feel like home.

Required

- Bedroom linens may include sheets (extra-long twin size), pillows and pillowcases, and a comforter or blanket

Recommended:

- Fan
- Alarm clock
- Towels (bath, hand, washcloth)
- Shower curtain
- Trash can
- Cleaning and laundry supplies



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What to Bring Cont.

Optional Items:

- Personal computer
- Clothes hangers
- Personal lamps
- Pictures or anything else to make the room seem like home

Note: The residence halls and many other areas on campus have high-speed wireless service. Computers are also available in various on-campus labs and in the library.

You may also want to bring some of the following miscellaneous items:

- Notebooks
- Pens/pencils
- Cell phone and charger
- Individual laundry detergent
- Laundry bag
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Recreation and sports equipment



❁ Housing, Dining & Wellness

All students will be issued a **Boston University Identification Card (BU ID)**.

Your BUID will be required for you to access your residence hall.

You may obtain your BUID, also referred to as your “Terrier Card”, from the Medical Campus ID Card Office located at **650 Albany Street**. You can take your ID photo and pick up your card on your first day or on weekdays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Medical Campus ID Card Office is closed between 12:00 to 12:30. You must bring government issued identification with you to campus for the university to generate you a student ID card.

If the Terrier Card is lost, damaged, or stolen, you should report this in person, by telephone, or in writing to Boston University, Terrier Card Office, 25 Buick Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA 02215, 617-353-9966; or in person at the summer residence dining room office Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, noon–5 p.m. ***There is a \$40 fee if your card needs to be replaced.***

Dormitory and Campus Facilities

Students will be housed on the Charles River Campus at **610 Beacon St** and share a double room, unless otherwise specified, with another program scholar or other BUMC Undergraduate Summer Scholar. You are matched based on gender. Each room is furnished with two single beds, two three-drawer dressers, two wardrobe closets, two computer desks, and chairs.

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❖ Rooms

Students will be issued a key, giving them access to their dorm room. It is the student's responsibility to keep their dorm room locked and secure at all times. A \$125 fee for lost or unreturned keys will be billed directly to the student. Please return your dorm key at check-out and notify the Residence Assistant/Hall Director if you **lose your key** at any point throughout the summer.

❖ Guests

The privilege of having guests in the residence facility or in the residence assigned to a resident is subject to all University policies. Residents who fail to comply with the rules/regulations or whose guests impinge upon the rights or well-being of others shall be subject to loss of guest privileges and to other disciplinary sanctions. Guests whose actions are or whose presence in the residence facility violates the rules/regulations of the University will be considered trespassers.



❖ Dining

Students will receive a 14-meal/week plan. Boston University also offers “**Convenience Points**”, which may be used in the dining halls or any other on-campus dining location. With Convenience Points, students can also pay for textbooks, buy everyday items, do laundry, and more. Students may purchase Convenience Points as a charge to their student account by visiting the Terrier Card office. For more information, visit <https://www.bu.edu/housing/dining/convenience/>.

❖ Student Health Services

Boston University offers a variety of programs that provide services to help you stay healthy and promote your well-being during your educational experience. Student Health Services provides everything from counseling services to preventive resources. For more information visit <https://www.bu.edu/shs/getting-started/>.





Need a lift?
Track us live & view all
the stops on our route.

Transportation

The dormitory is a 20-minute ride from the laboratories on the Medical Campus via the “BU Shuttle.” This free shuttle service is for the exclusive use of Boston University students and affiliates. You can view the shuttle information here: www.bu.edu/thebus.

