Boston University Human Resources Wireframe User Testing

Summary

Completed Tests28Lowest observed time:3.28Lower Quartile:6.4Median:8Upper Quartile:12.48Highest observed time:42.03

Questions

1. Without looking at the Human Resources website, please describe what types of information you'd expect to see on the homepage.

job postings, benefits, policies, training

Information about benefits or call outs of different sections people would access frequently, and also calendar of events/training

Benefits info and links, Insurance, Retirement

benefits including time off, link to open positions, policies for things like FMLA, a how-to page for things like writing a job description and doing employee evaluations, checklists for new hires and employees leaving BU and links to the employee handbook/union agreements/any other binding documents. I personally think the website should be two parts, an external for people looking to apply for jobs and an internal for current employees who need specific information. I also think it should have links to non-HR areas that a user may think are HR-related, like payroll or student employment. It should also clearly state what offices to contact for faculty and post-doc hires and any other groups that don't go through HR

Job postings, salaries, benefit packages, and current faculty.

Employee handbook, Benefits descriptions, Job Openings, Resources for faculty, staff

Information about job postings, information about HR forms necessary to fill out, information about filing a claim with HR, information about University HR policies.

information on benefits - insurance, retirement, etc

Interesting jobs, news from around BU, policy changes, etc.

Employee resources: Link to holiday schedule, Link to healthcare benefits / info, Link to BUWorks, Important forms/information, Resources that help if you're about to go through a life change (marriage, having a baby, etc), Link to retirement plan info, New hire information/links, Benefits/perks of working at BU

individual department sites with brief explanations about what they are responsible for, phone book to contact staff by e-mail or phone, access to policies and procedures, overview on applying for jobs, benefit information & contacts, current news that gets changed monthly

job opportunities, information for current employees, benefits information

navigation for Job listings, navigation for current employees, why work at BU section highlighting some benefits, news feed with any relevant news for current staff, location & contact info

job postings, individualized portals for employees, benefits, health/dental, retirement, tuition remission

Resources for employees, links to benefit info, job listings, contact info

Links for quick access to: Jobs, Benefits, Employment forms, Policies, who to contact for specific info/questions.

Information on benefits (policies, what I have available, on-boarding info, etc.), Open jobs, Calendar of work holidays, Important forms

Tabs/buttons for health benefits, retirement benefits, job postings, grievance process information, tuition remission

-Benefits information (health & wellness, retirement), Leave information, job listings

New jobs, benefits links so I can find out information or enroll for things that benefit my life, reminders of due dates for upcoming things expected of me, links to policies I have to comply with (what do I need to do to be an employee of good standing - what's expected of me), links to perks of working here like free passes or discounts, links to things that would improve my life when times get hard in my personal life or my professional life (who can I turn to, and what does it cost), anything that points to the answers to the question what is expected of me, what can I get as an employee, what help or resources are there for me when I have a problem, what do I need to do to be a good employee?

Jobs, benefits, contact info, important forms

Benefits, Jobs, Resources, Contact

how to find more information about employee benefits, policies, holidays, job opportunities

direct links to employee benefit programs including: salary link, retirement info, health insurance, contact info for HR, updates to benefit information, job opportunities

staff listings, job openings and how to apply, office hours, directions to office.

medical benefits; retirement information; wellness information; maybe some career information.

2. Overall, do you feel the website homepage provided information in a clear and accessible way? If not, what would you add or change?

Page looked cluttered. Not clear where policies would be. Health & Wellness and Work/Life were confusing as to what would be under Work/Life.

Yes, although I think it should be more clear what specific benefits are like on the current website, there is a section specifically for benefits

I would add the phone number to speak with a live person

yes, more accessible

I think all of the tools are straight forward, and users can get the information they need guickly.

not clear on what work/life really covers

Everything in the website's homepage was clear and to the point, I felt confident I would find any information I may need as an employee.

Overall, the page seemed very cluttered and was sort of hard to navigate in terms of finding the links you needed to the questions posed. Also, it is not really clear what all of the tabs at the top actually refer to

I live the bar on the left - definitely helps narrow down choice options and reduce clicks-to-information.

Even though the quick links are all in one place, I found it much easier to scan and find the items that had callouts/titles attached to them with more general topics, like "New to BU?" and "Labor Relations". Quick Links doesn't tell me a lot, so I only really looked through it at the end. Are enough of these related that you could split them into categories, like "Current Employees" or "New Employees", and list links under there so it's easier to find things?

I don't see a lot of value in the news area, because HR usually sends me email and stuff in the mail if they want to tell me about a really important change. I found myself really searching through the sidebar content to find my information, and ignoring all the content in the middle. I'd like to see more links for getting to places I need quickly (like the holiday calendar, BUWorks, and healthcare and retirement benefits) in that main area, and secondary information like news in the sidebars or in the footer of the page. I use the HR site a lot like I do bu.edu/tech - just to find something super quickly and then get out - and I think Tech does a great job of that now, so that might be something to look at too.

