

# **The Unofficial Guide to Boston for Babson College Students and Partners**



**Written by Students for Students and Partners\***

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# Introduction

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## Fellow Babson Students and Partners: Welcome to the Boston area!



### Guide Background

The Unofficial Guide to Babson College was the original creation of Peter Rovick, MBA '09. It has since been redeveloped and updated to be brought to you in handbook form. An electronic version of this document can be found here: <https://life.babson.edu/organization/bpp/documentlibrary>

### Guide Purpose

“During my first year of the MBA program, I decided to create a reference guide for future students who are newcomers to the Boston area. Moving to a new location can be exciting and challenging. The purpose of this guide very simply is to help future students. I ask for nothing in return, except for perhaps your suggestions for potential additions and improvements to this guide.

During your time on campus and afterwards as an alum, you will have countless opportunities to benefit from the initiatives taken by other Babson students and alumni. I encourage you to share your unique talents, skills, and knowledge by taking your own initiatives and helping other Babson students and alumni whenever possible.”

- Peter Rovick, MBA '09

### Suggestions & Updates

This guide would not be possible without the help of other Babson Students. If you have a thought or advice to share please send it to the Graduate Programs and Student Affairs Office at [gpsa@babson.edu](mailto:gpsa@babson.edu). Thank you!

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# Babson College: The Basics

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## *Getting to Babson College*

### **Driving Directions**

#### From Boston:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 15. After the tolls, proceed south on Interstate 95 (Route 128) to Exit 20B (Route 9 West). Continue on Route 9 West for 1.9 miles to Route 16 exit. Turn left onto Route 16 West (also known as Washington Street). Follow Route 16 West for 0.6 mile to Forest Street. Turn left on Forest Street and follow it for 1.2 miles to the main entrance to the College, which will be on your left.

#### From western Massachusetts and points west:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 14. Follow the previous instructions that begin with, "After the tolls, proceed south..."

#### From south of Boston and Cape Cod:

Take Interstate 95 (Route 128) north to Exit 20B (Route 9 West) and follow previous instructions that begin, "Continue on Route 9 West for 1.9 miles..."

#### From north of Boston:

Take Interstate 95 (Route 128) south to exit 20B (Route 9 West) and follow previous instructions that begin, "Continue on Route 9 West for 1.9 miles..."

### **From Logan International Airport:**

There are three options:

1. Take a taxi directly to Babson College. The fare will be about \$65-75, including toll fees and a 10-15% tip to the driver. Allow at least an hour for the trip.
2. Take the Logan Express to Framingham. This full-sized bus picks up passengers at all terminals. Check out their website [http://www.massport.com/logan/getting\\_logan\\_frami.html](http://www.massport.com/logan/getting_logan_frami.html) for more information. A one-way adult fare is about \$12. From Framingham, take a taxi to Babson College (see *Transportation* section.) Allow about one hour and 45 minutes for the entire trip.
3. Take the subway, also called the "T." There are two options:
  - a. ***Airport Shuttle to Blue Line:*** Take the free shuttle bus from the terminal to the MBTA "Airport" subway stop. Take the Blue Line inbound four stops to "Government Center." Walk upstairs and take the Green Line D train to Riverside. Get off at "Woodland," the next to last stop. Allow about 90 minutes for the total trip. The fare is \$2.00 (cash). Then, from the "Woodland" stop, take a taxi to Babson (see *Transportation* section).
  - b. ***Silver Line to South Station:*** Follow airport signs to the Silver Line (SL1), which stops at all terminals. Take to "South Station" (see instructions *From the Amtrak Terminal at South Station* below).

For more information about the T, see the transportation section of this guidebook.

For complete ground transportation information from Logan Airport, please call 1-800-235-6426 or visit [www.massport.com/logan](http://www.massport.com/logan).

**From the Peter Pan and Greyhound Bus Terminals:**

From the Peter Pan or Greyhound bus terminal at South Station take a non-express Peter Pan or Greyhound bus to the Riverside MBTA station in Newton, MA. The fare is about \$5. (*Please note: Express buses do not stop at Riverside.*) For more information visit [www.peterpanbus.com](http://www.peterpanbus.com) or [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com). Then, take a taxi to Babson (see *Transportation* section).

**From the Amtrak Terminal at South Station:**

There are two options:

1. *Take the Framingham/Worcester Commuter rail to Wellesley Hills.* From South Station, take the Framingham/Worcester commuter rail to Wellesley Hills. Depending on the time of day, regularly scheduled trains leave South Station at  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2-hour intervals (Monday-Friday), and 1-to 3-hour intervals (Saturday and Sunday). The trip takes approximately 30 minutes. Purchase your ticket in the station (cash/card) or on the train (cash only). The fare will be about \$5.25. Then, take a taxi from Wellesley Hills (see *Transportation* section).
2. *Take the "T."* From South Station, take the MBTA subway Red Line inbound two stops to Park Street. Walk upstairs and take the Green Line D train to Riverside. Get off at "Woodland," the next to last stop. Allow about 60 minutes for the trip. The fare is \$2.00. Then, take a taxi from Woodland to Babson (see *Transportation* section).

## *The Campus*



The Babson campus consists of 370 acres of woods, rolling hills, and carefully landscaped grounds. Highlights include the following:

- F.W. Olin Hall (46) is a four-story, light-filled structure with a soaring atrium in which many of the schools on-site graduate courses are taught.
- Donald W. Reynolds Campus Center (25) is the home of the bookstore, Crossroads Cafe, Information Desk, Credit Union, and Woody's Coffee Bar. The building also includes meeting rooms, the Global Lounge, vendor carts, ATMs, and an outdoor patio—all located at the heart of the campus!
- Near Reynolds is the Richard W. Sorenson Center (26) for the Arts and the Glavin Family Chapel (27). The Richard W. Sorenson Family Visual Arts Center provides students and their partners with a space to pursue their talents and explore their interests.
- Graduate students who choose to live on campus are housed either in Woodland Hill (70-80) or Woodside, located in the Babson Executive Education Center (33).
- Trim Dining Hall (7) is the main dining hall on campus. It's an "all you can eat" option with a flat rate for entry.
- The Webster Center (30) houses the majority of Babson's indoor athletic and recreational facilities, including Stake Gymnasium, Morse Pool, the PepsiCo Pavilion, and an indoor track.
- Babson Health Services is located in Hollister (9). For hours of service, visit <http://www.babson.edu/offices-services/health-services/Pages/default.aspx>
- Horn Library (28) is home to the library, the Horn Computer Center, and the Stephen D. Cutler Center for Investments and Finance.

- The Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship (48) provides a dynamic home for Babson's world-famous entrepreneurship program and for the Center for Women's Leadership.

Other interesting landmarks on campus:

- Roger Babson's burial plot, located on campus near the upper athletic fields. He is buried with his first wife and his favorite horse!
- A second generation offshoot of the apple tree that originally spurred Newton's theory of gravity is located in the quadrangle between Tomasso Hall and Park Manor Residence Hall.
- "The World's Largest Globe," circa 1955, is located in front of Coleman Hall. It is 28 feet in diameter and weighs 25 tons. Roger Babson dedicated this globe to the United Nations and hoped that it would create interest in world geography, economics, transportation, and trade.
- The Graduate Energy and Environment Club spearheaded an effort to utilize wind energy through the installation of a small wind power turbine on campus. The unit is located on the upper athletic field where it takes advantage of the most favorable wind conditions on Babson's campus.
- The Sir Isaac Newton Room, purchased for Babson College by Roger Babson's wife Grace in 1937, was installed in the former Sir Isaac Newton Library (now called Tomasso Hall) on the Babson campus in 1939. It consists of the original pine-paneled walls and carved mantel from the fore-parlor of Isaac Newton's house on St. Martin's Street, Leicester Square, London, where he lived from 1710-1725.

An interactive campus map can be found on the following website: <http://www.babson.edu/visiting-babson/Pages/campus-map.aspx>.

## **Eating on Campus**

There are a number of dining options offered at Babson through Babson Dining Services:

### Pandini's, F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business

Many graduate students choose to eat in Pandini's for convenience. The menu features brick oven style pizzas, calzones, fresh salads, pastas, Panini sandwiches, sushi, and luscious desserts. Daily lunch and dinner specials with a healthy, globally ethnic theme are available. All forms of payment are accepted.

### Trim Dining Hall

Trim is the only true dining hall on campus and is available to the entire Babson community. It's an "all you can eat" option with a flat rate for entry. Comprised of many dining stations, you can choose from traditional American 'comfort food' to cuisine from around the world. For the 2010-11 academic year, the cost for entry was \$10.30, though prices are likely to rise \$0.25-\$0.35 for the 2011-12 academic year. On Fridays, graduate students and their partners can eat for \$6.00. It's the best deal around!

### Reynolds Crossroads Food Court, ground floor of the Reynolds Campus Center

Reynolds Campus similar is similar to Pandini's in its grab-and-go format. It generally has more selection and longer hours. Food options in Reynolds include: Pizza Hut, Dunkin' Donuts, The Ultimate Deli, Southern Tsunami Sushi, Freshens (which serves smoothies and ice cream) and a grill station.

For More information about dining options and facilities' hours, visit:

<http://www.babsondining.com/index.html>

Random tidbit, courtesy of Peter Rovick: "Pepsi is a proud sponsor of Babson College, and therefore, only Pepsi products can be found on Babson's campus.

## **Banking on Campus**

Two Citizens Bank ATM machines are conveniently located on campus: one on the ground floor of Olin Hall and one in the Reynolds Campus Center. These machines only do withdrawals; they do not accept deposits. See below for more general information about banking options in the area.

## **Studying and Researching on Campus--Horn Library**

The Horn Library features a strong business collection of print, media, and electronic information Resources and a staff of highly trained information professionals who offer a wide range of services to the College community. Books not available in Horn can be ordered through Horn's Interlibrary Loan program. A Babson OneCard is needed to check out items, use reserve materials, and photocopy materials in the library. For more information about hours and services, visit:

<http://www.babson.edu/Academics/library/Pages/home.aspx> or call (781) 239-4596.

## **Spiritual Life on Campus**

The Glavin Chapel serves as a multifaith sanctuary in the heart of Babson College. All members of the Babson community are invited to practice their religious faith, to seek inspiration and guidance, and to find peace in the quiet of this sacred space. This space is run by the Office of Spiritual life, which provides programs and opportunities to foster personal growth, community spirit, and spiritual development. Spiritual Life programs include lectures, educational seminars, conversation circles, support groups, musical events, observance of religious holidays, and regular religious services. For more information, visit <http://www.babson.edu/offices-services/multifaith-programs/Pages/home.aspx>.

## **Campus Gym**

The Babson gym is housed in the Webster Center. The gym contains an indoor track and pool, squash, racquetball, and basketball courts, cardio and weight equipment, and a dance studio. Workout classes, such as spinning, yoga, and nia are offered at various times throughout the week.

Full-time students can use the gym free of cost. Partners can become "B-Club Members," which provides them with access to the gym at a cost:

*September, 1 2010 – August 31, 2011*  
\$350 per person

January 3, 2011 – August 31, 2011  
\$175 per person

To become a B-Club Member, visit: <http://babsonathletics.com/information/facilities/webstercenter.pdf>

## **Campus Post Office**

A branch of the US Postal Service is located on campus, right next to Babson's main gate. Hours of operation are:

Mon-Fri: 9 AM-1 PM; 2:30-4:30 PM  
Sat-Sun: CLOSED

## ***The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business***

The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College cultivates entrepreneurial thinking that students can apply in start-up ventures and the corporate environment. There are four degree programs that prepare students to become superior managers and be able to meet the needs of progressive organizations: the One Year, Two Year, Evening, and Fast Track Programs.

The accelerated one-year, full-time MBA program is designed for students who have an undergraduate degree in business and at least two years of post-graduate work experience. The full-time two-year program features a modular curriculum that integrates the functional disciplines of business into one cohesive program. The Evening MBA part-time program provides an integrated learning approach to the key functional areas, which students can immediately apply to their work. As the first-of-its-kind, Babson's part-time Fast Track MBA program combines traditional on-site classroom instruction with distance learning components. The program enables students to earn their MBA degree in just 24 months while still working.

### **Getting Involved at the F.W Olin Graduate School of Business**

The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business is home to more than 35 student-run clubs and activities, running the gambit of types from professional to social to athletic. Many of the groups run large-scale forums and case competitions that bring together students, community members, and industry experts to discuss topics such as energy and the environment, entrepreneurship, business in Latin America, and marketing. These are some of the most exciting events on campus, so make sure to keep your eyes open for these opportunities. A list of officially recognized organizations and upcoming events can be found on Life @ Babson: <http://life.babson.edu>. Most events are open to students, faculty, staff, and partners. Closed events will be noted as such in the event description.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is the student-led governing body that approves, funds, and generally oversees all other student-run groups. The GSC consists of students voted into office by their peers and acts as a liaison between students, faculty, and the F.W. Olin Graduate School administration. In addition, the GSC sponsors several academic seminars and social events. The GSC has members representing many constituencies on campus, including international, evening, Fast Track, One Year, and Two Year students, and Partners, among others. The GSC works in conjunction with Graduate Programs and Student Affairs (GPSA) to ensure that groups and their events are properly supported.

### **The Partners' Program**

Babson is aware of the important role spouses, partners, significant others, and families play in the lives of our graduate students. With this in mind, the Babson Partners' Program provides a platform for partners and families to participate in the Babson experience. The Partners' Program is run by students and partners for students and partners, and organizes social, cultural, and educational activities for its members. The goal is to provide partners and families with information about Babson and the surrounding area upon arrival and to allow partners the opportunity to get to know one another through shared activities and interests. The Partners' Program holds events throughout the year. To find out more about the club, visit their website:

<http://life.babson.edu/organization/bpp>

You can also keep up to date on upcoming events by visiting the Facebook Page or joining the listserv!

- To join the Partners' listserv, simply send an email to [join-partners@listserv.babson.edu](mailto:join-partners@listserv.babson.edu).

