

# STUDY ABROAD AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

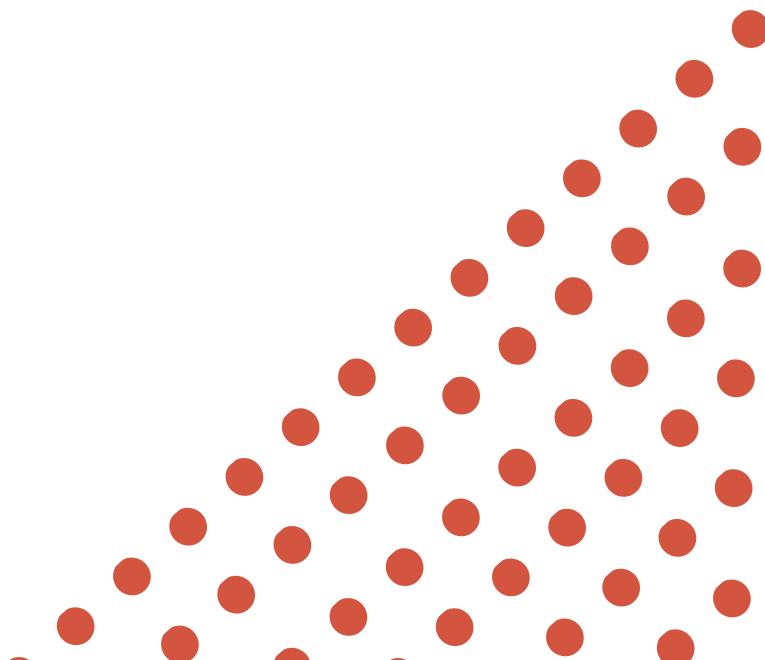
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# STUDENT GUIDE

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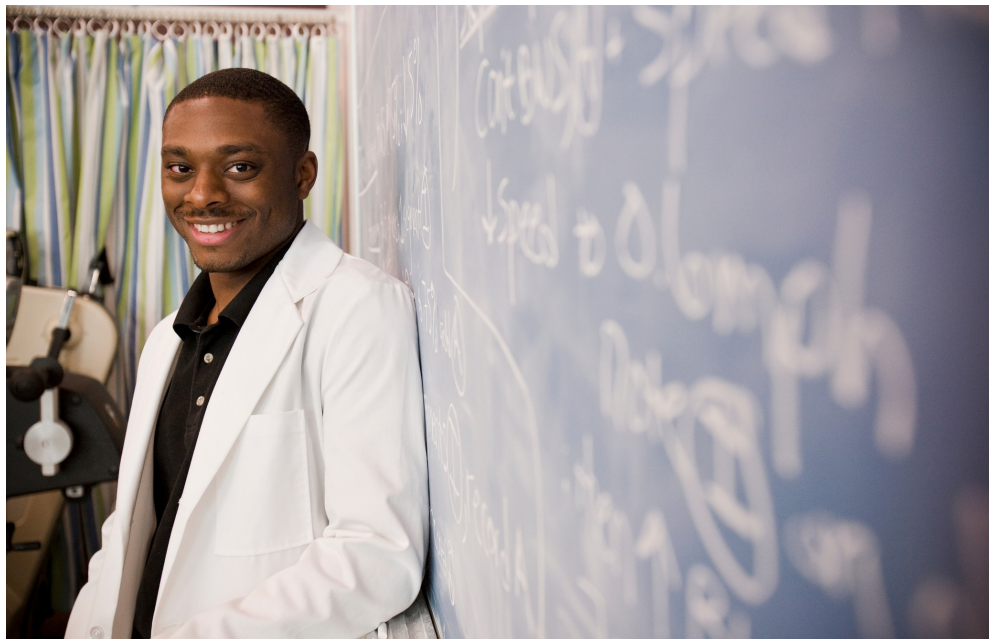




# NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

"Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research institution located in Boston, MA. It boasts over 150 undergraduate majors and concentrations. The most popular areas of study are business, health and engineering. Northeastern is best known for its robust co-op program, which allows students to alternate semesters of coursework with full-time employment related to their field of study. Co-op positions are available in over three dozen states and 128 countries; students can choose to do two co-ops within a four-year program, or three within a five-year program. An overwhelming majority of Northeastern students – 92% – participate in at least one co-op job placement. In their free time, students can participate in more than 340 student clubs and 27 Greek organizations. The Northeastern Huskies have 16 teams that compete at the NCAA Division I level. Notable alumni include Napster co-founder Shawn Fanning, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone and TV host Wendy Williams. Northeastern University sports teams are known as the “Huskies” and compete in NCAA Division I athletics."