I was over whelmed by the information. It needs to have more 2-steps instead of having so much on the main landing page.

Yes. The quick links were really helpful in addition to the top navigation.

no, I think its too flat and wish there were more interactions, it looks far to much like the old site

I think the top buckets were a bit confusing. The naming wasn't logical or clear

Yes, it is clear as it appears on the surface. However, what happens when you drill down is just as important.

The top-level has a lot of focus, so if you are relying on any sidebars or content on the page to get users to content not in the top-level, people may miss it.

I felt a little overwhelmed by the options in the side bars and noticed duplication. The top level labeling might benefit from slight adjustments for the sake of clarity.

I didn't see the job openings link until after I'd clicked on careers. It was a little confusing to figure out if careers was for existing or continuing employees. I don't know if Learning @ BU is what I really wanted either. I think clicking and seeing the first page and then returning to main might be the only way to know.

Yes

Overall, I think it's pretty intuitive

Somewhat. Some areas could be duplicated such as Job Openings and Careers.

Sometimes no. To have options better identified some are to vague. Finding the FMLA form is almost impossible without direction from someone who knows where it is located. It isn't even called FMLA

yes it is very nice

3. Describe what you would expect to see if you were to click on each of the following tabs: Health & Wellness, Finances, Work/Life, Learning @ BU, Careers, Labor Relations.

H & W: health insurance

Finances: paycheck information Work/Life: General information Learning: training opportunities

Careers: open jobs

Health & Wellness: not really sure, benefit information? Also health/dental plans, etc.?

Finances: financial information like on BUworks?

Work/Life: not really sure, extra perks provided by BU for it's employees?

Learning @ BU: training opportunities/workshops

Careers: available jobs

Labor Relations: union information

H&W: FitRec info, information seminars regarding health

Finances: Retirement Benefits

Work/Life: Get Trained

Learning @BU: Get trained and taking degree classes

Careers: Job Opportunities Labor Relations: Union info

I would think that Learning would be trainings that we could take

Finances would probably house info about payroll and direct deposit, maybe tax info

careers would be how you search for job openings

Labor relations would be the union issues, trainings and contracts, merit increase and eval processes

Right now I think the current website has 2 sections about Health/Wellness and Work/Life and I never know what the difference is. If I need to find info about how much time someone accrues, for example, I usually have to go to both to make sure I am looking in the right place, I don't know what the difference is until I click on them....

Health & Wellness: Benefit packages, Insurance coverage, and fitness incentives.

Finances: Salary information and promotion opportunities.

Work/Life: Lifestyles of current faculty and work load.

Learning @BU: Training information and faculty discounts on classes or programs.

Careers: Current job openings and current faculty.

Labor Relations: The facts of benefits and union representatives.

H&W - fitness, health services

Finances - salary statement, retirement, savings plans

Work/Life, not really sure if this is general social?

Learning - career development, tuition assistance

Careers - open posts? Career Development

Labor Relations - union pages

Health & Wellness- Information about Health & Wellness services at BU (i.e. Health & Wellness fair, information about ergonomics, mental wellness resources, etc.) as well as information about health insurance programs at BU.

Finances- Information about University retirement plans/accounts, direct deposit, paycheck information and financial planning

Work/Life- Information about work/life balance forums/workshops

Learning @ BU- Information about HR Get Trained Programs

Careers- Posted Job opening and resources

Labor Relations- Union information

- 1. health benefits provided by the University
- 2. Financial info such as paychecks, retirement info, etc
- 3. not entirely sure what i would find under work/life...this seems very vague
- 4. Learning at BU benefits related to classes, programs available to faculty/staff
- 5. Job openings/opportunities at BU
- 6. Union information
- Health plan, information on Fitrec, smoking cessation, etc., wellness website linkage
- Retirement, financial advisor contacts, etc.
- Time off information, BU departments like FSAO, childcare, articles on timely work/life issues, contacts for HR Reps for life changes
- Training opportunities, professional development information, career pathing articles, tuition remission linkages
- Open job opportunities, featured jobs
- Union information, information on employee/manager relations in general

Health & Wellness

- Healthcare information
- Dental information
- Resources for finding doctors in network
- Sick leave
- Other wellness-related perks (FitRec discount / waiver, etc)

Finances

- Retirement plan
- Partnerships with banks/credit unions/etc if we have that
- Salary information
- Employee pay info

Work/Life

- Holiday schedule

- Vacation time
- Tuition remission

Learning@BU

- Not really sure what this is. Extended education courses? Conferences?

Careers

- Job openings
- Salary info

Labor Relations

- Union-related stuff

Health & Wellness - medical & dental coverage info

Finances - retirement accounts and 401K

Learning@BU - training courses offered by HR

Careers - more job related talking about the different positions available around campus

Labor Relations - L615 or 2324 information

Health & Wellness: Health and dental plan information, gym membership and discounts

Finances: Metro Credit Union, direct deposit, tuition remission Work/Life: Discounts around Boston, Counseling services Learning@BU: Continuing education, tuition remission

Careers: Job opportunities, salary info

Labor Relations: Union information and policies

I would like to see a more tailored page for employees

H&W: Info on FitRec, bike paths, dental plans, etc

Finances: Payroll maybe

W/L: Not sure!

