

*International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI)*  
**ISSI ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**  
*Schedule of Events - January 2010*

*This schedule is subject to change. Please be certain to stop by the International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI), 405 Ell Hall, upon your arrival to campus for updates. Important: undergraduate students (except those in special exchange programs and CPS) must register for orientation online through their myNEU account by accessing the myNEU portal.*

**Wednesday, January 6**

**Move-in to Residence Halls for New International Students (1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)**

New international students who have residence hall assignments may move into their rooms today during the time period specified above.

**University ID Cards (Husky Cards) for New International Undergraduate Students**

Times and locations for obtaining a Northeastern Student Identification Card (Husky Card) will be announced. Please bring your passport and Form I-20 or DS-2019 with you.

**Immigration Clearance for New Global Pathways Students (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). New Global Pathways students will have the opportunity to reserve their place for ISSI cultural events from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. during ISSI Orientation today. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

**ISSI Welcome Reception for New Global Pathways Students (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)**

Staff and student leaders from the International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) cordially invite all new Global Pathways students to a reception in their honor. Meet staff, mingle with peers, and enjoy international cuisine as you begin your studies at Northeastern University. Location: Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Curry Student Center.

**Thursday, January 7**

**English Language Center ESL Exam for Conditionally Admitted Students (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)**

New international students who have been "conditionally admitted" are required to take this exam today. You will be informed if you are "conditionally admitted" by either the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or your graduate school upon acceptance. The results of this exam will be used to determine readiness for full-time academic study. Location: 215 Shillman.

**ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New International Undergraduate Students (9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

Obtain crucial welcome and arrival materials pertinent to international students, including the final ISSI Orientation schedule and other important information. New international undergraduate students will have the opportunity to complete immigration clearance, obtain details on undergraduate orientation, take a campus tour, and learn about campus services and cultural programs. Meet your peers, attend a banking workshop, or learn more about the various cultural events listed in this schedule. New international undergraduate students should plan on visiting the ISSI Welcome Center at any time during the hours listed above. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

• **Immigration Clearance for New International Undergraduate Students with Last Names Beginning A through M (9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Thursday, January 7 (continued)

- **Reserve Your Place for ISSI Cultural Events - New International Undergraduate Students (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)**

Be a part of the excitement of *ISSI on the Go!* and enjoy the culture and scenic beauty of Boston, New England, and beyond. Advance reservations with the ISSI are required to ensure your participation. Space is limited, especially for out-of-town activities, so be certain to reserve/confirm your place at the ISSI as early as possible. This time is reserved specifically for international undergraduate students. All others should refer to the times listed later in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Campus Tour (11:00 a.m.)**

ISSI Student Leaders offer a guided tour of Northeastern's campus. Tour departs from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for New International Undergraduate Students with Last Names Beginning with N - Z (10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.)**

This required information session is crucial for gaining a comprehensive understanding of how international students in "F" (student) and "J" (exchange visitor) non-immigrant visa classifications must comply with U.S. government mandates and related federal policies and procedures. ISSI Staff will clarify federal regulations and procedures that are mandated through the implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), in order to ensure the maintenance of your legal status in the U.S. *All new international students must attend a SEVIS Information Session.* Location: 312 Ell Hall.

### **ISSI Welcome Banquet for New International Undergraduate Students & Their Families (12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) cordially invites new international undergraduate students and their families to attend the ISSI's annual Welcome Banquet to meet and dine with students, staff, faculty, and ISSI Leaders from throughout the world. Speakers from the University will offer welcoming remarks as you begin your affiliation with our diverse community. Complimentary tickets are available today on a first-come, first-served basis, at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Location: Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Curry Student Center.

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for New International Undergraduate Students with Last Names Beginning with A - M (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)**

Staff members from the International Student & Scholar Institute will clarify federal regulations and procedures that are mandated through the implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), in order to ensure the maintenance of your legal status in the U.S. This required information session is crucial for gaining a comprehensive understanding of how international students in "F" (student) and "J" (exchange visitor) non-immigrant visa classifications must comply with U.S. government mandates and related federal policies and procedures. *All new international students must attend a SEVIS Information Session.* Location: 312 Ell Hall.

