



Bay State College

Welcome to Bay State College and Boston Massachusetts!

Your Departure Guide, 2014





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Where Your Success Matters and Boston's Back Bay is our Campus

We're excited to get you onto campus and meet you!

This guide is here to help you plan for your departure and know what to expect upon arrival. Whether your beginning your studies with TLC or directly starting your degree program at Bay State College, you not only have this guide to assist you but a team of on campus staff members who are eager to help.

As you move through this guide, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to Bay State College's Director of International Student Services: Julia Croft (jcroft@baystate.edu). We're here to help you plan and prepare for every step of your arrival.





Before you leave...

Here are a few things to consider

Pocket Money

We recommend that you budget \$80-\$100 for every week of your program. This should be enough for personal expenses, laundry and local travel. Don't carry large amounts of cash at one time but instead, use traveler's checks. There are a number of banks within walking distance that we can help you find.

Clothing

New England weather and Boston in specific can differ drastically day-to-day. In the winter months (December through late March) a heavy jacket, gloves and a hat are recommended. Snow accumulation varies but a waterproof pair of boots will help keep you warm. In the spring, Boston receives a fair amount of rain and stays damp and cool through mid June. Summer (late June through mid September) is often warm and humid. Students will be comfortable in shorts and short sleeved shirts. Finally, autumn fluctuates the most in Boston. Long pants, sweaters and a jacket are recommended.

Electrical current

Standard voltage is 120 volts. To make sure that you are able to use all of your electrical appliances bring an adapter.

Cell phones

There is a Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Apple Store and T-Mobile all located within walking distance to Bay State College



Before you leave...

Bay State Requirements

The following documents are required to be submitted to Bay State College (international@baystate.edu) 15 days prior to arrival:

1. Completed Immunization Forms:

<http://www.baystate.edu/files/resources/immunization-requirements-2013-2014.pdf>

including the meningococcal form if living on campus:

http://www.baystate.edu/files/resources/meningococcal_waiver.pdf

2. Health Insurance Enrollment Form:

<http://www.baystate.edu/files/resources/health-insurance-notice-spring-2014-baystate.pdf>

3. Residence Hall Deposit (\$300) and completed agreement:

http://www.baystate.edu/files/resources/residence-agreement_2013-2014.pdf

4. Final Tuition Payments

5. Travel Plans (including arrival date and time)

6. Provide Personal Email to jcroft@baystate.edu



***Regardless if you're attending BSC or TLC, Immunizations are required prior to arrival**



Checklist

Use this when packing and planning your arrival so that you are sure you have everything you need. _____

- Passport**
- Acceptance Letter and I-20**
- Your Visa and I-94 Card**
- \$100 in Cash (stored on your body or in carry-on luggage) and Traveler's Checks**
- Correct Clothing for the Season in Boston**
- Emergency Information Stored in your Wallet**



When you Arrive

Arriving in a foreign airport can be overwhelming, especially after a long day(s) of traveling. Here's some help so that it's not too intimidating...

Transportation from the Airport

Our onsite English Learning Center (TLC) uses a shuttle system to transport students. Here is a link to the airport transportation request form: http://www.thelanguagecompany.com/assets/files/BOS_AirportTransfer_2013.pdf. The cost is \$100 for airport transportation in Boston. Please note that in order to arrange for an airport pickup, form needs to be completed at least one week prior to arrival.

Taxis

A taxi from Boston's Logan Airport is much cheaper and easy to take. The cab stand is well-marked located at the exit to baggage claim. Inform the driver that you are going to 122 Commonwealth Ave in Boston. The cab should cost you roughly \$25 (without tip).

Again, we know this process can be a bit scary. Do not hesitate to ask airport staff for help or call Bay State at 617 217-9000.





Your First Day

What to expect from Orientation

As an International Student, you'll participate in both an Orientation for all International Students as well as Bay State College's traditional First Year Experience

Day 1: You'll do the following

- Meet with the Director of International Student Services and be introduced to your advisor, the Dean of Students and other key staff members
- Tour the campus and school facilities
- Take a Math Placement Test and register for your classes
- Review of the Bay State Business Center and payments schedule. Students should be prepared to make final payments at this time if applicable
- Participate in an afternoon group activity that introduces you to Boston!