Learning@BU: Tuition remission Careers: Career training, jobs Labor Relations: Union stuff

Health& Wellness: Health Plans, other health related benefits; Finances: Retirement plans; Work/Life: Whatever is there now!; Learning @Bu: training programs/opportunities; Careers: don't know; Labor Relations: don't know.

Health and Wellness = medical insurance, etc.

Finances = 401k, compensation, taxes, etc.

Work/Life = everything else

Learning @ BU = tuition remission

Careers = job changes or listings

Health & Wellness--Health Benefits

Finances--paycheck? or maybe retirement? I'm not sure.

Work/Life--job training?

Learning@BU--Tuition Remission

Careers--Job Postings

Labor Relations--Union stuff

Health & Wellness - benefits information (health, dental, vision, long term disability, etc.), information about fitness and health resources on campus.

Finances - retirement plans and supplemental retirement plan information, financial counseling tools and resources.

Work/Life - this is a strange label to me. I'm not quite sure what I would expect to see here, but guess that it might contain information on life events and impacts on benefits or otherwise, resources for taking leave...

Learning & BU - training opportunities and professional development opportunities on and off campus

Careers - job listing, resources for supervisors/hiring managers, salary ranges

Labor Relations - information for Union employees or employees entering a Union.

Health and Wellness - Health, Dental, and also Faculty/Staff Assistance info, or personal stress management or financial advice

Finances - financial advice, financial software perks (because I already know that those exist), but other than the health plan calculator, I'm not sure what else, and I'd look for the health plan calculator in Health

Work/Life - I might look for perks here, especially ones for my family, but I'm not sure what else. Wellness and Life seem related

Learning @ BU - maybe some professional training classes, but I'd also want TR info and IT Training info to be there. Learning should be all the programs that I could use, like MS Office, SPSS, SAP, BU's internal procedural info that's independent of software program, a lot of things related to being an employee at BU and trying to learn more skills to be more useful and current in my job

Careers - career development advice would be nice. If there was a development path that I could opt into, perhaps one that connected to Learning @ BU, it would make me feel better, that I wasn't a disposable asset, that I can learn and grow and still work here

Labor Relations - contracts are hard to read for most folks, so how to do things in simple language. Who do I talk to if I have a problem? How to I file for a grievance? If something goes wrong, how does this go? What are my rights? When are the contracts changing so that I know when to expect that change? I don't know if this is what BU wants to have there, but when I was a union employee, this is what I would have wanted to see.

H&W: gym info, health insurance, leave for health reasons

Finances: retirement benefits, tuition remission, how to access BUworks

W/L: Family composition changes, perks unique to working at BU (classes, fitrec, employee discounts), daycare for children

Learning@BU: training, tutorials offered, taking undergrad/grad classes

Careers: job listings, salary ranges, union/non-union difference explained, how to hire

Labor Relations: legal docs

Health & Wellness - info about health benefits and how to enroll

Finances - info about payroll, direct deposit.

Work/Life - time off, disability

Learning - trainings, tuition remission Careers - job opportunities, how to apply Labor Relations - contacts for employees

Health & Wellness: opportunities to learn health and wellness information as related to faculty and staff, programs dealing with these subjects.

Finances: Pay stubs, retirement information

Work/Life: programs dealing with work related issues and everyday life issues.

Learning @ BU: not quite sure on this one.

Careers: Job opportunities and related information.

Health & Wellness=health plans

Finances=?

Work/Life=work and life at BU...tabs for different areas surrounding work and life at BU

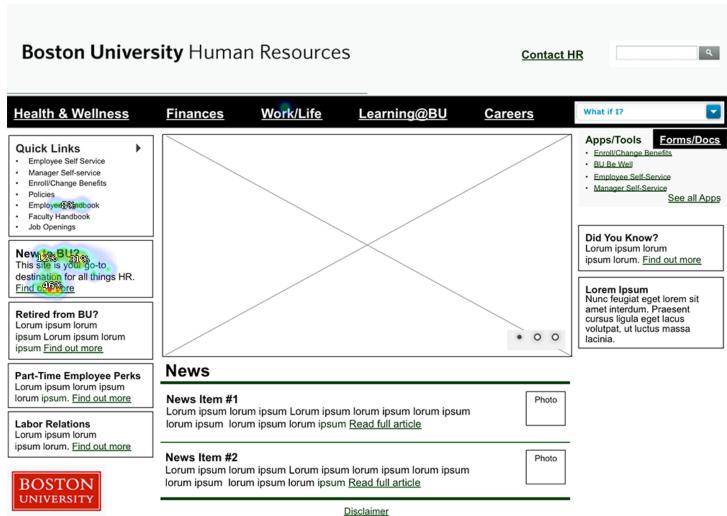
Learning @BU=directions for applying for tuition remission for self and children