- To become a member of the Partners' Program on Facebook, visit:  
[http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_32613436313](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_32613436313)

In addition to partner-specific events planned by the Partners' Program, partners also have access to many of the Babson facilities. Partners will be notified via the listserv/Facebook page about opportunities available to them as members of the campus community. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Photography, painting, and other arts courses offered through Sorenson Center for the Arts
- Campus –wide events such as Founder's Day and International Education Week
- Spiritual events at the Glavin Chapel
- Use of the Babson gym (membership fee required, see section on the gym above for more information)
- Speaker events hosted by student clubs or the greater Babson community

# **Housing**

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It is recommended that first year students (and particularly international students) coming to Babson live on campus or in Wellesley. By living on or close to campus, you'll have fewer hassles (i.e. you may not need a car). Students wishing to live on campus must apply early in the spring semester prior to the year they hope to be housed. If you are interested in living in an on-campus apartment, contact the Office of Residence Life at 781-239-4438. Apply early as spaces are limited!

To view floor plans and pricing, please visit: [www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad\\_housing/](http://www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad_housing/)

## **On-Campus Housing**

Living in Babson's residence halls affords you the opportunity to be right on campus. The convenient option is perfect for students without a car, those looking for furnished housing, or those hoping to be a part of a culturally abundant community that houses both undergraduate and graduate students.

There are two graduate housing areas on campus. Woodland Hill (about a five minute walk from Olin Hall, where all MBA classes are held) graduate housing options include studio/efficiency, one bedroom, 1.5 bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. All have high-speed Internet connections and are connected to the Babson network. The buildings surround a large grass field with barbeques and picnic tables; a great spot to lounge when the weather is nice.

At Woodland Hill, there are approximately 70 individual units available to graduate students, ranging from studio rooms with a kitchen and bathroom to large two bedroom apartments. Most single residents live in studio apartments available in buildings 1, 2, 2A, 9, and 10. Married residents can apply for one-bedroom apartments, while residents with children are eligible for two-bedroom units. Apartments are available furnished or unfurnished. There are limitations for larger apartments.

The Woodside Apartments are even closer to Olin Hall. Woodside's accommodations include one large, furnished room. Each room has a private bathroom. The kitchen is shared by all residents, and it includes multiple stoves, ovens, dishwashers, etc. The kitchen has dishware, pots, and pans for common use.

For more information about on-campus housing, visit Residential Life's website:  
<http://www.babson.edu/graduate/student-life/living-and-learning/housing/Pages/default.aspx>

A typical room in Woodland Hill:



Typical Woodside Bedroom:



## Off Campus Housing

The address of Babson College is 231 Forest Street, Babson Park, Massachusetts. The campus is composed of 350 acres (1.4 km<sup>2</sup>) in the "Babson Park" section of the larger town of Wellesley, Massachusetts. The campus is approximately 12 miles (22.5 km) west of Boston, about a 25 minute drive from the city. Public transportation between Wellesley and Boston is available via a commuter rail train (approximately a 45 minute trip from Boston.) It is important to note when choosing a residence that the train station nearest

Babson requires about a mile walk to campus, which can be a challenge in wintery conditions. Most students living off-campus purchase a car to get them to and from Babson.

Boston and the surrounding towns are student focused. As a result, most housing leases run on a September 1 to August 31 lease cycle. Finding an alternate lease situation may be tricky, but subletting from someone could provide a good solution. Rent rates vary by neighborhood and building, but you should expect to pay between \$700-\$1200 to share an apartment and \$1,200-\$2,000 for a studio or one bedroom.

Most apartments in the Boston area are listed through realtors, which usually charge a fee of one month's rent upon signing a lease. In recent years, the rental market in Boston has improved, leading some realtors to rent without fees. Realtors may waive fees, so don't be afraid to negotiate. Former students have recommended the following real estate agents:

- Century 21 Commonwealth  
781-719-0402 or 617-413-2879 (cell)  
[marycrane@c21alexanders.com](mailto:marycrane@c21alexanders.com)
- Louise Condon Realty  
Louise Condon  
781-449-6292  
[Sales@condonrealty.com](mailto:sales@condonrealty.com)
- Hunneman Coldwell Banker  
Larry Lodge  
781-444-7400  
[larry.lodge@nemoves.com](mailto:larry.lodge@nemoves.com)
- Fabiola Perry  
781-237-9090  
[fabiola.perry@nemoves.com](mailto:fabiola.perry@nemoves.com)
- Jim Woodley  
781-235-6885  
[jim.woodley@nemoves.com](mailto:jim.woodley@nemoves.com)
- Charles River Realtors  
617-559-5066  
100 Fairbanks Ave  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
- Ringo Realty, Inc.  
2001 Beacon Street  
Brighton, MA  
Cleveland Circle - On the Brookline line  
Tel: 617-594-9447  
[www.ringorealty.com](http://www.ringorealty.com)

For additional sites and helpful housing information, visit:  
[www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad\\_housing/offcampus\\_housing.cfm](http://www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad_housing/offcampus_housing.cfm)

#### *Credit History: a must for apartment rentals!*

A credit history is typically needed for renting/leasing an apartment. The renter will often run a background check, including credit history check. If you do not have a credit history, you may need a **co-signer** to back you up as a secure lessee. If you do not have a good credit score or a co-signer, you could try to pay up front (in advance) or show bank statements that assure the total on principal.

“They are often pretty strict on these rules.”  
--Luis (Sebastian) Moura, MBA '09

#### *Best Sources for Apartments/Housing*



<http://boston.craigslist.org>

Craig's List is probably the #1 source for apartments around the Boston area (and around all major cities in the USA). There are listings both by brokers (for a fee) and owners/landlords (typically no fee).



[www.boston.com/realestate/](http://www.boston.com/realestate/)

Boston.com is the online website for "The Boston Globe", one of the two main newspapers in Boston. The other is The Boston Herald.



<http://home.wickedlocal.com/>

From this home page, click on "Homes" and then on "Property For Rent". This is the website associated with the Wellesley Townsman (the local newspaper), but this website also serves other towns in the new England Area.

"You may find only one or two listings in Wellesley, but this is how my wife and I found our apartment here."

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09



<http://bostonapartments.com>

Several listings for many towns around the Boston area on this website.

This link is specifically for Wellesley, MA:

[www.bostonapartments.com/apartments-for-rent-WELLESLEY.htm](http://www.bostonapartments.com/apartments-for-rent-WELLESLEY.htm)

#### *Drive Around Town*

"One other way to find apartment rentals is by driving around the area. For example, after students graduate or leave for the summer in May/June, some homes/apartment buildings in Wellesley and other neighboring towns have "for Rent" signs on their front lawns. There should be several signs remaining in Wellesley in late July and early August."

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

For additional resources, please see:

[http://www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad\\_housing/offcampus\\_housing.cfm](http://www3.babson.edu/offices/campuslife/grad_housing/offcampus_housing.cfm)

## Popular Areas

### Very Close to Campus

These areas are good option for 1<sup>st</sup> year students because of the close proximity to Babson!

#### 1. Wellesley



- An affluent suburban area and a dry town (meaning that alcohol is not sold in the town limits).
- Extremely convenient to live in the area but can be challenging to find affordable apartments.
- See Wicked Local (above) or Coldwell Banker real estate broker listing info (below). Try:
  - Equity Residential Property Inc  
781-237-7634  
50 Grove St.
  - Merriam Village  
781-891-7010  
23 Village Road
  - Linden Square Townhomes  
11 Oak Street  
866-503-6042  
[www.lindensquaretownhomes.com](http://www.lindensquaretownhomes.com)

See additional section later in this guide for more information about Wellesley.

#### 2. Needham

- A seven minute drive from Babson and a more affordable option in comparison to Wellesley



- “Nice, quiet little town, close to campus with virtually no traffic on the commute. Definitely an older, wealthier crowd; seems like a lot of people moved there in the 80’s and their kids are already off to college. Some younger families around, but not as many as you might expect for this type of town. Great restaurants, though you won’t find anything to eat past 10 PM. “Bagels Best” has the only Bagels in all of Boston that anyone who’s had a New York Bagel will tolerate. Needham is a dry town, so there are no liquor stores, although some restaurants do serve alcohol.”

--Jonah Eidus, MBA '09

- For more information about housing in Needham, try:
  - Petrini Corp  
781-444-1963
  - Webster Green  
866-915-8470

### 3. Natick

- Just west of Wellesley, about 10 minutes from campus.
- Average rent: \$1000-1600
- Free on-street and off-street parking
- Try:
  - Kendall Crossing Apartments  
508-665-5701  
20 Woodbine Road
  - Natick Village Apartments  
508-651-2728  
17 Village Way
  - Lakeview Gardens Rental Office  
508-653-0088  
8 Lakeview Gardens
  - Natick Green  
508-655-5800  
7 Silver Hill Lane

### More Lively/Closer to Boston

These areas are further from Babson, but tend to have more “city” feel. Many of these areas are abound with bustling activity and are therefore popular areas for students to live.

#### 1. Allston

- a. This is very much a college town and is home to many Boston University and Boston College students.
- b. Average rent: \$1000-\$2000
- c. Most of Allston is serviced by the Green Line on the T, but some areas, like Lower Allston, can only be accessed by bus.

#### 2. Brighton

- a. Again, this is residence to a younger population. Most of Brighton is accessible by the Green Line, though some areas, like Brighton Center and Oak Square, are only accessible via bus.

- b. Average rent: \$1000-\$2000
  - c. Apartments tend to be on-par pricewise with Allston but are often in slightly better shape than their Allston counterparts.
- 3. Brookline
  - a. No overnight parking! If you have a car, you will need to rent from an apartment that provides parking or buy a parking space.
  - b. Average rent: \$1000-\$1900
  - c. This area is family-friendly and tends to be residence to an older population (late 20s to early 40s) than its neighbors, Allston and Brighton.
  - d. This is a very popular area for Babson MBA Students, as sharing a house or apartment can result in low monthly rent.
  - e. Brookline features a mixture of urban and suburban living, upscale shops and recreational parks, apartment buildings and large estates.
  - f. Numerous restaurants (Kosher, Chinese, Thai, Middle Eastern, American, Indian, Italian, French-Cambodian, etc) within walking distance.
  - g. Most of Brookline is accessible by the Green Line.
- 4. Cambridge
  - a. Composed of many multi-family homes and some apartment buildings
  - b. Home to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Central Square and Harvard University in Harvard Square, this area has a large student population.
  - c. In some parts of Cambridge (namely, Harvard Square, Central Square, and Kendall Square), parking can be a hassle. Areas like Inman Square and Porter Square are more car-friendly.
  - d. Average rent: \$1100-\$1800
  - e. Most of Cambridge is located on the Red Line on the subway.
- 5. Charlestown
  - a. Located east of Boston over the bay, features a mix of young professionals and blue collar residents.
  - b. It has apartment buildings, beautifully overhauled former Navy yards-turned-waterfront condos and quaint townhouses.
  - c. Competition for street parking spots is FIERCE.
- 6. Jamaica Plain
  - a. This is an up-and-coming area, full of character and quiet streets
  - b. It's home to a large artist community and is a trendy place to live.
- 7. Newton and Chestnut Hill
  - a. About 15-25 minutes from campus (depending on where you live – Newton is a large town).
  - b. Like Brookline, this area is family-friendly and many who live in this area own rather than renting.
  - c. Average rent: \$1100-\$1600
- 8. Somerville
  - a. North of Cambridge and shares many of its characteristics. It's dense, multi-family housing is interspersed with squares for dining and shopping.
  - b. Tufts University is nearby, which can lead to crowded parking.

9. Waltham and Watertown
  - a. Composed of many homes available at moderate prices granting larger space and parking options
  - b. Great for couples or families
10. West Roxbury
  - a. Accessible via the Commuter Rail.
  - b. Suburb with both single-family and multi-family homes

In Boston

All of these areas are located along the subway, so they are very convenient for those looking to have quick and easy access to the city. However, they can be a bit tricky if you plan to commute to Babson, as parking and traffic can be tricky.

1. Back Bay
  - a. Composed largely of brick townhouses next to the Financial District and Newbury Street, the most popular high-end shopping boulevard.
  - b. Very popular with young adults who work in Boston and want to live in the city.
  - c. Average rent: \$1400-\$2000
  - d. On-street permit parking available but difficult to find parking availability
2. Beacon Hill
  - a. One of the premier neighborhoods in the City of Boston, Beacon Hill is a centuries-old historic neighborhood with cobble streets and gas-lit street lamps near the State House, the Boston Common, and the Public Garden.
  - b. Average rent: \$1200-\$2000
  - c. Great restaurants, boutiques, and antique shops
  - d. On-street parking allowed with a permit but very difficult to find; off-street parking available for a fee.
3. The North End
  - a. Web of tiny, quirky streets jammed with Italian restaurants and virtually no parking.
  - b. Area sits on the harbor, so some apartments enjoy a waterfront view.
  - c. On the expensive side, but, depending on how well equipped the apartment is, you can find a deal.
4. The South End
  - a. Near Back Bay but boasts a more Victorian style as well as a thriving artistic community.
  - b. Full of great restaurants and fun bars, this is a trendy area for young professionals to live.
5. Fenway/Kenmore Square
  - a. An interesting mix of major art museums, dance club-heavy Lansdown Street, and Fenway Park, home to the beloved Boston Red Sox baseball team.
  - b. Residents here usually coordinate their driving with the Red Sox games to cut down on driving drama!