### **ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New Undergraduate International Students (1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders are available to assist in facilitating your transition to campus life. Learn about cultural activities, complete immigration clearance, or relax with peers. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Immigration Clearance for New International Undergraduate Students with Last Names Beginning with N through Z (1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Thursday, January 7 (continued)

- **Office of New Student Orientation Resource Table for International Undergraduate Students (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

Representatives from the Office of New Student Orientation will be available to answer questions about the University's undergraduate student orientation program to be held on January 8. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Banking Workshop (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

Bank representatives will be available to assist you with personal finance issues, explain general banking procedures in the U.S., and offer the opportunity to open a bank account at any time during this workshop. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Student Life, Academic Success, Health & Safety Issues Seminar for All New International Students (3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)**

Learn ways to survive and thrive in the campus and classroom cultures of Northeastern University and the United States. Brief presentations will be made by representatives of various university departments such as Information Services, Snell Library, Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Public Safety, UHCS, Student Financial Services, and Spiritual Life. ISSI student leaders will also offer their perspectives on how to pursue an academically and interculturally successful student experience. This seminar is open to all new international students. Location: 200 Richards Hall.

### **An Informal Evening Outing with ISSI Orientation Leaders (6:00 p.m.)**

Join ISSI student leaders from around the world for this informal evening outing that introduces you to Boston's nightlife. Options for the evening range from dinner at a local restaurant featuring cultural cuisine to a visit to one of Boston's favorite entertainment locales. Group departs promptly from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for this activity in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Friday, January 8

#### **SCHEDULE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

*All new international undergraduate students – with the exception of special exchange program students and new College of Professional Studies (CPS) students – should follow the schedule outlined below for today.*

#### **University Orientation Program Check-in (7:00 a.m.)**

New undergraduate students will receive essential University orientation session materials at this mandatory check-in. A continental breakfast will be provided. Location: Curry Student Center, Indoor Quad.

#### **Undergraduate Orientation Welcome Session (7:30 a.m.)**

This formal welcome to the University provides essential information about the day's program as you are greeted by campus administrators and orientation leaders for the all-university undergraduate orientation program. Refer to the schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

#### **All-Campus Orientation Leader Welcome (8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.)**

Meet your all-campus orientation leader and new classmates and review today's schedule. Refer to the schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

#### **Dining Services and Husky Card Options (8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)**

Refer to the schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

#### **Husky Hello (9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**

Join University officials from Housing & Residential Life, the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, and the Office of Prevention and Education. Refer to the schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

## **Friday, January 8 (continued)**

### **Make Your Mark: Student Activities (10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

Refer to the orientation schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

### **Co-op Employment Information Session for New International Students (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

This session presents an essential overview of important immigration and employment regulations that govern international students who plan to apply for Curricular Practical Training (e.g., work authorization for a co-op job) while in the U.S. Proper authorization in advance of employment is a crucial component toward ensuring compliance with SEVIS requirements. ISSI Staff will discuss U.S. government regulations and required immigration procedures that international students must complete prior to beginning any co-op job. This session is required of all new international undergraduate students; graduate students whose programs include a Co-op requirement are welcome to attend. Location: 200 Richards Hall.

### **myPAWS: for Undergraduate Students (12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.)**

Undergraduate students will learn about their *myPAWS* account at this session. Please refer to the orientation schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for location and further details.

### **Academic Welcome Session for New Undergraduate Students (12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.)**

New undergraduate students will meet their College Dean and College Advisors to learn about the requirements of their academic program and the student services provided by their College. Locations to be announced in the schedule distributed at the 7:00 a.m. check-in. Students should pick up their box lunch in Ell Hall Lobby before reporting to their Academic Welcome session.

### **Academic Advising and Registration for New Undergraduate Students (1:15 p.m.)**

New undergraduate students will meet with their academic advisor to finalize their course schedule and to complete course registration. Locations to be announced in the schedule distributed at the 7:00 a.m. check-in.

### **Orientation Service Express (2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

Meet representatives from various on-campus services, student organizations, and local vendors. Please refer to the orientation schedule received at the 7:00 a.m. Orientation Check-in for further details. Location: Indoor Quad, Curry Student Center.

## **SCHEDULE FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS**

*New international graduate students should follow the schedule below today. Additionally, graduate students may attend the Student Life, Academic Success, Health & Safety Issues Seminar for New International Students on Thursday, January 7.*

### **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students with Last Names Beginning A through M (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students with Last Names Beginning N through Z (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

Friday, January 8 (continued)

**Co-op Employment Information Session for New International Undergraduate and Graduate Students Who Will Be Participating in Co-op (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**

Please refer to previous description. Location: 200 Richards Hall.

**ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New International Graduate Students (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

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- **Campus Tour (1:15 p.m.)**

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- **Reserve Your Place for ISSI Cultural Events - New International Graduate Students (1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

Be a part of the excitement of *ISSI on the Go!* and enjoy the culture and scenic beauty of Boston, New England, and beyond. Advance reservations with the ISSI are required to ensure your participation at these cultural and social events. Space is limited, especially for out-of-town activities, so be certain to reserve/confirm your place at the ISSI as early as possible. This date and time is reserved specifically for international graduate students. All others should refer to the times allocated later in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Off-Campus Housing Information (2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)**

ISSI Orientation Leaders and Off-Campus Student Services staff will be available to discuss various living options and practical strategies for finding housing. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Banking Workshop (2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

Bank representatives will be available to assist you with personal finance issues, explain general banking procedures in the U.S. and offer the opportunity to open a bank account at any time during this workshop. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

**Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for International Graduate Students (4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.)**

This required information session is crucial for gaining a comprehensive understanding of how international students in "F" (student) and "J" (exchange visitor) non-immigrant visa classifications must comply with U.S. government mandates and related federal policies and procedures. ISSI staff will clarify federal regulations and procedures that are mandated through the implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), in order to ensure the maintenance of your legal status in the U.S. *All new international students must attend a SEVIS Information Session.* Location: ISSI, 200 Richards Hall.

**ISSI Welcome Reception for New International Graduate Students (5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) cordially invites all new international graduate students and their families to attend this ISSI Welcome Reception held in their honor. Meet and mingle with other new students, staff, and ISSI Leaders from throughout the world. Complimentary tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Location: Alumni Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus Place, 716 Columbus Avenue.

**University ID Cards (Husky Cards) for New International Graduate Students**

Times and locations for obtaining a Northeastern Student Identification Card (Husky Card) will be announced. Please bring your passport and Form I-20 or DS-2019 with you.

## Friday, January 8 (continued)

### **SCHEDULE FOR GLOBAL PATHWAYS, ELC, AND CPS STUDENTS**

*New international students enrolling in the Global Pathways program, ELC, or specified CPS programs should attend the sessions as outlined below in addition to other activities planned specifically for them as listed elsewhere in this schedule.*

- **SEVIS Information Session for New Global Pathways Students (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**  
This information session is required of all new international students in the Global Pathways program in order to ensure compliance with U.S. immigration regulations as they pertain to international students, particularly as they relate to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and other important federal policies/procedures. *Attendance at this mandatory session is essential for international students to maintain proper non-immigrant visa status.* Location: 020 West Village F.
- **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for International Students in College of Professional Studies (CPS) and English Language Center (ELC) Programs (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**  
ISSI staff will clarify federal regulations and procedures that are mandated through the implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), in order to ensure the maintenance of a student's legal status in the U.S. This information session is crucial for gaining a comprehensive understanding of how international students in "F" (student) and "J" (exchange visitor) non-immigrant visa classifications must comply with U.S. government mandates and related federal policies and procedures. *All new international students must attend a SEVIS Information Session.* Location: 10 Behrakis.
- **Immigration Clearance for New International Students in the CPS Bachelor Completion Program and English Language Center (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**  
New international students enrolling in the Bachelor Completion Program of the College of the Professional Studies and those enrolling in the English Language Center must complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI today. Other CPS students will complete immigration clearance on Monday, January 11. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20, and I-20(s) from previous schools attended in the U.S. *Immigration Clearance is required of all new international students prior to registration.* Location: 312 Ell Hall.

## Saturday, January 9

### **Required Orientation for New CPS Students (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

Representatives from the College of Professional Studies will provide new students with an overview of services offered by CPS to ensure that students succeed in their academic programs. For details, check the CPS website, <http://www.cps.neu.edu/student-services/office-of-academic-and-student-services-support/orientation>.

Location: Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Curry Student Center.

### **The New England Aquarium & Boston's "Little Italy" (2:00 p.m.)**

Experience an aquatic adventure at the New England Aquarium, home to more than 7,000 maritime species from around the world. Observe penguins, pick up a live horseshoe crab, or watch a shark feeding in the 200,000-gallon "Giant Ocean Tank." After enjoying a tour of the aquarium, ISSI Orientation Leaders will take you on a short walk to Boston's historic North End – one of the largest Italian communities in the United States – where you can choose from among dozens of eateries that await your discerning palate. The group will depart from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, punctually at 2:00 p.m. Please sign up at the ISSI in advance if you wish to join this exciting day of discovery.