Careers=working at BU? applying for a job at BU

Labor Relations=union contract issues

Wireframe Heatmaps

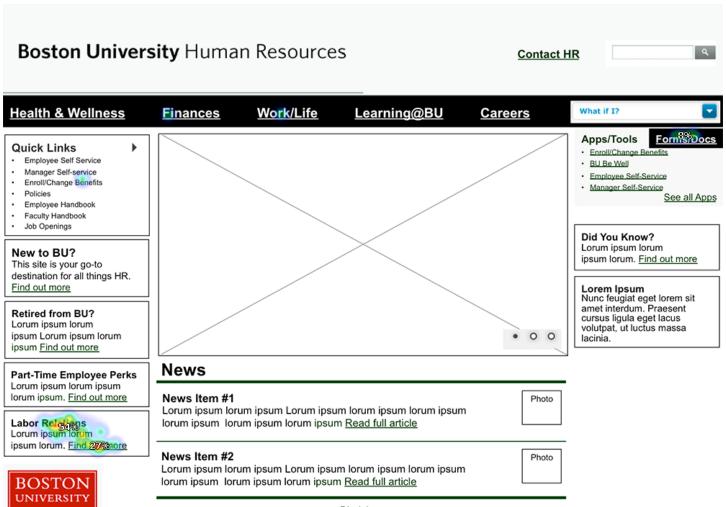
1. Assume you are new to BU and want to see what resources are available for new hires. Where would you find this information?



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2. Assume you are a union employee at Boston University. Where would you find information about union contracts?

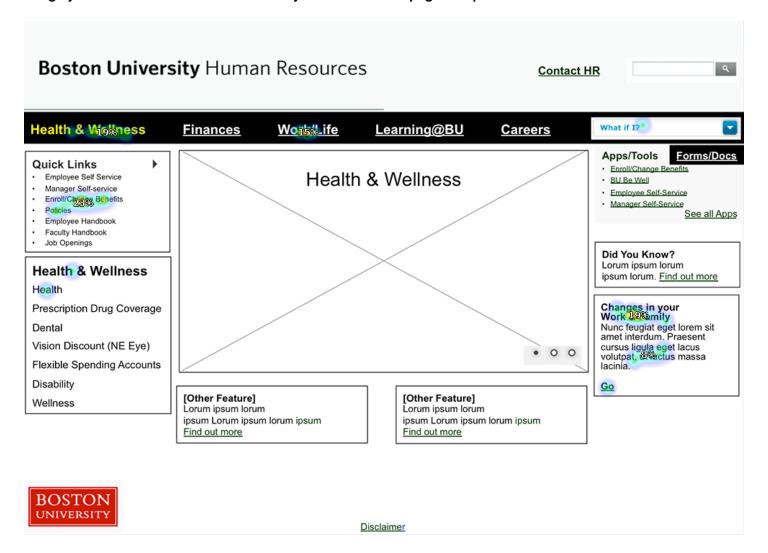


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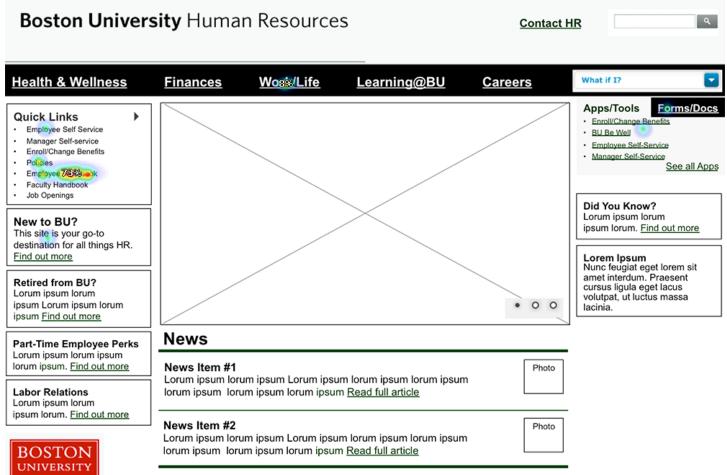
3. As a BU Employee, you want to learn about how getting married can affect your benefit coverages and what things you should consider. Where would you click to find a page that provides this information?



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4. You need to find information regarding the policies in the Employee Handbook. Where on the page would you expect to find it?

