

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 526 distinct Boston University courses across 71 departments and interdisciplinary programs; BUA graduates have typically completed between 6-12 Boston University courses.

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FAST FACTS

227

Total Students Enrolled

49

Members of the Class of 2027

27%

Students receive financial aid

12

Average Class Size

59%

Students of Color (self-reported)

23

Faculty Members
(12 Masters, 11 PhD)

37%

Multilingual students
(represents 26 languages)

44

Communities represented
from Greater Boston

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION | Class of 2026

**Test averages reflect scores submitted to colleges.*

733

Mean EBRW SAT score

1473

Mean Combined SAT score

25

National Merit Commended Scholars

2

National Merit Finalists

740

Mean Math SAT score

34

Mean ACT score

2

National Merit Semifinalists

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 courseload.**

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 2022-2026

American University
Amherst College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Dickinson College
Duke University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Emory University (Oxford)

Endicott College
Florida Institute of Technology
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queen's University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Sarah Lawrence College
Smith College
Swarthmore College
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Warwick
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
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 Maryland
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
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 Toronto Scarborough
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
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, 2025-2026

The chart below illustrates the distribution of final grades for all academic BUA courses in which members of the Class of 2027 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
CL60: Latin III	9	1	1								11
EN60: American Literature	20	19	2	6							47
HI60: United States History	16	17	7	7	1						48
MA60: PreCalculus	16	7	7	12	5	1	2	2			52
MA80: Calculus	15	11	12	10	5		2				55
MA90: Calculus II (Sem)	11	9	7	7	2	1					37
MA95: Multivariate Calculus (Sem)	14	7	4	2							27
*CAS PY105: Physics 1 (Sem)	1	2		1							4
*CAS PY211: General Physics 1 (Sem)	24	3	5	1	1						34
*CAS PY212: General Physics 2 (Sem)	17	3		1	2	1					24

* Since many BUA juniors enroll in Physics courses at BU, these 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's Course Offering	Advanced Placement Equivalent
Math and Computer Science	CAS CS 111 Computer Science I	AP Computer Science A
	CAS MA 115 Statistics	AP Statistics
	CAS MA 123 Calculus I - equivalent to BUA Calculus I (Honors)	AP Calculus AB
	CAS MA 124 Calculus II - equivalent to BUA Calculus II (Honors)	AP Calculus BC
Science	CAS BI 107 Biology I	AP Biology
	CAS BI 108 Biology II	
	CAS PY 105 Physics I	AP Physics I
	CAS PY 106 Physics II	AP Physics II
	CAS PY 211 Physics I	AP Physics C: Mechanics
Modern Languages	CAS PY 212 Physics II	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
	CAS LS 212 Fourth Semester Spanish	AP Spanish Language
	CAS LF 212 Fourth Semester French	AP French
	CAS LG 212 Fourth Semester German	AP German
	CAS LI Fourth Semester Italian	AP Italian
Classical Languages	CAS CL 212 Latin 4: Verse	AP Latin
Other Disciplines	CAS EC 101 Intro. Microeconomic Analysis	AP Microeconomics
	CAS EC 102 Intro. Macroeconomic Analysis	AP Macroeconomics
	CAS PS 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)
ML - Fusion Academy Language (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.