

## Northeastern University Info Guide

### **Basic Facts**

- Established in 1898; the college offers both undergraduate and graduate programs
- Private University with an 18.1% acceptance rate
- Average Cost Per Year after Financial Aid: 32K
- 78 percent of Northeastern students receive some type of financial aid.
- Student-Faculty Ratio: 14:1
- Freshman Retention Rate: 97% (satisfaction rate)
- Class Size: 18,299 students
- Male to Female Ratio = 49:51
- Top 5% of schools in the nation
- One of the most diverse schools in the nation
- Average salary of graduates: \$67,400

### **Campus Life**

- Campus located within the city of Boston
- Wide use of public transportation to reach the city -> “The T”
- 10-minute ride to Boston
- 2.23M+ hours of community service since 2006
- 500+ student organizations
- 6 green quads
- 20 cafes, restaurants, and dining facilities
- 73 acres of urban tree-lined campus
- 13,000+ lectures, gallery shows, performances, and concerts each year
- Past performances were from Snoop Dogg, Drake, & Wiz Khalifa
- Embraces diversity through various cultural centers
  - Asian American Center
  - John D. O’Bryant African American Institute
  - Latinx Student Cultural Center
  - LBTQA Center

- Center for Intercultural Engagement
- Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, & Service

### **Application Information**

- Early Decision opportunity to commit early to Northeastern: November 1st
- Second Early Decision opportunity: January 1st
- There is an early action opportunity with a non-binding commitment to Northeastern.
- Regular Decision opportunity: January 1st
- Apply through the Common Application or Coalition Application.
- Application Fee: \$75
- Regular decisions are out on April 1st
- Necessitated Items In the Application:
  - Student counselor and teacher recommendations
  - Secondary School transcripts up to final junior year grades
  - English Proficiency
- Specialized Entry Programs:
  - NU Immerse
    - Traditional Experience for Non-English speakers providing advanced English preparation with a year-long Program in Boston or London
    - College Culture classes for a smooth transition
    - Two-Semester Transition Program
  - NU Bound
    - Academically Demanding Transfer Program
    - Begin the college experience in England at the New College of the Humanities, part of Northeastern's international university system
    - Immersed in London's rich culture and a different perspective on life
  - N.U.in Program
    - First-year global experience academic program
    - Unique sense of adventure and skill set for professional development
    - Potential locations include England, Ireland, Greece, & Italy

## Academics

### Majors:

- 250+ majors in 8 different colleges
- 150+ combined majors
- Application of rigorous classroom to real-world experiences on the 7 continents
- Strong focus on Experiential Learning or the idea of “co-op learning”
  - Applying your education in real-life immersive experiences with service-learning and research opportunities.
- 8 Different Colleges:
  - College of Arts, Media, & Design
    - Architecture
    - Art: Art, Visual Studies
    - CAMD Undeclared
    - Communication Studies
    - Game Design
    - Journalism
    - Media and Screen Studies
    - Music
    - Music Industry
    - Studio Art
    - Theatre
  - Bouve College of Health Sciences
    - Health Science
    - Nursing
    - Pharmacy
    - Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
  - D’Amore-McKim School of Business
    - Business Administration
      - Many sub-categories are included.
    - International Business
      - Many sub-categories are included.

- Khoury College of Computer Sciences
  - Computer Science
  - Data Science
- College of Engineering
  - Bioengineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - COE Undeclared
  - Computer Engineering
  - Cybersecurity
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Industrial Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
- College of Science
  - Applied Physics
  - Behavioral Neuroscience
  - Biochemistry
  - Biology
  - Biomedical Physics
  - Cell and Molecular Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
  - Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
  - Environmental Science
  - Environmental Studies
  - Linguistics
  - Marine Biology
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Psychology
- College of Social Sciences & Humanities

- Africana Studies
- American Sign Language
- Asian Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Cultural Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- History
- History, Culture, and Law
- Human Services
- International Affairs
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Politics, Philosophy, Economics
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Northeastern Explore Program
- 150+ Combined Majors:
  - Unique hybrid degree programs that encourage interdisciplinary fields and multiple academic fields.
- Double Majors
  - Completing the academic requirements for both degrees, unlike combined majors which combine the required classes.
- Most Popular Majors:
  - Business Management
  - Marketing and related support services
  - Engineering
  - Social Sciences
  - Health Professions and related programs
  - Biological and Biomedical Sciences

### Research:

- Northeastern is voted one of the top research universities in the US
- Numerous opportunities to work with faculty members in your desired field of interest
- Office of Undergraduate Research and Endeavors
  - Works in fields including:
    - Business
    - Computer and Information Sciences
    - Engineering and technology
    - Health Sciences
    - Humanities and Arts
    - Law
    - Physical and Life Sciences
    - Social Sciences
- Northeastern has \$160.3M in external research funding.