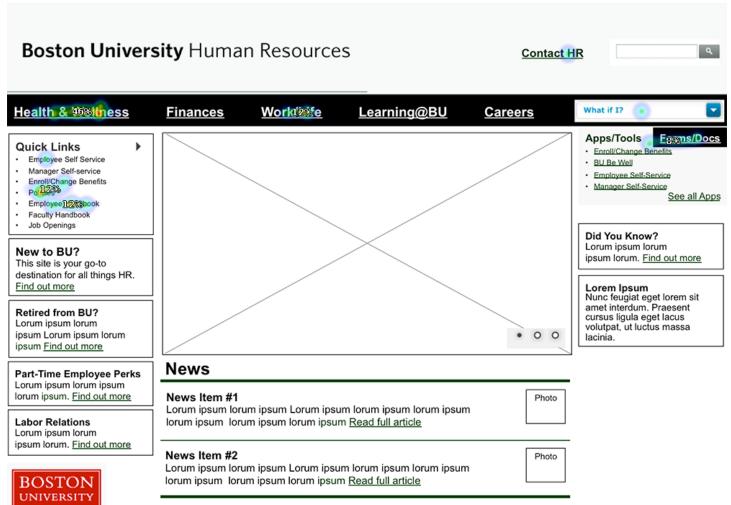


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5. Assume you have been injured and need to take a leave of absence. Where would you click to find this information?

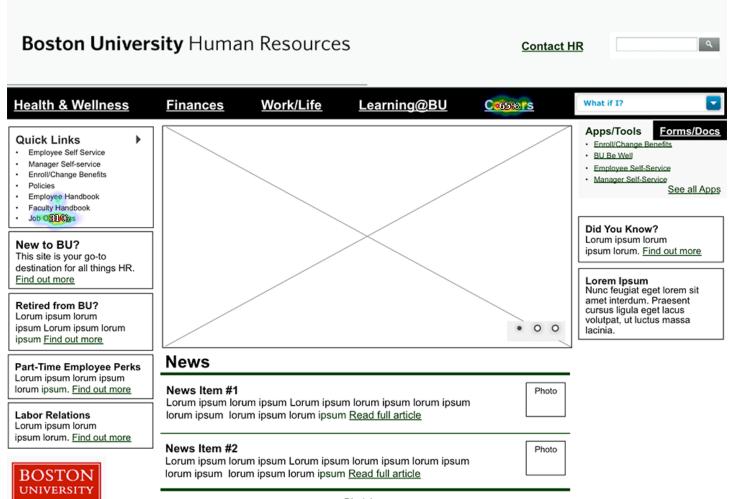


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6. You want to find available jobs at BU. Where would you click to find this information?

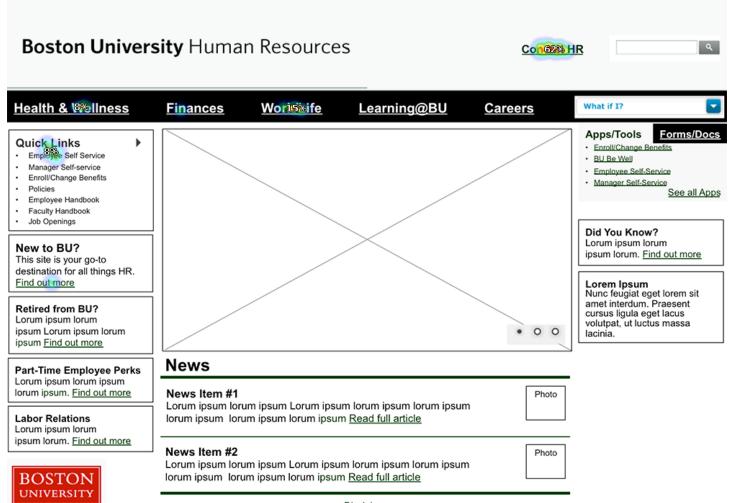


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7. As a current BU employee, you have a question about your benefits and would like to speak with someone, but you are unsure whom to turn to. Where can you find a list of HR resources?

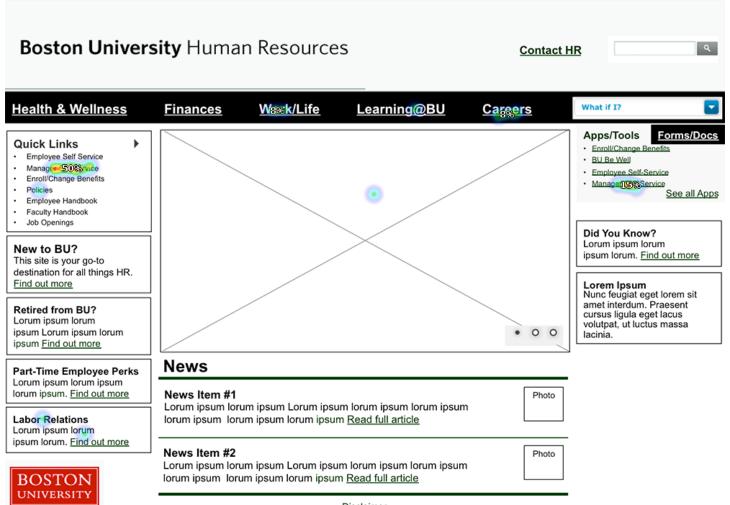


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8. As a hiring manager at BU, where would you look for tips and steps on how to hire a new employee?