### Distance from local neighborhoods to Babson

Location	Distance Away From Babson College (approx.)
Wellesley	1.4 miles
Needham	2.6 miles
Natick	5 miles
Newton/Chestnut Hill	6 miles
Brookline	8 miles
Allston/Brighton	8 miles
Fenway/Kenmore Square	10 miles
Jamaica Plain	10 miles
Waltham/Watertown	10 miles
West Roxbury	10 miles
Back Bay	11 miles
Roxbury	11 miles
South End	12 miles
Cambridge	15 miles
Beacon Hill	17 miles
Dorchester	18 miles
North End	18 miles
East Boston	19 miles
Somerville	19 miles
Charlestown	20 miles

### Insights and suggestions while researching off-campus housing (shared by a local broker)

1. If you choose to live off-campus, you'll generally need some sort of motor vehicle to get to/from campus. Keep this in mind when choosing a residence.
2. Consider the cost of utilities, including heat, water, electric, telephone, and cable. Depending on where you rent, you will need to pay these for some or all of these in addition to rent. You should ask your landlord what utilities you are responsible for as well as which utilities companies are in your area. Some include:
  - NStar (electric)  
1-800-592-2000  
[www.nstaronline.com](http://www.nstaronline.com)
  - National Grid (gas)  
1-800-322-3223  
[www.nationalgridus.com](http://www.nationalgridus.com)
  - Verizon (telephone, high speed internet, cable)  
1-800-VERIZON  
[www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

- Comcast (high speed Internet and digital cable)  
781-416-0100  
[www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)
- RCN (telephone, cable TV and high speed Internet)  
1-800-746-4726  
[www.rcn.com](http://www.rcn.com)

3. Be ready to sign a lease for a full year. Typically, you can't rent for 10 months (i.e. August - May), so you'll need to sign a lease for a full year and pay for the full year. You may be able to sub-let your apartment for the summer, but you are still responsible for making the rental payments. The majority of leases in the Boston area begin on September 1.
4. Be aware of Broker Fees. Many apartments are listed by brokers who will charge a fee (often the fee is equal to 1 month of your rent). Feedback on brokers vary — some people have great experiences, others have bad experiences. It's best to contact some current students for suggestions.
5. Prepare to pay up-front fees when you move in. Most apartments will require
  - a. First & Last month rent = 2 months
  - b. Security fee = 1 month
  - c. Broker Fee = 1/2 to 1 month

**Be ready to pay approximately 4 months of rental fees up front.** This is typical whether or not you go through a real estate broker.

# **Town of Wellesley**

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Many Babson graduate students and their families chose to live in the town of Wellesley due to its proximity to campus.

## **Town Website**

[www.ci.wellesley.ma.us](http://www.ci.wellesley.ma.us)



## **Wellesley Newspaper**

[www.wickedlocal.com/wellesley](http://www.wickedlocal.com/wellesley)

This is the online website for "The Wellesley Townsman", our town newspaper.

## **Events in Wellesley**

[thesellesleyreport.com/](http://thesellesleyreport.com/)

This website lists news and events about Wellesley.

## **Recycling/Trash/Waste Disposal**

RDF (Recycling Disposal Facility)

- 1.5 miles from campus
- A Recycling Guide available on this main web page:  
[www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/Pages/WellesleyMA\\_DPW/rdf/index](http://www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/Pages/WellesleyMA_DPW/rdf/index)

“There is no trash pickup if you live in Wellesley (off campus), so you need to go to the RDF (Recycling Disposal Facility) to obtain a sticker for your car. You can then bring trash, recycling, etc. to the RDF.”

○ Peter Rovick, MBA '09

## **Services**

- Post Office  
1 Grove Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482  
(800) ASK-USPS  
(781) 235-3666
- Dry Cleaning  
Holly Cleaners  
290 Washington Street  
<http://www.hollycleaners.com>
- Salon  
Dellarria Salon  
37 Central Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482

781-235-0631

<http://www.dellaria.com/locations.php>

“I’ve gone to Dellaria for years and have always been happy with my cut!”

--Ashly, Partner to Two Year MBA, 2007

See “Shopping” section for more Wellesley services!

## **Schools in Wellesley**

### Public

#### Elementary Schools:

Bates School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

<http://batespto.org/default.aspx>



Fiske School

Preschool through Grade 5

<http://www.fiskepto.org/>

Hardy School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

<http://hardyelementary.org/>

Hunnewell School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

<http://sites.google.com/a/hunnewellschool.org/hunnewell-elementary-school/>

Schofield School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

<http://schofieldpto.org/default.aspx>

Sprague Elementary School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

<http://spragueschool.org/>

Upham School

Kindergarten through Grade 5

[www.wellesley.mec.edu/wes/upham/index.htm](http://www.wellesley.mec.edu/wes/upham/index.htm)

For information on all the Elementary Schools: [www.wellesley.mec.edu/](http://www.wellesley.mec.edu/)

#### Middle School:

Wellesley Middle School

Grades 6 through 8

[www.wellesley.mec.edu/](http://www.wellesley.mec.edu/)

*High School:*

Wellesley High School

Grades 9 through 12

[www.wellesley.mec.edu/](http://www.wellesley.mec.edu/)

Private

Tenacre Country Day School

Preschool through Grade 6

<http://tenacrecds.org>

St. John School

Preschool through Grade 6

[www.saintjohnschool.net/](http://www.saintjohnschool.net/)

St. Paul School

Preschool through Grade 8

[www.stpaulschoolwellesley.org](http://www.stpaulschoolwellesley.org)

Dana Hall School

Grades 6 through 12

[www.danahall.org](http://www.danahall.org)



## Area Daycares

These daycares have been used by former students, staff, and employees. However, please keep in mind that with any preschool or daycare that you consider, you should visit, ask questions and determine if it is the best place for your child.

- A list of Wellesley daycare and preschool options:  
[http://www.savvysource.com/preschools/c\\_preschools\\_in\\_wellesley\\_ma](http://www.savvysource.com/preschools/c_preschools_in_wellesley_ma)
- Abbot Wellesley Hills Children's Learning Center
  - [http://www.savvysource.com/preschool/profile\\_sh1751\\_Abbott\\_Wellesley\\_Hills\\_Children\\_s\\_Learning\\_Center](http://www.savvysource.com/preschool/profile_sh1751_Abbott_Wellesley_Hills_Children_s_Learning_Center)
  - Abbott is just up the street from Babson College. It is a larger daycare/preschool.
- Kindercare
  - <http://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/results/>
  - A former Babson employee had used the Wellesley location of Kindercare when they were called Mullberry. Another Babson employee briefly used the Needham location.
- Little Toes Daycare
  - Home daycare near Babson
  - This might be an option for someone with children ranging from an infant – 3 or 4 years old.
  - <http://www.littletoesdaycare.com/>

- Wellesley Community Children's Center
  - <http://www.wccc.wellesley.edu/>
  - This one is located on Wellesley College's campus. It is a great program, but typically has a long wait list. They typically start signing up/admitting students in March for a September start.

# Getting Settled

## **Banking**

While there are many banks, both nationally and locally in scope, to choose from, the following two banks have many ATMs and branch locations in the Massachusetts and New England area. To establish a new account, please visit the bank's website or call its toll free number for more information. Bank representatives from Citizens Bank will also be on campus during orientations to help you choose the bank that is right for you. Note that most banks offer student checking and savings accounts with no monthly fees or minimum balances.



[www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com); 1-800-900-9000

1. There are no ATMs on campus, but has the most ATMs in the Boston area. There is a Bank of America in Wellesley, less than one mile from campus.
2. Has special credit cards to help you build a credit history
3. Has online banking: e.g. online bill payments



[www.citizensbank.com](http://www.citizensbank.com); 1-800-922-9999 (Spanish speakers: 1-888-398-7900)

1. The only bank with ATMs on the Babson campus. "Otherwise, if you have an account with another bank (i.e. Bank of America), you'll have to pay a \$2 or more fee for using the Citizen's Bank ATM." --Peter Rovick, MBA '09
2. Online banking
3. Has fewer branches and ATMs than Bank of America, but there is a Citizens Bank about 1.5 miles away in Newton.

## **Establishing Credit**

"It can be difficult to obtain a credit card if you don't have a proven credit history in the USA. A credit history is typically needed for purchasing a car, renting an apartment, etc. You can obtain a 'secure credit card' from companies like Bank of America. You basically put money in an account that can be used as your credit limit, and will help you establish a credit history."

--Akshay Kolte, MBA '09

## **Cell Phones**

If you don't have a credit history (see above), you may have to pay a security deposit of \$400-\$500 in order to get a cell phone. Most cell companies require you to sign an annual contract.

Pre-paid plans like the Verizon "INpulse Plans" and T-Mobile plans may be good options and allow you pay month-to-month, instead of locking into a 1-year contract.

To assist you in getting a cell phone, Babson has invited AT&T to campus during your orientation. Read below for more information about AT&T and other cell providers.



[www.wireless.att.com](http://www.wireless.att.com)

Some students believe that the signal is much better on the Babson campus for both AT&T and Verizon (versus other carriers like T-Mobile). AT&T has been very popular over the last few years, as they had an exclusive contract to carry the iPhone until very recently.

- If you are interested in setting up a phone with AT&T during orientation, you will need a valid identification: passport, international or domestic driver's license. If you sign up during this time, you will not have to pay a deposit (which can save you \$500).
- Closest store location to Babson:  
88 Needham Street  
Newton, MA 02461 (3 miles from campus)



[www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com)

Verizon is the main cell phone carrier in Massachusetts and the northeast states. It has very good coverage all over New England. Verizon may have the only or best reception in The Woodlands (graduate housing on campus). Verizon also just recently introduced the iPhone to their collection, so the number of people on this plan is going up.

- Closest store location to Babson  
13 Boylston Street  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 (5 miles from campus)



[www.tmobile.com](http://www.tmobile.com)

- "Good reception in Needham; approx \$14 prepaid per month for 300 minutes." --Jeremy Wang, MBA '09
- Closest location to Babson:  
244 Needham Street  
Newton, MA 02464 (2.6 miles from campus)

## Outfitting Your Residence

While there are a number of places you can go to outfit your new apartment/dorm/home, Babson students and partners have recommended the following stores:

- *Target*
  - This is a mega-store that sells everything from food to office supplies to furniture to toys. The products sold at Target can often be found elsewhere, but you generally get the lowest price at Target stores. Prices are generally cheap, and you have to be patient to wade through the crowd, but you can get a lot of shopping done by just swinging in once.
  - Closest location to Babson:  
550 Arsenal Street  
Watertown, MA 02475 (10 miles from campus)

-or-

400 Cochituate Road  
Framingham, MA  
(508) 872-6575

- [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

- *IKEA*

- IKEA is a home goods and furniture store. They sell only IKEA branded items, which tend to be low-cost, modern in style, and give a good bang-for-your-buck. This is not the place to go for high end furniture that you hope to keep for years to come, but it's a good place to get furniture that will hold up for a few years and while looking reasonable.
- Closest location to Babson  
1 IKEA Way  
Stoughton, MA 02072 (approximately 20 miles from campus)
- [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

- *Crate and Barrel*

- A higher-end option for home goods (furniture, kitchen wares, curtains, etc) is Crate and Barrel. Their products tend to be a bit higher quality, but the cost is also higher.
- Closest location to Babson:  
199 Boylston Street  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 (approximately 5 miles from campus)
- [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com)

- *Bed, Bath, & Beyond*

- This store has every kitchen gadget you can think of. It's also a great place to get sheets, towels, shower curtains, plates, utensils, etc.
- Closest locations to Babson  
820 Providence Highway  
Dedham, MA  
(781) 326-4420  
-or-  
401 Park Drive  
Boston, MA (accessible by T-Green Line, D train, Fenway stop)  
(617) 536-1090
- [www.bedbathbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathbeyond.com)

## Sales Tax

Massachusetts Sales Tax is 6.25% as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Sales tax applies to most things but not food, water, gas electricity, and clothing/footwear up to \$175. An additional tax applies at restaurants, hotels, and on cigarette and alcohol.

"For the last few years, the state of MA has also offered a "Tax Free Day" or weekend when all purchases of items costing up to \$2,500 are exempt from the 6.25% sales tax. The dates have been on a weekend close to the 11th of August."

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

There is no sales tax in New Hampshire, which can be a good deal when you are visiting this state just north of Massachusetts.

# Transportation

## On-Campus Transportation

### Babson-Olin-Wellesley Shuttle

In collaboration with Olin College of Engineering and Wellesley College, Babson offers a shuttle service from Monday-Friday that runs between the three campuses. To utilize this shuttle, you need a Babson OneCard. For the shuttle schedule, visit: <http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/>

### Babson-Woodland T Station Shuttle

During the academic year, Babson runs a shuttle from campus to the Woodland T Station on the weekends. During the summer, a modified schedule runs to even more stops, including the post office, the Natick Mall, the T Station, and Target. For more information about the schedule and available stops, visit the Babson website.

### Zipcar

Zipcar is a self-service car company that provides a very convenient and affordable option for those looking to rent a car for short-term trips like grocery runs or a day at the beach. Two self-service Zipcars—a Toyota Prius and a Honda Civic—are parked on campus and can be reserved online by the hour or day. The cars are available to all Zipcar members 24-hours a day. To utilize Zipcar, you simply pay the Babson negotiated yearly membership fee of \$35 plus an hourly rental rate of \$8.50/hr. In order to qualify/join Zipcar, you may need a record from your home country showing that you have a "clean" driving record (no accidents, fines, etc.) Gas, insurance, and parking are included in the rate. For more information on how it works, please visit [www.zipcar.com/babson](http://www.zipcar.com/babson).

- “Note to international students: Zip car make it really easy to get your driving record from your home country – giving you the email address and details of what you need to ask for.”

--Emma Sanders-Edwards, Babson Partner, '12

## Automobiles

### The Basics—Insurance and Registrations

1. Massachusetts state law requires all residents to obtain a MA driver's license within 30 days of arrival if they plan to live in MA for one year or more. Citizens of certain countries may also utilize their home country's driver's license along with an International Driving Permit.
  - “If coming from a country in which your driver's license is written in English (this applies to approx 140 countries), you can drive in the state of Massachusetts for 1 year without obtaining a Mass. Driver's license.”

--Tarun Bhatti, MBA '09

2. You need **insurance** before you can drive a car off the dealer's lot.
  - Confirm what is included in a **warranty** (if you purchase from a dealer).
  - Ask your local government (in your home country) for a letter highlighting **your driving history** - including confirmation if you have had no accidents. This can help to reduce the insurance premium (reduced premium by \$60 to \$100 per month).
3. Also need to obtain a **registration** after purchasing your car. The car must be registered by the end of the month in which you purchased it.