**- Forbes 2016 Ranking, America's Top  
Colleges**





# GLOBAL MISSION



As a university where teaching and research are grounded in global engagement, Northeastern's impact is being felt in all corners of the world. Our students shape the world through experiential learning opportunities for work, research, study, and service with more than 3,000 partners in the United States, in 131 countries and on all seven continents; and through the diversity of a dynamic campus that connects students from 138 countries, all engaged in the exchange of ideas and the common pursuit of academic, cultural, and professional experience and enterprise.

Our faculty collaborates with colleagues on campus and on the other side of the world to pursue interdisciplinary research that turns discoveries into practical solutions, with a focus on global challenges in health, security, and sustainability. Our alumni, prepared by Northeastern to be engaged citizens of the world before they graduate, are making a difference in 145 countries around the globe."

**-Northeastern University's President Joseph Aoun**





# WELCOME TO BOSTON!

## WEATHER



### Fall

September - November  
72 - 38 °F (22 - 3 °C)



### Winter

December - February  
41 - 22 °F (5 - -5 °C)



### Spring

March - May  
66 - 31 °F (19 - 0 °C)



### Summer

June - August  
80 - 60 °F (27 - 15 °C)





**Population**  
**655,884 residents**



**250,000 students**  
**in Boston**



**Colleges and**  
**Universities in**  
**Boston**



# EXPLORE BOSTON!

Boston is a world-class center for public health, history, education, finance, and startups. An international city known for its love of sports and politics, Boston is also recognized for a deep appreciation of the arts. And because Northeastern is so connected to the city, students are able to take advantage of all it has to offer.



New York City  
4 hours



Cape Cod  
2 hours



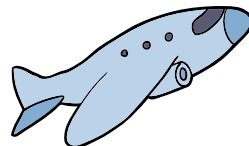
Martha's Vineyard  
2.5 hours



Nantucket  
3.5 hours



The Berkshires 2  
hours



Washington D.C. 1.5  
hours



Miami  
3.5 hours



Chicago  
3 hours



Philadelphia  
1.5 hours



# NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Northeastern's top programs include:  
Business, Management,  
Marketing, Health Professions, and  
Engineering.

Both the Business and Engineering  
programs at Northeastern are  
internationally renowned.

Northeastern University is accredited  
by NEASC, AACSB, CAPTE, NASPAA.



**17,913**

Full-time  
Undergraduate  
Enrollment

**67%**

Classes to have  
fewer than 20  
students

**13:1**

Student-to-  
Faculty ratio

**1,298**

Full-time  
faculty



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

**RIGOROUS ACADEMICS + IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES = EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Northeastern's learning model encourages intellectual development, entrepreneurship, and personal growth. As students create their own path, they will have opportunities to work, travel, inspire, and innovate. There are four varieties of experiential learning opportunities at Northeastern:

**CO-OP + GLOBAL + SERVICE + RESEARCH**



## What is Co-op?

Cooperative Education (Co-op) began at Northeastern over 100 years ago and remains a powerful learning model that integrates classroom learning with real-world experiences. Co-op (short for “cooperative education”) makes a Northeastern education richer and more meaningful, providing students with experiences at home and abroad that help them develop the knowledge, awareness, perspective, and confidence to transform their lives.” Co-op is different from internships – our students alternate classroom studies with full-time work in career-related jobs for six months. Co-op is not offered for exchange students.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

7

Northeastern is ranked the 7th best institution for hosting international students in the U.S.

132

Northeastern welcomes students from 132 countries.

3,252

3,252 Northeastern undergraduate students participated in a global experience in 2014 - 2015.

18

18% of Northeastern students are international students.