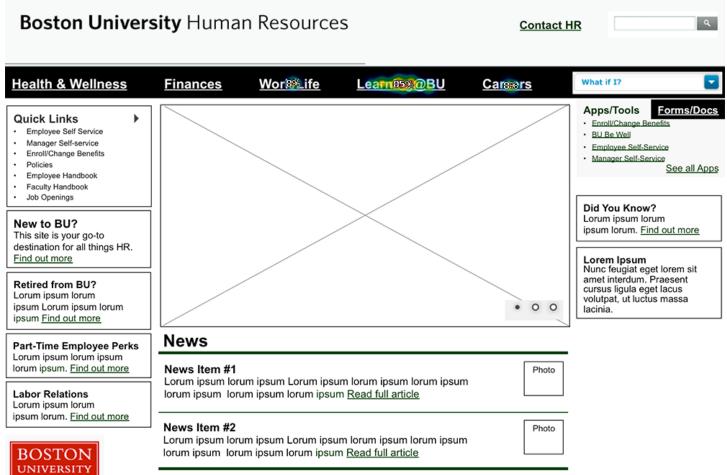


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9. Where on this page would you click to find more information about professional development and/or training programs at BU?



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Boston University Human Resources Information Architecture User Testing

Summary





Information Architecture Used for Testing

Health & Wellness

Health

Participation

Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO BU Health Savings Plan

About the Health Savings Plan (HSA)

Network Blue New England Health Plan Comparison Events that Affect Participation

Continuing Coverage through COBRA

Health Plan Rates for Employees Working 75% or More of a Full-Time Schedule Health Plan Rates for Employees Working Less than 75% of a Full-Time Schedule

When Coverage Ends

Prescription Drug Coverage

Prescription Drug Change Effective April 2014

Appealing a Denied Claim

Dental

Participation

BU Dental Health Center Plan Dental Blue Freedom Plan Events that Affect Participation

Dental Plan Rates

Vision Discount (NE Eye)
Flexible Spending Accounts

How the Flexible Spending Accounts Work
Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account
Health Care Flexible Spending Account

Disability

Short-Term-Disability Long-Term Disability Workers' Compentation

Wellness Programs

DASH for Health Nutrition Program

QuitNet Smoking Cessation

Fitness & Recreation

Finances

Survivor Insurance

Basic Group Life Insurance

Group Supplemental Life Insurance Plan

Travel Accident Insurance Plan

Personal & Family Accident Insurance Plan

Supplemental Death Benfit Plan

Retirement Plan

Participation

Investment Choices

How the Plan Works

How to Obtain Benefits

Events That Affect Participation

Supplemental Retirement & Savings Plan

Participation

Investment Choices

How the Plan Works

How to Obtain Benefits

Events that Affect Participation

Retirement Planning Resources/Tools

Contribution Limits

On-Campus Appointments

ESPlanner Financial Planning Tools

Income Solutions

Personal Finance Video Series

Zvi Brodie Video on Investing for Retirement

Social Security

Severance Pay Plan

Unemployment

Pay Schedule

Direct Deposit

Tuition Exchange Program

Participation

How the Program Works

Scholastic Amount

Selection Process

How to Apply for Tuition Exchange Benefits

Events that Affect Participation

Students interested in Attending Boston University

Work/Life

Campus Emergency

Emergency Closing

BU Alert

Campus Safety

If Injured at Work - Medical Campus

If Injured at work - Charles River Campus

BUPD Safety Manual

Environmental Health & Safety

Getting to Know Campus

Employee Perks, Discounts, & Resources

Agganis Arena at Boston University

Auto/Home Insurance Discount

Barnes & Noble @ BU

Boston Symphony Orchestra

BU Castle

Huntington Theatre Company

Museum of Science

Personal Mobile Phones

Preferred Banking Arrangements

Real Estate & Rental Properties

Six Flags Discount Tickets

Sullivan Tire & Auto Service

Tsai Performance Center

Zipcar

Get Involved

Parking & Transportation

Resources for You & Your Family

Breastfeeding & Lactation Support

Child Care & Preschool Education Programs

Employment Verification Faculty/Staff Assistance Office

Faculty Resources Office

Time Off & Leaves of Absence

Time Off

Leaves of Absence

Learning @ BU

Learning, Leadership, & Management Programs

Choose to Lead Choose to Manage Choose to Learn

> Professional Development Procedural Workshops Health Promotion Enroll Online Learning Schedule

Learning Services Systems Training

> HCM Training TimeKeeper

Tuition Remission

Participation

How the Program Works

Apply for Tuition Remission Cost of the Program Courses not Covered

Tuition Remission Benefits

Your Tuition Remission Benefits

Tuition Remission Benefits for Your Spouse

Tuition Remission Benefits for Your Dependent Children

Events That Affect Participation

Other Information

Other Learnings at BU

BUWorks Training IS&T Training

Careers

Why Work at BU? How to Apply Open Job Opportunities Talent Acquisition My Performance

Tasks & Metrics

Task 1

You are a current BU employee, and you want to know more about your retirement benefits. Where would you find this information?

