

Core Values Inquiry | Knowledge | Independence | Belonging | Joy

## HIGH SCHOOL WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Boston University Academy is an academically rigorous independent day school located on the Boston University campus. **BUA is the only high school in New England that is part of a major research university**; students complete a challenging liberal arts curriculum in 9th and 10th grade in preparation for Boston University coursework in 11th and 12th grade. BUA students also engage in an intensive year-long senior thesis project as a capstone to their high school academic career. At BUA, students leverage extraordinary resources to take their zeal for learning as far as they are capable.

## MISSION

At Boston University Academy, kind and curious students who love learning are challenged to read deeply and think critically, to explore adventurously at Boston University, and to engage meaningfully in our community and beyond.

## THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY CONNECTION

Located at the heart of BU's campus, BUA offers students access to a remarkable breadth of academic opportunities and to cutting-edge learning facilities. Additionally, BUA students benefit from the intellectual resources at BU; post-doctoral researchers and professors teach our students in University courses, work alongside our students in lab internships, and have often been featured speakers at BUA's regular all-school meetings.

Over the past five years, BUA students have enrolled in **478 distinct Boston University courses** across **67 departments** and interdisciplinary programs; BUA graduates have typically completed **between 6-12 Boston University courses**.

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## FAST FACTS

**225**

Total students  
enrolled

**54%**

Students of color  
(self-reported)

**58**

Members of the  
Class of 2026

**27%**

Students receive  
financial aid

**23**

Faculty members  
(11 Masters, 11 PhD)

**33%**

Multilingual students  
(represents 30 languages)

**12**

Average  
class size

**45**

Communities represented  
from Greater Boston

## STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION (CLASS OF 2025)

**737**

Mean EBRW  
SAT score

**17**

National Merit  
Commended Scholars

**735**

Mean math  
SAT score

**5**

National Merit  
Semifinalists

**1472**

Mean combined  
SAT score

**5**

National Merit  
Finalists

**33**

Mean  
ACT score

Test averages reflect scores submitted to colleges.

## THE CURRICULUM

- All BUA courses are honors level, and there is no tracking.
- Requirements include English (four years), History (three years), Science (two years), Classical Languages (two years), Mathematics (three years, and through Calculus), Visual or Performing Arts (two years), Physical Education (two years).
- In eleventh grade, students typically take one to two Boston University courses; in twelfth grade, in addition to Senior Thesis, they can take as many as four courses at Boston University per semester, the equivalent of a full undergraduate course load.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- BUA students are required to complete two years of study in either Latin or ancient Greek.
- Ninth and tenth grade students have the option to pursue modern language coursework through an online program.
- Students may petition to pursue modern language at Boston University instead of a second year of classical language study, provided they place into the third semester or higher via placement exam.
- At BU, four semesters of language is typically considered the equivalent of four years of high school language study; language courses at the 212 level are considered AP equivalent.

## SENIOR THESIS

- All seniors complete a year-long, independently researched Senior Thesis project. Students may pursue traditional library or lab research, explore opportunities in the performing or visual arts, or engage in a social justice-oriented project. Students present their thesis before the BUA community in the spring semester.
- In addition to consulting with their faculty advisor, students select a university professor or outside content expert to help guide their work.
- In preparation for thesis work, juniors can enroll in optional year-long research seminars: STEM or Humanities, Experiential Learning, and the Arts (HEAR).

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION — CLASSES 2021-2025

American University  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
**Boston University**  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
**Brown University**  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
California Institute of Technology  
Carleton College  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Claremont McKenna College  
Colby College  
Colorado College  
Columbia University  
**Cornell University**  
**Dartmouth College**  
Dickinson College  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University

George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Hamilton College  
**Harvard University**  
**Haverford College**  
Indiana University (Bloomington)  
Kenyon College  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
**McGill University**  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northwestern University**  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Oregon State University  
Oxford College of Emory University  
Pepperdine University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Queen's University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Rhode Island School of Design**  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Smith College  
Stanford University  
Swarthmore College  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Warwick  
Trinity College Dublin  
**Tufts University**  
U.S. Air Force Academy  
University College Dublin  
University College London  
University of California (Berkeley)  
**University of California (Los Angeles)**  
University of California (San Diego)  
**University of Chicago**  
University of Florida  
University of Glasgow  
University of Illinois at Urbana (Champaign)  
University of Maryland (College Park)

**University of Massachusetts (Amherst)**  
University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth)  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
**University of Rochester**  
University of Southern California  
University of St Andrews  
University of Toronto  
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)  
Vassar College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
**Yale University**

Schools in **bold** represent colleges or universities where **three or more BUA students** have enrolled.  
Each year, 100% of students enroll in 4-year colleges.