4. The car must also be **inspected** within 7 days of its purchase.
5. “No chance of **leasing** a car without a credit history.”--Luis (Sebastian) Mora, MBA '09

#### Registration, Driver's License, and License Plates

The Massachusetts RMV (Registry of Motor Vehicles) is the office you go to obtain a driver's license, license plates, and registration for your vehicle: [www.mass.gov/rmv/](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/)

There can be long waiting lines at the RMV. The following is recommended:

1. Make an appointment (if appointments are offered for the item you need).
2. Go early in the morning (not at lunch time or one hour before the RMV closes).
3. “Go to the Framingham office - other offices closer to downtown Boston may be more crowded.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

When obtaining a driver's license, all applicants are required to have a Social Security Number or an official ‘Denial Letter’ from the Social Security Office. A Denial Letter will be issued on the spot at the Social Security Office; a Social Security number may take two or more weeks to obtain. You will also need the following:

- Valid passport
- Document proving date of birth
- Document proving signature
- Document proving MA residency.

A passport provides photo ID, your signature, and proof of your age. Proof of MA residency could be a utility bill showing your name and current address. If you live on campus, ask the International Student Advisor for a letter that states that you live on campus. This letter can be prepared for you in two business days. Before making such a request please make sure that you have updated your address via the Babson Portal.

The license test requires an eye exam, a short written exam, and a road test. Visit the RMV website for more information about each of these steps.

#### Purchasing a Car

Purchasing a vehicle can be done either through a car dealer or through private sellers. Some useful websites to search for a used car include:

- Craig's List  
[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)  
Peter Rovick: “Not easy to search and not as many comparisons available as on Autotrader & Cars.com”
- Auto Trader  
[www.autotrader.com](http://www.autotrader.com)
- Cars.com  
[www.cars.com](http://www.cars.com)
- Boston Globe (Classified Section)  
[www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com)

Local Automobile Dealerships selling both new and used vehicles include:

- *Bernardi Honda*  
960 Worcester Rd, Rt. 9 East  
Natick, MA 01760  
1-800 254-0013  
[www.bernardihonda.com](http://www.bernardihonda.com)
- *Lee Volvo*  
962 Worcester Road  
Wellesley, MA  
(866) 542-4533  
[www.leevolvo.com](http://www.leevolvo.com)
- “Bernardi had fair prices and excellent service (for oil changes & other service after you purchase your car).”—Peter Rovick MBA ‘09
- *Honda Village Inc.*  
371 Washington Street  
Newton Corner, MA  
(888) 490-5645  
[www.hondavillage.com](http://www.hondavillage.com)
- *Herb Chambers Foreign Motors West (Mercedes Benz)*  
253 North Main Street, Route 27 Natick, MA  
(888) 215-9601  
[www.herbchambers.com](http://www.herbchambers.com)
- *Muzi Motors Inc. (Chevrolet)*  
56 TV Place  
Needham, MA 02494  
(888) 232-0612  
[www.muzimotors.com](http://www.muzimotors.com)
- *Wellesley Mazda and Volkswagen*  
231 Linden Street  
Wellesley, MA  
(866) 576-0040  
[www.wellesleyvww.com](http://www.wellesleyvww.com)
- *Muzi Motors Inc. (Ford)*  
557 Highland Avenue  
Needham, MA  
(800) 296-8380  
[www.muzimotors.com](http://www.muzimotors.com)
- *Clay Chevrolet*  
391 Providence Highway  
Norwood, Massachusetts 02062  
(866) 440-9483  
[www.claychevrolet.com](http://www.claychevrolet.com)
- *Foreign Motors West*  
253 North Main Street  
Natick, MA  
(800) 653-2061

**When buying a *used* car**, there are 3 items that the seller must provide the buyer at the time of the sale:

1. The car title (this will be transferred to your name after the sale)
2. Acknowledgement of buying and selling letter (statement of ownership of the vehicle)
3. Emission Inspection Report

**When buying a *new* car**, the buyer must apply for the car title. Apply for your title as soon as possible after you purchase your vehicle. You cannot obtain a license plate and registration without a title. If you do not apply within 90 days of purchase or acquisition you will be charged a fine by the RMV.

**Advice:** Consider bringing a prospective used car to a good mechanic BEFORE you buy it to have the car checked. This service may cost \$50-\$100, but is well worth the expense!

**When registering your car with the RMV (Registry of Motor Vehicles)**, you must have the following:

1. Bill of sale for the vehicle
2. Car title signed to you (for a used car) or a certificate of origin (for a new car)
3. Proof of auto insurance
4. Driver's license

You will receive a registration for your vehicle and a license plate. Please keep in mind that these services require a fee. Also, at the time of registration, a tax fee must also be paid on the vehicle.

## Tools for Assessing the Value of a Car:

- *Kelly Blue Book*  
[www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com)  
“Use Kelly Blue Book to assess the value of a new OR a used car - it is an excellent source for unbiased information.”  
--Peter Rovick, MBA '09
- *Consumer Reports*  
[www.consumerreports.org](http://www.consumerreports.org)  
“Current & past issues available at the Horn Library. Use Consumer Reports to assess the value of a new OR used car - it is also an excellent source for unbiased information. They have an annual Automobile Guide.”  
--Peter Rovick, MBA '09
- *Vehix.com*  
[www.vehix.com](http://www.vehix.com)  
All kinds of information related to purchasing or selling an automobile.
- *CarFax*  
[www.carfax.com](http://www.carfax.com)  
“Use the ‘VIN’ number to research the history of a car you are interested in purchasing (may cost around \$30).”  
--Tarun Bhatti, MBA '09
- *Cars.com*  
[www.cars.com](http://www.cars.com)  
“More structured than Craig’s List and includes a VIN # for each car (that you can use to research car history on CarFax).”  
--Tarun Bhatti, MBA '09

## Auto Insurance Companies recommended by past students:

- Amica Mutual
  - [www.amica.com](http://www.amica.com)
    - Competitive rates; very responsive if you ever have an insurance claim.
    - “When you consider price, remember that you will typically receive a check every year as a form of profit sharing.”--Peter Rovick, MBA'09
- Commerce Insurance
  - [www.commerceinsurance.com/content/products/massachusetts/auto/index.php](http://www.commerceinsurance.com/content/products/massachusetts/auto/index.php)
  - Per one student, Commerce may be the only company which will provide insurance for people without a Massachusetts Drivers' license.
- Liberty Mutual
  - [www.libertymutual.com](http://www.libertymutual.com)
  - Big and local.

## Inspection

All cars in Massachusetts must be inspected each year. When buying a used car, make sure that the car has passed inspection recently (look for a sticker on the passenger side of the front windshield.) In Wellesley,

you can go to the Citgo Gas Station on Linden St (near Roche Brothers) for a car inspection. It will take 20 to 30 minutes and costs exactly \$29 – cash only (no checks or credit cards).

### Long-term car rentals

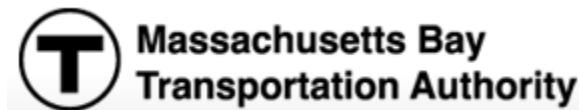
If you're looking to rent a car for more than a day or two, you may want to look beyond Zipcar for service. Rental rates vary according to car size, length of the rental contract, and by company. Many car rental companies have locations at Logan Airport, as well as around Boston. Options include:

Hertz	<a href="http://www.hertz.com">www.hertz.com</a>	800-654-3131
Budget	<a href="http://www.budget.com">www.budget.com</a>	800-527-0700
Enterprise	<a href="http://www.enterprise.com">www.enterprise.com</a>	800-527-0700
Dollar	<a href="http://www.dollar.com">www.dollar.com</a>	800-800-4000
Avis	<a href="http://www.avis.com">www.avis.com</a>	800-831-2847

### Other Automobile-Related Tips

- AAA: The Automobile Association of America
  - [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)
  - “With a \$50 membership, you can buy peace of mind. Whether the service you require is a jump-start, gas delivery (if your tank runs out), or a tow to a service station, AAA Emergency Road Service gets you back on the road. The 24-hour services include minor first aid, dead battery service, flat tire service, vehicle lock out service, extrication or winching service, etc.”
- Fast Lane
  - [www.masspike.com/travel/fastlane/index.html](http://www.masspike.com/travel/fastlane/index.html)
  - For use on the Mass Pike, one of the few toll roads in the area. The Fast Lane is a transistor that is placed on your windshield that allows tolls to be taken directly from your bank account. With a Fast Lane Pass you do not have to stop or wait in line to pay for tolls. Very useful!
- Mechanics
  - Haskins Service  
467 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA  
(781) 3044056
  - Diamond Auto  
614 Moody Street  
Waltham, MA  
(781) 893-8300
  - Paul’s Auto Service  
614 High Street  
Waltham, MA  
(781) 893-8780
  - Newton Street Service  
255 Newton Street  
Waltham, MA
  - Brighton Auto Service  
25 Chestnut Hill Avenue  
Brighton, MA
  - Hynes Auto Repair  
10 Redford Street  
Allston, MA 02134  
(617) 734-6747  
[www.hynesauto.com](http://www.hynesauto.com)
  - West Side Mobil  
870 Worcester Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482  
(781) 237-7080

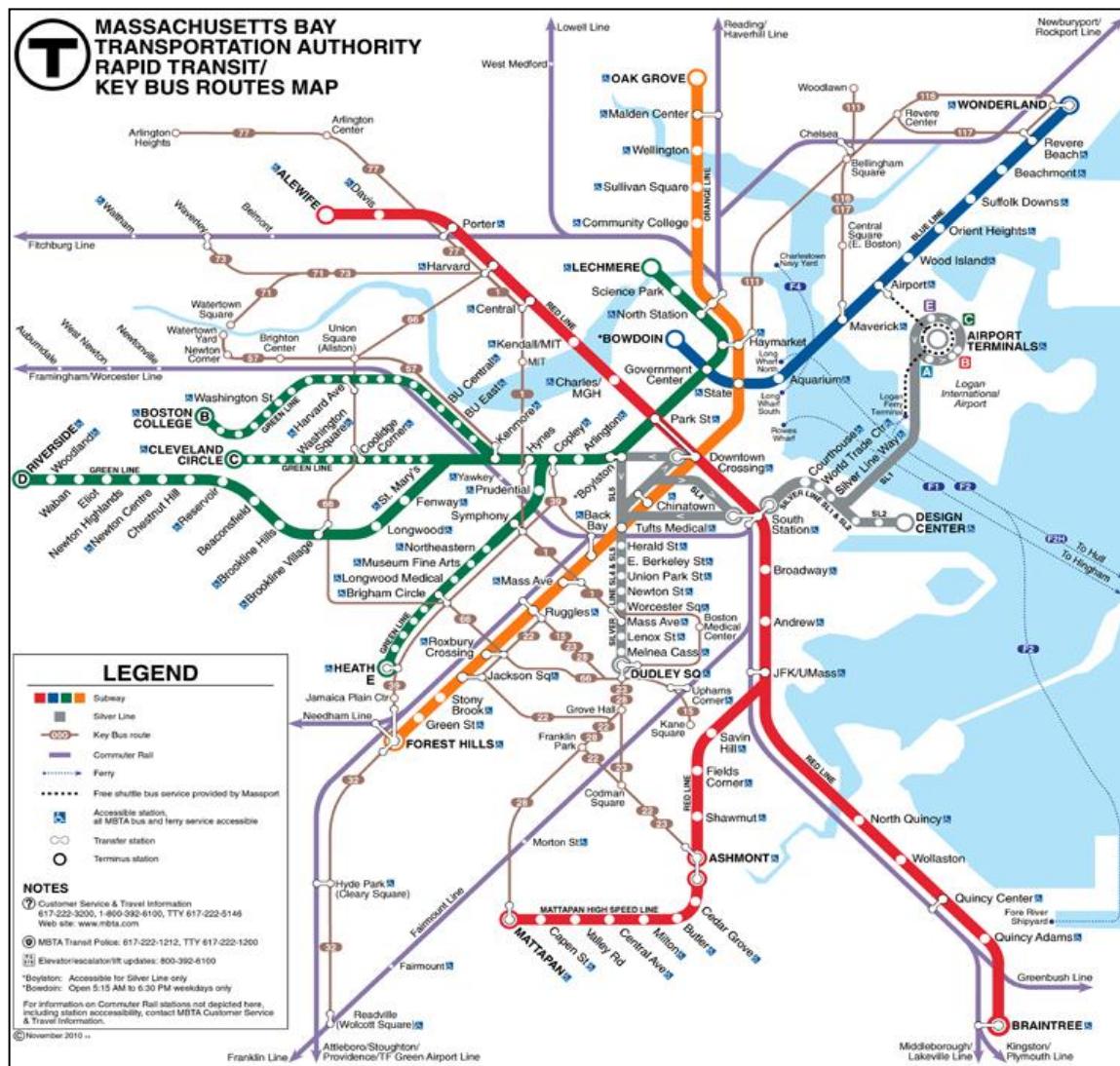
# Public Transportation



The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is responsible for public transit in the Boston area, encompassing transportation via bus, subway, commuter rail, and boat. Below are highlights for the commuter rail and subway.

## The “T” or the Subway

The “T” is the most common public transportation used in Boston. With access to every neighborhood downtown and connections to train stations and Logan Airport, it just doesn’t get any easier. Most Babson students take the “T” from Woodland Station, which is right down Route 16 East from Babson. THIS STOP IS APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES FROM BABSON’S CAMPUS. Beware of the Red Sox Schedule though – on game days/nights the “T” will be packed. For more information about the T schedule and stops, visit [www.mbta.com/schedules\\_and\\_maps/subway](http://www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway)



The cost of the “T” is \$2.00 per ride, but with a Charlie Card, it is only \$1.70 per ride. A Charlie Card is a free plastic card that you can get from most “T” or bus drivers. You can put cash on it right there, or go to a subway station kiosk and put a balance on it from a debit or credit card. A Charlie Card will make riding the “T” much more convenient, as you just tap your wallet or purse when entering and never need to scrounge through your pockets for extra change. If you plan to take the subway, buses, or the Commuter Rail regularly, you may want to consider getting a monthly pass.

