

An Introduction to

# Arts & Sciences

50+  
DEPARTMENTS/  
PROGRAMS

90+  
MAJORS

60+  
MINORS

3500+  
COURSES

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BOSTON  
UNIVERSITY

# ARTS & SCIENCES

What happens when ecologists connect with political scientists, linguists study alongside computer scientists, and philosophers learn with mathematicians?

At the heart of Boston University, the College of Arts & Sciences is where the liberal arts and sciences intersect to empower scholars with bright ideas to connect and collaborate. With more than 90 majors and 60 minors to choose from and the ability to study with award-winning faculty members, Arts & Sciences students are already impacting the world — translating, programming, and building our future.

Here, academics aren't bound by the walls of a classroom. Arts & Sciences students apply their knowledge to real-world situations in Boston — and worldwide — through course field trips, internships, study abroad programs, and more.

Because when scholars in the arts and sciences collaborate, more becomes possible.

**8,400**  
Undergraduate  
Students

**2,000**  
Graduate  
Students

**800**  
Faculty

**110,000+**  
Alumni



When **Arts** and **Sciences** meet  
the possibilities are boundless



**ARTS** ×  
*Sciences*  
= BOUNDLESS POSSIBILITIES



# Majors & Minors

[bu.edu/cas/departments](http://bu.edu/cas/departments)

Choose from more than **90 majors** and **60 minors** in nearly **50 academic** departments and programs. You can also consider a **sequential bachelor's-to-masters (B-to-M)** program.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN & BLACK DIASPORA STUDIES

[bu.edu/afam](http://bu.edu/afam)

- African American & Black Diaspora Studies (major, minor)

## AMERICAN STUDIES

[bu.edu/amnesp](http://bu.edu/amnesp)

- American Studies (major, minor)

## ANTHROPOLOGY

[bu.edu/anthrop](http://bu.edu/anthrop)

- Anthropology with a specialization in Anthropology, Health & Medicine (major)
- Anthropology with a specialization in Biological Anthropology (major)
- Anthropology with a specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology (major)
- Anthropology & Religion (major)
- Medical Anthropology (minor)

## ARCHAEOLOGY

[bu.edu/archaeology](http://bu.edu/archaeology)

- Archaeology (major, minor)
- Archaeological & Environmental Sciences (major, minor)
- Classics & Archaeology (major, B-to-M)

## ASTRONOMY

[bu.edu/astronomy](http://bu.edu/astronomy)

- Astronomy (major, minor)
- Astronomy & Physics (major)
- Astrophysics & Space Physics (B-to-M)

## BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

[bu.edu/bmb](http://bu.edu/bmb)

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (major)
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology/Biotechnology (B-to-M)

## BIOLOGY

[bu.edu/biology](http://bu.edu/biology)

- Biology (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Behavioral Biology Specialization (major)
- Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Genetics Specialization (major)
- Ecology & Conservation Biology Specialization (major)
- Neurobiology Specialization (major)

## CHEMISTRY

[bu.edu/chemistry](http://bu.edu/chemistry)

- Chemical Biology Specialization (major)
- Chemistry (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Chemistry & Physics (major)
- Teaching of Chemistry (major)

## CINEMA & MEDIA STUDIES

[bu.edu/cims](http://bu.edu/cims)

- Cinema & Media Studies (major, minor)

## CLASSICAL STUDIES

[bu.edu/classics](http://bu.edu/classics)

- Classical Studies (B-to-M)
- Ancient Greek (major, minor)
- Ancient Greek/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- Ancient Greek & Latin (major)
- Classical Civilization (major, minor)

- Classics & Archaeology (major, B-to-M)
- Classics & Philosophy (major)
- Classics & Religion (major)
- Latin (major, minor)
- Latin/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- Modern Greek (minor)
- Myth Studies (minor)

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

[bu.edu/cs](http://bu.edu/cs)

