Pre-Arrival to First Day

Arrival at Airport

(All students under 18 years old must book return airport transfers if arriving and departing between 8:00pm and 8:00am)

I want an EC Boston airport transfer, can I arrive at any time?

You can only book an airport transfer through EC if your flight arrives between 08:00 and 20:00. Late/early arrivals may be asked to book alternative accommodation

What information do I need to give to book an airport transfer?

Please provide your flight number, arrival time, terminal and airport of origin – minimum 2 weeks in advance

Who will I meet at the airport?

If you have requested an airport transfer service from the airport to your homestay or residence, the driver will be waiting for you, holding an EC Boston sign, at the Information Desk right next to Baggage Claim Area if you are arriving in Boston via a Domestic flight outside the Immigration and Customs Area if you are arriving in Boston via an International flight.

What should I do if I cannot find the EC Boston representative?

If after 10 minutes you cannot see the EC representative, just call +1 202 909 5873 (from the information desk or a mobile phone). (Useful phrase to use: Hi, My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My student number is (123456). I cannot find my EC representative. I am at the information desk.)

What should I do if I have missed my flight or my flight is delayed?

You should notify EC by calling +1 202 909 5873 (from the information desk or a mobile phone. Do not use WhatsApp) to rearrange your transfer time and avoid additional cost. (Useful phrase to use: My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My student number is (123456) and my flight has been changed. My new flight number is (1234) arriving at (time).

What should I do if I haven't booked an EC transfer?

MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, known as the "T") runs daily service on buses, trains, and trolleys/trams between the airport, city centre and surrounding towns between 6:00am and midnight. For fares and further information, see: http://www.mbta.com/

Centre Information

EC Boston

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See Inside
Phone number: + 1 617 247 3033
Emergency Number:
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+1 202 909 5873

Opening Hours

Monday	08:30 - 16:30
Tuesday	08:30 - 16:30
Wednesday	08:30 - 16:30
Thursday	08:30 - 16:30
Friday	08:30 - 16:30
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed
Office hours	08:30 - 16:30

Arrival

Your first day at school

How can I find my way to school?

You can find this information on your EC Accommodation Profile, or feel free to ask your hosts or residence.

What if I haven't booked EC Boston accommodation?

- You can take the "T" to:
- State Street Station (Orange line)
- From Haymarket Station (Green and Orange lines)
- From Aquarium T Stop (Blue line)

What time should I arrive?

8:30am

What should I bring with me?

It's important to bring these documents with you on your first day:

- I-20 form(s) (F-1 students only)
- Visa and passport
- Proof of health insurance covering length of programme. This is required for you to start lessons
- Your credit card to pay a deposit if you have booked an EC residence

What can I expect on my first day?

You'll experience the best possible welcome into the EC Boston family on your first day. Enjoy undivided staff attention in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
Here's what your first day will include:

- Detailed schedule of the day
- Orientation talk
- The remainder of your placement test (speaking and writing)
- 'How We Learn' – Session on how you'll succeed with EC, including our teaching styles and methods
- 'Living in our City' – Session on local sights and useful information about the area
- Welcome tour of the school
- Welcome activity Your first day will end at around 3pm

What will my timetable be?

You will receive your timetable at school upon arrival.

Arrival at EC Accommodation

What should I expect at my EC Boston accommodation?

You will receive a warm, personal welcome, whether you have booked homestay or residence. All our hosts are fully briefed on how to make you feel comfortable and prepared for your first day of lessons. In our residences, an EC Boston representative will be available at the weekend to help and answer any questions.

First Sunday Activities

What should I do on the Sunday before school starts?

All new students are invited to join us for a Welcome Event on the Sunday before your course starts. This is a great opportunity to meet other new students and EC Boston staff. You will receive an email with more details. You must RSVP by responding to that email before 5 PM Friday. If no one RSVPs, the activity will be cancelled. If you have questions, please email boston@ecenglish.com. All new students are encouraged to attend!!

Public holidays

What happens on public holidays? Schools do not open on public holidays, so if Monday is a public holiday, your first day at the school will be on Tuesday.
2025 Public holidays on a weekday: 01 Jan, 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 21 April, 26 May, 19 Jun, 04 Jul, 1 Sept, 13 Oct, 11 Nov, 27 Nov, 28 Nov, 25 Dec.

Timetable

What will my timetable be?
This is a sample timetable, times may vary between morning and afternoon. Morning lessons only are not guaranteed.
General English (20 lessons/week) : Core Classes (Mon-Fri)
Intensive English (30 lessons/week) : Core Classes (Mon-Fri) & Special Focus Classes (Mon-Fri)

Sample Timetable

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