More information on subway fares: [www.mbta.com/fares\\_and\\_passes/subway](http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/subway)

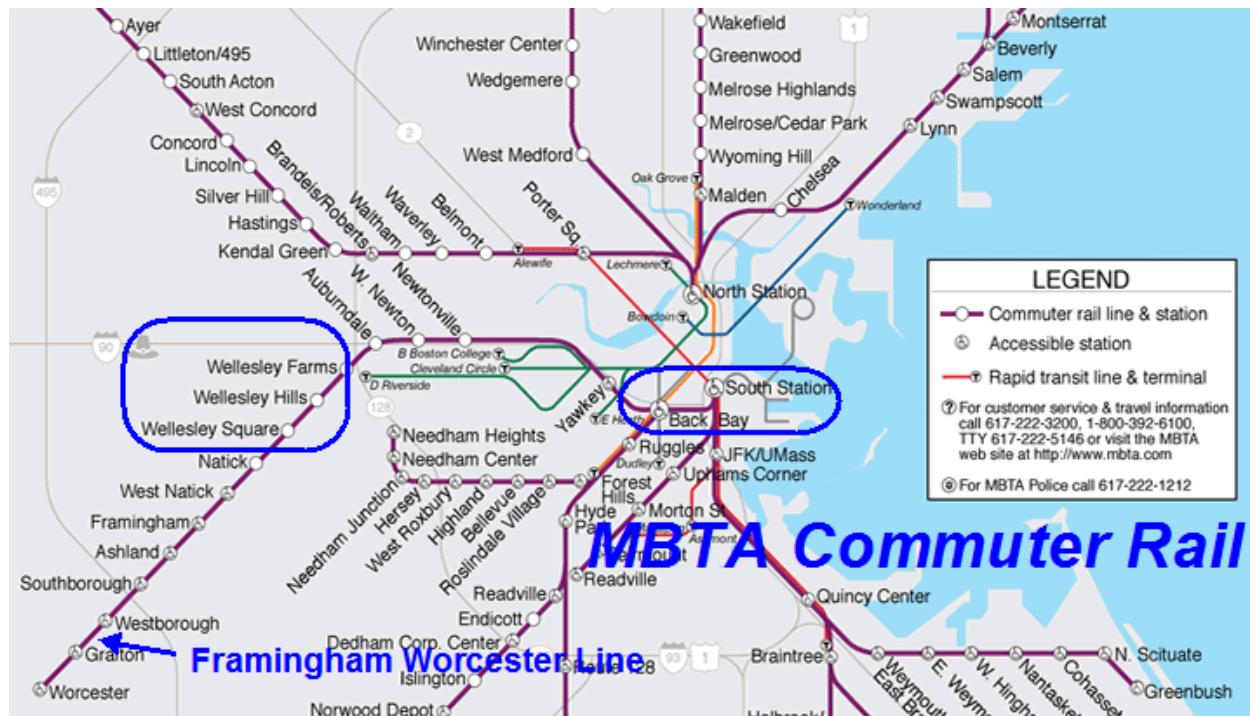
### Commuter Rail

There are three train stops for the Commuter Rail in Wellesley - The Wellesley Hills stop is approximately 1 mile from Campus. The train costs about \$5.25 to Boston (includes the two main stops in Boston: Back Bay & South Station). Buy your tickets when you arrive at the station - or pay a \$1-\$2 extra fee on board. If the station is closed (or there is no station – i.e. Wellesley stops), buy your ticket on board the train. Veteran’s Cab [(781) 235-1600] is located in Wellesley and is the most convenient way to travel to and from the commuter rail. Babson. Be aware that cab fare can cost about \$3 per mile.

Note for students who live on campus: “The commuter rail is 1 mile away from campus (Wellesley Hills). From there, take any train to Boston. \$5.25 one way, ticket is purchased on the train when going to Boston, and at the station when returning to Wellesley.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

More Information on Commuter Rail Fares: [www.mbta.com/fares\\_and\\_passes/rail](http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/rail)



Make sure you look at the schedule before traveling to a station, as the Commuter Rails run much less frequently than the regular subway: [www.mbta.com/schedules\\_and\\_maps/rail/](http://www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/rail/)

*"Trip Planner" by MBTA*

[www.mbta.com/rider\\_tools/trip\\_planner/](http://www.mbta.com/rider_tools/trip_planner/)

“A great tool for figuring out how to get from Point A to Point B via public transportation - bus, commuter rail, ‘T’, etc.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

*Buses*

The MBTA runs bus service to many areas that are not accessible on the T. The cost of a bus ride is \$1.50 each way (\$1.25 with the Charlie Card). For list of locations serviced and schedules, visit

[www.mbta.com/schedules\\_and\\_maps/bus/](http://www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/bus/)

- “Buses: The MBTA tickets can also be used to travel in buses. There are bus-stops outside most Commuter rail and T-stations. Other bus-stops can be spotted by a capsule-shaped route-number board upon a wooden/iron pole along roadsides.”

--Jeslin Jacob, MBA '09

- “Cyclists: Most buses and trains will allow you to take your bicycle on. In trains, you can carry them in, but in buses you have a stand in front of the bus usually. Check the MBTA website for more information on this, as you may not be allowed to carry on bicycles during rush hour.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

## **Additional Transportation Information**

*Airport Shuttles*

- The Airporter

[www.theairporter.com](http://www.theairporter.com)

- “For trips to Boston/South Station/Logan Airport. You will have to book a day in advance, but will get a very good rate. They operate a shuttle service, but sometimes you may be the only person in the van.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

- Ultimate Shuttle

[www.ultimateshuttle.com](http://www.ultimateshuttle.com)

- “Varies by town, but from Babson is approximately \$47 for the 1<sup>st</sup> person and \$10 for each additional person; I would also suggest tipping \$6-\$8 for the 1<sup>st</sup> person and \$3 for each additional person.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

*Taxis*

Taxis are expensive in Boston, and a fare from downtown Boston to Babson College can be \$60. Following is a list of taxi companies in the Boston Area:

Airport Direct	(781) 431-1000
Boston Cab	(617) 536-6010
Checker Cab	(617) 536-7000
JFK Taxi	(781) 235-1600
McCue's Taxi Service	(617) 924-0600
Red Cab Inc.	(617) 734-5000
Yellow Cab	(617) 527-5555
Veteran's Taxi	(781) 235-1600
Wellesley Transportation	(781) 235-2200

- Tommy's Taxi (508) 872-3500
  - Based in Framingham
  - "If you have to go to Framingham (Walmart, Target, etc.), Tommy's is a much cheaper option. Will save around \$15, one way. They are based in Framingham, so don't call them if you have to go to a nearby place."

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

A more comprehensive list can be found at: <http://www.boston-online.com>

### Train

Boston is serviced by Amtrak, a nationwide train service. Departures originate from South Station and Back Bay Station in downtown Boston. There is also a stop in Westwood (Westwood-Route 128 Station) that is only about 10-15 minutes by car from campus.

Amtrak can be reached online at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or by calling 800-872-7245.

- "For some reason, flying is still more attractive than taking Amtrak, but Amtrak does bring a few benefits:
  1. More leg room
  2. Generally cheaper fares (especially if you are travelling between Boston & NYC)
  3. No long lines at airports and fewer delays."

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

### Walking in Boston

Boston is known as "America's Most Walkable City" and only a short stroll through the City's neighborhoods will prove that point. From the North End to Back Bay, from Beacon Hill to the South End, and from Charlestown to the Financial District, most of Boston's most interesting neighborhoods are connected by the Freedom Trail, a self-guided walking tour which brings Boston's history to life. Check out <http://www.bostonusa.com> for more details.

### Traveling in the Northeast via Bus

“The easiest way to travel around the North East US is via Bolt Bus or Mega Bus. It will cost around \$15 to get to NYC and you can keep going to Philly and Washington DC. We travelled from NYC to Philly for \$4 per person and then from Philly to DC for \$2. I'm not kidding!”

<https://www.boltbus.com/>

<http://us.megabus.com/>

-- Vanessa, partner of MBA 1 year 2011

### Traveling – Airlines/Cars/Hotels

The following websites can be invaluable when planning travel. They give you the option to compare rates from multiple different vendors to find the best deal:



[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)

Compare prices for most airlines, hotels, cars, etc.



[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)

You bid for a ticket or hotel room, but you don't know which company.



[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

Compare prices for most airlines, hotels, cars, etc.



[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

Compare prices for world-wide hotels.



[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)

Compare prices for most airlines, hotels, cars, etc.



[www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)

Discount student travel agency.



[www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com)

Compare travel prices online!

# Food & Dining

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## Groceries/Supermarkets

1. Roche Brothers
  - 1.4 miles from campus
  - Fancy, higher prices, fresh meats, cheeses, and specialty items
  - 184 Linden Street (In Linden Plaza)  
Wellesley, MA 02481  
(781) 237-2115
  - Open every day from 7 AM -10 PM, Sundays 8 AM -9 PM
2. Whole Foods
  - 1.6 miles from campus
  - "Known for more natural/organic foods; more expensive than Star Market. Present your Babson ID and ask if they still offer a discount (of approximately \$2 when you purchase over \$20 worth of goods)."  
--Mark Itskovitz, MBA '09
  - 278 Washington St  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481  
(781) 235.7262
  - Open every day from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, except holidays.
3. Super Stop 'n Shop
  - 6.0 miles from campus
  - Furthest away from campus, but also the largest supermarket in the area.
  - 829 Worcester Street (on Route 9)  
Natick, MA 01760  
(508) 650-4050
  - Open every day 6 AM – 12 AM, Sundays 7 AM – 9 PM
4. Volante Farms
  - Less than one mile from campus, grows and sells seasonal fruits and vegetables
  - 292 Forest Street, Needham  
(781) 235-7262
  - <http://www.volantefarms.com/>
5. Kurkman's Market
  - 227 Cypress Street, Brookline  
(617) 277-6500
6. Trader Joe's
  - A neighborhood grocery store, with cheap gourmet-style food items.
  - 938 Highland Ave, Needham  
(781) 449-6993
  - <http://www.traderjoes.com/>

# Ethnic Food Stores

- International
  - *Russo's*  
560 Pleasant Street  
Watertown, MA  
(617)923-1500
    - Great fresh produce!
  - *Bazaar International Gourmet*  
1432 Beacon Street  
Brookline, MA (617) 739-8450
    - or-  
424 Cambridge Street  
Allston, MA  
(617) 787-1511
    - Largely Eastern European foods
- Asian
  - *Super 88 (Chinese, Japanese, Korean)*  
One Brighton Avenue  
Allston, MA  
(617) 787-2288  
[www.super88market.com](http://www.super88market.com)
  - *Cherry Mart (Japanese)*  
349B Newbury Street  
Boston, MA  
(617) 437-1939
  - *Reliable Market (Korean and Japanese)*  
45 Union Square  
Somerville, MA  
(617) 623-9620
- Halal Food
  - *Cheema Supermarket*  
572 Cambridge Street  
Allston, MA  
(617) 783-9800
- Indian
  - *Patel Brothers (Indian Food)*  
425 Moody Street  
Waltham, MA 02453  
781.893-1003

“Of approximately 5 Indian food stores in the Boston area, this one has all off the good stuff: spices, curry, ready-to-eat; slightly less expensive than others in the area. There are several Indian restaurants near this store as well.”

--Kinnari, MBA '09

- *Indian Food & Spices*  
855 Worcester Road (On Route 9)  
Framingham, MA  
“Closest Indian food store to campus; you can purchase fresh/hot samosas there.”  
--Jeslin Jacob, MBA '09
- *Shalimar India Food and Spices*  
571 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA  
(617) 868-8311
- Italian
  - Salumeria Italiania  
151 Richmond Street, Boston  
(617) 523-8742
- Kosher Food
  - *The Butcherie*  
428 Harvard Street  
Brookline, MA  
(617) 731-9888  
[www.butcherie.com](http://www.butcherie.com)

## Babson's Favorite Restaurants in Wellesley (as reported by students)

- The Cottage
  - One of the only restaurants in Wellesley that serves alcohol (but you must order food to order alcohol)
  - More upscale restaurant
  - <http://www.cottagewellesley.com/>
- Deluxe Pizza
  - Tasty pizza and less than one mile away!
  - Pizza & Sandwiches
  - 781-235-6811
- Nick's Pizza
  - Better sandwiches - try chicken or veal cutlet parmesan AND a side of onion rings.
  - Pizza & Sandwiches
  - 781-235-9494
- Bertucci's Pizza & Italian Food  
They serve beer & wine; a chain restaurant; more expensive than Deluxe and Nicks, but they have salads and other dishes.
  - [www.bertuccis.com](http://www.bertuccis.com)
  - Pizza & Italian Food
  - 781-239-0990

- Upper Crust Pizza
  - A more gourmet option—higher prices, but tastier, more interesting pizza
  - <http://theuppercrustpizzeria.com/locations-wellesley.php>
  - “I love the Upper Crust Pizzeria!”  
--Vanessa, Partner of One Year MBA, 2011
  - 99 Central Street  
Wellesley, MA  
(781) 235-5011
- Qdoba
  - Great healthy burritos: \$7 each. Across from Roche Brothers supermarket; try chicken burrito (with guacamole - costs extra, but worth it)
  - [www.qdoba.com](http://www.qdoba.com)
  - Burritos & Mexican
  - 781-235-3390
- Tian Fu
  - Good egg rolls, looking for suggestions of other favorite dishes
  - [www.gotianfu.com](http://www.gotianfu.com)
  - Chinese
  - 781-235-1111
  - “Keep an eye out for the reopening of Tian Fu. They are a little Chinese place which closed down in Oct 2010 after a hostile takeover of their restaurant space by Whole Foods. But they are apparently going to make a comeback! Cheap food and they deliver too!”  
--Vanessa, Partner of One Year MBA, 2011
- CK Shanghai
  - “A little pricey but good quality Chinese food.”  
--Vanessa, Partner of One Year MBA, 2011
  - <http://www.ckshanghai.com/Location.html>
  - 15 Washington St., Wellesley
  - 781-237-7500
- Yama
  - “Excellent, prices are fair. My wife and I used to eat quite a bit of Japanese food in San Francisco and think this rates comparatively very well.”  
--Peter Rovick, MBA '09
  - [www.yamawellesley.com](http://www.yamawellesley.com)
  - Japanese
  - 781-431-8886
- Coconut Thai Cafe
  - Try the "fresh rolls"
  - <http://www.coconut-cafe.com/>
  - Thai
  - 781-235-8255
- Lemon Thai
  - Try the basil crispy chicken and pad paradise
  - <http://www.lemonthaicuisine.com/>
  - Thai