Day 2: You'll participate in Bay State's First Year Experience

- Meet other BSC students
- Participate in break-out sessions that are specific to your major
- Have the opportunity to ask your advisor academic questions regarding your classes and major

Please bring the following with you on Day 1:

1. Passport
2. Proof of Health Insurance (if not taking BSC's)
3. Signed I-20
4. Remaining payments (if applicable)



School Facilities



Bookstore

Textbooks are available at the Bay State College Bookstore located at 31 St James, on the first floor. College merchandise and logo-wear can be purchased at the Bookstore as well

Computer Labs

Bay State College has computer labs at 31 St James Avenue (rooms 226 and 227 and within the Library), which are available for student use. If living on campus, each residence hall is equipped with a bank of computers

Student Lounges

A large space where you and your peers can relax, chat and use free Wi-Fi. There are three lounges on campus as well as a lounge within each residence hall

Dining Hall

Those living on campus are automatically signed up to receive 32 meals per week. Dining options also available to those living off-campus and all students can grab a bite to eat for only \$5 per visit



Student Activities

The Office of International Student Services will host a variety of social events throughout each term while the Department of Student Activities houses a number of college organizations



Example of a Class Schedule (for a Management student)

M MONDAY	T TUESDAY	W WEDNESDAY	H THURSDAY	F FRIDAY
8:00 – 8:50	8:00 - 9:15	8:00 – 8:50	8:00 - 9:15	8:00 – 8:50
MAT 104 ED		MAT 104 ED		MAT 104 ED
9:00 - 9:50	9:25 - 10:40	9:00 - 9:50	9:25 - 10:40	9:00 - 9:50
10:00 - 10:50	10:50 - 12:05	10:00 - 10:50	10:50 - 12:05	10:00 - 10:50
11:00 - 12:15	MAN 101 ED 12:15 - 1:30	11:00 - 12:15	MAN 101 ED 12:15 - 1:30	11:00 - 12:15
COM 101 ED		PRIME TIME		COM 101 ED
12:30 - 1:20		12:30 - 1:20		12:30 - 1:20
ENG 101 ED		ENG 101 ED		ENG 101 ED
1:30 - 2:20	1:40 – 2:55	1:30 - 2:20	1:40 – 2:55	1:30 - 2:20
2:30 - 3:20		2:30 - 3:20		2:30 - 3:20
	CIS 102 ED		CIS 102 ED	
3:30 - 4:45	3:05 - 4:15	3:30 - 4:45	3:05 - 4:15	

Key to abbreviated class titles:

MAT= Math

COM= Public Speaking

ENG= English Composition

CIS= Computer Literacy

Man= Management

Class times are subject to change and you should only use this as a template



Local Information

Helpful places near Bay State College in the Back Bay

Transportation

Boston's subway (also known as "the T") has multiple stops and lines near Bay State's campus. The closest stops are:

Green Line: Copley or Arlington stops

Orange Line: Back Bay Station

Banks and Post Office

There are a number of different Bank branches around the college. The most popular and convenient are Bank of America, TD Bank and Citibank. There is also a US Postal office located within a 5 minute walking distance from campus

Restaurants and Cafes

Boston's Back Bay is known for it's numerous restaurants and local cafes. These are all within a 1 minute walk of campus and many of them are housed within Bay State's buildings. Most cafes have free wireless internet and a place for you to relax with friends or do homework

Department Stores and Supermarkets

Newbury St is lined with famous shops and designers as well as some larger department stores. Newbury St is a 1 minute walk from our residence halls. There's also a larger supermarket as well as smaller food shops within a 5 minute walk of campus



Cost of Living

The Basics...

Sandwiches:	\$5.00-\$8.00
Salads:	\$8.00-\$10.00
Take-Out Lunch:	\$10.00-\$15.00
Take-Out Dinner:	\$12.00-\$20.00
Coffee/Tea:	\$2.00-\$5.00
Movie Tickets*:	\$9.50

*With your Bay State Student ID you can get free passes to a number of the city's museums and discounts on movie tickets, gyms, theatre tickets and much more

Train/T:	\$2.50 per ride*
Bus:	\$2.00 per ride*

*If you purchase a Charlie Card instead of a ticket:

Train/T:	\$2.00 per ride
Bus:	\$1.00 per ride





On Campus Housing

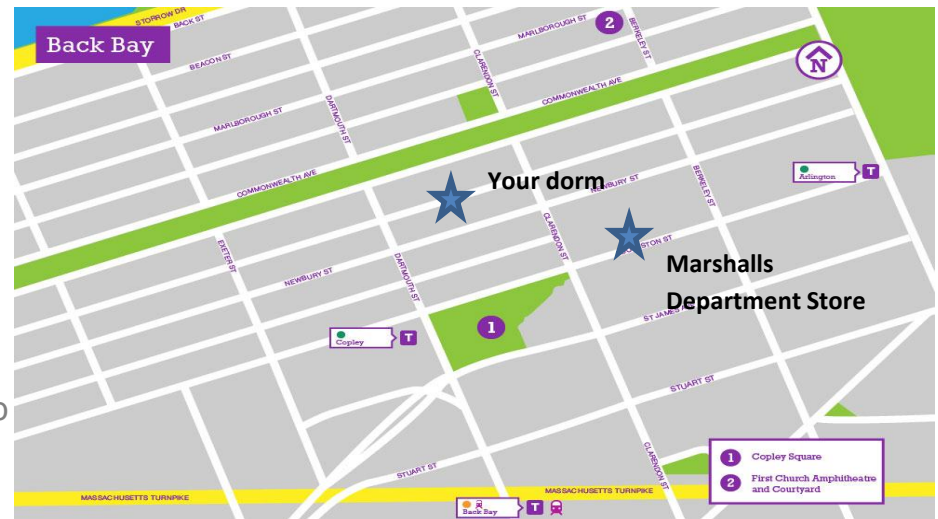
What we provide and what you should bring

Your dorm room will come equipped with:

- A twin bed and pillow
- A desk and desk chair
- A bureau for clothing

You should bring:

- Sheets and bedding (the mattress is a regular sized twin mattress)
- TV and mini fridge if you'd like one (we'll also help you coordinate with your roommates prior to arrival to see who could like to bring what)
- Posters for the wall if you'd like to decorate



Don't feel like traveling with all of this? Don't worry, there's a department store right around the corner from your residence hall that has bedding and room items



Health and Safety

If it's an emergency, Stay calm and dial 911.

Medical Care*

Although Bay State College does not have an on-campus health center, we are located in an area which provides students with a variety of healthcare options. It is highly advisable that students contact their health insurance provider prior to arriving on campus to discuss which facilities are covered and select a primary care physician in the immediate area.

Beth Israel Walk-in Clinic - 330 Brookline Ave, Boston

Harvard Vanguard Medical Center - 165 Dartmouth St, Boston

Mass General Clinic - 15 Parkman St, Boston

* These locations can help if you're sick, have the flu and/or if you're more seriously injured

Health Insurance

Under the provisions of Chapter 23, Section 22, of the 1988 Massachusetts Health Security Act, each institution of higher education MUST require students taking nine or more credits to participate in the student health insurance program or submit waiver information showing participation in a health insurance program with comparable coverage. For additional information please visit Bay State College's website.

Safety

The Back Bay is primarily a residential area in Boston. For this reason it is extremely safe and well-lit at night. We recommend that students always however, walk with a friend if walking at night and that you lock your doors in the residence hall and don't leave valuable belongings in the student lounges and computer labs



Laws and BSC Rules

Laws

- No one under the age of 21 in the US may buy or consume alcohol. It is also against the law to purchase alcohol for anyone that is under the age of 21.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime
- Buying, selling and using drugs is also illegal
- Smoking is prohibited in all Massachusetts restaurants, cafes and bars

BSC Rules

- Alcohol is prohibited in all campus buildings including the residence halls
- Smoking is also prohibited in all campus buildings and on the fire escapes of the residence halls
- If you leave BSC, the government has the right to take away your student VISA and require you to return home
- You must attend all classes in order to maintain your I-20 and student VISA
- If you commit a criminal crime, you will be asked to leave the college, US authorities will be notified and you will be asked to leave the country

*All US customs will be reviewed in your on campus orientation



Important Dates

National Holidays and Key Bay State Dates for 2014*

New Year's Day	January 1 st
Martin Luther Kind Day	January 20 th
Presidents' Day	February 17 th
Spring Break	March 10 th -15 th
Patriots Day	April 21 st
Graduation	May 14 th
Memorial Day	May 26 th
Independence Day	July 4 th
Labor Day	September 1 st
Columbus Day	October 13 th
Thanksgiving	November 27 th
Winter break	Starting December 15 th
Christmas Eve	December 24 th
Christmas Day	December 25 th

*No classes in session during these dates



We look forward to seeing you!

And don't hesitate to reach-out prior to your arrival

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jcroft@baystate.edu



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Become a fan of Bay State on Facebook! Check out new events and other important announcements to keep up to date with the latest at Bay State!

Follow Us on Twitter



Keep up with news and events happening at Bay State. Whether you're on Campus or commuting, it's easy to stay in touch with the Bay State community.

You Tube

Check out YouTube Page

Check out what's happening at Bay State! See videoa from recent snows at the spot, student run fashion shows and other events!



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