## Sunday, January 10

### **Walking Tour of Historic Boston (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

A walking tour of Boston in the middle of the winter? Absolutely! Immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of the city's sites of significance, as we wend our way past such renowned locations and landmarks as Copley Square, the Boston Common, Louisburg Square, the Granary Burial Ground, and Quincy Marketplace to gain firsthand insight into the rich heritage of Boston. To be a part of this intriguing exploration, reserve your place in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group leaves promptly at 1:00 p.m. from the front entrance of Ell Hall.

## Monday, January 11

### **Classes Begin Today**

#### **Immigration Clearance for New International Students in the College of Professional Studies (CPS)**

##### **(9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for students with last names beginning with A through M)**

New international students enrolling in CPS must complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI today. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20, and I-20(s) from previous schools attended in the U.S. Immigration Clearance is required of all new international students. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

##### **(1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for students with last names beginning with N through Z)**

Refer to description above. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### **Reserve Your Place for ISSI Cultural Events – New International CPS Students**

##### **(9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

CPS students and any other new international students who have yet to reserve their place for ISSI Orientation cultural activities may do so today during the times specified above. Advance reservations are required since space may be limited for some events. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### **ISSI Welcome Reception for New International CPS Students (4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders cordially invite all new international students enrolling in the College of Professional Studies to a reception in their honor. Meet staff, mingle with peers, and enjoy light international cuisine while learning about an array of cultural programs and services sponsored by the ISSI. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Tuesday, January 12

#### **Late Immigration Clearance (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

Those international students who have yet to complete Immigration Clearance should bring their passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to the ISSI during this time. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Wednesday, January 13

#### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for International Students (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

Refer to description on January 7. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Thursday, January 14

#### **International Chess Tournament (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Try your hand at this game of wit and elaborate strategy, enjoyed worldwide by countless enthusiasts and professionals alike. Chess, in its present form, evolved in the later half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century in Southern Europe from a similar, much older game of Indian origin, with cultural variations in different countries, making the game of chess a truly international sport. Whether you are a novice or a veteran, you are welcome to join Northeastern University's Chess Club as they offer an opportunity for you to test your talent. The games will commence punctually at 3:00 p.m. at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Please sign up for this activity in advance at the ISSI.

## Friday, January 15

#### **ISSI Carnevale 2010 Committee Meeting (4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)**

ISSI Carnevale is an annual two-month festival sponsored by ISSI to celebrate cultural diversity through an exploration of music, art, dance, dialogue, poetry, song, sports, food, and fashion, as well as intercultural themes that are both traditional and contemporary. The ISSI wants you to be part of it all! Join us for this ISSI Carnevale 2010 Committee Meeting if you would like to be part of the planning and implementation process of more than 35 cultural events that span the globe. Committee applications available at the ISSI. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Friday, January 15 (continued)

#### **ISSI Night of a Hundred Stars (7:00 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders invite you to shine in the spotlight during this informal evening that features new and continuing student showcasing an eclectic array of talent from around the world. Past performances have included traditional dances from India, Egyptian comedy, modern guitar solos, Latin vocalists, a “no-talent-necessary” chair act à la Kunal, and much more. If you would like to perform in this intercultural talent show, sign up at the ISSI. Otherwise, come to support your new friends and see what ISSI Leaders have in store for you. Bring your passion and penchant for performance tonight. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Saturday, January 16

#### **ISSI on the Go! New York! New York! (6:16 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.)**

Journey to the city that never sleeps as the ISSI takes you to one of the world’s most vibrant and vital centers of commerce and culture, New York City. Our day in Manhattan begins with a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty, a veritable icon of U.S. history. From there, the group will wend its way towards Times Square via glamorous Fifth Avenue with time allocated for shopping in the city’s chic boutiques and department stores. Along the way, feel free to detour to Rockefeller Center – a central gathering place for shopping and people-watching. Later that afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of NBC television studios, to be followed by a brief outing to Greenwich Village, where you will have ample opportunity to choose from among a myriad of eateries offering an eclectic array of international and local cuisine. Advance reservations are required; reserve your place early at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. The bus will depart promptly from the rotary at Forsyth Street at 6:16 a.m.

### Sunday, January 17

#### **ISSI on the Go! The Grandeur of Newport, Rhode Island (8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

Experience the lifestyle of a foregone era in American history at the lavish mansions of Newport, Rhode Island. The journey begins at “The Elms,” built as a summer residence modeled after the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century French Château d’Asnières. In 1901, construction of The Elms was completed at the cost of nearly \$1.5 million. This opulent mansion boasts a priceless collection of French-designed furniture, Renaissance ceramics, Venetian paintings, and Chinese jades. After enjoying a self-guided tour and a unique, guided “behind-the-scenes” walk through the staff quarters, we will take a break for lunch and, weather permitting, the group will stroll along the Cliff Walk, which offers scenic and dramatic views of Narragansett Bay. Later that afternoon, enjoy a tour of “The Breakers,” a 70-room “cottage” and the grandest of Newport’s summer homes - a symbol of the gilded age and of the Vanderbilt family’s social preeminence at the turn of the century. Reservations are required in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Group departs promptly at 8:30 a.m. from the front entrance of Ell Hall.