- 781-237-6995
- "Lemon Thai has pretty good, reasonably priced food and deliver at lunch time and dinner time :)"

--Vanessa, Partner of One Year MBA, 2011

- Amarin Thai
  - All three Thai restaurants are equally tasty. This one has more seating, if you want to eat there.
  - [www.amarinofthailand.com](http://www.amarinofthailand.com)
  - Thai
  - 781-239-1350
- Linden Deli
  - More formal and more expensive
  - [www.lindenstore.com](http://www.lindenstore.com)
  - Deli (Sandwiches)
  - 781-235-9837
- Blue Ginger
  - Consistently rated one of the top 3 restaurants outside of Boston. A great place to take parents/family when they visit. Reservations Required – call at least 10 days in advance or a month in advance for major holidays (Valentine's Day).
  - Asian Fusion
  - [www.ming.com/blueginger](http://www.ming.com/blueginger)
  - 781-283-5790
- China Sky
  - Discounted Lunch Deal Monday through Saturday. Otherwise, more expensive than standard Chinese restaurants, but a formal dining atmosphere. Great for family visits or special celebrations. Great quality food, but smaller portions. Very good for special occasions. Very tasty cocktails/drinks. One of the only bars in town.
  - [www.chinaskyrestaurant.com](http://www.chinaskyrestaurant.com)
  - Chinese/Japanese
  - 781-431-2388

For a full list of restaurants in Wellesley, visit:

[www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/Pages/WellesleyMA\\_Selectmensoffice/dining](http://www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/Pages/WellesleyMA_Selectmensoffice/dining)

## Student Recommended Restaurants Outside of Wellesley

- Stone Hearth Pizza (Needham)
  - A Babson business! This company is committed to sourcing sustainable, organic and, whenever possible, local ingredients to create fresh pizza.
  - 974 Great Plain Avenue  
Needham, MA 02492  
781-433-0600
  - <http://www.stonehearthpizza.com/>

- Muqueca Restaurant (Cambridge)
  - "The best Brazilian restaurant in the area."  
--Ana Kattar (from Brazil), MBA '09
  - [www.muquecarestaurant.com](http://www.muquecarestaurant.com)
- Masala Art (Needham)
  - [www.masala-art.com](http://www.masala-art.com)
  - Indian
  - 990 Great Plain Avenue  
Needham, MA
  - (781) 449-4420
- Mandarin Café (Natick)
  - Very tasty, but a bit further from school. The extra drive is worth it.
  - <http://www.mandarincafema.com/Home.aspx>
  - Chinese
  - 5 Wethersfield Rd.  
Natick, MA
  - 508-651-8771
- Fuji II (Needham)
  - Reservation Recommended. Fairly expensive, but fun if you want a Teppanyaki table (i.e. chef cooks in front of a large party similar to Benihana restaurants).
  - Japanese
  - [www.fujisteakhouseneedham.com](http://www.fujisteakhouseneedham.com)
  - 781-726-7658
- Grasshopper (Allston)
  - "The vegan restaurant "Grasshopper" in Brighton/Allston is really yummy and PLENTY of food."  
--Silke, Partner of Two Year MBA, 2010
  - Vegan
  - <http://grasshoppervegan.com/>
  - 1 N Beacon St  
Allston, MA 02134
  - Phone: (617) 254-8883
- Orinoco (Brookline)
  - "My favorite restaurant in the Boston area. Great, cheap food and a cool environment."  
--Ashly, Partner of Two Year MBA, 2007
  - Venezuelan
  - 22 Harvard Street  
Brookline, MA
  - (617) 232-9505
  - <http://www.orinocokitchen.com/>

# Shopping

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## *Shopping Malls*

- The Natick Collection - The largest mall in New England! Just 8 miles away on Route 9
  - [www.natickcollection.com/](http://www.natickcollection.com/)
  - 245 Worcester Street, Natick, MA 01760
  - (508) 655-4800
- Mall Hours:

Monday – Saturday	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- The Atrium Mall – Only 7 miles away on Route 9 East
  - [www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=331](http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=331)
  - 300 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
  - (617) 527-1400
- Mall Hours:

Monday – Saturday	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- The Mall at Chestnut Hill – Just across the street from The Atrium Mall
  - [www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=786](http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=786)
  - 199 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
  - (617) 965-3037
- Mall Hours:

Monday – Friday	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

## *Bookstores*

With over 250,000 college students in the Boston area, bookstores are in great supply. Barnes & Noble operates Babson College's bookstore which is located on campus in the Reynolds Center. Books can be reserved for pickup or home delivery by calling 781-239-4375 or by visiting: <http://babson.bkstore.com/>

- Amazon
  - Great place to get textbooks online
  - [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com)
  - AbeBooks is an online marketplace where you can buy new, used, rare and out-of-print books, as well as cheap textbooks. The site connects you with thousands of professional booksellers around the world and millions of books are listed for sale.
- Barnes & Noble Bookstores
  - Large selection of books, including many business titles.
  - For a detailed list of locations and hours of stores in the Boston area, visit [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)

- Schoenhof's Foreign Books
  - French, German, Russian, Spanish and more
  - 76A Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge 617-547-8855
  - [www.schoenhofs.com](http://www.schoenhofs.com)
- Sasuga Bookstore
  - A full selection of Japanese magazines, CDs, comics, new and used books
  - 96 Clematis Avenue, Waltham
  - 781-891-5055
  - [www.sasugabooks.com](http://www.sasugabooks.com)
- Wellesley Booksmit
  - Independent bookstore right in Wellesley Center. New and used books.
  - 781-431-1160
  - [www.wellesleybooksmith.com/](http://www.wellesleybooksmith.com/)

### *Bulk/Warehouse Stores*

A warehouse club is a retail store, usually selling a wide variety of merchandise, in which *customers pay annual membership fees* in order to shop. The clubs are able to keep prices low due to the no-frills format of the stores and customers are required to buy large, wholesale quantities of the store's products.

- BJ's ([www.bjs.com](http://www.bjs.com))  
26 Whittier Street, Framingham, MA  
508-872-2100
- Costco ([www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com))  
71 Second Avenue, Waltham, MA  
781-622-3883
- Sam's Club ([www.samsclub.com](http://www.samsclub.com))  
1225 Worcester Road (Route 9), Natick, MA  
508-650-9156

### *Baby/Children's Goods*

Everyday products for babies, such as diapers, formula, and baby food, can be easily found in drug stores or grocery stores. For toys, strollers and child seats, you can also find a good selection at Target (see Household Items).

- Babies'R Us ([www.babiesrus.com](http://www.babiesrus.com))  
Shoppers World Plaza (Rte 9 and Rte 30), Framingham, MA  
508-872-9358
- Toys 'R Us ([www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com))  
Shoppers World Plaza (Rte 9 and Rte 30), Framingham, MA  
508-370-4445
- Littlebits Toys ([www.littlebitstoys.com](http://www.littlebitstoys.com))  
304 Washington Street (Route 16), Wellesley, MA  
781-239-9955

## *Electronics*

- Best Buy ([www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com))  
1 Worcester Rd, Framingham, MA  
508-872-2223  
--or--  
401 Park Dr., Boston MA (accessible by T, Green D line, Fenway)  
617-424-7900
- Apple Store ([www.apple.com/retail/](http://www.apple.com/retail/))  
The Chestnut Hill Mall, 199 Boylston St, Chestnut Hill, MA  
617-965-5806  
--or--  
The Natick Collection  
1245 Worcester St., Suite 3082, Natick, MA  
508-903-2800
- Sears ([www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com))  
The Natick Collection  
1235 Worcester Road  
Natick, MA  
508-650-2823

## *Furniture*

You can find simple and ready to assemble furniture such as bookshelves, TV stands, or computer desks at Target (see Household Items), or office furniture at Staples or Office Max (see Office Supplies). Another option is getting used furniture online through moving sales, for examples go to Craigslist (<http://boston.craigslist.org/>).

- Economy Hardware/Homeware ([www.citylivingstores.com](http://www.citylivingstores.com))
  - Carries furniture, bed/bath items. Suitable for student and small apartment rooms, convenient locations for students living in Boston.
  - 1012 Beacon St., Brookline, MA (Green C line, St. Mary stop)
  - 617-277-8811
- IKEA ([www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com))
  - IKEA carries a variety of self-assemble furniture that you can pick up from the store.
  - 1 Ikea Way, Stoughton, MA
  - 781-344-4532
- Jordan's Furniture ([www.jordans.com](http://www.jordans.com))
  - Jordan's carries good quality furniture and arranges delivery. Each store has different themed entertainment and an IMAX theater.
  - 1 Under Price Way (Rt. 9), Natick, MA
  - 508-424-0088

## *Office Supplies*

These stores carry a large variety of office supplies, computer equipment, software, and office furniture.

- Staples ([www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com))  
163 Highland Ave., Needham, MA  
781-449-5766
- Office Max ([www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com))  
South Bay Center, 8-C Allstate Rd, Dorchester, MA  
617-445-5152
- Office Depot ([www.officedepot.com](http://www.officedepot.com))  
Shoppers World Center, Framingham, MA  
508-620-5570

## *Drug Stores*

You can find these chain stores anywhere in the area. They sell daily necessities including pharmacy products, cleaning/bathroom items, beauty products, snacks, and photo development services.

- CVS Pharmacy ([www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com))  
65 Central Street, Wellesley  
(781) 237-2520
- Walgreens ([www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com))  
266 Washington Street, Wellesley  
(781) 235-1464

## *Household Items*

- Bed Bath & Beyond ([www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com))  
820 Providence Highway, Dedham, MA  
781-326-4420  
--or--  
401 Park Drive, Boston, MA (*Accessible by T, Green D line-Fenway*)  
617-536-1090
- Target ([www.target.com](http://www.target.com))  
400 Cochituate Rd, Framingham, MA  
508-628-3136
- Wal-Mart ([www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com))  
121 Worcester Rd, Framingham, MA  
508-872-6575

You can also find bedding items at department stores like Macy's, Sears, and JC Penny, found in Shopping Malls (*see Shopping Malls*).

# Things to Do

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## Beaches

- **Revere Beach**

[www.reverebeach.com](http://www.reverebeach.com)

25 minutes north of Boston

Revere is not the best area after dark, but it's just fine during the day.

“Revere Beach is one which you can easily reach through the MBTA and the T. There may be other beaches as well. Weekends may be busy days at the beach, so go on a weekday, after checking the weather.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

- **Singing Beach**

[http://www.manchester.ma.us/pages/manchesterma\\_recreation/singingbeach](http://www.manchester.ma.us/pages/manchesterma_recreation/singingbeach)

One of the loveliest beaches in Massachusetts, Singing Beach is located in the quaint town of Manchester by the Sea. Parking can be difficult, but this beach is accessible by the Commuter Rail (Rockport/Newburyport line).

- **Crane Beach**

<http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/northeast-ma/crane-beach-on-the-crane.html>

This popular beach is not accessible by public transportation, but there is plenty of parking. The water is shallower than most other New England beaches, so sometimes, the water is warm enough to actually take a comfortable dip!

- **Duxbury Beach**

[www.town.duxbury.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/DuxburyMA\\_BTPermits/index](http://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/Public_Documents/DuxburyMA_BTPermits/index)

1 hour south of Boston

“Duxbury is similar to Wellesley in that it is considered one of the nicest towns in Massachusetts. Read website for access & permits (if you want to drive a car on the beach - you'll need a 4x4 so that you don't get stuck in the sand.) Note: Traffic can be quite congested on summer weekends, so best to go in the fall or on summer weekdays. Go down route 3 from Boston.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

- **Hampton Beach, NH**

[www.hamptonbeach.org](http://www.hamptonbeach.org)

1 hour north of Boston

A very popular beach, just over the border in New Hampshire. This beach is popular for local surfers.

## Libraries

The libraries in Boston are amazing. For most public libraries, you simply show proof of residence and you're provided with a library card for free.

- Wellesley Free Library ([www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org](http://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org))
  - Free membership, books, videos, DVDs, newspapers, etc.
  - Has a big children's room and organizes programs for children.
  - Also offers lectures and computer and yoga classes.

Central Library  
530 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA  
(781) 235-1610



- Boston Public Library ([www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org))
  - Free membership, electronic resources and online journals also available.
  - Offers various exhibits, internet workshops, and kids programs.
  - The main branch is home to a beautiful central courtyard and contains murals by John Singer Sargent (January 12, 1856 – April 14, 1925), a famous Boston artist.
  - While the main branch is downtown, there are 25 additional neighborhood branches. For a list of local branches, visit <http://www.bpl.org/branches/>

Central Library  
700 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA (Green Line, Copley)  
(617) 536-5400



Alberto Turiel 2005

## Museums

Boston is home to a plethora of museums. The most popular are detailed below. Many local libraries have discounted or free passes to many of these destinations.

- Museum of Fine Art (MFA)

The largest museum in Boston, the MFA contains over 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas. It boasts an amazing Egyptian collection (complete with mummies) and a new “Art of the Americas” wing. Admission is \$20 for adults, but free for children.

- [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)
- Avenue of the Arts  
465 Huntington Avenue (Green Line, E, MFA stop)  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115-5523  
617-267-9300

- Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

Recently relocated to the Waterfront area, the new ICA is home to exhibits of modern art and boasts a spectacular view of the ocean. The cost is \$18 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for children.

- [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)
- 100 Northern Avenue (Silver Line, Waterfront)  
Boston, MA  
617-478-3100

- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

A “hidden gem” in Boston, the Isabella Stewart Gardner feels more like a private home than a museum. It is the home to works by Titian, Raphael, and Rembrandt. A museum heist in 1990 brought this small museum national attention. Unfortunately, the stolen works have yet to be located. Cost is \$12 for adults and free for children.