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS

Northeastern University engages in international student exchange partnerships in an effort to foster Northeastern's mission for 100% student participation in "going global". In order to foster all partners must be thoroughly researched and evaluated by the Global Experience Office (GEO) and discussed with various constituents at Northeastern. Following the mobility of student to and from the partner institution, partnerships are put on a rotation plan, in which, prior to renewing any agreements, GEO evaluates and assesses the existing partnership based on certain criteria.

An exchange partnership is an agreement with a partner institution that involves direct exchange of students to and from the partner institution and Northeastern. Typically, Northeastern will send one student to the partner institution in exchange for receiving one student from the partner institution to study at Northeastern. Participants will enroll as exchange students at the partner university but will pay their tuition to Northeastern for that term. This type of partnership is ideal for Northeastern as it creates a stronger relationship between the two institutions and promotes a deep cultural immersion for Northeastern students.

## **University-Wide Exchange**

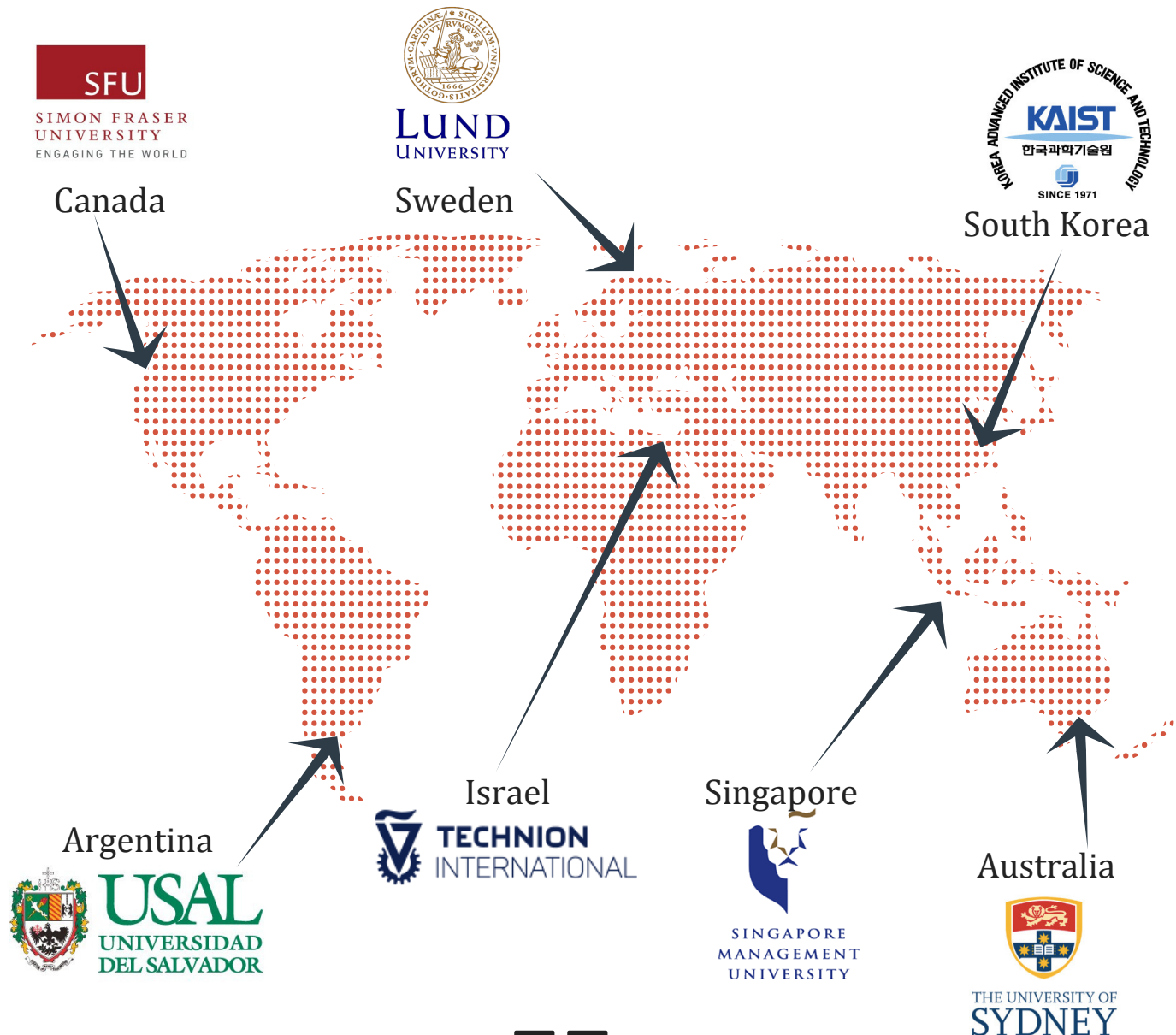
A university-wide agreement is a partnership that has been established between Northeastern and the international institution. University-wide agreements allow for the direct exchange or study of undergraduate students to and from any college or department at Northeastern, providing the agreement doesn't specify otherwise.