Security & Safety

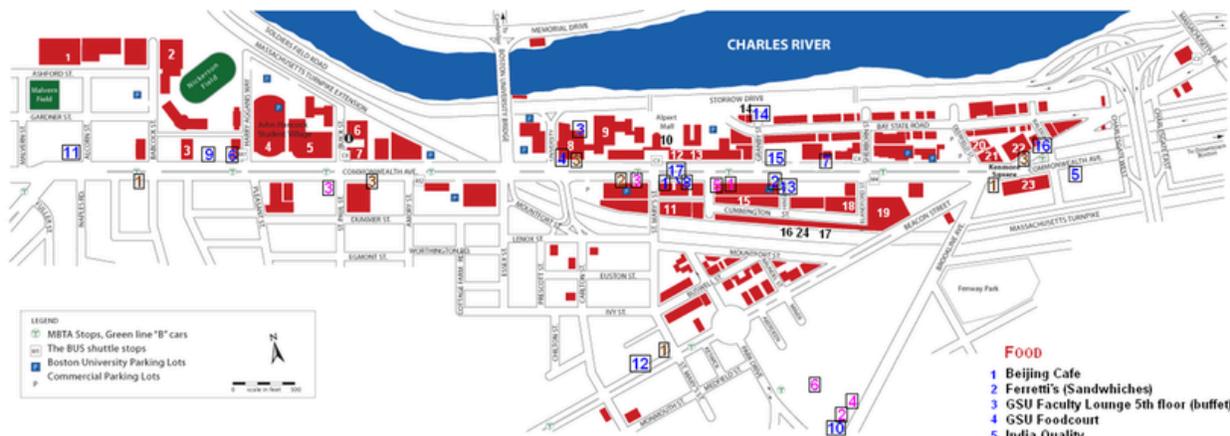
The Charles River Campus is patrolled not only by the Boston University Police Department (BUPD), but also by officers from local towns such as Brookline and Cambridge. Additionally, BU has more than 100 “blue light” emergency call boxes on campus, which garner a 3-minute response time from a uniformed BUPD officer. There are 24-hour security guards at each large residence hall and an escort service that walks students around campus at night.

Stay safe by avoiding walking alone at night—use BU’s Scarlet SafeWalk (617-353-4877), stick to well-lit paths, and always let someone know your plans. Trust your instincts, avoid risky situations, never leave drinks unattended, and don’t open your door to strangers. When entering buildings, don’t let individuals “piggyback or tailgate” and follow you into a secure building without showing their ID. Be aware of your surroundings, report suspicious activity to BUPD, and know that resources like BU’s SARP and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center are available for support.

Boston University Medical Campus Map



Boston University Charles River Campus Map



- SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**
- College of Arts and Sciences, 725 Comm. Ave. **12**
 - College of Engineering, 44 Cummington St. **16**
 - Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 705 Comm. Ave. **13**

- UNIVERSITY FACILITIES**
- Agganis Arena, 925 Comm. Ave. **4**
 - Barnes & Noble at Boston University, 660 Beacon St. **22**
 - Biological and Physics Research Buildings, 3-5 Cummington St. **18**
 - Campus Information and Visitor Relations, 25 Buick St. **6**
 - Case Athletic Center, 285 Babcock St. **2**

- The Castle, 255 Bay State Rd. **14**
- Comptroller, 881 Comm. Ave. **7**
- Financial Assistance, 881 Comm. Ave. **7**
- Fitness & Recreation Center, 915 Comm. Ave. **5**
- George Sherman Union, 775 Comm. Ave. **8**
- Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Comm. Ave. **23**

- Housing Office, 985 Comm. Ave. **3**
- Information Technology, 111 Cummington St. **15**
- International Students and Scholars Office, 19 Deerfield St. **20**
- Life Science & Engineering Building, 24 Cummington St. **17**
- Marsh Chapel, 735 Comm. Ave. **10**

- Metcalf Science Center, 590 Comm. Ave. **19**
- Mugar Memorial Library, 771 Comm. Ave. **9**
- Registrar, 881 Comm. Ave. **7**
- Science and Engineering Library, 38 Cummington St. **24**
- Student Health Services, 881 Comm. Ave. **7**
- Track and Tennis Center, 100 Ashford St. **1**
- University Computers, 533 Comm. Ave. **21**