- [www.gardnermuseum.com](http://www.gardnermuseum.com)
- 280 The Fenway (Green Line, E, MFA stop)  
Boston, MA 02115  
(617) 566 1401

- Boston Children’s Museum

Founded specifically for educating children, this museum is fun for all ages. Admission is \$12.

- <http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/>
- 308 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02210  
(617) 426-6500

- Museum of Science

The museum boasts over 400 interactive exhibits for all age groups. For additional fees, you can also visit the Hayden Planetarium or view the Imax films at the Mugar Omni Theater. Admission is \$21 for adults and \$18 for children over the age of 3.

- [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)
- 1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 723-2500

## Family-Friendly Activities

Again, check your local library for discounted/free passes!

- New England Aquarium
  - The New England Aquarium has numerous exhibits of all types of water creatures, including penguins, seals, and jellyfish. A four-story tall giant ocean tank dominates the space. Admission is \$23 for adults and \$18 for children over the age of 3.
    - [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)
    - (617) 973-5200
    - Located at Boston's Central Wharf
- Franklin Park Zoo
  - At Franklin Park Zoo, children and adults alike can experience hundreds of exotic animal species from around the world right in the middle of Boston! Explore the wonders of a tropical rainforest, the Australian outback, or the African savannah in one of these exhibit areas. Admission is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children 2-12 years old.
    - <http://www.zoonewengland.org/>
    - One Franklin Park Road  
Boston, MA 02121  
617-541-LION (5466)
- Arnold Arboretum
  - The Arnold Arboretum is located in Jamaica Plain, situated on 265 acres of land. At present, the living collections include 14,980 individual plants.
    - <http://arboretum.harvard.edu/>
    - 125 Arborway  
Boston, MA 02130-3500  
(617)524.1718
- Six Flags New England
  - Amusement park, fun for all ages! General admission is \$45, kids over 2 are \$35.
    - Route 159, 1623 Main Street  
Agawam, MA 01001
    - <http://www.sixflags.com/newEngland/index.aspx>
- Duck Tour
  - See Boston by land and by sea in a World War II amphibious landing vehicle. Cruise by all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom. Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$27 for students, and \$22 for children 2-12. Boats leave from Prudential Center and the Museum of Science.
    - <http://www.bostonducktours.com/>

## Boston's Heavy Hitters: Must-see areas of Boston for new-comers

- Freedom Trail (Green Line, Park stop)
  - A 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that takes you through historic Boston, birthplace of the American Revolution.
  - <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/index.html>
  - "The freedom trail is definitely something I would recommend and it's nice since you can do it on your own pace."

--Silke, Partner of Two Year MBA, 2012

- Boston Public Gardens and Boston Common (Green Line, Arlington or Boylston stop)
  - Beautiful open areas in downtown Boston, favorite spot for just hanging out for locals and tourists alike.
  - [http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks/emerald/public\\_garden.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks/emerald/public_garden.asp)
- Faneuil Hall Marketplace (Green/Orange Line, Haymarket stop)
  - Considered a “tourist trap” by many locals, this is still a place to see! Faneuil Hall is home to 150 shops and restaurants that serve over one million visitors a month.
- Harvard Square (Red Line, Harvard Square stop)
  - Popular area in Cambridge where students from nearby colleges and universities go for recreation. Home to America’s oldest college, Harvard University. Visit Holyoke Center in the middle of the Square for a free tour of campus.
- Fenway Park (Green Line, D, Fenway stop)
  - Home to the Boston baseball team, the Boston Red Sox. This is the oldest Major League Ballpark currently in use. The city considered tearing it down in the late 1990s, but public outcry saved the park, which has housed the Red Sox since 1912.
- The North End (Green Line, Haymarket stop)
  - It has the distinction of being the city's oldest residential community, where people have lived continuously since it was settled in the 1630s. Though small, the neighborhood has approximately 100 eating establishments, and a variety of tourist attractions. It is known as the city's Little Italy for its Italian-American population. It is also home to Old North Church of “one if by land, two if by sea” fame.
- Newbury Street
  - Located in Back Bay, this is an area to see and be seen. The street is full of mid-to high end retailers, and people flock here to shop and dine on sunny days!
- Haymarket (Green/Orange Lines, Haymarket stop)
  - Located in the vicinity of Faneuil Hall, Haymarket is Boston’s largest open-air market. It operates Fridays and Saturdays, year-long. Vendors sell huge varieties of fruits and vegetables at low prices from open wooden stands and pushcarts.

## Movie Theaters/Cinemas

- **AMC Movie Theaters**

[www.amctheatres.com/](http://www.amctheatres.com/)

Nationwide - several in the area

“The closest cinema is AMC Framingham - they have student, matinee and morning rates. The latter meaning you get catch a movie for about \$8.”

--Vanessa, Partner of One Year MBA, 2011

“Note for students living on campus: If you need a taxi to Jordan’s IMAX or the AMC theaters in Framingham, Tommy’s Taxi is best.”

--Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

- **Jordan's IMAX (Natick)**

[www.jordansimax.com](http://www.jordansimax.com)

- “Don’t ask me why, but Jordan’s Furniture store also has an IMAX theater in the same building.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09

A note about movie theaters in the US: “The movie ticket does not reserve a specific seat for you - seats are on a first-come-first served basis. Though you will get a seat if you have a ticket, it may not necessarily be the best one. For new blockbusters, I would recommend that you come in around 30 min early.”

-- Jacob Xavier, MBA '09

## Performing Arts

- **Sorenson Center for the Arts (Babson)**

The Sorenson Center for the Arts expands and enhances the presence of the arts and culture on Babson College’s campus. The Center presents a diverse array of professional programming in theater, dance, music, film, and video for on-campus audiences as well as for the general public. For information or to buy tickets, call (781) 239-5682.

- **Citi Performing Arts Center**

Located in the heart of Boston’s theater district, the Citi Performing Arts Center hosts Broadway plays, concerts, operas, and contemporary ballets. For ticket information, call (617) 482-9393.

- [www.citicenter.org](http://www.citicenter.org)

- **Symphony Hall**

Considered one of the world’s greatest acoustic settings, Symphony Hall offers a wide range of cultural events and is home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops. For tickets, call (617) 266-1200.

- [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org)

- **Boston Ticket Booth**

Boston’s official entertainment and cultural information center, providing tickets and information for more than 100 attractions including theater, music, dance, museums, historic sites, and special visitor attractions. Half-price tickets to some performances are sold on the day of the performance.

- Boston’s Faneuil Hall and Copley Square locations
  - (617) 523-1300
  - <http://www.bostix.org/>

For a complete listing of arts performances, visit <http://calendar.boston.com/boston-ma/events/performing+arts>.

## At-Home Entertainment

“If you are a stay at home partner and you’re not keen on cable, consider getting both a Netflix and a Hulu Plus account.”

--Vanessa, Partner to a One Year MBA, 2011

- Netflix

- By paying a low monthly fee you have unlimited access to DVDs. You choose how many DVDs you want to receive at a time, and you keep them until you're done watching them. No late fees! Some movies are also available for "Live Play," streaming right to your home TV or computer.
- [www.netflix.com](http://www.netflix.com)
- Hulu Plus
  - As the name suggests, Hulu Plus is an upgraded version of Hulu, an online video service that offers a selection of hit shows, clips, movies and more at Hulu.com. Hulu Plus gives you access to more shows, movies, etc.
  - [www.hulu.com](http://www.hulu.com)

## Outdoor Activities



### Statewide Trails/Resources

- Mass Audubon  
[www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)
- The Appalachian Trail  
[www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org)
- Department of Conservation & Recreation: State of MA  
[www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)
- National Park Service  
[www.nps.gov/applications/state/ma](http://www.nps.gov/applications/state/ma)
- Broadmoor Sanctuary in Natick  
 5 miles from Babson (visit in early morning to see birds/animals)  
 Contains a Nature Center with restrooms and a nine miles of trails.  
[www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Broadmoor/index.php](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Broadmoor/index.php)
  - 280 Eliot Street  
 Natick, MA 01760  
 (508) 655-2296
  - Nature Center Hours:  
 Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday holidays, 10 am to 5 pm

- Trail Hours

Open Tuesday through Sunday, and Monday holidays, dawn to dusk

### Trails in Wellesley

“I have served on the Wellesley Trails Committee for over six years and typically lead a guided walk on a Saturday every May and October. Feel free to contact me for more information about anything related the trails system.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA '09



- Trails: [www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA\\_Trails/trails](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA_Trails/trails)
- Guided Walks: [www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA\\_Trails/walks](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA_Trails/walks)

### How far did I run/walk?

Here is a great tool to help you figure out how you ran/walked.

[www.gmap-pedometer.com](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com)

### Running Routes in Wellesley

“Examples: Below are links to a few routes that I have run in Wellesley.”

--Peter Rovick, MBA'09

- Babson to/from Longfellow Pond (3.2 miles)  
[www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1586639](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1586639)
- Bordering the Babson Campus (5.9 miles)  
[www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1295029](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1295029)
- Forest St. to Central St. to Grove St. (7.22 miles)  
[www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1872901](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1872901)
- Forest St. to Claybrook (10.6 miles)  
[www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1708373](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1708373)

# Sports

## College:

- Babson



[babsonathletics.cstv.com/](http://babsonathletics.cstv.com/)

- Head of the Charles  
[www.hocr.org/home/default.asp](http://www.hocr.org/home/default.asp)
- Boston College  
[bceagles.cstv.com](http://bceagles.cstv.com)
- Boston University  
[www.goterriers.com](http://www.goterriers.com)

## Minor League:

- Baseball: Pawtucket Red Sox  
[www.pawsox.com](http://www.pawsox.com)



## Professional:

- Boston Red Sox (baseball)  
[www.redsox.com](http://www.redsox.com)  
Baseball
- New England Patriots (American football)  
[www.patriots.com](http://www.patriots.com)
- Boston Bruins (hockey)  
[www.bostonbruins.com](http://www.bostonbruins.com)
- Boston Celtics (basketball)  
[www.celtics.com](http://www.celtics.com)
- New England Revolution (soccer/futbol)  
[www.revolutionsoccer.net/](http://www.revolutionsoccer.net/)
- NASCAR (auto racing)  
[www.nascar.com](http://www.nascar.com)



"Loudon" - New Hampshire International Speedway  
[www.nhis.com/](http://www.nhis.com/)

Thompson International Speedway  
[www.thompsonsspeedway.com/](http://www.thompsonsspeedway.com/)

Buying tickets:

- Stub Hub  
[www.stubhub.com/](http://www.stubhub.com/)

"We purchased two Red Sox bleacher tickets in 2005 - about \$75 each."

- Peter Rovick, MBA '09

## **Boston Events Not to Miss**

- **Boston Restaurant Week**—held once in the summer, once in the winter every year
  - Restaurant Week offers some of Boston's finest dining at affordable prices. Try a new restaurant or go back to an old favorite with three course prix fixe meals being served at any of the 200+ participating restaurants. A three course lunch is priced at \$20.11, and a three course dinner at \$33.11
  - For a list of participating restaurants and menus, visit  
<http://www.bostonusa.com/restaurant-week>
- **Head of the Charles**—late October (in 2011, October 22-23)
  - Head of The Charles Regatta is the world's largest two-day rowing event. More than 8,000 athletes from around the world compete in 55 different race events. The Regatta grew to a two-day event in 1997 and now attracts up to 300,000 spectators during the October weekend.
  - <http://www.hocr.org/home/default.asp>
- **Halloween** – October 31<sup>st</sup>



- Halloween is an annual holiday observed primarily in the United States, Canada, Ireland, and the UK. Common Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, wearing costumes, carving pumpkins, ghost tours, bonfires, and watching horror films.
- Events Around Boston: [www.boston.com/thingstodo/special/halloween](http://www.boston.com/thingstodo/special/halloween)
- Salem, MA is famous for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and is a great place to visit around Halloween. It is only an hour and a half north of Babson and has many attractions and museums to visit.
  - For More Information on Salem and the Witch Trials:  
[www.salemweb.com/hh](http://www.salemweb.com/hh)  
[www.salemwitchmuseum.com](http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com)  
[www.salemweb.com/guide/witches.shtml](http://www.salemweb.com/guide/witches.shtml)

- **St. Patrick's Day** – March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Any true Irishman will tell you what happens on this day. St. Patrick's Day draws more than 500,000 visitors to Boston--a city with a long-standing Irish tradition. Boston held America's first St. Patrick's Day celebration in 1737, and the city still boasts one of the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day parades.
  - Visit: [www.saintpatricksdayparade.com/boston](http://www.saintpatricksdayparade.com/boston) to determine the parade date. Since St. Patrick's Day doesn't always fall on the weekend, the date of the parade changes.
- **Patriot's Day (Marathon Monday)** – Third Monday in April
  - The Boston Marathon is a premier Boston event and a great opportunity to experience Boston at its finest. This 26.2 mile race is the oldest marathon in the U.S.! The field is truly international, with runners from all over the world registered. Almost the whole town (including Babson) shuts down and everyone joins in to cheer on the runners.
  - The Boston Marathon is run on this day right by Babson on Washington Street.
  - [www.bostonmarathon.com](http://www.bostonmarathon.com)
- **Art in Bloom at the MFA**—usually the last weekend in April
  - Celebrate spring at this annual festival of fine art and fresh flowers. See the MFA's galleries transformed by almost 70 extraordinary arrangements inspired by magnificent works of art.
  - <http://www.mfa.org/programs/series/art-bloom>



- **Lilac Sunday at the Arnold Arboretum**—Mother's Day, always the second Sunday in May
  - Of the thousands of flowering plants in the Arboretum, only one, the lilac, is singled out each year for a daylong celebration. On Lilac Sunday, garden enthusiasts from all over New England gather at the Arboretum to picnic, watch Morris dancing, and tour the lilac collection. On the day of the event, the Arboretum is open as usual from dawn to dusk. This is the only day of the year that picnicking is allowed at the Arboretum.
  - <http://arboretum.harvard.edu/news-events/lilac-sunday/>
- **SOWA Open Market**—Sundays May-November, 10 AM- 4 PM
  - 460 Harrison Ave, Boston
  - SOWA Open Market features homemade crafts and textiles, food, and art, and vendors rotate every week. 'Food Trucks @ SOWA' are a new highlight this year that will showcase the food truck trend that's been going around the US. For more information, visit: [www.sowaopenmarket.com/](http://www.sowaopenmarket.com/)

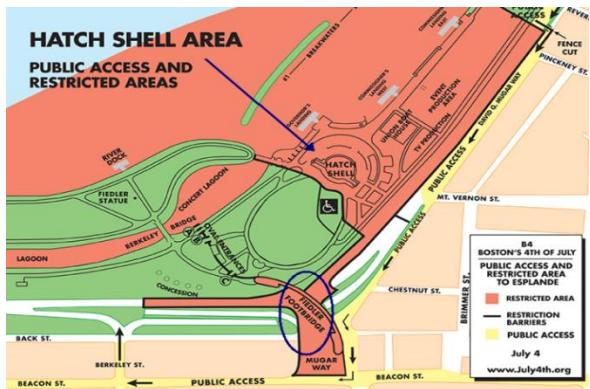
- **Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>**

On July 4, the United States celebrates its independence. Events consist of Boston's famous fireworks and concert at The Hatch Shell. An entire week of activities, called Harborfest, leads up to the big day.

