

# BABSON COLLEGE

Undergraduate International  
Exchange Program



Glavin Office of International Education  
*Fact Sheet 2024-2025*

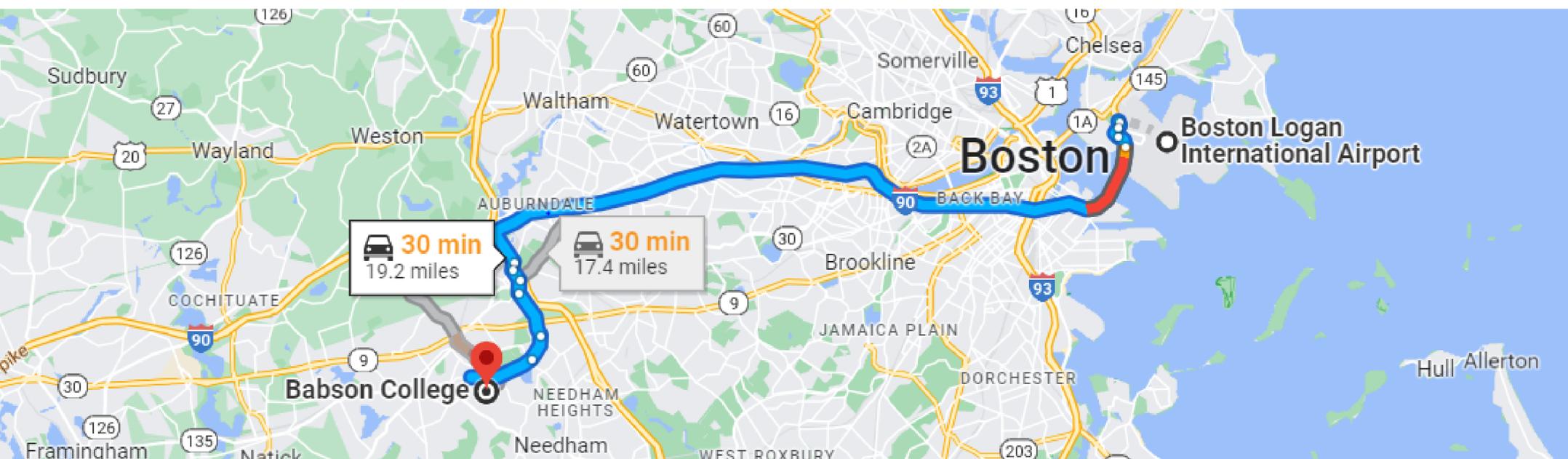
# General Information

## College Website

[www.babson.edu](http://www.babson.edu)

## College Information

Babson College is recognized internationally for its entrepreneurial leadership in a changing global environment. Babson is accredited by the AACSB International— Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), EQUIS, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. By infusing the spirit of innovation into its academic programs, Babson educates leaders capable of anticipating, initiating, and managing change.



## Location Information

While Babson's campus is not far from the activity of Boston, Wellesley is a relatively quiet community. Babson offers students a variety of transportation options, including a discounted Zipcar rental car service on campus. From nearby Riverside MBTA Station in Newton, students can take the Green Line T to downtown Boston, and commuter express buses run to downtown Boston, Newton Corner and Central Square, Waltham. This is also a station for Greyhound Lines and Peter Pan Bus lines with frequent service to Boston, New York City, and other destinations.



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# Application

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## Eligibility

Students must:

- Meet eligibility requirements of their home institution
- Have completed at least one year of core business courses prior to participation
- Have a minimum TOEFL score equivalent to 90 (internet-based test);  
Minimum IELTS score of 7
  - For other English proficiency tests (e.g. Duolingo English Test, Cambridge Assessment), please inquire
  - If student does not possess an English proficiency test result, home school coordinator may submit an official letter attesting to student's English language proficiency
- [Click here](#) for additional nomination and application details

## Deadlines

Nominations:

- March 1 (for Fall Semester, August - December)
- September 15 (for Spring Semester, January - May)

Applications:

- March 15 (for Fall Semester, August - December)
- October 1 (for Spring Semester, January - May)

## Post-Nomination Application Requirements

- Exchange program application
- Request for Form DS-2019
- Official transcripts for all previous university course work (translated into English)
- Proof of proficiency in English
- Students will receive detailed application instructions. All application materials are submitted online.