- FOOD**
- 1 Beijing Cafe
 - 2 Ferretti's (Sandwiches)
 - 3 GSU Faculty Lounge 5th floor (buffet)
 - 4 GSU Foodcourt
 - 5 India Quality
 - 6 Mc Donalds
 - 7 Noodle St (Thai)
 - 8 Nud Pob (Thai)
 - 9 Odoba (Mexican)
 - 10 Quizno's (Sandwiches)
 - 11 Super 88 Foodcourt (Chinese)
 - 12 Sushi Express
 - 13 Taco Bell (Mexican)
 - 14 The Castle (Sandwiches)
 - 15 Trolley Car (Greek/Middle-Eastern)
 - 16 U Burger
 - 17 University Grill (Pizza)
- COFFEE**
- 1 Dunkin Donuts
 - 2 Espresso Royale
 - 3 Starbucks
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- 1 Campus Convenience
 - 2 Coldstone Icecream
 - 3 CVS
 - 4 Fenway Theatres
 - 5 Kinkos
 - 6 Staples

Mail

Mail addressed to students living in University residences on campus is delivered by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to the residences. Mail Centers within the student residences are supervised by Residential Safety Staff under the BU [Housing Office](#).



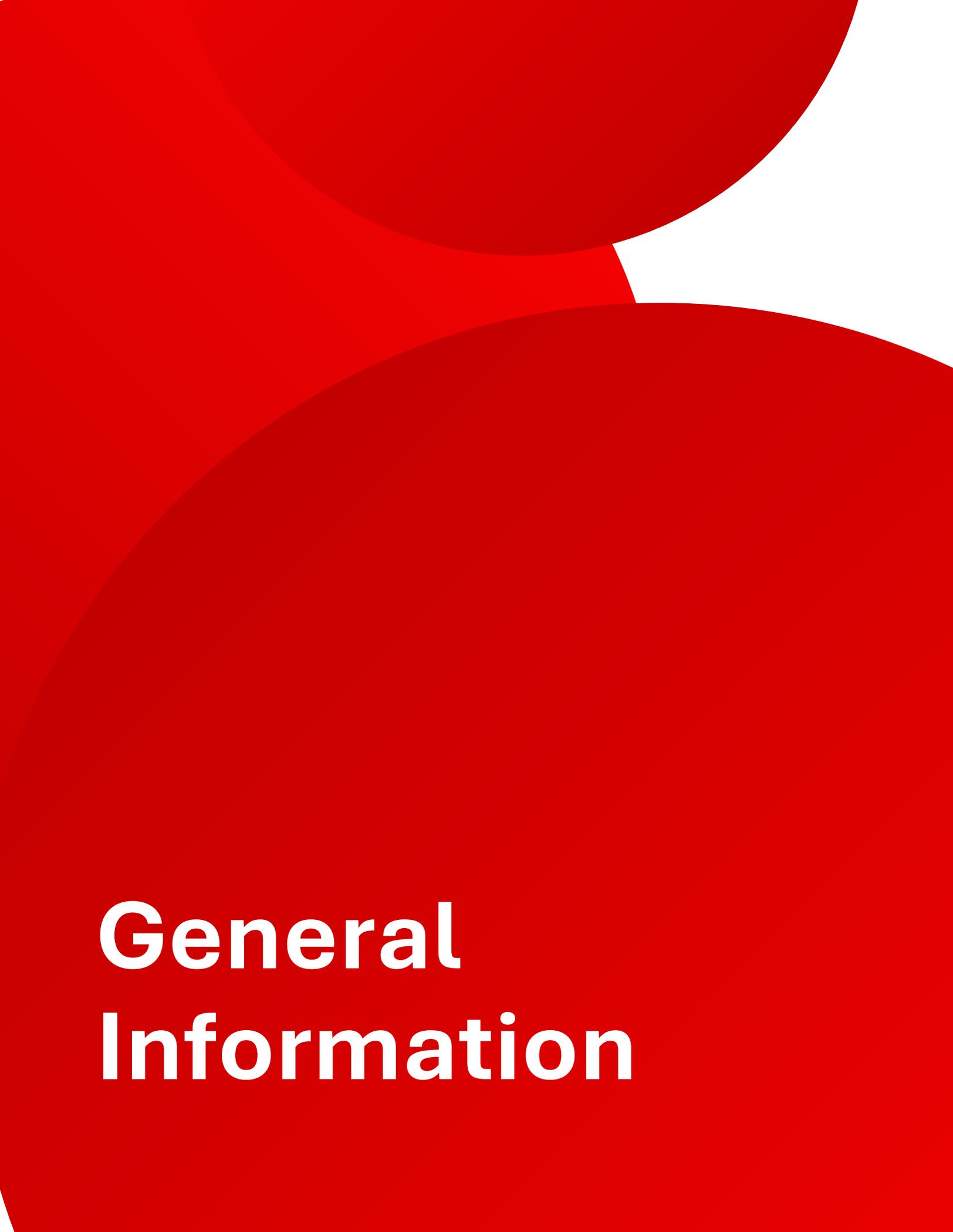
Disability Services

[Disability and Access Services](#) are available at Boston University. To make an appointment please call or (617) 353-3658 or email access@bu.edu.



Campus Facilities

Campus facilities include vending facilities, study areas access to high-speed internet service in their rooms, and laundry (for a nominal fee). Some laundry facilities may accept payment through convenience points, but many facilities require quarters. The Fitness and Recreation Center, known as “FitRec”, offers several fitness activities such as swimming, racquetball, weights, and cardio. Rates vary from \$12 for a day pass to \$205 for a 10-week pass. More information can be found [here](#)

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General Information



01 Shopping

Target - 860 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

OR 1341 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02215

Prudential Center - 800 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02199

Helpful tip: Take the free BU Shuttle to the Huntington Ave Shop and walk half a mile up Huntington Street to get to “the Pru”.

CambridgeSide Galleria Mall - 100 Cambridgeside Pl, Cambridge, MA 02141

Downtown Crossing - 417 Washington St, Boston, MA 02129

Faneuil Hall Marketplace Shopping center with many stores & restaurants comprising 3 historic market buildings & a promenade. 1 Faneuil Hall Sq, Boston, MA 02109