### Honors & Scholars Programs:

- University Honors Program
- Global ConnEXions
- Ujima Global Leaders Program
- Torch Scholars Program
- Basic University Requirements:
  - 128+ semester hours
  - Minimum of 2.000 GPA Required
  - 64+ Northeastern semester hours

### **Student Involvement**

#### Clubs:

- 400+ clubs
- Can create your own clubs through a group of interested students
- Find like-minded people with similar beliefs
- Pursuing new adventurous and wellness to stay physically active
- Nurture through the development of leadership and professionalism

- Join a global network of friends and alumni
- Service opportunities facilitated through the Office of City and Community Engagement:
  - Youth Development Initiative Project
    - Students provide resources for college readiness to underserved Boston area youth looking to pursue further education beyond high school.
  - Jumpstart
    - Students volunteer near the Boston area in preschool classrooms to promote literacy and social-emotional development.
  - Massachusetts Promise Fellowship
    - An AmeriCorps program that trains students and graduates from Northeastern in the key resources to succeed in life to teach to the Commonwealth.
  - Alliance of Civically Engaged Students (ACES)
    - An organization of students focused on giving back to local non-profit charities, offering opportunities for social and professional growth.

#### Athletics:

- 17 D1 Programs
- Competitive Programs:
  - Track & Field
  - Baseball
  - Basketball
  - Cross Country
  - Ice Hockey
  - Rowing
  - Soccer
  - Field Hockey
  - Swimming & Diving
  - Volleyball
- Campus Recreation:
  - Martino's Recreation Center
    - Rock climbing, basketball, & fitness classes

- Includes three floors of workout equipment
- Squashbusters Center
  - 8 Squash courts & 52 workout stations
- Cabot Center
  - Racquetball, swimming, volleyball, tennis, soccer, track, and golf facilities
- Expert team of athletic trainers, physical therapists, and physicians
  - Head team physician certified in sports medicine
  - Ensure a safe and speedy return back to athletics
- 40+ intramural sports and 60+ club teams

## **Food**

### **On-Campus:**

- All new students living on campus are required to participate in the Resident Dining Meal Plan.
- Required to have a 12 meal plan, 17 meal plan, or unlimited meal plan.
- Upper-classmen can switch to a 7 meal plan.
- Two campus grocery stores for multiple healthy options and fresh ingredients.
- Meal Plans at Northeastern:
  - Brick-oven pizza
  - Stir-fry
  - Pasta
  - Salad
  - Kosher
  - Halal
  - Vegetarian
  - Vegan options
- Visit Outtakes at Stetson West
  - A cafe offering hot menu options including sandwiches and soups
- Levine Marketplace at Stetson East
  - An award-winning dining facility with 8 different stations with a complete array of vegetarian and vegan accommodated food options provided each day



- International Village Dining
  - The first university facility with a LEED Gold Status that offers a global venue and dedicates a specific station of foods without common allergens.
- Curry Center Food Court:
  - Uburger
    - Fast-food option including a variety of chicken sandwiches and salads
  - Starbucks
    - A beverage chain encompassed many options of coffee and tea
  - Sweet Tomatoes Neapolitan Pizza
    - A dinner style restaurant with specialty pizzas and salads
  - K!GO Kitchen
    - An Asian-fusion style restaurant with fast, fresh, and healthy noodle and rice dishes
  - Popeyes' Louisiana Kitchen
    - A fried chicken chain with various dinner options such as biscuits and gravy
  - The West End
    - A curated restaurant with sustainable and home-style options for brunch and dinner.
  - Tu Taco
    - Mexican classics made from scratch offered including tacos and burritos
- Cafes & Restaurants:
  - Argo Tea
    - An encompassing collection of gourmet tea from mixologists in Snell Library
  - Cafe Crossing
    - Signature bowls and sandwiches customizable along with Starbucks tea and coffee in the International Village
  - Cafe716
    - A coffee house and sandwich shop with items from local vendors.
  - Faculty Club
  - Subway

