

Academic Integrity

Academic Honesty - Students are expected to exhibit honesty in all assignments, assessments, and coursework. Submitting work that is not your own, including plagiarism or unauthorized assistance, undermines the learning process.

Artificial Intelligence - Use of generative AI is prohibited for all assignments, unless permitted by the teacher. Teachers may ask students to use such programs for particular assignments or exercises with instructions around how AI may be used for the assignment, in accordance with their “stoplight”. Otherwise, use of such programs for submitted work is considered academic dishonesty.

Collaboration & Outside Help - Help from friends, family, or tutors is only allowed as directed by the assignment/syllabus; should not include suggesting ideas/words/phrases; and should be acknowledged in writing to the teacher. Copying work, allowing someone to copy your work, sharing information about assessments, or sharing past coursework are examples of academic dishonesty. When collaboration is not explicitly allowed, students should assume that it is not permitted.

Disciplinary Process

In general, violations of BUA or BU rules or expectations will be reported to the director of discipline. The disciplinary process is designed to be fair and supportive of student growth.

Detentions - Any BUA faculty or staff member may assign a detention. Accumulations of several detentions may lead to other consequences.

The Discipline Committee - A student may be required to meet with the Discipline Committee as a result of a particular or accumulation of infractions. This advisory council of students and faculty meet with the student(s) and make a recommendation to the head of school. Deliberations and outcomes are confidential.

Disciplinary Outcomes - Potential disciplinary outcomes include a disciplinary warning letter, in-school separation, disciplinary probation, out-of-school suspension, and dismissal.

Expungement Policy - Disciplinary probation and out-of-school suspension are reportable to next schools, if asked. However, any student who incurs such during the 9th or 10th grade will have this disciplinary outcome expunged at the end of their 11th-grade year, provided the student was subject to no additional reportable discipline.



Student/Family Handbook: TL;DR

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.



Visit the Student Council website [here!](#)

Academic Life

Student Support Services - Students have access to the school psychologist, test accommodations for students with documented disabilities, peer tutors, the Writing Center, and Homework Club. Visit the [Student Support page](#) for a full list of services and the Support Team.



Nightly Homework - Homework should be posted by 4:00 p.m. to Blackboard. On average, homework should take ~45 minutes per class (9th/10th grades) or ~60 minutes (11th/12th).

Major Assignments - Students should not have more than two major assignments or tests on the same day in their BUA courses. If this occurs, students should alert their advisor or coordinate a reschedule with a teacher. Major assignments should be returned within two weeks of being submitted. Students should alert the associate head of school otherwise.

Late Work & Extensions - Each class allows one two-day extension per semester if requested at least 24 hours in advance. Late work is penalized by one-third of a letter grade per day and will not be accepted after two weeks (minimum grade of 50%). Students observing a religious holiday may submit work one calendar day late per day of observance without penalty or extension, provided they notify their teacher in advance.

Student Conduct

Arriving Late & Leaving Early - Students arriving late must check in at the front desk and get a late slip. Students leaving early must sign out at the front desk; a parent must notify BUA.

Student Parking - Students may not park in the Upper or Lower Bridge Lots adjacent to BUA. QR-code “parking passes” are for parent/guardian pick-up, drop-off, and short-term parking only, not for student use. Violations may result in disciplinary action, ticketing, and/or towing.

Sanctuary Policy - This policy allows students to reach out to an adult when they find themselves or a peer in a potentially dangerous situation at school or any school-sponsored event without receiving a disciplinary response from the school. Sanctuary will not be invoked if a student is caught (does not self-report) with or under the influence of a banned substance.

Electronics - 9s/10s must leave smartphones at the front desk while in the BUA building; students may retrieve theirs when leaving the building (e.g., lunch, BU class) or with permission. 11s/12s may keep them but may use them only in the JSR and front area of the Student Commons; during class, phones must be placed in classroom caddies. During the school day, technology is for school: no video games, social media, videos, doomscrolling, etc.

Be You at BU

BU Admissions Agreement - BUA students who apply to Boston University will be granted admission to most of BU's undergraduate 4-year programs if they:

- Earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA in academic year University coursework at the time of the review of their application;
- Have no grade of D or F in any BUA or University course(s); and
- Have no reportable disciplinary infraction(s).

[Does not apply to CFA. BUA students are not eligible to apply to CGS or MET.]

University Attendance - Regardless of class policy, BUA students must attend all BU classes, lectures, discussions, etc. If BUA students are unable to attend due to an appointment or illness, they must inform BUA and the professor.

BU Campus - BUA is not an open campus. Underclassmen are only allowed out of the BUA building during lunch period to the GSU (and approved green space) during school hours. Upperclassmen need not arrive until their first academic commitment of the day, but must stay on campus until their last academic commitment.



Access the [full list](#) of BU Terrier Card perks