## **College-Level Exchange**

A college-level agreement is a partnership between a particular college of Northeastern and an international institution. In this type of agreement, mobility of students is limited to the specified college or department at Northeastern and the partner institution. Graduate student exchange is approved individually by the graduate school program of interest.



# SAMPLE EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS



**55+**

**International Student  
Exchange Partnerships**



# STUDY AT NORTHEASTERN!

Studying abroad broadens students' **academic experience** and deepens their **cultural understanding**. It's an experience that will stay with students for a lifetime.

Studying abroad at Northeastern is a unique **multi-dimensional** experience. Not only do students have the opportunity to study at a leading university in experiential learning, but they also get to experience a city laden with U.S. **history** and incomparable spirit and pride.

There is so much to **explore, discover and become** at Northeastern. Northeastern offers students an opportunity to **engage, learn and grow** outside of the classroom. In addition to the facilities on our campus, Boston is one of the most culturally rich and historic cities in America. It is considered a university town, and is at the forefront of scientific, biotech, and medical research.





# INCOMING EXCHANGE

Incoming exchange students at Northeastern will be enrolled with full degree students. They are able to choose subjects from most undergraduate areas of study. However, students must complete course pre-requisites in order to register for certain courses. Teaching methods vary by course, but may include lectures, tutorials, laboratories and seminars. Students learn best when they are challenged and supported. That's why our academic environment is rigorous, guided, and flexible.

## 2017-2018 TERM DATES

|                        | Fall Semester | Spring Semester | Summer 1* Semester | Summer 2* Semester |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Semester Starts</b> | September 6   | January 8       | May 7              | July 2             |
| <b>Exams Begin</b>     | December 8    | April 20        | June 25            | Aug 20             |
| <b>Exams End</b>       | December 16   | April 27        | June 26            | Aug 21             |

\*Summer 1 and Summer 2 exchanges have limited availability.

### Miguel Colina-Marco

Architecture

Home University: Universidad Politecnica de Valencia

Home Country: Spain



### Nisala Herath

Bachelor of Engineering/Business Management

Home University: The University of Sydney

Home Country: Australia



# ACADEMICS

Students typically take 12 - 16 credit hours during the fall or spring semester. Northeastern operates on a 4x4 credit system. Undergraduate courses are typically 4 credits each, and students typically take 4 courses, totaling 16 credits. An undergraduate student is considered full-time if he or she is enrolled in 12-16 credits for the semester. Northeastern students are required to take 128 credit hours to graduate.

A course catalogue and syllabi will be available to students prior to their acceptance at Northeastern. Undergraduate students typically take courses within the 1000 - 4000 range. Upon completion of study Northeastern University's Global Experience Office will send an official transcript to the student's home institution at no cost to the student.

A schedule of classes and a course catalogue can be found online at [www.northeastern.edu/registrar](http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar). Please note: not all courses are open to incoming exchange students, nor is every class offered each term. Admitted students will be asked to submit their course preferences into the online application portal for registration by GEO.

Most courses are in a lecture or seminar format, and include reading assignments, in-class discussions, presentations and group/individual projects. Assessments include (but are not limited to) quizzes, exams, presentations, and term papers. Class attendance and participation is also a factor. The grading scale can be found here: [northeastern.edu/registrar/gradingsystem.html](http://northeastern.edu/registrar/gradingsystem.html).





