

# BU Law JD Orientation FAQs

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## What will happen at check in?

You will check in at the Butler Atrium at the Law School. Look for signage and student Welcomers in red t-shirts. At check in, you will receive a metal nametag and a schedule. If your Terrier card photo was approved by Friday, August 2, 2024, you will also be able to pick up your Terrier card at this time (Note: at this time, we are unable to arrange for earlier pickup). Breakfast snacks will be available at check in. After check-in, Welcomers will be on hand for tours, questions, and to guide you to the first session.

## What should I expect at Orientation?

Our goal is to introduce you to the BU Law community, to each other, and to the resources available to you at BU and beyond. We also hope to help you prepare for your first weeks as a law student. The [latest schedule is attached to the event](#). You will receive a final schedule when you check in.

## How can I travel to campus?

The School of Law is at 765 Commonwealth Avenue. The entrance is behind Marsh Plaza, which is across from the BU Central stop on the B branch of the MBTA Green Line. It is also located on a BU Shuttle ("BUS") Stop, and on MBTA #57 bus (Commonwealth Ave at St. Mary's St). **Please note that there will be move-in activity around campus and in metro Boston, which can impact travel times.** We encourage students to use public transportation. If that is not an option, we direct you to the [BU Office of Parking and Transportation](#) for information on visitor parking. Parking is limited on campus, and therefore we are unable to offer parking passes for Orientation.

### What meals will be served?

We will provide light breakfast snacks on Thursday and Friday. We will also provide boxed lunches on Wednesday and a cookout lunch on Friday. For other food and drink options on campus, students are encouraged to use the [GrubHub app](#) for contactless ordering and payment.

Please be sure you complete the [Orientation RSVP](#) by August 19 to indicate any allergies or dietary restrictions.

### What is the attire for Orientation?

Attire is casual for both days. Lunch will be outdoors on Friday, and many people will also have lunch outdoors on Thursday. We recommend bringing layers because of the transition between multiple spaces (auditorium, classrooms, outdoors) and the changes in temperatures.

### What should I bring with me?

To collect your new Terrier card, you will need to show photo ID, such as a driver's license, state identification card, or passport.

You do not need a laptop, nor do you need any of your course materials to participate in Orientation. You may want to bring a notebook and pen for jotting things down throughout the two days.

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### Who should I contact with unexpected issues?

Orientation is mandatory for incoming students. However, if anything comes up that impacts your ability to attend Orientation, please contact Student Affairs at [studaff@bu.edu](mailto:studaff@bu.edu) or 617-358-1800.

### How do I connect to Wifi Access?

You will be able to connect your wireless device to the wifi network using your BU credentials. Students should join the [eduroam](#) network. Please visit [IS&T Wireless Network](#) pages for more information.

### When will I get my class schedule?

The Registrar will email you to confirm when your section assignment and class schedule is finalized, likely around August 16.

### When should I buy my books?

Once you receive confirmation from the Registrar's office that your section assignment and class schedule is final, you may follow their instructions to locate assigned texts and other course materials. We recommend purchasing books as soon as feasible thereafter to ensure you have the selection you want.

### When will I get my Terrier card?

Many of you received confirmation from the Terrier Card Office that your card was printed. **Please note that the law school distributes Terrier cards at JD Orientation.** Unfortunately, we are not able to facilitate an earlier pickup, and we apologize for the confusion from the Terrier Card Office communications. For those who did not receive the confirmation email, your card may not be available until the first week of class or later. Look for further instructions by email. Note: if you are in University housing, you will receive your card at move-in.

### How should I prepare for Orientation and the start of school?

We recommend carefully reviewing and engaging with the Pathway to BU Law checklist items assigned to you in the BU Law Docket. While it may seem like a lot of information, it contains the answers to many of your most-pressing questions, as well as information you will be responsible for knowing.

### Who should I contact with more questions?

Please feel free to contact us at (617) 358-1800 or [studaff@bu.edu](mailto:studaff@bu.edu), with any questions leading up to Orientation. We look forward to meeting you soon!