



Northeastern University

INCOMING EXCHANGE PROGRAM BOSTON, USA

NORTHEASTERN OVERVIEW

Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university, and a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. Northeastern is located in the heart of Boston's cultural center.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Students must receive a nomination from their home university
2. Nominated students will be invited to apply online
3. Students will submit passports, transcripts, and proof of English proficiency in the online application

Nomination Deadlines:

Fall & Full Year — April 1
Spring — September 1

Application Deadlines:

Fall & Full Year — April 15
Spring — September 15

Acceptances will be issued via email one week after the application deadline.

ACCOMMODATION & VISAS

Students will note their preference for university housing upon application and be placed in a lottery selection after acceptance. Northeastern offers limited on-campus accommodation in the [Residence Halls](#). Rooms are shared with other same gender students. [Off Campus Engagement and Support](#) can assist students with finding an apartment off campus.

Students will request their DS-2019s from the [Office of Global Services](#) after acceptance. DS-2019 paperwork is needed for the J-1 exchange student visa application. Guidelines for application will be provided in the application portal after acceptance, and DS-2019s will be issued electronically.

ACADEMICS

Northeastern's Incoming Exchange program is **undergraduate only**. Students take 3-4 courses for a full-time course load worth 12-16 credits. Labs and recitations are generally 1 credit hour. Northeastern operates on a semester system, and courses are taught in English.

Due to high demand, course choices are limited in the School of Business. Exchange students are permitted to enroll in a **maximum of two (2) business courses** and are encouraged to supplement their curriculum with courses from other Schools/Departments, such as Economics. Please visit the Academics section of the [website](#) for more details on course restrictions.

At NU, classes (modules) are numbered from 1000-level (introductory) to 4000-level (advanced) for Bachelor's (undergraduate) students. Classes at the 5000-level are usually intended for Master's (graduate) students. 6000-7000 level courses are intended for PhD students and not available to exchange students. Students will take courses within the 1000-4999 levels only.

BUDGETING

Students are responsible for their visa, living expenses, and flights. For the purposes of securing immigration paperwork and student visa, students will need to prove access to at least \$11,515 each semester (about \$2900 per month). Students may spend more or far less depending on their lifestyle.

PROGRAM DATES

Fall: End of August — mid-December
Spring: Early January — end of April
Full Year: End of August — end of April

[Academic Calendar](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

After acceptance, students must submit 10 courses for review to ensure a full course schedule of 3-4 courses (12-16 credits). Students must have the appropriate prerequisite courses as determined by the faculty of each department.

Course enrollment will not be finalized until the start of each semester and can extend into the add/drop period of the first 10 days of courses.

Assessment and Grading

The Office of the University Registrar provides a detailed explanation of [Northeastern's grading system](#).

Please note that class attendance is mandatory at Northeastern. Most professors consider class participation when assigning grades.

ORIENTATION & ARRIVAL

Northeastern requires exchange students to attend Orientation, which is a 1-2 day orientation held the week before classes begin. Orientation will be the first week of January for Spring students and the last week of August for Fall & Full Year. Students who arrive before the move-in date can seek [temporary housing options](#).

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

- Boat Tour of revolutionary Boston
- Red Sox Baseball Game at Fenway Park
- Ice skating on Boston Common
- Tickets to see the Boston Symphony/Boston Ballet and much more!

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have one of the following language proficiencies:

- Attending a university whose primary language of instruction is English
- Cambridge English: First/Advanced
- TOEFL IBT: 92
- IELTS: 6.5
- CEFR: B2
- PTE: 62
- Duolingo English Test (DET): 110
- IB: 5

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

Students in the Incoming Exchange program are non-degree seeking and ineligible for Academic Training or off-campus employment before, during, or after the end of their program.

Students may not take virtual courses or courses in the School of Law or the College of Professional Studies. **Students may not take any research, capstone, or practicum courses.**

HEALTH INSURANCE & REPORT

Students must ensure they have appropriate health insurance coverage for the duration of their program and their stay in the United States as required for immigration regulations. Students can review the [minimum requirements](#) from the Office of Global Services. Students must also submit a [health report form](#) one month before courses begin.

RESOURCES

[Disability Resource Center](#)

[Academic Policies](#)

[Classroom Culture](#)

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