# STUDY OPTIONS

## Colleges and Areas of Study\*

### College of Arts, Media and Design

Architectural Studies  
Architecture  
Art Visual Studies  
Communication Studies  
Design: Graphic and Information, Interaction, Experience  
Digital Art and Game Design  
Journalism  
Landscape Architecture  
Media and Screen Studies  
Media Arts: Animation and Games, Photography, Video Arts  
Music  
Music Composition and Technology  
Music Industry  
Studio Art  
Theatre

### D'Amore McKim School of Business\*\*

Accounting  
Business Administration and Interactive Media  
Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
Finance  
International Business  
Management  
Management Information Systems  
Marketing  
Supply Chain Management

### College of Computer and Information Science

Computer Science  
Information Science  
Data Science  
Computer Science and Cyber Operations  
Computer Science and Game Development  
Computer Science and Music Composition and Technology

### College of Engineering

Bioengineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

### Bouve College of Health Sciences

Health Science  
Nursing  
Pharmacy  
Pharmaceutical Science  
Physical Therapy

### College of Science

Applied Physics  
Behavioral Neuroscience  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Biomedical Physics  
Cell and Molecular Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Geology and Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Linguistics  
Marine Biology  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Psychology

### College of Social Sciences and Humanities

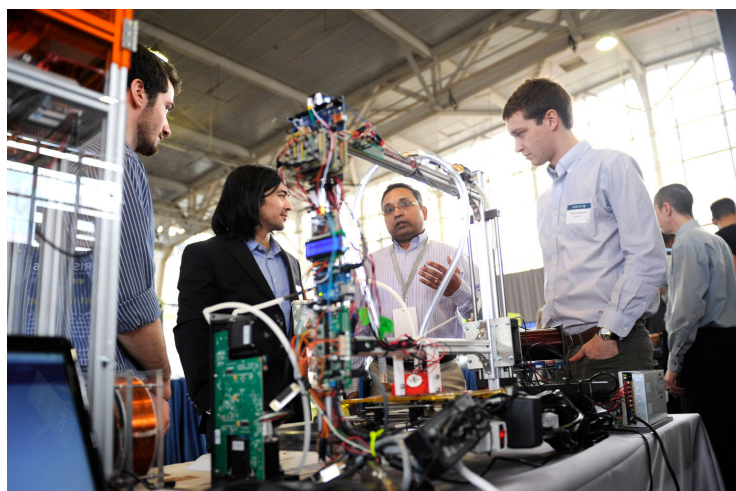
African American Studies  
American Sign Language  
Criminal Justice  
Cultural Anthropology  
Economics  
English  
History  
Human Services  
International Affairs  
Jewish Studies and Religion  
Languages, Literatures and Cultures and International Affairs  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Politics, Philosophy, Economics  
Religious Studies  
Sociology  
Spanish

\*Student may choose courses across multiple colleges and disciplines. Courses within the College of Professional Studies and School of Law are not available to incoming exchange students. Students studying Law at their home university may choose to look into some of our Criminal Justice and Political Science course options as an alternative. English as a Second Language (ESL) and the Cooperative Education programs are also restricted for international students.

\*\*International Business (BSIB) Core Courses, Strategy Courses, BUSN 1101, INTB 1202, 2202, 3202, 4202, FINA 2202, MGMT 4310, and 4601 are not available to incoming exchange students

# STUDENT LIFE

Northeastern's student life is active all year round. Northeastern's clubs and organizations provide a venue for students to develop your leadership potential. Academic and professional societies connect you to a network of accomplished professionals in your field.



Incoming exchange at Northeastern will have access to the Marino gym and Cabot recreational facilities, Snell library, WeCare services, University Health and Counseling Services, and much more!

## 400+

Student Organizations on campus

## 11%

of students participate in sorority and fraternity life

## 7

major cultural centers on campus promoting inclusiveness and celebrating differences

## 164,770+

service hours volunteered by students each year

## 70+

club and intramural sports (including rugby, soccer and quidditch!)

## 18

Division 1 athletic teams



# 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Northeastern operates on a semester system. Most incoming exchange students study here with us during the Fall and/or Spring Semester. Students studying for a full year will begin in the Fall term.