- A fast-food restaurant offering fresh and delicious subs in Ryder Hall



- Exhibition Kitchen
  - Located in 11 Speare Place inside the Food Hall at Stetson West
  - Food network set-up
  - Place of experiential learning including chef demonstrations, cooking classes, book signings, and interactive display cooking

#### Off-Campus:

- Variety of restaurants near the Northeastern campus less than a mile away
  - Dumpling Palace
    - Asian and Chinese cuisine restaurant 0.5 miles away from Campus
  - Lucy Ethiopian Cafes
    - African cuisine restaurant 0.4 miles away from Campus
  - Mumbai Spice
    - Indian cuisine restaurant 0.4 miles away from Campus
  - Gyro City
    - Greek cuisine restaurant 0.7 miles away from Campus
  - Amelia's Taqueria

- Mexican cuisine restaurant 0.1 miles away from Campus

## **Student Housing**

### **On-campus Housing:**

- All Freshmen and Sophomore students are required to live in university housing.
- Rooms are typically shared with 1 to 2 other students.
- University housing provides each student with a:
  - Bed
  - Desk
  - Chair
  - Dresser
  - Window shade
- First-year students live in the Living Learning Communities (LLCs) that are themed housing environments that connect students of similar academic & personal interests.
- Freshmen Year Experience Program (FYE) developed to build strong communities with academic excellence and professional development.
  - The 4 pillars of the FYE:
    - Personal Development
    - Academic Success
    - Experiential Learning
    - Community Development
- Strive for personal connection & provide opportunities for development and growth alongside others
- Housing Application due in May for housing preferences
- 3 Categories of LLC's :
  - Affiliated
    - Bouve College of Health Sciences
    - Khoury College of Computer Sciences
    - College of Engineering
    - College of Science
    - D'Amore-McKim School of Business

- Interdisciplinary
  - NU Journeys
  - Pre-Health
  - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics
  - Honors
- Thematic Based
  - Community Service
  - Creative Expressions
  - Cultural Inclusion
  - Healthy Living
  - Leadership
  - Music Motifs
- There are both traditional and suite accommodations.
- All traditional housing options include resident halls with co-ed housing.
- Traditional Housing:
  - Hastings Hall
    - 3rd, 6th, and 7th floor of 316 Huntington Avenue
    - Amenities included such as a laundry facility, elevator, and a lounge
  - Kerr Hall
    - 6 story traditional-style residence hall
    - Offers community feel and close-knit vibes
    - Soundproof music practice room
  - Light Hall
    - 3-story traditional-style residence hall
    - No elevator access
  - Melvin Hall
    - 3-story traditional-style residence hall
    - Bedrooms are carpeted
    - Economy triple and double bedrooms available
  - Smith Hall
    - Gaming tables and lounges widely available

- Primarily single and double bedrooms
- Speare Hall
  - 4-story traditional-style residence hall
  - Many campus offices are housed in this hall.
  - Only single and double bedrooms available
- Stetson East
  - 4-story traditional residence hall
  - Houses Levine Marketplace, one of three main dining halls
  - Standard single and double bedrooms
- Stetson West
  - 4-story traditional residence hall
  - Houses another main dining hall
  - Exhibition kitchen and to-go service from Chartwells
  - Economy quad bedrooms located
- White Hall
  - 5-story residence hall
  - Houses a retail restaurant Qdoba
  - Single, double, triple, and quad bedrooms are available
  - Common kitchen on the main level
- Suite Accommodations:
  - 153 Hemenway Street
  - Midtown Hotel
  - East Village
- For sophomores, there is a Second Year Experience Program (SYE) that provides an enhanced vision of academic and co-curricular exploration.
  - 4 Pillars of the SYE:
    - Academic Success
    - Experiential Learning
    - Career Exploration
    - Interdependent Living
- Juniors are given options for apartment accommodations or semi-private suites.

