



Northeastern

Frequently Asked Questions

What grade point average (GPA) are you looking for to be admitted?

We look for applicants who have consistently earned strong grades in academically rigorous high school courses relative to their high school curriculum. In this, the type of courses (advanced, honors, AP, IB) a student has chosen is important. We use a weighted GPA giving additional weight to honors (one half grade) and AP and IB classes (one full grade). **The middle 50% of admitted students had weighted GPA's of 3.6-4.1**

What does the committee look for in an applicant with regards to course work?

Applicants are encouraged to go beyond the minimum graduation requirements for their school and take advantage of the full range of courses offered. Depending on the applicant's desired major, the Committee will be considering specific coursework. The most competitive applicants will have completed 4 years of English, math and science in addition to foreign language, history, social sciences and the arts.

What test scores will you use to make the admission decision?

Combined test scores for SAT or the ACT (including writing) will be considered in the admission decision for fall 2010. 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). **Middle 50% for test scores of admitted students: SAT1880-2080 & ACT 28-31.**

What is the average class size?

The average class size is 26 students. The faculty to student ratio is 14:1

What is co-op and explain the real-world experience that students get at Northeastern?

Northeastern offers four ways for students to get real world experience. Research Opportunities, Global Learning, Civic Engagement, and our signature program co-op program prepare our students for the challenges ahead of them

- **Research Opportunities**

Our faculty members pursue interdisciplinary research in areas such as nanotechnology, robotics, urban and public policy, transportation infrastructure sensing, and information security. This focus on research that solves real-world problems extends to undergraduates. Students present their research work at Northeastern's annual Scholarship and Technology Expo, at conferences, and in scholarly journals. Visit www.northeastern.edu/experiential-learning/student-research/ for more information.

- **Global Learning**

Our global learning experience options range beyond traditional study-abroad to focused cultural studies, research and co-op. Programs run from four weeks to a full year and are available in 52 countries around the globe. Visit www.northeastern.edu/experiential-learning/global-experience for more information.

- **Civic Engagement**

A core academic value, prepares our students to help shape a world of healthy, diverse, vibrant cities through local, national and international partnerships. A growing number of classes incorporate organized service activities and projects that meet needs identified by the community. Please visit www.northeastern.edu/experiential-learning/service-learning for more information.

- **Co-op**

Our signature program cooperative education or “co-op,” brings academics to life and better prepares you for work or graduate study. As a full-time undergraduate student, you’ll spend up to three six month periods working full time, and they are usually for pay. During co-op periods, you don’t pay tuition but you are considered a full-time student and may live in a campus residence hall and participate in student activities. To learn more, visit www.northeastern.edu/experiential-learning/cooperative-education/

Does the University find co-op jobs for students?

Northeastern helps you find positions, or you can propose your own. A co-op coordinator works with you to bridge classroom studies to your workplace experiences.

Where can students eat?

In total there are 26 options on campus, including four dining halls, cafés, and fast food spots. There are also many more off-campus options.

1. International Village Dining Hall
2. Freshman residence hall Dining Halls
3. Food court at the Curry Student Center
4. Several on-campus and off-campus food vendors and restaurants

How safe is the campus and area?

Northeastern was ranked the 2nd safest campus in 2008 by Reader’s Digest. 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 recreational athletic facilities (“the gym”; i.e. Marino Center, Cabot Center, Badger & Rosen Squashbusters Center)?

No, all you need is a student ID to gain access to the centers. 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 first-year students 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?

First-year students 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 \$2,000 to full tuition.
- The transfer scholarships are \$5,000 and are considered for those transfers who are Phi Beta Kappa.

Northeastern also offers National Merit and National Achievement scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for freshman.

Do you provide assistance for students with learning disabilities?

Yes. Visit the Disability Resource Center website at www.drc.neu.edu or call (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, civic engagement and global learning.

Do you offer ROTC programs?

Yes. We offer Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and Navy Nursing ROTC.

- **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 from \$300 - \$500 per month. For more detailed information contact visit www.rotc.neu.edu or contact Captain Michael Bowles, Enrollment Officer and Assistant Professor of Military Science at m.bowles@neu.edu or 617.373.2375.
- **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. For 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. 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.

Visiting Campus

Northeastern offers a variety of visit options for prospective students. Visiting campus is a great way for prospective students to get a complete sense of what it's like to be a Northeastern student. A complete list of visit options can be found at www.northeastern.edu/admissions/visitcampus.

Advance registration is preferred for all campus visit options. Registration should be done through the website: www.northeastern.edu/admissions/visitcampus.

The Admissions Visitor Center is located in the Behrakis Health Science Center, room 110. **Hours are:**

- Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm
- Saturday 8:30am-1:00pm
- Holiday operating hours vary – **please encourage families to check the website frequently**

Phone: 617.373.2200

Web: www.northeastern.edu/admissions/visitcampus

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)

Fall 2011 Open Houses for *prospective students*:

Saturday, October 16
Saturday, November 6

More information about Open House, including register details, can be found by visiting www.northeastern.edu/admissions/open_house

Contacting the Alumni Admissions Volunteer Program

For questions regarding the Alumni Admission Program, please visit www.northeastern.edu/admissions/alumni.
For additional questions or comments, please contact:

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Note when meeting alumni:

Remind all alumni who you meet that all legacy application are read by Bill Purnell reads. If they have any questions about the admissions process or should that want to have their son or daughter arrange a personal meeting to discuss their application with Bill, be sure provide his direct contact information (see above).