- Computer Science (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Computer Science & Economics (major)
- Linguistics & Computer Science (major)
- Mathematics & Computer Science (major, B-to-M)
- Physics & Computer Science (major)
- Statistics & Computer Science (major)

## CORE CURRICULUM

[bu.edu/core](http://bu.edu/core)

- Core Curriculum (minor)
- Core Independent Studies (minor)

## EARTH & ENVIRONMENT

[bu.edu/earth](http://bu.edu/earth)

- Archaeological & Environmental Sciences (major, minor)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences (major, minor)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences/Energy & Environment (B-to-M)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences/Remote Sensing & Geospatial Sciences (B-to-M)
- Environmental Analysis & Policy (major, minor)
- Environmental Analysis & Policy/Energy & Environment (B-to-M)
- Environmental Analysis & Policy/Remote Sensing & Geospatial Sciences (B-to-M)
- Environmental Remote Sensing & Geographic Information Systems (minor)
- Sustainable Energy (minor)

## ECONOMICS

[bu.edu/econ](http://bu.edu/econ)

- Economics (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Computer Science & Economics (major)
- Economics & Mathematics (major)
- Economics & Mathematics/Economics (B-to-M)

## ELIE WIESEL CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

[bu.edu/jewishstudies](http://bu.edu/jewishstudies)

- Israel Studies (minor)
- Jewish Studies (minor)
- Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies (major, minor)

## ENGLISH

[bu.edu/english](http://bu.edu/english)

- English (major, minor, B-to-M)

## FREDERICK S. PARDEE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

[bu.edu/pardeeschool](http://bu.edu/pardeeschool)

- African Studies (minor)
- African Languages & Literatures (minor)
- Asian Studies (major, minor)
- European Studies (major, minor)
- Global Medieval Studies (minor)
- International Relations (major, minor)



- International Relations/International Affairs (B-to-M)
- Latin American Studies (major, minor)
- Middle East & North Africa Studies (major)
- Muslim Cultures (minor)
- Muslim Societies (minor)

## HISTORY

[bu.edu/history](http://bu.edu/history)

- History (major, minor)

## HISTORY OF ART & ARCHITECTURE

[bu.edu/haa](http://bu.edu/haa)

- Architectural Studies (major)
- History of Art & Architecture (major, minor)

## LINGUISTICS

[bu.edu/linguistics](http://bu.edu/linguistics)

- Linguistics (major, minor, B-to-M)
- French & Linguistics (major)
- Italian & Linguistics (major)
- Japanese & Linguistics (major)
- Linguistics & African Languages (major)
- Linguistics & Computer Science (major)
- Linguistics & Philosophy (major)
- Linguistics & Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences (major)
- Spanish & Linguistics (major)

## MARINE SCIENCE

[bu.edu/bump](http://bu.edu/bump)

- Marine Science (major, minor)

## MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

[bu.edu/math](http://bu.edu/math)

- Mathematics (major, minor)
- Economics & Mathematics (major)
- Economics & Mathematics/Economics (B-to-M)
- Mathematics & Computer Science (major, B-to-M)
- Mathematics & Mathematics Education (major, B-to-M)
- Mathematics & Philosophy (major)
- Mathematics & Physics (major)
- Statistics & Computer Science (major)

## NEUROSCIENCE

[bu.edu/neuro](http://bu.edu/neuro)

- Neuroscience (major)
- Philosophy & Neuroscience (major)

## PHILOSOPHY

[bu.edu/philo](http://bu.edu/philo)

- Philosophy (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Classics & Philosophy (major)
- Linguistics & Philosophy (major)
- Mathematics & Philosophy (major)
- Philosophy & Neuroscience (major)
- Philosophy & Physics (major)
- Philosophy & Political Science (major)
- Philosophy & Psychology (major)
- Philosophy & Religion (major)

## PHYSICS

[bu.edu/physics](http://bu.edu/physics)