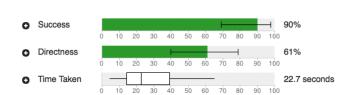
Finances → Retirement Plan → Participation

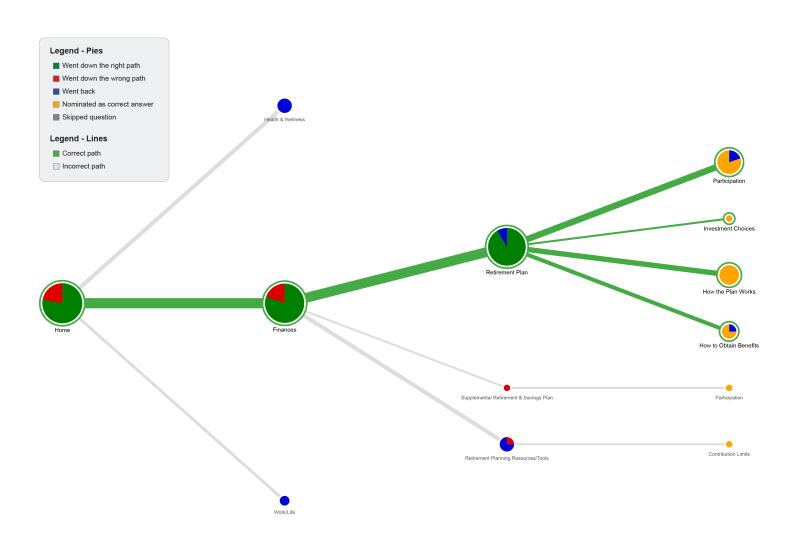
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Finances → Retirement Plan → How the Plan Works

Finances → Retirement Plan → How to Obtain Benefits
Finances → Retirement Plan → Events That Affect Participation





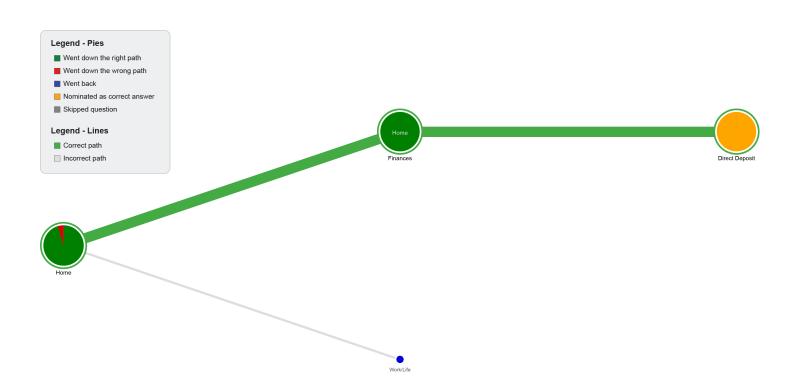


Task 2
As a current BU employee, you've just changed banks and need to update your direct deposit. Where would you go for more information about this?

Finances → Direct Deposit







 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Task 3 \\ You want to find available jobs at BU. Where would you go to find this information? \\ \end{tabular}$

Careers → Open Job Opportunities









Task 4

You've recently moved to a new job at BU and you need to take a few night classes to brush up on some skills. Where would you learn more about the tuition remission program?

Learning @ BU → Tuition Remission → Participation

Learning @ BU → ... → Tuition Remission Benefits → Your Tuition Remission Benefits

Learning @ BU → Tuition Remission → Other Information

Learning @ BU → ... → How the Program Works → Apply for Tuition Remission

Learning @ BU → ... → How the Program Works → Cost of the Program

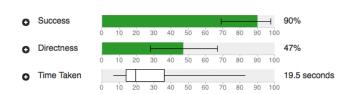
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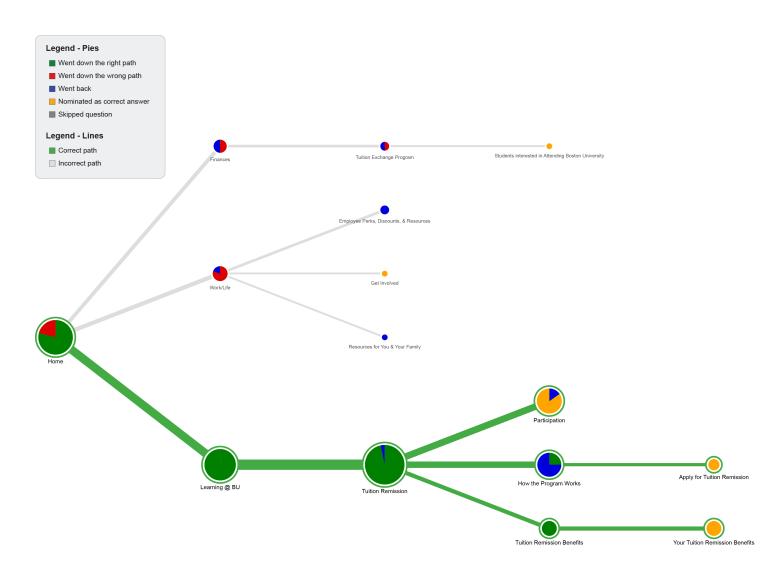
Learning @ BU → ... → Tuition Remission Benefits → Tuition Remission Benefits for Your Spouse