## FALL

Sep 6 Wednesday

- First day of fall classes

Oct 9 Monday

- Columbus Day observed, no classes

November 11

- Veterans' Day, no classes

Nov 13 Monday

- First day of spring class  
registration for continuing students

Nov 22 Wednesday

- First day of Thanksgiving recess,  
no classes

Nov 27 Monday

- Classes resume

Dec 6 Wednesday

- Last day of fall classes

Dec 7 Thursday

- Reading day

Dec 8 Friday

- First day of final exams for fall classes

Dec 15 Friday

- Last day of final exams for fall classes

Dec 16 Saturday

- Final exam makeup day for fall  
classes if needed

Dec 17 Sunday

- First day of winter break

Dec 18 Monday

- Faculty grade deadline at 2:00 p.m. for fall  
classes

## SPRING

Jan 8 Monday

- First day of spring classes

Jan 15 Monday

- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
observed, no classes

Feb 19 Monday

- Presidents' Day, no classes

Mar 3 Saturday

- First day of spring break

Mar 12 Monday

- Classes resume

Apr 9 Monday

- First day of fall class registration  
for continuing students

Apr 16 Monday

- Patriots' Day, no classes

Apr 18 Wednesday

- Last day of spring classes

Apr 19 Thursday

- Reading day

Apr 20 Friday

- First day of final exams for spring classes

Apr 27 Friday

- Last day of final exams for spring classes

Apr 30 Monday

- Faculty grade deadline at 9:00 a.m. for spring  
classes

May 4 Friday

- Commencement

# APPLICATION STEPS

Students must be nominated by their home institution to participate in the Incoming Exchange Program at Northeastern. Nominated students will be in good academic standing with their home university.

Once nominated to Northeastern, students will be contacted via email to apply through Northeastern's online application portal. Students will be able to submit transcripts, test scores and a copy of their passport into the online application portal.

## Language Requirements:

- Northeastern University's language of instruction is American English. In order to be admitted to and succeed at Northeastern, prospective students must be able to demonstrate they have a strong understanding of the English language.
- Students who are coming from a university where English is not the primary language of instruction will be required to submit proof of English proficiency. Below are the minimum test scores required for admission:

Cambridge: First/Advanced

TOEFL IBT: 92

IELTS: 6.5

CEFR: B2

PTE: 62

IB: 5

## Required Documentation

### Before Acceptance:

- Nomination from home university
- Online application
- Proof of English proficiency
- Official transcript
- Copy of passport

## Required Documentation

### After Acceptance:

- Proof of funding for living costs
- Online course request form
- Northeastern Health Report
- Health insurance verification

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

### Full Year or Fall Term

- February 15th: nominations from partner university
- March 1st: student applications

### Spring Term

- September 15th: nominations from partner university
- October 1st: student applications



# ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

The Office of Global Services (OGS) meets new incoming exchange students at Logan Airport on move-in day every fall. If a student is unable to arrive on move-in day, they can take a taxi to campus or use the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (affectionately known as the “T”) to arrive at Ruggles Station (Orange Line) or Northeastern Station (Green Line) both conveniently located on-campus.

Upon arrival in Boston, GEO will host a mandatory orientation for incoming exchange students. During this full-day orientation, we will go over immigration requirements, an introduction to Northeastern academics, prepare students for cultural adjustments, a campus tour, and the chance to meet other exchange students. Students will also be given the chance to sign up for a guided group tour of Boston to kick off their cultural programming!



# STUDENT SUPPORT

## Global Experience Office (GEO)

The Global Experience Office offers a variety of support to incoming exchange students. From the time students apply, through course selection, housing placement and other pre-departure inquiries to arrival and orientation on campus and cultural excursions throughout the semester our incoming exchange coordinator is a constant source of support for our incoming exchange students.

Beyond the Global Experience Office, Northeastern offers a variety of services available to students in order to make their time on campus the best it can be. Check out the following support services available.

## Career Development

Northeastern prides itself on having a top ranked career development department, that has been consistently ranked #1 or #2 by the Princeton Review since 2011. The Career Development team offers career advising, walk in appointments, individual appointments, employer events and career workshops.