### Tuesday, January 19

#### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for International Students (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

Refer to description on January 7. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Thursday, January 21

#### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for International Students (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

Refer to description on January 7. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Thursday, January 21 (continued)

#### **An Evening at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (4:00 p.m.)**

Isabella Stewart Gardner, one of Boston's most prominent "Brahmins," traveled the globe at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to amass an amazing collection of priceless works of art. The museum, Mrs. Gardner's home, built to resemble an Italian villa, houses the masterpieces of such renowned artists as Botticelli, Raphael, and Rembrandt. Enjoy a violin and guitar performance at the stunning indoor courtyard brimming with plants and flowers from the on-site greenhouses or stroll through a special exhibition gallery where you can converse with artist Taro Shinoda about her works of art. This museum, which has remained unchanged since Mrs. Gardner's death, is sure to fascinate you with its timeless charm and eclectic collections. Advance registration is required at the ISSI. Group departs promptly from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, at 4:00 p.m.

### Saturday, January 23 – Sunday, January 24

#### **ISSI on the Go! A Winter Weekend in Vermont (Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – Monday, 6:30 p.m.)**

This northern New England adventure takes you to quaint villages set amidst the backdrop of the Green Mountain National Forest. Renowned for its rustic charm and panoramic views of farms, fields, and forests, the Green Mountains offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Relax in a historic inn while making new friends, as you enjoy stimulating conversation and a delicious dinner. During the weekend, the group will venture deep into the Vermont countryside to experience the agricultural heritage of the region. Sample an array of award-winning cheeses, enjoy a visit to a famous ice cream factory, taste locally pressed apple cider, learn how Vermont maple syrup is made, or simply enjoy a walk through a snowy forest. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your place for this event at early at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday from the front entrance of Ell Hall.

### Sunday, January 24

#### **Ice Skating at Boston Common: A Hop, Skate, and a Jump to the Frog Pond (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

The essence of a New England winter includes sleigh rides, snow angels, and of course, ice skating. This weekend afternoon activity takes place at the Boston Common Frog Pond Skating Rink, located in one of the oldest public parks in the United States. Whether gliding gracefully across the ice, or taking your first steps on skates, brace yourself for a great time. Participants must reserve their place in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 1:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 27

#### **Cooking Across the Continents (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

Join ISSI staff and student leaders in this unique, collaborative effort to showcase culture across the culinary arts. Take a journey from India to Italy without leaving the kitchen as you travel alongside students from around the world on this gastronomic expedition. Enjoy this opportunity to prepare and taste cuisine from various countries while discovering the secrets behind some of the most delicious dishes in the world. Those participating will receive an ISSI cookbook. Reserve your place in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Thursday, January 28

#### **The Boston Symphony Orchestra (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

Witness firsthand the talent of one of the most renowned orchestras in the world at this Open Rehearsal that features major works of Carter, Berlioz, and Ravel. Participants will experience a unique opportunity to watch a working rehearsal in progress while enjoying this captivating concert, as conducted by James Levine. Advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Confirmed participants will depart promptly from the ISSI at 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 29**

**NU Ice Hockey Game (6:30 p.m.)**

Witness the spectacle and thrill of ice hockey action while cheering the “Huskies” on to victory, as the Northeastern University Men’s Ice Hockey team plays against the University of Massachusetts Lowell team. If you wish to be part of the ISSI group, advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, January 30**

***ISSI on the Go! Cross-Country Skiing in New Hampshire (8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)***

Traverse the snowy woodlands of southern New Hampshire that provide a pristine backdrop for this exhilarating outdoor escapade along an extensive network of wooded cross-country ski trails with spectacular mountain views. Whether partaking of this winter sport or hiking/snowshoeing through the New Hampshire countryside, you are certain to be mesmerized by the tranquility and beauty that surrounds you. Don’t miss this quintessential New England winter pastime in the Granite State. Reservations are required in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. The group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 8:30 a.m.

*The staff and student leaders of the International Student & Scholar Institute look forward to welcoming you to Northeastern University!*