

**Admitted Students
Frequently Asked Questions
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

Is there a deadline by which I need to confirm my acceptance?

The Graduate School does not require confirmation of attendance by a specific date. However, we would appreciate your letting us know your plans as soon as they are determined. Please note that some of our academic departments set their own deadlines by which you must respond. This information will be communicated to you directly by your academic department.

When will my I-20 be issued?

An I-20/DS20-19 can take 2-3 weeks to process after receipt of the DCF. Please note that all I-20s are sent via overnight delivery. Do not make a visa appointment until you have received your I-20 or DS-2019.

Will I receive an assistantship?

If you did not receive an award offer with your letter of admission, you have yet to be recommended for one by your department. Feel free to contact your academic department if you have questions.

Who should I contact if I didn't receive funding?

You can contact the Graduate Coordinator in your academic department since departments make recommendations to the Graduate School for funding.

How do I apply for student loans?

In order to apply for student loans, you will need to complete a FAFSA via the web. The form may be found on our Graduate Student Financial Services web site, www.financialaid.neu.edu/home.php. The priority deadline for filing is March 1.

What is my NUID number?

Your NUID number is noted on the bottom of your admission letter.

What is my international ID number?

Your international ID number is the PKID number listed at the bottom of your admissions letter.

What is my postal/ZIP code?

Please use the postal/ZIP code you used at the time of your application. If your postal code is longer or shorter than 5 digits, please use these variations to see if it will work: First 5 digits or last five digits. If your postal code is less than 5 digits, please add a 0 to the beginning or end.

How do I obtain a Northeastern University email account?

Go <http://www.myneu.neu.edu> and click on “how do I get a myNEU username and password” to create your student/email account.

Is on-campus housing available?

On-campus graduate housing is extremely limited. Please refer to the following links for further information.

Department of Residential Life

housing@neu.edu

www.northeastern.edu/reslife/

Off-Campus Services

housing@neu.edu

<http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

Who is my advisor?

Generally, first year students are advised by the Graduate Coordinator in the academic department. Please contact your Graduate Coordinator prior to registering for courses.

When does registration begin and how do I register for classes?

Registration usually begins in mid-July for Fall semester, and mid-November for Spring admission. You can register via your myNEU account. Please adhere to the posted registration deadlines and ensure you are properly registered prior to the first day of classes.

I haven't earned my degree yet, can I submit the transcript later?

Yes. Please submit your official transcript to us as soon as your degree and date earned is reflected on the transcript. Normally, institutions post degrees a few weeks after commencement. The Graduate Schools allows you up to 30 days after classes start to submit your transcript. If the official transcript is not received within this timeframe, your registration for the next semester will be blocked.

Is there an orientation?

You will be notified directly from your department when and where their new student orientation will take place.

Am I required to enroll in the University's student health insurance plan (NU SHIP)?

Massachusetts law requires all full-time and three-quarters-time college students enrolled in a degree or certificate program to demonstrate evidence of coverage by a qualifying health plan for unanticipated medical costs. For further information, please refer to the University Health and Counseling Services website at <http://www.northeastern.edu/uhrs/access/insurance.html>

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Email is our preferred method of communication with applicants. If the FAQs above do not address your questions, please email us at gsas@neu.edu. We will respond to your inquiry in a timely manner.

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