## Bookstore

Northeastern University's bookstore is a one stop shop for most needs. The bookstore sells textbooks, school supplies, clothing, accessories and much more from bikes to umbrellas and toothpaste.

## Information Technology Support

Information Technology Services (ITS) is the central provider of technology infrastructure, services and applications for more than 30,000 students, faculty and staff at Northeastern. The division serves as a technology partner with the university, evaluating and delivering innovative and collaborative solutions that promote and advance teaching, learning, research, and support for the Northeastern community.

## University Health and Counseling Services (UCHS)

UCHS aims to help students stay healthy physically and mentally and provides care for students that are ill, injured, depressed or stressed. The UCHS team consists of mental health counselors, a psychiatrist, psychologists, social workers, and board certified clinicians committed to providing excellent service.

## Disability Resources Center (DRC)

The DRC is dedicated to partnering with the diverse population of students, staff, and faculty at Northeastern and in the surrounding community. The DRC strives to provide exemplary service, education, and resources to those that it serves.

## LGBTQA Resource Center

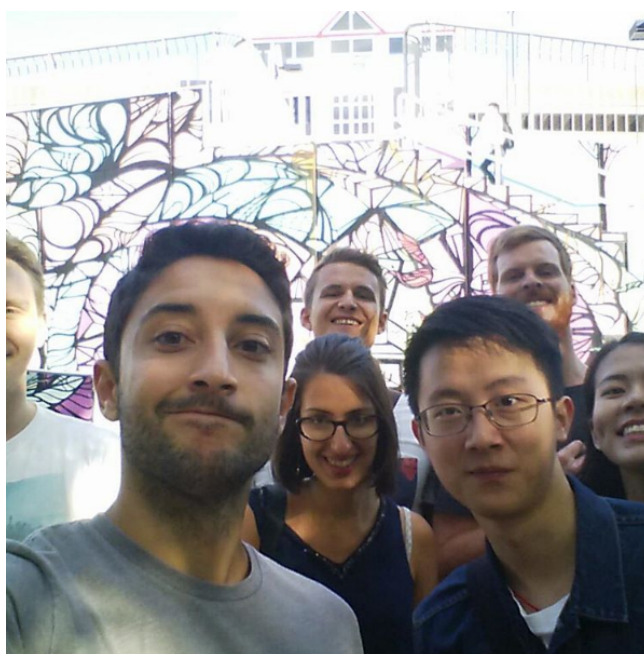
The LGBTQA Resource Center provides information, support and other resources for the Northeastern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Asexual Community and their allies. The Center is a place students can come to socialize, relax between classes, study, and learn more about opportunities for students who identify as LGBTQA within the Northeastern Community.





# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Global Experience Office (GEO) plans many events throughout the year for incoming exchange students with us to experience the exciting and fun things Boston has to offer. Some of our popular events include: watching the Boston Red Sox, guided tours along the historic Freedom Trail, group outings to nearby museums, movies/ice skating in Boston Common, trips to nearby towns such as Salem, tickets to see the Boston Symphony, group dinners with other exchange students, and many more!







# DINING PLANS

Regardless of whether students live on or off campus they may choose to enroll in a meal plan through the university. Northeastern provides options for vegan, gluten-free, kosher, and halal diets. Dining plans range from \$1,430 - \$3,395 per semester.

Visit <https://www.nudining.com/meal-plans/> to view the different plans available.

Northeastern's on campus eateries include:

- 3 on campus dining halls
- Kigo Kitchen
- On the Go
- Starbucks
- Popeyes
- Sweet Tomatoes Pizza
- The West End
- U Burger
- Argo Tea
- Cafe Crossing
- Subway
- Dunkin Donuts
- Rebecca's Cafe
- Cafe 716
- Visiting food trucks





# STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

## On Campus Accommodation

- Limited housing is available on campus to international students in Northeastern's residence halls. Visit <https://www.northeastern.edu/housing/> to learn more about our residences. Wireless internet is available in all residence halls.
- Residences range from single and double occupancy rooms to suite or apartment style living.

## Resident Student Support

- Students living on campus are provided with a variety of support and programming from their residence hall staff.

