

# COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE TIMELINE

Note: this timeline provides an overall sense of dates and deadlines. More information will be rolled out via email and will be also posted on your [class page](#).

	SPRING SEMESTER IN BOSTON PREPARATION ITEMS	SUMMER SEMESTER IN LONDON OR NEW ENGLAND PREPARATION ITEMS
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept Financial Assistance Awards and submit tax documents needed to finalize awards (if applicable)</li> <li>Set up your BU email account</li> <li>Provide <a href="#">BU Alert</a> emergency notification system contact info</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the <a href="#">London Semester FAQs</a> for information on housing, group flights, and more</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request proof of graduation (final transcript) from your high school</li> <li>Submit your <a href="#">Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate scores</a>, if applicable</li> <li>Connect with your CGS academic advisor to discuss fall plans</li> </ul>	
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not yet done, speak with CGS academic advisor about fall plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for or renew your passport</li> </ul>
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not yet done, speak with CGS academic advisor about fall plans</li> </ul>	
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Post on social media</a> with #My100Days to share how you're spending the gap semester</li> </ul>	
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule an appointment with your CGS academic advisor to discuss spring courses and registration process</li> <li>Visit <a href="#">Student Accounting</a> for details on the Tuition Payment Plan, including details about ShareLink and Disclosure options</li> <li>Submit <a href="#">health forms and Certificate of Immunization</a> to Student Health Services</li> </ul>	
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for spring term classes</li> <li>Enroll in or waive BU medical insurance</li> <li>Complete the New Student Housing Application</li> <li>Receive details for Spring Orientation</li> <li>If not yet complete, submit <a href="#">health forms and Certificate of Immunization</a> online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer term London dates confirmed</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Student Activities Office</a> announces Week of Welcome events</li> <li>Complete Part 1 of <a href="#">AlcoholEdu</a> and <a href="#">Sexual Assault Prevention</a> requirements</li> <li>Review BU community standards</li> <li>Visit <a href="#">MyBU Student Portal</a> to review the New Student Checklist</li> </ul>	
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend <a href="#">Spring Orientation</a>: Jan. 15-17</li> <li>Housing assignments announced</li> <li>Deadline to complete Part 1 of <a href="#">AlcoholEdu</a> and <a href="#">Sexual Assault Prevention</a> requirements</li> <li>Move-in date: Jan. 15 (More information <a href="#">here</a>)</li> <li>Check your compliance status in the <a href="#">MyBU Student Portal</a></li> <li>Attend the student activities fair and find activities to join through the <a href="#">Student Activities Office</a></li> <li>Attend CGS welcome events</li> <li>Classes begin: January 20, 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Financial Assistance</a> information reminder, if applicable</li> <li>Deadlines announced for: Program Refunds, if applicable; Withdrawals/Leaves of Absence, if applicable</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Part 2 of <a href="#">AlcoholEdu</a> and <a href="#">Sexual Assault Prevention</a> requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the London pre-departure page from Study Abroad and collect London pre-departure documents</li> <li>Summer payment plan information becomes available</li> <li>Group flight details become available</li> <li>Deadline for obtaining or renewing passport</li> <li>Deadline to book group flight (Summer 1)</li> </ul>
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>London pre-departure documents due March 15</li> <li>Deadline to book group flight (Summer 2)</li> <li>Deadline to submit London housing preferences</li> </ul>
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to submit arrival information and upload passport to the London personal page</li> <li>Deadline to complete independent flight form, if applicable</li> <li>London room assignments announced</li> <li>Review the Study Abroad pre-departure page for details on program travel, orientation, housing, living in London, social events, health and emergency information</li> <li>Attend mandatory pre-departure meetings to review London arrival, housing, academic logistics</li> <li>Abroad health insurance information becomes available</li> </ul>
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NOTE: All listed summer dates are from 2025 as a reference point, 2026 dates TBD</b></li> <li>Summer 1 students: Arrive in London May 18</li> <li>Summer 1 students: London Orientation May 19</li> <li>Summer 1 classes begin: May 20</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to withdraw or request leave of absence</li> <li>Summer 1 students: Last day of semester June 27</li> <li>Summer 1 students: Depart London June 28</li> <li>Summer 2 students: Arrive in London June 29</li> <li>Summer 2 students: London Orientation June 30</li> </ul>
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer 2 classes begin: July 1</li> </ul>
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer 2 students: Last day of semester August 8</li> <li>Summer 2 students: Depart London August 9</li> </ul>

Last revised: 5/5/25 \*Information and dates in this calendar are subject to change.