- [www.july4th.org](http://www.july4th.org)
- [www.bostonharborfest.com/](http://www.bostonharborfest.com/)



- [www.mass.gov/dcr/hatch\\_events.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/hatch_events.htm)



- **Shakespeare on the Common**

- Shakespeare on the Common is one of the most popular annual Boston events and a huge favorite among free things to do in Boston in the summer. Performances take place from late July through mid-August the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common.
- <http://www.commshakes.org/>



# Medical & Health

**#1 Resource:** Babson College's Health Services [www3.babson.edu/Offices/health/default.cfm](http://www3.babson.edu/Offices/health/default.cfm)

- If you have questions about what health insurance is right for you or your family, set up an appointment with Health Services TODAY! They're happy to meet with you to discuss your options!

**Hospitals in the Boston area:**

- [www.bostoncentral.com/healthcare.php](http://www.bostoncentral.com/healthcare.php)
- [www.searchboston.com/dir/Health/Hospitals\\_and\\_Medical\\_Centers](http://www.searchboston.com/dir/Health/Hospitals_and_Medical_Centers)
- [www.bostoncitylinks.com/boston\\_hospitals.html](http://www.bostoncitylinks.com/boston_hospitals.html)

There are many great sources of information for healthcare & health-related topics.

One of many great resources is **WebMD**: [www.WebMD.com](http://www.WebMD.com)

The image shows the homepage of WebMD. On the left, there's a sidebar with links to 'Find a Doctor', 'Find a Hospital', and 'Find a Drug & Read User Reviews'. Below this is a section for 'Health Centers Shortcuts' with links to various health conditions. The main content area features a 'TOP 12 health topics' list for 'WOMEN'. The list includes:

Rank	Topic
1	Migraines Risky
2	High Self-Esteem
3	Worst Allergy Cities
4	Digitek Tabs Recalled
5	Predicting Menopause
6	Fibromyalgia
7	How Long Sex Lasts
8	LASIK Warning
9	Pregnancy
10	Overactive Bladder
11	Tired All the Time?
12	Binge Eating

To the right, there's a 'symptom checker' feature with a human figure showing highlighted areas of the body. Below it is a button labeled 'START HERE'.

You are likely on your own for the first time. Take advantage of websites like this to compliment knowledge provided by your doctors, family, friends, etc.

## Health Plans

All Health Insurance related questions to go directly to Babson's Health Services (Ground Floor of Hollister Hall, Phone: (781) 239- 6363) and more information can be found here:

<http://www3.babson.edu/Offices/health/default.cfm>

Here are links to general information on types of Health Plans:

- [www.medhealthinsurance.com/plans.htm](http://www.medhealthinsurance.com/plans.htm)
- [www.cmanet.org/publicdoc.cfm/5](http://www.cmanet.org/publicdoc.cfm/5)
- [financialplan.about.com/od/healthrelatedinsurance/](http://financialplan.about.com/od/healthrelatedinsurance/)

- **Common Medical Plans in Massachusetts:**
  - TUFTS Health Plan
  - Harvard Pilgrim
  - Blue Cross Blue Shield
  - UnitedHealthcare

**Note: Primary Care Physician**

In the USA, you will probably need to sign up with a PCP: Primary Care Physician after enrolling in your medical/health plan. This is your primary doctor with whom you make appointments with.

**Babson Health Plan Information:**

Consult any materials provided to you by Babson, but here are some links provided by Tammy Bamrungsuk, MBA '09:

- Babson Links  
[www3.babson.edu/offices/health/insurance.cfm](http://www3.babson.edu/offices/health/insurance.cfm)
- University Health Plan  
[www.universityhealthplans.com](http://www.universityhealthplans.com)
- Delta Dental  
[www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?school\\_id=161](http://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?school_id=161)
- VSP Vision  
[www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?school\\_id=170](http://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?school_id=170)

Emma Sanders Edwards (Partner of MBA, '12), suggests the following site for deciphering health insurance options: <http://www.mahealthconnector.org>. The Health Connector is an independent state agency that helps Massachusetts residents to find health care coverage.

# For International Students and Families

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## Social Security Number

For international students who want to obtain a social security number, please visit the following website for more information:

[www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10181.html#need](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10181.html#need)

Please be aware that some international students may not be able to obtain a social security number unless they are eligible to work in the United States.

You will need to apply for a social security number in person. The following is the contact information for the closest Social Security office to campus:

Social Security Office  
Suite #2A  
100 Concord Street  
Framingham, MA 01702  
Phone Number: 508 620 7561  
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, except for federal holidays

## Liquor ID

Obtaining a Massachusetts Liquor ID may be useful to international students who do not have a driver's license and don't want to carry around their passport to bars, clubs, and/or liquor stores. Please visit the following web address for more information: [www.mass.gov/rmv/license/13liqid.htm](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/license/13liqid.htm)

You can receive a Liquor ID at any Full Service RMV Office. The closest RMV to Babson is located at:

Framingham RMV  
10 Pearl Street  
Framingham, MA

Hours:  
Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Gratuities/Tips

*Tips:* "To Insure Proper Service" (not the actual definition, but a useful reminder). Tips are required/expected for certain services in the U.S.

### When/Where to Tip:

1. Taxi: assume 15% tip will be enough. If going between Babson & Logan Airport, tip \$7-10 (total - not per person) and an extra \$1 to \$2 for luggage.
2. Restaurants: 15% - 20% is typical, 20% for excellent service. For groups of 6 or more, an automatic tip is sometimes included in the bill (so don't tip extra).
3. Bars: \$1 per drink, but if they ignore you or are very slow to provide service, then tip less.
4. Pizza delivery: \$3 - these people make much less than bartenders - be nice to them
5. Haircuts: Men—tip \$3 on a haircut (which usually costs \$12-20); Ladies—tip your stylist 10%-20%.
6. Valets (who park your car): \$2-3; if you go to a really fancy restaurant, tip \$5
7. Bell Hops: at some hotels, they'll offer to carry your bags to your room, tip \$2 per bag.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tip>— for more information

## Driving Tips

### What if I get pulled over by the police?

Main point – Don't worry!

1. Stay in your car - do not get out of your car - police view this as potentially threatening
2. Keep your hands where they can be seen by the police (typically on the steering wheel when the officer walks to your vehicle)
3. Do not argue or attempt to negotiate with the police officer

Don't make any quick movements that the officer may view as potentially threatening. While you are a responsible and unthreatening adult, the police officer doesn't know this. There are some unsafe people in the world; quick movements may lead the officer to think that you are reaching for a weapon (unlikely in Wellesley & neighboring towns, but officers need to practice safety)

Be polite and respectful to the police officer and don't argue with them.

1. Don't drive if you have been drinking alcohol - you can go to jail for this
2. "You won't go to jail for minor offenses - you can receive a warning or a citation/ticket (a fine)." --Peter Rovick MBA '09
3. A moving violation (speeding, running a red light, etc) may result in an increase in your insurance rate. Multiple infractions can lead to a suspended license.

If you get pulled over, you'll be asked for the following documents, so make sure you have them your car at all times:

1. Driver's License
2. Proof of Auto Insurance (in MA, this is the same as the vehicle registration, may be separate in other states.)
3. Vehicle Registration (obtain from Mass RMV - see above)

### What if I am in an accident?

**Note:** Call the police and ask for their guidance - but here is some preliminary advice.

1. Do not drive away - it is illegal to leave the scene of an accident and is called a "Hit and Run"

2. Call the police - (use 411 to get the # for the local police station) - they will come and fill out an accident report (may be consulted by your insurance company)
  - i) Accident report: The police usually include the contact information of all parties involved
  - ii) Other forms: [www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/accident.htm](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/accident.htm)
  - iii) Insurance: [www.lawcore.com/car-accident/insurance-claims.html](http://www.lawcore.com/car-accident/insurance-claims.html)
3. Do not argue or become hostile with the other driver (if two vehicles are involved); be as calm as possible.
4. After the police tell you that you can leave, contact your insurance company if you will need car repairs
5. Medical Care - police can help arrange medical care (if needed); Dial 911 immediately if severe injuries occur

## Pedestrian Tips

Most intersections have a pole on which you can press a button, which will give you a signal (a white walking figure) to walk across (usually stays for 10-15 seconds). Walk across the street briskly when you do get the signal, and to use it especially when there is heavy traffic. On the other hand, if the road is clear, you may walk across without using this signal. At your own risk, though.

## *Appendix A: Campus Resources—Quick Phone Reference*

Campus Switchboard	781-235-1200
Campus Bookstore	781-239-4375
Center for Career Development	781-239-4210
Center for Women's Leadership	781-239-5001
Graduate Admissions Services	781-239-4317
Graduate Programs and Student Affairs	781-239-4474
Health Services	781-239-4257
Residence Life	781-239-4438
Information Technology & Services (ITSD)	781-239-4423
Library	781-239-4596
Office of International Programs	781-239-4501
OneCard Office (handle student IDs)	781-239-5647
Public Safety (Campus Police)	781-239-5555
Registrar	781-239-4519
Snow Emergency Line	781-239-4636
Student Financial Services	781-239-4219
Student Mail Services	781-239-4338

For a more complete list of campus phone numbers and resources, please see:  
[www3.babson.edu/Visiting/CampusPhoneNumbers.cfm](http://www3.babson.edu/Visiting/CampusPhoneNumbers.cfm)

## *Appendix B: Boston Hotel Information for Guests*

### **On-Campus Accommodations**

The Babson Executive Conference Center has 211 well-appointed guest rooms available right on campus that can be booked for alumni, faculty, and families of students. Rooms book quickly, so be sure to make reservations in advance. To find out more information and book a room, visit <http://cmweb.babson.edu/ExecEd/becc/accomodations.aspx> or call 781-239-4000.

### **Off-Campus Accommodations**

#### 5 Diamond Hotels

The Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston Street, Boston: 617-338-4400

#### 4 Diamond Hotels

The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Avenue, Boston: 617-267-5300

The Westin at Copley, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston: 866-716-8121

#### 3 Diamond Hotels

DoubleTree Guest Suites, 550 Winter Street, Waltham: 781-890-6767

Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham: 781-329-7900

\*Hotel Indigo, 399 Grove Street, Newton: 617-969-5300

\*Marriott Hotel, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton: 617-969-1000

Residence Inn, 259 Elm Street, Dedham: 781-407-0999

Sheraton Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham: 508-879-7200

\*Sheraton Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Needham: 781-444-1110

#### 2 Diamond and 1 Diamond Hotels

Travelodge, 1350 Worcester Road, Natick: 508-655-2222

\*Denotes Close to Campus

## *Appendix C: CHECKLIST – Things to Organize to Settle into U.S. Life*

(You can find details of how to organize these within the guide)

### THINGS TO ARRIVE WITH

- ✓ Contact details for housing – either your RA or leasing agent
- ✓ A set of towels, sheets, a pillow, some cutlery, plates and cups will see you through the first couple of days if you can't get to the shops
- ✓ Consider signing up for Zipcar membership before you arrive (it can take 5-7 days to join) so that you have access to a car straight away
- ✓ Phone numbers of takeaway delivery would be useful

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- ✓ Purchase groceries
- ✓ Arrange phone
- ✓ Open bank account
- ✓ Purchase home wares (see list below of things you might want to consider purchasing)

### CAN BE ORGANIZED LATER

- ✓ Social security number
- ✓ MA Driving license

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## HOME WARES

KITCHEN	Plates
	Cups
	Glasses
	Cutlery
	Pots
	Fry pan
	Storage containers
	Utensils (can opener, spatula etc)
	Chopping board
	Chopping knives
	Tea towels
	Microwave
	Toaster
	Coffee maker / tea pot
BEDROOM	Bed (if living on-campus, a bed will be provided)
	Bed linen
	Comforter
	Coat hangers
	Table lamps
BATHROOM	Towels
	Hairdryer
STUDY	Desk and chair (if living on-campus, a desk and chair will be provided)
	Desk lamp
	Notice board
APPLIANCES	Vacuum cleaner
	Iron
	Television
	Stereo

## *Appendix D: U.S. Federal Holidays*

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the dates below as public holidays for Federal employees. This means that on these dates, most government offices (including the Post Office) will be closed. Privately held companies frequently give many of these dates off to employees, but this is determined on a company to company basis. Babson holidays are marked with a \*. Please note that Babson is closed on other days, including the day after Thanksgiving, Patriot's Day, and others. To see Babson's academic calendar with a complete listing of dates Babson is closed, visit: <http://www3.babson.edu/Academics/calendar/2011-12-Academic-Calendar.cfm>.

<b>Monday, May 30, 2011*</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Monday, July 4, 2011*</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Monday, September 5, 2011*</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
<b>Monday, October 10, 2011*</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>
<b>Friday, November 11, 2011</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>
<b>Thursday, November 24, 2011*</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>Monday, December 26, 2011*</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>Monday, January 2, 2012*</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
<b>Monday, January 16, 2012*</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>
<b>Monday, February 20, 2012*</b>	<b>President's Day</b>