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## **Visa and Immigration Requirements**

The International Student Scholar Services team assists students who need a visa to enter the United States. Upon acceptance and completion of the necessary financial support documents, students will receive a Form DS-2019, which must be submitted to the US Consulate or Embassy in the student's home country, along with the visa application and other required documents needed to obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor Student Visa.

## **Mandatory Health Insurance**

As a student at Babson, all exchange participants are required to enroll in a comprehensive health insurance plan. Students will be automatically enrolled in Babson's Health Insurance plan unless a student provides proof of alternative coverage which meets both the Massachusetts State requirements and federal J-1 regulations, and a waiver is granted. Learn more about the Health Requirements.

## **Mandatory Orientation Program**

All incoming exchange students are required to participate in an Orientation program prior to the start of classes each semester. Orientation activities not only help familiarize students with campus systems and US cultural norms, but also connect them to the Babson campus community.



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## Cost of Living

2024-2025 Undergraduate Program Costs	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Academic Year
Living Expenses	\$11,397	\$11,397	\$22,794
Other Expenses	\$1,516	\$1,553	\$2,405
Total	\$12,913	\$12,950	\$25,199

- "Living expenses" include estimates of housing, food, personal expenses
- "Other expenses" include estimates of books, supplies, and health insurance estimate
- Students must also plan on additional expenses for travel
- Laptop deposit required



**As part of the application process, students will be required to provide proof of financial support in an amount equal to (or greater than) the estimated cost of living, demonstrating that they have the ability and the intent to pay the cost of the exchange program. Detailed information about funding and documentation requirements will be provided by the Glavin Office during the application process.**

# Academic

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## Calendar

Please [click here](#) to access the 2024-2025 academic calendar.

## Courses

For a list of course offerings, visit the [Babson Course Listings](#). Select “Undergraduate Program,” the intended semester of study, sort by “Division.” Courses will be sorted by disciplines, and listed by course code and title. Click on the blue +/- to access basic information about the course, such as the time it meets and the name of the professor. General information about courses can be found on the [Course Catalog](#).

## Language

All courses are taught in English.

## Course Load

In order to maintain J-1 immigration status, exchange students must remain enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester (“full-time status”). Depending on language proficiency level and home university requirements, undergraduate exchange students at Babson take **between 12 and 18 credits per semester** (equivalent to 4-5 courses). Undergraduate exchange students may take no more than 18 credits per semester without incurring additional tuition charges.

## Grading

Babson uses a “letter grading” system. A single final grade will be entered for each course on the student’s record. Each letter grade can also have a corresponding plus (+) or negative (-) to illustrate a grade slightly higher or lower than the stated letter grade. The undergraduate school does not issue a grade of A+. More information about Babson’s grading scale can be found in the [Undergraduate Student Handbook](#).

## Assessments & Examinations

Students are evaluated at the end of the semester as well as continuously throughout the semester. The assessment of student performance varies: essays, in-class presentations, written quizzes and examinations, and group projects. Attendance and class participation also contribute to the final grade. General exam information can be found [here](#).

# Housing & Co-Curricular

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## Accommodations

On-campus accommodation is a popular option for Babson's undergraduate students. Undergraduate exchange students will be provided with housing on campus during both the fall and spring semesters. Students must complete an online housing application and will be notified of their housing assignment several weeks before the start of semester. Housing is not self-catered and students are required to purchase a meal plan to use in the on-campus dining halls.

Exchange students may choose to live off-campus. Please note that the College does not investigate or endorse any off-campus housing, and living off-campus may require the need to secure independent transportation to/from campus.



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## **Campus Facilities**

Indoor and outdoor athletic facilities; Horn Library; The Richard W. Sorenson Center for the Arts; Babson College Bookstore; Student Mailbox; Student clubs, associations, & social activities. [Click here](#) to learn more about Student Life at Babson College.

## **Services**

Spiritual life and volunteer programs; Health Services\*; Counseling Services; Network and email access; Laptop Program; Dining Services; Writing, speech and mathematics resource centers; Accessibility Services; Academic Advising; and limited access to the Center for Career Development.



*\*Exchange students are eligible to receive care through our comprehensive Health and Wellness program. Additionally, referrals may be made to independent health care specialists in the surrounding areas.*

## **Clubs and Organizations**

Babson offers more than 115 clubs and organizations. The organizations are based around social, athletic, philanthropic, educational, professional, and creative areas. Additional information regarding clubs and organizations can be found [here](#) and regarding athletics [here](#).



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