- Physics (major, minor)
- Chemistry & Physics (major)
- Mathematics & Physics (major)
- Physics & Computer Science (major)

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

[bu.edu/polisci](http://bu.edu/polisci)

- Political Science (major, minor, B-to-M)
- Public Policy Analysis (minor)
- Urban Studies (minor)

## PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

[bu.edu/psych](http://bu.edu/psych)

- Psychology (major, minor)

## RELIGION

[bu.edu/religion](http://bu.edu/religion)

- Religion (major, minor)
- Religion in Science & Medicine (minor)

## ROMANCE STUDIES

[bu.edu/rs](http://bu.edu/rs)

- French Studies (major, minor)
- French Studies/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- French & Linguistics (major)
- French Studies/French Language & Literature (B-to-M)
- Italian Studies (major)
- Italian (minor)
- Italian & Linguistics (minor)
- Portuguese & Brazilian Cultural Studies (minor)
- Spanish (major, minor)
- Spanish/Hispanic Language & Literatures (B-to-M)
- Spanish/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- Spanish & Linguistics (major)

## SCIENCE EDUCATION

- Science Education with a Biology Specialization (major)
- Science Education with a Chemistry Specialization (major)
- Science Education with a Physics Specialization (major)

## SOCIOLOGY

[bu.edu/sociology](http://bu.edu/sociology)

- Sociology (major, minor)

## WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES

[bu.edu/wgs](http://bu.edu/wgs)

- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (minor)

## WORLD LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

[bu.edu/wll](http://bu.edu/wll)

- Arabic (minor)
- Chinese (minor)
- Chinese Language & Literature (major)
- Chinese/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- Comparative Literature (major, minor)
- Comparative Literature/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- German Language & Literature (major)
- German/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- German (minor)
- Hebrew (minor)
- Japanese Language & Literature (major, minor)
- Japanese/Literary Translation (B-to-M)
- Japanese & Linguistics (major)
- Korean (minor)
- Korean Language & Literature (major)
- Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages & Literatures (major)
- Persian Cultural Studies (minor)
- Russian Language & Literature (major)
- Russian (minor)
- Turkish Cultural Studies (minor)

# Programs & Opportunities

[bu.edu/cas](https://bu.edu/cas)

To graduate, undergraduate students must complete at least one major, demonstrate proficiency in a non-English language, take at least one lab class, and fulfill BU Hub's general education requirements.

## CAS FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

[bu.edu/fye](https://bu.edu/fye)

A series of special events to help first-year and transfer undergraduate students transition into the intellectual, social, and cultural community of BU.

## FY101

[bu.edu/fy101](https://bu.edu/fy101)

A one-credit class that serves as a semester-long introduction to college life. Through discussions, activities, class outings, and program-wide events, students will learn how to get involved at BU, balance their time, adjust to BU classes, and explore their personal interests and values as they relate to their semester.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CONNECTOR

[bu.edu/cas/connector](https://bu.edu/cas/connector)

At BU, there are countless opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills from the classroom in a real-world context, and put their arts and sciences education into action. The Experiential Learning Connector helps students navigate the diverse range of experiential learning options available to them at the College of Arts & Sciences, across BU's professional schools and offices, throughout Greater Boston, and beyond.

## ADVISING

[bu.edu/cas/CASadvising](https://bu.edu/cas/CASadvising)

CAS Academic Advising provides professional academic advising and mentoring to undergraduate students, and offers students support in addition to their academic advisor. Academic Advising can assist students in identifying their academic advisors; provide guidance in choosing a major or planning a degree program; help interpret policies, navigate academic concerns and plan for degree completion; and assist with referrals to campus partners for academic, personal, career support and counseling, and financial aid.

