

Northeastern University

Global Experience Office

INCOMING EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2018 - 2019



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ABOUT NORTHEASTERN

OUR UNIVERSITY

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

Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston, and a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. Faculty members infuse undergraduate classrooms with the spirit of discovery.

BOSTON

Boston, Massachusetts, is one of the most historic and cultural cities in the United States. It is considered a university town, and is at the forefront of scientific, biotech, and medical research. Boston also boasts several world champion sports teams. Northeastern University is located in the heart of Boston's cultural center, nestled among the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Symphony, the New England Conservatory, and the Public Gardens.

Studying abroad in Boston offers access to some of the most beautiful mountains, countryside, and seaports in the country, with opportunities for hiking and camping, and water and winter sports.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Global Experience Office (GEO) plans many events throughout the year for students studying abroad with us to experience the exciting & 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/Ballet, group dinners with other exchange students, and more!

To see what current exchange students are up to, check out our hashtag [#NUexchange](#) on social media!

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Students studying abroad at Northeastern will have access to the Marino gym & Cabot recreational facilities, Snell library, WeCare services, University Health and Counseling Services, and many more! Students needing additional assistance are welcome to access our Disability Resource Center.





PERIOD OF EXCHANGE

Fall and/or Spring terms

One or two semesters.

Students studying for a full year will begin in the Fall term. *Unfortunately, it is not possible for students to extend a Spring semester program into the Fall.*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Before Acceptance:

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

After Acceptance

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

FALL TERM & FULL YEAR

March 15th:

Nominations from partner universities

April 1st:

Student applications

SPRING TERM

September 15th:

Nominations from partner universities

October 1st:

Student applications

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PRE-REQUISITES

Students must be nominated by the partner university to participate in the Incoming Exchange Program at Northeastern. We are unable to admit students from universities where there is no formal, established partnership.

ACADEMICS

Nominated students will be in good academic standing with their home university. Competitive applicants will show excellent overall grades.

Currently, the exchange program is limited to undergraduate (Bachelor's degree-seeking) students only, unless there is a separate exchange agreement between your university and Northeastern's graduate (Master's) departments. *Graduate students are unable to apply for the undergraduate program.*

ENGLISH PROFIEINCY

Students coming from institutions where English is not the primary language of instruction will be asked to submit test scores. See *Language Requirements*.

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION

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.

UPON ACCEPTANCE

Once accepted to Northeastern, students will be contacted via email to complete additional requirements through our online application portal and review their next steps: requesting visa paperwork, submitting course preferences, and other necessary arrangements for preparing to study abroad.

ORIENTATION

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 programing!



ACADEMICS

FUNDING

Tuition and fees are waived for incoming exchange students, however you will be asked to show that you can cover the cost of living expenses for your program.

Below are the approximate costs per semester:

Housing: \$4,950 - \$6,825

Dining: \$1,430 - \$3395

Personal spending: varies between \$75 - \$200 per week

Health Insurance: varies

HOUSING

There are options for both on- and off- campus housing. Students will be able to let us know if they would like to be considered for on-campus housing as part of the application process.

Please note, on-campus is not guaranteed due to limited availability.

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.

Exchange students will need this paperwork (DS-2019) to apply for a J1 Non-Degree Student visa.

Students must ensure they have insurance which meets the requirements of their J1 visa.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Northeastern operates on a [semester system](#). Most incoming exchange students study here with us during the Fall and/or Spring Semester.

Fall semester – early September through mid-December

Spring semester – early January through late April

Full year – early September through late April

Summer term – *Early May through late June (limited availability, dependent on departmental approval)*

COURSE INFORMATION

A schedule of classes and a course catalogue (which includes brief course descriptions) are available online at <http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar>. *Please note: not all courses are open to incoming exchange students, nor is every class listed offered each term.*

Most courses are 4 semester hours unless otherwise indicated (some classes may be only 1 semester hour). Full-time enrollment is a minimum of 12 semester hours (typically 3 classes at 4 credits each). Students may take up to 16 semester hours per 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 accessed here:

<http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/gradingsystem.html>.

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.

TOEFL IBT: 92
IELTS: 6.5
PTE: 62

CEFR: B2
CAMBRIDGE: FIRST/ADVANCED
INTL BACCALAUREATE: 5



PROGRAM AND COURSE RESTRICTIONS

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

Students are only eligible to work part-time (up to 20 hours per week during the semester), on-campus. Off-campus employment, including unpaid internships, is strictly prohibited.

ACADEMIC RESTRICTIONS

At this time, the Incoming Exchange Program at Northeastern is limited to undergraduate (Bachelor's) students only, except where there is a separate contract between your home university and one of our graduate departments. Program restrictions also include the following:

Northeastern School of Law*
English as a Second Language (ESL)

College of Professional Studies
Cooperative Education (internships)

*Students studying undergraduate law at their home university may wish to look into some of our Criminal Justice and Political Science course options as an alternative.

The following courses are not open to incoming exchange students:

International Business (BSIB) Core Courses
Strategy Courses
BUSN 1101
INTB 1202, 2202, 3202, 4202

FINA 2202
MGMT 4310, 4601
6000+ level courses (*reserved for graduate students only*)

Other courses may have limited availability or require approval by the college and/or academic department. Please note, all students will be required to meet the pre-requisites listed for their chosen classes.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

Northeastern University has many resources available to incoming exchange students. Although we ask that you contact the Global Experience Office during the inquiry/application phase with your questions, we hope the following links will help you discover more about your future as a Northeastern Husky!

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE OFFICE <http://www.northeastern.edu/geo/studyabroad/incoming-exchange/>

Primary contact for Incoming Exchange Program, including: application, course registration, cultural programing & events, academic advising, etc.

OFFICE OF GLOBAL SERVICES <http://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/>

Primary contact for immigration paperwork, guidance and additional events for international students

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE <https://www.northeastern.edu/housing/>

On-campus housing

OFF-CAMPUS SERVICES <http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

Off-campus housing

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES <https://financialaid.northeastern.edu/>

Primary contact for billing & payments (for on-campus housing & dining plans)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS http://neu.orgsync.com/student_orgs

Listing of the 400+ organizations/clubs you can choose from as a Husky

UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES <http://www.northeastern.edu/uhrs/>

Primary resource for physical and mental health services on campus

REGISTRAR <http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar>

Primary contact for Northeastern's: academic calendar, course catalogues, grading system, full-time requirements, and transcripts