

WHAT MET INTERNATIONAL OFFERS STUDENTS:

- MET courses from a variety of disciplines in a rigorous academic environment
- Opportunities to participate in the BU community and join one of 450+ student organizations
- A BU transcript received upon successful completion of the program, plus an undergraduate certificate of participation or graduate credit-bearing academic certificate or diploma
- All that Boston has to offer sports teams, live entertainment, history, museums, and more

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- Directly connected to each home institution
- Provides comprehensive orientation at the start of each semester
- Offers academic advising, pre-arrival support, and additional resources
- Conducts mid-term review meetings to ensure student success

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Terms: Fall (early September through third week of December)
Spring (mid-January through early May)

Application materials sent to partners in February and August

Nomination Timeline:	Open to receive nominations	Deadline
Fall	February 1	March 15
Spring	July 15	September 1
Applications Open:	Early February for Fall and early August for Spring	
Application Deadline:	April 15 for Fall and October 1 for Spring	
Orientation:	UG: week before start of classes Grad: week of start of classes	

[Official University Calendar](#)

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

ALL STUDENTS:

- Demonstrated proof of English proficiency
 - TOEFL: 4.5 (84 IBT with the following subscore minimums: W22/S23/L18/R21)
 - IELTS: 6.5 (no sub-score may be lower than 6.5)
 - Duolingo: 115
- Suggested academic grade point average: 3.0 on a U.S. 4.0 scale
- Clean disciplinary record
- Official nomination from partner institution

ALL GRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS:

- Please advise your students on which programs are options specific to the partnership agreement between your institution and BU MET International
- Not all programs run every semester. Check with MET International to ensure the program is offered during the student's intended study period.
- Students seeking a master's degree should select and apply to the relevant master's program; do not advise students to select a graduate certificate program unless want to pursue only the graduate certificate.
- For the following degrees, prior transcripts must show pre-requisite courses or evidence of proficiency in specific areas of study. Provide students interested in these two programs information on pre-requisite courses.
 - [Master of Science in Computer Science](#)
 - [Master of Applied Data Analytics](#)
 - Graduate Certificates in Computer Science
- Administrative Science graduate certificates and master's degree applicants: Admitted students can pursue a 4-credit internship during the second semester of study contingent upon successfully completing the 4 courses of the first semester of study.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS:

- For current graduate level partner students
 - Be matriculated in graduate-level programming and have completed at least one semester of graduate coursework prior to studying in Boston
- For alumni of MET International partner institutions
 - Have graduated with an undergraduate degree from a pre-approved program at a partner institution within five years of intended start date at BU MET
- For partner students in 4+ year undergraduate degree or 3+2 diploma programs
 - Completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree or 240 ECTS credits

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS:

- Currently matriculated in a graduate level program at an approved BU Metropolitan College partner institution.
- Have completed at least one semester of graduate coursework prior to studying at Boston University.
- Have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR'S-TO-MASTER'S APPLICANTS:

- Must be in the final year of your bachelor's degree or equivalent, with the intent to graduate - OR- have graduated from a pre-approved program at a partner institution within five years of their intended BU start date
- Required to submit final transcripts from pre-approved undergraduate program prior to commencing studies at BU and provide proof of degree conferral during the first term of graduate study at BU.

ADMISSION PROCESS:**STEP 1: NOMINATING STUDENTS**

- MET International emails application information to partner contacts with specific instructions and timelines on how/ when students should apply.

- MET International should receive student nominations no less than two weeks prior to the application deadline.
- Nominations should include each student's name, their desired program, and the semesters they plan to attend. Please use the [template roster found here](#) to provide this information.

STEP 2: DISTRIBUTING APPLICATION LINKS AND SUBMITTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS

MET International will distribute the application instructions and to the online application portal to nominated student.

All applicants:

- Application materials will only be accepted via the online application portal.
- To request an application deadline extension, students should contact us.
- If your institution is approved for an English proficiency waiver, students should contact us.

STEP 3: ADMISSION

- Students can expect an admission decision approximately 2 weeks after receipt of a completed application.
- Students who apply sooner will be processed sooner.
- Students will receive an acceptance letter via email.