## BU HUB

[bu.edu/hub](https://bu.edu/hub)

Arts & Sciences offers more than 1,600 courses in the BU Hub, BU's general education program. In the Hub, students explore a broad array of disciplines and ways of thinking as they prepare to navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world. The Hub helps students develop six

essential capacities—knowledge, skills, and habits of mind—that will equip them to thrive in their personal, professional, and civic lives

## WRITING PROGRAM

[bu.edu/writingprogram](https://bu.edu/writingprogram)

CAS is home to the BU's Writing Program, which connects undergraduates across BU schools and disciplines to help students develop writing and communications skills and habits of mind essential to their future personal, professional, and civic life. Take part in Boston-based writing courses or seminars on topics including: nature and the environment; social and racial justice; arts and culture; technology; medicine and health; history; biography and memoir; and society, ethics, and politics.

## CORE CURRICULUM

[bu.edu/core](https://bu.edu/core)

A learning community of readers, thinkers, creators, and doers at the heart of Arts & Sciences. Centered around weekly lectures and small discussion classes, Core invites students to engage with enduring texts, art, stories, and to translate the tradition of great works into important discussions and conversations that meet the challenge of our present moment.

## HONORS IN YOUR MAJOR

[bu.edu/cas/honors](https://bu.edu/cas/honors)

CAS students looking to further their study in their academic discipline can apply to pursue a course of study leading to graduation with honors in their chosen major or minor. Students will complete specially-designated honors courses and fulfill a significant research project. Students can request funding for travel associated with their research through the CAS Honors Research Travel Fund.

## BACHELOR'S-TO-MASTER'S PROGRAMS

[bu.edu/cas/BAMA](https://bu.edu/cas/BAMA)

The College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GRS) offer a number of Bachelor's-to-Masters (B-to-M) programs that enable qualified CAS students to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies sequentially. These include programs in the Departments of Computer Science, Economics, Earth & Environment, English, Linguistics, Political Science, Romance Studies, and others.

## **LANGUAGES**

[bu.edu/cas/languages](https://bu.edu/cas/languages)

CAS students are required to study or show proficiency in a foreign language. Students can choose from a wide range of languages, including: Arabic, Chinese, Modern Greek, German, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, and more. Students can also pursue a course of study in American Sign Language.

## **STUDY ABROAD**

[bu.edu/abroad](https://bu.edu/abroad)

About 40% of CAS students participate in Boston University's extensive study abroad programs, many of which are well-integrated into the CAS curriculum. BU offers over 70 programs spanning more than 15 countries. Students can choose from a wide range of destinations and experiences to find a program that works for their major and interests.

## **LIVING-LEARNING & SPECIALTY COMMUNITIES**

[bu.edu/cas/specialty](https://bu.edu/cas/specialty)

These faculty-guided communities — in addition to a comfortable place to sleep, study, and eat, BU offers housing that nourishes the mind and spirit, by connecting students through academic or extracurricular passions — focus on experiential learning and discovery beyond the classroom. Living in one of these communities offers opportunities for collaboration with students and faculty from across disciplines; advising and mentoring; and interactions that promote intellectual development and foster community.

## **PRE-HEALTH PATHWAYS**

[bu.edu/prehealth](https://bu.edu/prehealth)

CAS pre-health advisors are available to provide comprehensive guidance for students who aspire to enter a career in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, veterinary medicine, or another health-related field. Through individualized advising appointments and a full slate of meetings and workshops, pre-health advisors can assist students with exploring professional goals, planning recommended pre-health curriculum to satisfy health profession schools' admission requirements, and preparing a competitive portfolio for the application process.

## **PRE-LAW PATHWAYS**

[bu.edu/prelaw](https://bu.edu/prelaw)

Considering a career in law? CAS pre-law advisors provide students with a full range of information and services, from informational meetings and workshops to programs, services, and resources to help students make academic choices, explore extracurricular activities, learn about the legal profession, consider alternative pathways, and navigate the application process.

## **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (UROP)**

[bu.edu/urop](https://bu.edu/urop)

UROP connects BU undergraduate students with funded, faculty-mentored research experiences. Any undergraduate student enrolled full-time at BU is eligible to apply for UROP funding.





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