



March 6, 2026

Dear GMS Master Students,

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

Fall 2026 Registration will open 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.

ADVISING

Degree Requirements

- MA and MS degree students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their degree requirements and track their degree progress each term in the [GMS Bulletin](#).
- **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.

Registration Requirements

- ☐ All students are required to register continuously 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 semester can be accessed through [MyBU](#).
- **Add** a course via MyBU by the official deadlines [Here](#)
- **Drop** a course without a "W" and with a "W" grade deadline [Here](#)
- **Contact GMSRegistrar@bu.edu for any increases or decreases to course loads that result in tuition adjustments for the term.**

Restricted Courses:

- For courses restricted from online registration, students must submit an online GMS Add/Drop Form via [GMS Student Forms](#).
- **To View** courses that students **MAY NOT Register** for and will not count towards a degree: [GMS General Registration Page](#)

Tuition Charges

If your academic load is listed as full time in MyBU and you are registering for less than 12 course units you must choose one of the following options:

1. Email GMSRegistrar@bu.edu to have your academic Load changed to part time.
2. Students registering for less than 12 units may submit a CFT form if eligible [Certified Full-Time Policy](#) **Certified Full Time form by June 30, 2026**, Submit via the [GMS Student Forms webpage](#) .

3. Students are not required to submit a CFT form unless they apply for financial aid loans, deferring or ISSO requires them. Visa regulations require that most international students register as full-time students either by course registration or by certification.
4. **Tuition Payment deadlines are available on the [Student Financials](#).**

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](#)

Graduation Requirements

August 2026

- ☐ Follow Summer 2026 Registration instructions. *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 January 2027** graduation must submit a diploma application via GMS Student Form prior to **September 16, 2026**.
 - ☐ [2027 Graduation calendar MA MS](#).
 - ☒ **May 2026 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 GMSRegistrar@bu.edu