Newbury Street – Many locations. View store [directory](#).

[Curated, Crowdsourced, Cultural Guide to Boston](#)

List of online resources and recommendations from the BU community



02 Groceries

Star Market

Walk or take the T to Babcock Street or Packard’s Corner. 1065 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA.

OR – In the Fenway Neighborhood, 33 Kilmarnock St, Boston, MA 02215

Trader Joe’s if you prefer lean to organic foods. Take the T on the “C” line to Coolidge Corner. 1317 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA.

Hong Kong Supermarket

Take the B-Line T to Packard’s Corner for an enormous supermarket stocked with imported foods from all over Asia, plus fresh meats & seafood. 1 Brighton Ave, Boston, MA 02134

H Mart Brookline

Take the C-Line to Hawes Street for an Asian grocery store chain supplying imported packaged foods & housewares plus ready-to-serve meals. 1028 Beacon St, Brookline, MA 02446

Offices at Boston University

Graduate Medical Sciences

GMS Main Office
72 East Concord Street - L-317
Boston, MA 02118
(P): 617-638-5255
Student Affairs: gmssa@bu.edu
Disability & Access Services:
tdavies@bu.edu

Campus Identification

ID office
710 Albany Street
Room 102
Boston, MA 02118
(P): 617-638-6879
(H): M-F 7-9 AM; 12:30- 3:30 PM

Health Services

Student Health Services
881 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(P) 617-353-3575

IT Help

Information Services and Technology
533 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
617-353-HELP (4357)
ithelp@bu.edu

Pathway Program Office

72 East Concord St,
HOUSMAN R703B
Boston, MA 02118
(P): 617-358-7456

Fitness

Fitness and Recreation Center
915 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(P) 617-353-2748
<https://www.bu.edu/fitrec/>

Emergencies

Boston University Police Department
32 Harry Agganis Way
Boston, MA 02115
CRC emergencies, call 617-353-2121
BUMC emergencies, call 617-414-4444
<http://www.bu.edu/police/>

BUMC Public Safety Department

710 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02118
(P) 617-638-4935

Libraries

Charles River Campus:

Mugar Memorial Library
771 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(P) 617-353-2700
<http://www.bu.edu/library/>

Medical Campus:

Alumni Medical Library
72 East Concord Street
12th Floor
Boston, MA 02118
(P) 617-358-2350