

EC Boston

Arrival and First Day



Emergency Numbers

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Address

EC Boston
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Airport Transfers

Airport transfers can be arranged by EC if requested in advance. All flight details including arrival time, flight numbers, airline and point of origin have to be advised 7 days prior to arrival in order for EC to provide airport transfers. Failure to notify the transportation company and school (emergency phone) of flight delays/cancellations at least one hour prior to original arrival time will result in assessment of fees.

Students will meet an EC transportation representative with an EC Boston sign outside Customs in the case of international arrivals, or at baggage claim for domestic arrivals. If, after 20 minutes, students cannot see the EC representative they are advised to proceed to the airport information desk and call the EC emergency number stated above. If students have not booked an airport transfer they must inform EC of their expected time of arrival 5 days prior to arrival.

Health Insurance

Health insurance coverage is required for all students to attend class at EC Boston. You will need to provide proof of insurance on your first day. Please purchase insurance in advance of your arrival and bring the documentation with you on your first day. If you do not, you will be required to purchase health insurance from EC Boston at \$2.15 per day for your entire stay. (This rate is subject to change).

Accommodation Notes

- Students who do not notify us of their arrival information may not be able to check into their requested housing until after they have checked into the school on their first day.
- Students who are booked in the student apartment but have not requested transportation must call the emergency phone once they are en route to the apartment. This is in addition to providing us with flight information 7 days prior to arrival.
- Students who have booked homestay housing but have not requested transportation must provide us with an estimated arrival time 5 days prior to arrival.

First Day

Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:30am on their first morning. Students will be given a handbook during orientation on the first day of class. This handbook includes school policies, immigration regulations and tips about getting around Boston.

Students should bring the following to school with on the first day:

- I-20 form(s) (F-1 students only)
- visa
- passport
- tuition balance
- proof of health insurance (for the entire length of programme)
- I-94 card (small white or green card received on the plane)
- \$150 accommodation damage deposit if booked in apartment



Placement Test

Students will take a placement test on their first day which assesses the students in all key skill areas, allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant English group for their ability. The placement test is followed by orientation. Students who take Intensive classes start on the first day. Students who take General English or Semi-Intensive classes start on the day after placement and orientation.

Transportation

Logan International Airport is located just 2 miles outside the city center, with several convenient public transportation options to and from downtown & suburban locations.

MBTA (Mass. Bay Transportation Authority) - referred to as the "T" - runs daily service on buses, trains, & trolleys throughout Boston & surrounding towns between approximately 6am and midnight. T stations can be identified by a black "T" on a white circular sign.

A variety of fares and passes are available to fit student commuting needs.

- Subway fare is \$2.00
- The basic bus fare is \$1.50
- Weekly and monthly passes allow for unlimited travel on multiple MBTA services and have built in discounts and benefits for bus and subway travel.

School Location

EC Boston is located conveniently on the Green Line (B, C, D or E trains). To get to EC, get off at the Copley Station (Green Line) and walk south-west along Boylston Street for 1.5 blocks (about 2-3 minutes). We are located on Boylston Street between Exeter and Fairfield streets. The main office is on the second floor.

Lessons

At EC Boston, there are 3 timetable options depending on the number of lessons which you have booked.

- 20 lessons per week (15 hours) - General English
 - 24 Lessons per week (18 hours) - Semi-Intensive
 - 30 Lessons (22.5 hours) - Intensive English
- Students attending General English will not be able to apply for an I-20. Students should apply for an I-20 if they are registering for more than 20 lessons. If students do choose to apply for an I-20, the minimum registration is 1 week.

EC Boston Timetable

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
09:00 - 10:30	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons
10:30 - 10:45	BREAK				
10:45 - 12:15	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons
12:15 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK				
13:00 - 14:30	Intensive Lessons Only	Semi Intensive and Intensive Lessons	Intensive Lessons Only	Semi Intensive and Intensive Lessons	Intensive Lessons Only

Please note: EC may switch to a double banking schedule in high season or when necessary.

