

Frequently Asked Questions

What scores will you use to make the admission decision?

Combined test scores for SAT and ACT (including writing) will be considered in the admission decision for fall 2008. Students taking the ACT must complete the writing section (SAT writing section is no longer optional; it is required for all students taking the exam).

What is the average class size?

The average class size is 28 students. The faculty to student ratio is 15:1

Is co-op mandatory? How does it work?

Co-op is strongly recommended by every college. While it is not mandatory, the NU core does have a mandatory experiential learning component that must be completed. Students go out on 6-month experiences, please see the enclosed calendar for more information and feel free to share your personal co-op experiences with prospective students.

Does the University find co-op jobs for students?

NU does not hand students jobs. Rather, students work with their co-op advisors to secure a placement in Boston or elsewhere through an interview process.

Where can students eat?

There are four options on-campus, and many more off-campus:

- 1- Freshman residence hall dining rooms
- 2- Food court at the Curry Student Center
- 3- Cafeteria or Faculty Dining Center
- 4- Several on-campus and off-campus food vendors and restaurants

How safe is the campus and area?

The campus is patrolled 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week by University police as well as Boston police. The campus is well lit and there are call boxes located throughout the campus. An escort service is available that will take students up to a one mile radius outside of campus. Residence halls are locked at 11:00pm and access to them is restricted to residents and their signed in guests.

Is there a fee for the Marino Center?

No, all you need is a student ID to gain access to the center. There are additional costs if you wish to participate in aerobics or other fitness classes.

Is housing guaranteed?

Housing is guaranteed for the first three years for freshman beginning in the fall. After that, housing operates on a lottery system. Transfer housing is on a first-come, first-serve basis. With the lottery system, 2/3 of those who apply receive housing.

Can students have cars on campus?

Freshmen cannot have cars on campus and cars are not necessary because of the public transportation system in Boston. Upperclassmen may apply for day and overnight parking stickers.

Are students required to have computers on campus?

No, there are many computer labs on campus and over 1,000 workstations available for student use. If students would like to bring a computer, there are T-3 lines in every Residence

Hall and there is a port-per-pillow. Students should have an Ethernet card installed in their computer.

Does Northeastern offer merit-based scholarships?

We offer merit based scholarships to freshmen and transfer students. **Students are automatically considered for these scholarships when they apply for admission. There is no special application.**

- The freshmen scholarships range from \$2000 to full tuition.
- The transfer scholarships are \$5,000 and are considered for those transfers who are Phi Beta Kappa.

Northeastern University plans to offer National Merit scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for freshman beginning fall 2008.

Do you provide assistance for students with learning disabilities?

Yes. Contact the Disability Resource Center in Dodge Hall, (617) 373-2675.

How strong is XX Major?

What makes each of our majors strong (and unique) is the experiential learning that is incorporated through co-op, research, service learning or a global experience.

Do you offer ROTC programs?

Yes. We offer Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and Navy Nursing ROTC. Details are as follows:

- **Army ROTC.** The Liberty Battalion Army ROTC program awards merit-based 4, 3, and 2 year scholarships to qualified High School seniors, and college freshmen, sophomores, middlers and graduate students. Scholarships are worth full Northeastern University tuition. Scholarship awardees also receive \$900 per year for books and a stipend ranging between \$300 - \$500 per month. Students may major in any academic discipline as well as earn a Minor Degree in Leadership Studies through the ROTC program. Participants also enjoy numerous opportunities for academic and military studies abroad as well as adventure training such as the US Army Airborne and Air Assault Schools. Graduates of the program are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard upon completion of their studies. For more information visit www.rotc.neu.edu or contact Captain Douglas Washington II, Enrollment Officer and Assistant Professor of Military Science at d.washington@neu.edu or 617.373.2372.
- **Air Force ROTC.** The Air Force offers two-, three- and four-year scholarships to eligible high school seniors and applicants already enrolled in college. Scholarships range from \$15,000/year to full tuition. All scholarship winners receive a \$250-\$400 stipend per month, a \$750 book allowance and uniforms. These non-NU awards are given on a competitive basis without regard to financial need. If you are interested in joining the Air Force ROTC program or want more information, contact Captain Robert Colpitts at 617.353.6309 at the Department of Aerospace Studies, Boston University, 118 Bay State Road Boston, MA 02215. Classes are held at Boston University. You can also visit www.bu.edu/af-rotc/ or www.afrotc.com.

- **Navy Nursing ROTC.** All Navy Nursing scholarships cover full tuition, mandatory fees, a \$375 per semester book stipend, and a \$250/month living stipend that increases by \$50 each year. (\$250 for freshman, \$300 for sophomores, \$350 for juniors, and \$400 for seniors) For students on NU's 5-yr program, the Navy grants "Fifth Year Benefits", which mirror those of their fourth year. Our unit is part of a 6-school consortium that includes BU, BC, Northeastern, Tufts, Harvard, and MIT. For more info contact LT Lauren Majchzak at 617.358.4232 or lbw@bu.edu.

Visitor Information

The Admissions Visitor Center is located in the Behrakis Health Science Center, room 110.

Fall, Winter and Spring Hours:	Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday 8:30am-1:00pm
Summer Hours:	Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, Closed Weekends
Phone:	617.373.2200
Web:	www.northeastern.edu/admissions
Email:	admissions@neu.edu
Parking:	Complimentary parking is available during office hours on a first-come, first-served basis in the West Village parking garage located at 30 Leon Street. Overflow parking is available in the Columbus parking garage located at 765 Columbus Avenue.
Address:	30 Leon Street
Hotel/Travel Assistance:	1-888-99-VISIT (1-888-998-4748)
Campus Tours:	Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm on the hour Saturday (fall, winter and spring only), 9am, 10am, 11am
Information Sessions:	Monday-Friday, 9am and 10am, 2pm and 3pm Saturday (fall, winter and spring only), 10am, 11am

Fall Open Houses for *prospective students*:

Saturday, October 11
Saturday, October 25
Saturday, November 8

Holidays: Please call or check the Admissions Web site in advance if you plan to visit on or around a major holiday

Contacting the Alumni Admissions Volunteer Program

For questions or comments, please contact:

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To update your personal information, please visit www.northeastern.edu/admissions/alumni.
If you do not have access to the Web, please fax or call Bill Purnell with your updated information.