## How to Apply

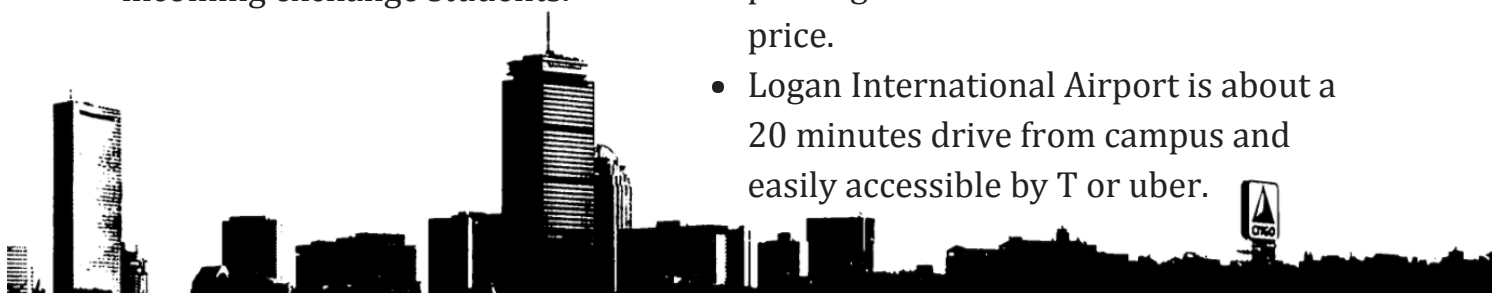
- Students will be able to let us know if they would like to be considered for on-campus housing as a part of the application process. The availability for on campus housing is limited for incoming exchange students.

## Off Campus Accommodation

- Many Northeastern students live off campus in the surrounding neighborhoods. International students who wish to do so may utilize resources through Northeastern's Off Campus Student Services department to assist them in their search.
- Visit <https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/> to learn more about living off campus.

## Public Transportation

- With 4 T stations on campus Northeastern is easily accessible from many different parts of the city. Boston's bus system also makes several stops close to campus. The commuter rail train stops on campus for those traveling further out of the city.
- UBER is frequently used by students to get from place to place. Alternatively traditional taxis can also be found throughout the city. On campus parking is available to students for a price.
- Logan International Airport is about a 20 minutes drive from campus and easily accessible by T or uber.







# FEES, VISAS AND HEALTH INSURANCE

## Finances

- Students are responsible for the cost of room and board, dining, insurance, books and personal expenses while studying at Northeastern.
- Housing costs vary between roughly \$4,950 and \$6,825 for on-campus housing per semester.
- Northeastern does not offer specific scholarships for incoming exchange students.

## Health Insurance

- Students must ensure that they have insurance which meets the requirements of their J1 visa. There is the opportunity to select insurance coverage provided by Northeastern, known as NUSHP.
- More information about NUSHP can be found at [northeastern.edu/NUSHP](http://northeastern.edu/NUSHP)

## Visas

- Upon admission, GEO will work with students and Northeastern's Office of Global Services (OGS) to issue the visa paperwork needed to study abroad in Boston.
- Incoming exchange students will need this paperwork (DS-2019) to apply for a J1 Non-Degree Student visa.
- Students will need to demonstrate access to approximately \$9,000 per semester when applying for their visa.









# BOSTON BUCKET LIST

- ☐ New England Aquarium and Boston Harbor
- ☐ Day at the Boston Common
- ☐ Watch the Boston Marathon\*
- ☐ Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend\*
- ☐ Visit the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)
- ☐ Visit Eataly for fabulous Italian food
- ☐ Day trip to Salem\*\*
- ☐ Visit the Museum of Fine Arts
- ☐ Dim Sum in Chinatown
- ☐ Kayak on the Charles River
- ☐ Try cannolis from Mike's and Modern Pastry
- ☐ Visit Fenway Park

\*Spring Semester only; \*\* Fall Semester only

# CAMPUS BUCKET LIST

- ☐ Rub the Husky's nose for good luck outside of Blackman
- ☐ Visit Gallery 360
- ☐ Participate in the Husky Hunt (24 hour scavenger hunt)\*\*
- ☐ Attend a Northeastern sporting event

\*Spring Semester only; \*\* Fall Semester only

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