- Semi-Private suites are usually located in the International Village.
  - Located conveniently next to the subway and bus
  - Short walk from academic buildings
  - Includes gym and dining hall on the first floor
  - Split into 3 towers:
    - West (19-Story)
    - East (22- Story)
    - North (9-Story)
  - Proctor security coverage
  - Bedrooms with shared bedrooms
  - Dedicated dining facilities for those with food sensitivities and those who observe Halal or Kosher diets
  - Central air conditioning
  - Includes a gym and dining hall on the first floor
  - Laundry facilities in each tower
- Apartments range from single studios to 6 people capacity.
- 3 Different Apartment Options:
  - Economy
  - Standard
  - Enhanced
- Apartments range from single studios to 6 people capacity.

#### Off-campus Housing:

- Boston Apartment Database
  - A system that helps you find Boston area apartments, trusted realtors, and roommates

#### Packing Advice

- Pack in duffle bags that are easy to store
- Fall climate cools quickly dropping to 62°F by October.
- 2-3 pairs of shoes including athletic ones that are water-resistant
- No outside furniture is allowed in the rooms with the exception of a desk chair.

- Bring a small vacuum or Swiffer for easy cleaning within the dorm room.

### **Student Health & Safety**

- North Eastern University Student Health Plan:
  - Comprehensive coverage anywhere
  - Affordable prices and low co-payments
  - 24/7 medical care & assistance
  - Partnerships with Northeastern University's Health & Counseling Services & leading hospitals in Boston
- Learning Disability Program (LDP)
  - Fee-based academic support program designed for those with disabilities to allow a smooth transition into Northeastern
  - Scheduled sessions with an LDP Specialist 2 to 3 times a week
  - Plan a proactive and engaging approach to academic success and reaching designed goals
- Safe Zone:
  - A mobile app that allows students, faculty, and staff of Northeastern to have a direct connection to Northeastern University Police Department to report emergencies and request medical assistance.
  - Comprehensive efforts to ensure a secure and resilient campus for students and faculty.

### **Fraternity & Sorority Life**

- 35+ organizations with 2,700 active students
- Value-based organizations defined by Greek letters
- Lifetime bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood
- Governing bodies of Interfraternity, Multicultural Greek, National Pan-Hellenic, and Panhellenic Councils
- Community of Growth within men and women
- Healthy social, philanthropic, and academic endeavors

- Membership offers experiences with service, philanthropy, personal and professional development, academic excellence, and deep friendships.
- Recruitment and Intake events, activities, and informational sessions offered in the Fall & Spring semesters.
- Recruitment sessions provide prospective members an opportunity to learn about the respective organization.
- Council or chapter-coordinated educational workshops that focus on the structural history of the organization
- One-time expenses when you join and dues every year.
- No housing available for fraternities/sororities
  - This excludes Beta Gamma Epsilon that has a fraternity house licensed by Boston.
- Support group to ease college transitions
- Nurture long-lasting friendships through networking with other students and alums
- Access to resources to reach academic goals.
- Cultivate leadership skills with hands-on involvement on campus and in the community

### **Miscellaneous**

- Research Institutes:
  - Institute for Experiential AI
  - Institute of Chemical Imaging of Living Systems
  - Coastal Sustainability Institute
  - Cybersecurity and Privacy Institute
  - Institute for Experiential Robotics
  - Global Resilience Institute
  - Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security
  - Network Science Institute
  - Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things
- Snell Library
  - Access to a library catalog, other databases, and web and other network-based resources



- 1 million volumes, 2.3 million microforms, and current subscriptions to 8,000+ serials and newspapers
- 23,000 audio, video, and software titles
- Digital Media Commons:
  - Data-analysis, media-editing, & creative software centers boasting high-tech laptops and walk-in technical support
- CyberCafe
  - Coffee bar with access to wireless Internet
- Husky 101 Student Orientation
  - A mandatory program that provides you access to resources and support to transition to the Northeastern student body
- 40+ cultural groups on campus
- 30+ religious organizations
- 51,500+ public cultural programs in Boston each year
- Husky Ambassadors
  - Undergraduate student leaders who provide an insight into Northeastern through planning tours, welcome events, blogs, and other media.
  - “What is NU”
    - Husky Ambassador podcast to share their college experiences and perspective on various topics within the Northeastern campus