## GRADING SCALE

Boston University Academy and Boston University award letter grades in all academic subjects. Grades are unweighted. BUA uses a traditional A-F grading scale. **There are no A+ grades awarded at BUA or at BU.** D is the lowest passing grade.

## CLASS RANK / GPA

Given our small size and hybrid BUA/BU program, **BUA does not provide class rank or report GPA.**

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION — ELEVENTH GRADE, 2024-2025

The chart below illustrates the distribution of final grades for all academic BUA courses in which members of the Class of 2026 were enrolled. The chart includes students from all grade levels who were enrolled in these classes.

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F	Total
CL65: Latin III	11	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
CG65: Ancient Greek III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
EN65: American Literature	10	26	19	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
HI65: American History	16	20	18	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	59
MA70: Pre-Calculus	9	11	9	4	6	4	1	-	1	-	45
MA80: Calculus I	25	15	15	7	4	3	1	-	-	-	70
MA90: Integral Calculus II (S1)	18	9	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	38
MA95: Multivariate Calculus (S2)	22	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
*CAS BI107: Biology 1 (S1)	22	5	4	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	37
*CAS BI108: Biology 2 (S2)	19	3	5	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	33

\* Since many BUA juniors enroll in one or both introductory Biology courses at BU, these two classes are included in the chart.

## BOSTON UNIVERSITY COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

To better understand the rigor of the typical program of study for BUA students, please note the following equivalencies (per Boston University's AP credit policies):

	Boston University Course Offering	Advanced Placement equivalent
<b>Math and Computer Science</b>	CAS CS 111 Computer Science I	AP Computer Science A
	CAS MA 115 Statistics	AP Statistics
	CAS MA 123 Calculus I - <i>equivalent to BUA Calculus I (Honors)</i>	AP Calculus AB
	CAS MA 124 Calculus II - <i>equivalent to BUA Calculus II (Honors)</i>	AP Calculus BC
<b>Science</b>	CAS BI 107 Biology I or CAS BI 108 Biology I	AP Biology
	CAS PY 105 Physics I CAS PY 106 Physics II	AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2
	CAS PY 211 General Physics I CAS PY 212 General Physics II	AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
<b>Modern Languages</b>	CAS LS 212 Fourth Semester Spanish CAS LF 212 Fourth Semester French CAS LG 212 Fourth Semester German CAS LI 212 Fourth Semester Italian	AP Spanish Language AP French AP German AP Italian
<b>Classical Languages</b>	CAS CL 212 Latin 4: Verse	AP Latin
<b>Other Disciplines</b>	CAS EC 101 Intro. Microeconomic Analysis CAS EC 102 Intro. Macroeconomic Analysis	AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics
	CAS PY 101 General Psychology	AP Psychology

## TRANSCRIPTS

The BUA transcript reflects all coursework taken at both BUA and at the University for each academic year.

**Semester courses earn 0.5 credits.  
Full-year courses earn 1.0 credits.**

Grades recorded for University courses are provided by the Office of the University Registrar.

If requested by a college admission or registrar office, each student may arrange for an official BU transcript to be forwarded.

## TRANSCRIPT ABBREVIATIONS

**BUA** - Boston University Academy course

**CAS** - BU College of Arts and Sciences course

**CDS** - BU Computing & Data Science course

**CFA** - BU College of Fine Arts course

**QST** - BU Questrom School of Business course

**MIL** - Middlebury Interactive Languages (online course)

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION POLICY

Boston University Academy expects students to respond honestly to application questions about disciplinary history and to report instances of probation, out-of-school suspension, or dismissal from BUA as outlined in our Student and Family Handbook. BUA students are also expected to inform colleges and universities, when required, of any reportable disciplinary sanction after college applications are submitted.