



March 2, 2026

Dear GMS Ph.D. Students,

**GMS website** contains all of the pertinent information to complete registration process. Refer to these webpages: [Students](#) | [Registration](#) | [Calendars](#) | [Tuition & Financial Aid](#) | [GMS Student Forms MyBU](#).

**Fall 2026 Registration Opens on **March 20, 2026**.** It's time to plan your term! You can access registration on [MyBU](#) after reviewing the instructions and meeting with your advisor.

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#### **Degree Requirements:**

- PhD Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their degree requirements and track their degree progress each term. Degree requirements for each degree program are outlined in the [GMS Bulletin](#)

#### **Advising**

- **Meet with Advisor/Program Director:**
  - Prior to registering for any classes**, all students must first meet with their Advisor/Program Director to discuss course selections.
  - Program Advising Holds** some students will not be able to self-register until the program advisor has approved the release of your advising hold and the hold has been removed.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year PiBS students must submit a PiBS Transition form before registering for fall 2026 to formally request a change in their academic program. The transition form will be provided to students by the program director.

#### **Registration Requirements**

- All students are required to register each term until completion of all degree requirements.
- Students should review HOLDS that will prevent registration via MyBU.
- GMS courses offered for the fall 2026 term can be accessed through MyBU.
- PhD students must maintain full-time enrollment status by enrollment of 12 units or more per term. Students must register for even number of research units.
- **Tuition Payment deadlines are available on the [Student Financials](#) page.**

**Add** a course via MyBU by the official deadlines [Here](#)

- **Drop a course** without a "W" and with a "W" grade deadlines [Here](#)

#### **Restricted Courses**

- For courses *restricted from online registration*, students must submit an online GMS Add/Drop form via [GMS Student Forms](#).
- PhD students may not audit courses at SPH.

#### **GMS Leave of Absence/Withdrawal**

Information on Boston University's withdrawal and refund schedule can be found here [Withdrawal/Tuition Refund Schedule](#) | [LOA/Withdrawal Form](#) | [LOA/Withdrawal Policy](#)

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### August 2026

- Do not* register for fall 2026 courses if you plan to graduate in August 2026.
- Please follow the [GMS Graduation Calendar](#) for other specific deadlines.

### ○ January 2027

- Students planning to graduate for the January 2027** graduation must submit a diploma application via GMS Student Forms prior to the **September 16, 2026, deadline.**
  - May 2027 tentative graduates must submit a Diploma Application PRIOR to December 1, 2026.**
- Transcripts for GMS students** are produced by the Office of the University Registrar:
- Click here to [Order a Transcript](#).

For any additional information or questions, feel free to contact the Registrar's Office  
[GMSRegistrar@bu.edu](mailto:GMSRegistrar@bu.edu).