STEP 4: IMMIGRATION PROCESSING

- Upon admission, students receive an email with information about how to create a bu.edu email account and how to submit immigration documents required for their I-20 issuance. This is a summary of materials students will need to submit for issuance of the I-20 document:
 - [International Student Data Form](#)
 - Financial Documentation in English ([sample for reference](#)) and/ or [Affidavit of Support](#)
 - Financial Documents:
 - Advise students to review sample documents before requesting bank documents.
 - There is no limit to the number of sources of support a student may have.
 - If your institution will pay for certain student expenses, contact us to receive an invoice from BU's central billing office. Students will otherwise be responsible for charges.
 - Please provide each student with a letter of financial support on an institutional letterhead, listing the student's full name, the fees covered, and the contact billing information. A sample letter is provided [here](#) for your reference.
 - [Billing Authorization](#) provided by your institution will pay tuition and/or fees on behalf of the student
 - Copy of passport picture page, valid for at least 6 months after the start of the program
 - Copy of any US immigration documentation if student has been in the US in the past 6 months
- I-20 documents are sent to students' bu.edu emails after immigration documents are processed.
- If there is any error on the I-20, students must contact ISSO at issogac@bu.edu immediately.
- Students must schedule a meeting at their closest U.S. embassy or consulate to receive an F-1 visa AFTER receiving their I-20 document.
- The BU International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO) issues I-20s and provides immigration advising. These useful sites will help guide your students:

- [Applying for a visa](#)
- [Paying your SEVIS fee](#)
- [Entering the U.S.](#)

STEP 5: ARRIVAL IN BOSTON & PROGRAM ORIENTATION

- ORIENTATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MET INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.
- Orientation highlights university resources and program expectations, followed by Q&A.

AFTER ADMISSION

Soon after admission, students receive pre-arrival information, which includes important forms and tips related to their arrival in Boston, such as:

- Next steps and mandatory actions to take
- Registering for classes
- Paying bills
- Immunizations, physical forms, and health insurance adjustment (one-semester students only)
- Applying for on-campus housing (only for undergraduate students)
- Orientation schedule

COURSE SELECTION

All students:

- All partner students take [classes at BU's Metropolitan College](#).
- All full-time students are eligible for one free PDP fitness and recreation class each semester of study.
 - Attendance is mandatory; PDPs grant a pass/fail grade that appears on transcripts but does not impact GPA calculation.

Undergraduates:

- Undergraduates must take 12-20 credits (3-5 courses) per semester, numbered 599 or below.
 - Some 500 level Business courses with the code AD are considered graduate level courses and have pre-requisites. Students MUST ensure they meet the requirements of such courses before registering to these courses.
- Students may register to MET classes according to the following parameters:
 - Sections must be A1, A2, B1, B2, etc. Students cannot take sections O, EX, or BRN.
 - Courses must be within MET college.
 - Courses must not overlap with each other.

Certificate students:

- A select [list of certificates](#) programs is open to partner students.
- Graduate students are enrolled in 16 credits (4 courses) that fulfill program requirements and follow a specific curriculum.
- Students may be able to choose electives if their program allows.
- Students considering an administrative sciences certificate have the option to pursue an advanced certificate, which is a two-semester program with the second semester being a full time, credit bearing internship in the Boston area.

Degree-seeking students

- Degree-seeking graduate students can find information on degree pathway programs here:
 - [Second Master's Program](#)

- **Bachelor's to Master's Program**
- Students register for courses based on the curriculum of the program they choose.
- The respective academic department will provide each student a customized study plan that the student must follow when registering for courses each semester.
- Students may choose from a list of elective courses if a waiver has been granted.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

- On-campus housing is available for undergraduate students but not guaranteed and will be extremely limited as of September 2026.
- Dormitories have strict policies regarding smoking, alcohol consumption, and overnight guests, and are closed during some holidays and intersession.
- MET International students **must wait for instructions before applying for on-campus housing.**
- Housing assignments are sent the week of Orientation and can be viewed on the Student Link.
- **Housing applications are binding contracts.** Students should not apply unless they intend to live on campus. Once an application is submitted, students are responsible for housing charges unless they submit a cancellation request in writing before the cancellation deadline as specified in the housing agreement.
- Dining plans are available to all students. Dining plans are required for students who live on campus.
- Housing questions should be directed to the Housing Office at housing@bu.edu. Dining plan questions should be directed to dining@bu.edu.

LIVING OFF CAMPUS

- There are many types of accommodations throughout Boston, including around BU.
- [BU Off-Campus Services](#) provides listings and additional resources.

HEALTH INSURANCE

- Everyone in the State of Massachusetts must have health insurance.
- International students are automatically enrolled in BU's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP).
- To waive SHIP coverage, students must be enrolled under a U.S.-based plan that meets the comparable coverage requirements; few international students are eligible to waive SHIP.
- Student Health Services is located on campus and is available to all students.

PROFILING MET INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AT YOUR INSTITUTION

- To request marketing materials (e.g., brochures, flyers, web content) or information to create a BU MET International profile on your website, please contact Kate Dunkerley at kld2@bu.edu.
- Find our social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).