Learning @ BU → ... → Tuition Remission Benefits → Tuition Remission Benefits for Your Dependent Children

Learning @ BU → Tuition Remission → Events That Affect Participation

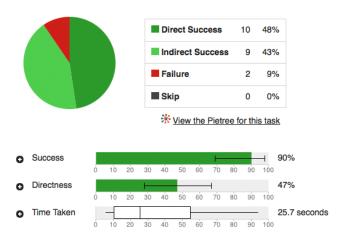


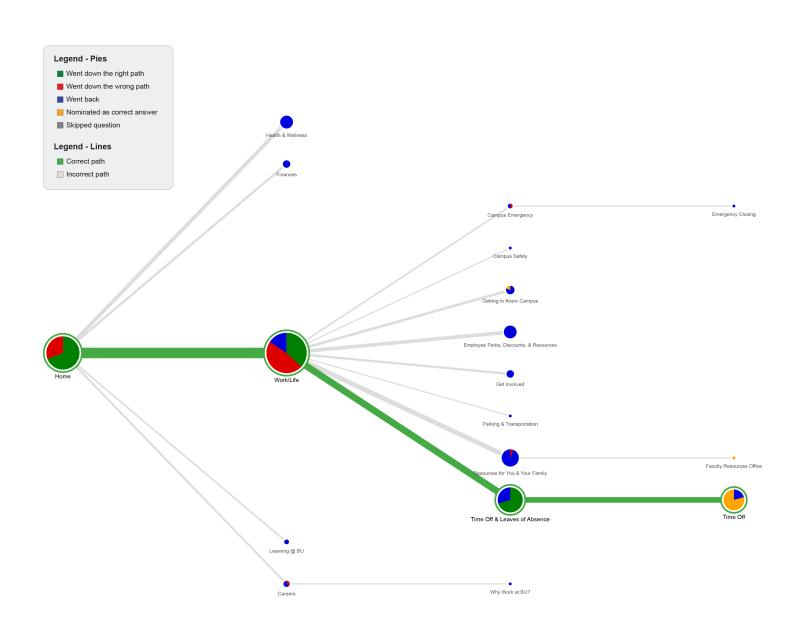




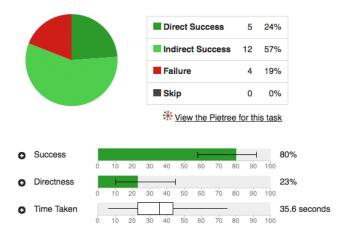
Task 5
As a current BU employee, you are planning a long family vacation and want to combine your vacation time with New Year's.
Where would you go to find a holiday schedule that shows what day of the week New Year's falls on?

Work/Life → Time Off & Leaves of Absence → Time Off

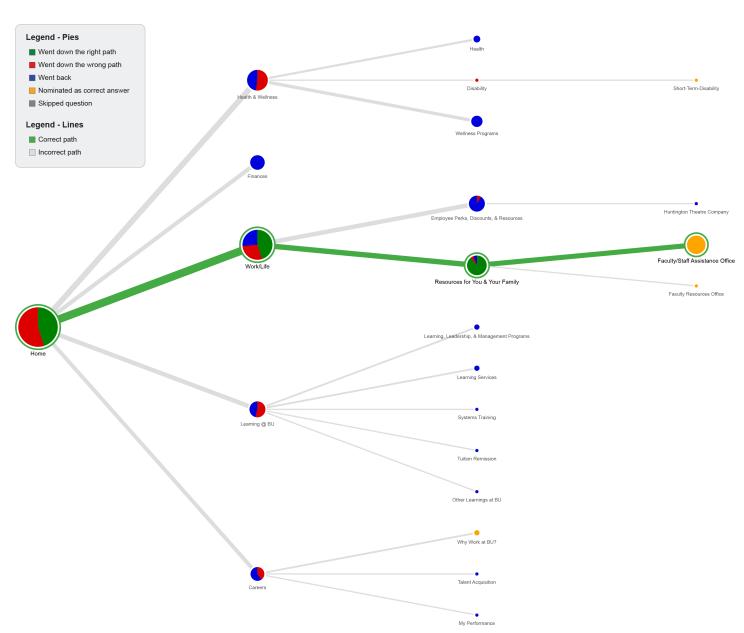




Task 6
As a current BU employee, you want to learn more about the Employee Assistance Program from the Faculty/Staff Assistance Office. Where would you find a page that describes the program?



Work/Life → Resources for You & Your Family → Faculty/Staff Assistance Office



Task 7
As a current BU employee, where would you look for details about BU's Emergency Closing procedures?

Work/Life → Campus Emergency → Emergency Closing



