Welcome to The N.U.in Program

The N.U.in Program is unique and innovative first-year international program that reflects the mission of Northeastern University: encouraging our students to grow as individuals, develop an affinity for Northeastern, and actively engage in a supportive community that emphasizes global citizenship and a holistic academic experience.

The N.U.in Program is a good fit for students who wish to engage in a personally challenging and academically integrated experience with an international edge. The N.U.in Program provides a truly transformative experience to students who are ready for the challenge. Our students are well-prepared for translating their knowledge into marketable assets throughout college and in the future. N.U.in alumni are adventurous, ambitious, intellectually curious, reflective, and independent individuals who engage in their own learning. They share a passion for the world and thrive in their community.

Wishing you a great 2016 semester!
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INTRODUCTION

The N.U.in Program provides an enrollment opportunity for talented students who we wish to welcome to our community but are unable to accommodate on the Boston campus in the fall. N.U.in is a selective program designed for those who are especially motivated to enroll at Northeastern and to participate in co-op and other experiential learning programs. This unique first-year experience provides students with the support to develop as trailblazers with skills to differentiate themselves in the classroom, the job market, and beyond.

Goals

• To provide students with an early opportunity to have an enriching first-year international experience

• To provide a supportive environment that encourages students to develop self-awareness, enhanced cultural sensitivity, respect for diverse beliefs and opinions, ability to interact and collaborate with individuals and communities of diverse backgrounds

• To provide N.U.in participants with a holistic academic experience while earning credit toward their Northeastern undergraduate degree

• To provide structure and support to help transition from high school into college

• To provide guidance to families and students as they navigate this important transition

• To foster a community-building environment

• To build Northeastern affinity and orient students to the Northeastern culture
# USEFUL CONTACTS

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## COLLEGES & PROGRAMS

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THE N.U.in PROGRAM STAFF

Spending a semester abroad is an exciting and rewarding opportunity, and The N.U.in Program is committed to maintaining an academically challenging, healthy, safe and fun environment for all students. As part of this commitment, Northeastern provides staff members at each location who accompany and provide on-site support to students, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Each location has:
- Site Lead(s)
- Assistant Site Lead(s) (based on participant enrollment)
- International Student Advisors (ISAs)

Site Leads and Assistant Site Leads all hold advanced degrees, and have experience in the student affairs and international education fields. ISAs are either current Northeastern students on co-op, or recent graduates of Northeastern. Together, this team can respond to a range of issues and serve as a resource to participants on-site and family members at home. Email addresses for our Site Leads will be made available via email before departure.

Each team also has a Site Lead/Assistant Director who is Boston-based. This person coordinates the planning with our international partners prior to enrollment and departure, works with students and parents during the pre-departure process, and communicates with site staff on a daily basis while participants are abroad. Assistant Director are also a resource for parents and families throughout the fall semester.

Boston-based Staff

Director: Lauren Kettler
Associate Director: Gary Vogel
Senior Assistants: Grant Dauber (Greece)
Quinn Emmons (Canada, Ireland UCD)
Assistant Directors: Laura Brond (Australia: SUT and USYD)
Josh Hochman (England, Germany, Ireland: FIE@DBS)
Site Leads/Transition Managers: Kate Berge, Alex Ries, and Anna White
Program Coordinators: Paola Santana and Tiffany Medeiros
STUDENT VISA

Student Visa for England

All N.U.in students need a passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the student’s scheduled program end date.

All N.U.in England students require a Pre-Entry Clearance (PEC) Tier 4 General Student Visa to study and participate in Service-Learning. All N.U.in enrollment forms must be completed within the myNEU student portal, as well as in FIE’s enrollment system, before students can apply for a visa. Once the forms are submitted and processed, the student will be supplied with a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) number.

Once students have their CAS number, they may apply for their student visa online. There are additional steps to be completed after this application, including a biometrics appointment, and possible submission of additional documents. Students with passports from non-English speaking countries (including permanent residents of the United States) must submit a certificate from the “IELTS for UK Visas - Academic” English language test in order to receive a CAS number. Note: the UK government will not accept TOEFL and TOEIC certificates as proof of English ability.

Citizens of the European Economic Area or Switzerland DO NOT need to apply for a visa, and are the only exception. All other students traveling on other passports, including citizens of the US, do need to obtain a Tier 4 Student Visa.

Please visit our website to learn more about the visa process, and for a visa guide.

F-1 Student Visa for the US (International Students only)

All international N.U.in students must apply for a nonimmigrant student visa at a US Embassy or Consulate to start their Spring semester in the US at Northeastern University. For information regarding the requirements for an F-1 Student Visa, please contact your nearest Embassy or Consulate directly.

International students receive an information sheet detailing the application process for a student (F-1) visa with their admissions letter. The first step requires international students to submit certain paperwork, including the Declaration of Finances form to Northeastern. Once students submit the required documentation, they will then receive their I-20. While our on-site staff can assist in connecting participants with the nearest US Consulate while on site, students must research whether they are able to apply for their F-1 Student Visa while on site prior to their arrival in Boston. Failure to conduct this type of research can seriously complicate the F-1 visa process. Students must be prepared to arrive to campus in Boston by early January.

N.U.in England students who need to obtain F-1 visas will need to begin this process while in London. Our on-site staff is able to assist students in connecting with the US Embassy in London, to submit their F-1 visa application.

International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI)

The ISSI at Northeastern supports international students as they prepare to arrive to campus, and while they are studying in Boston. Students with questions about I-20s or F-1 Student Visas should contact the ISSI directly for guidance:

**ph:** 617.373.2310  
**email:** issi@neu.edu
PACKING LIST

General Tips for Packing

- Remove anything that could be perceived as threatening or suspicious at a security checkpoint.
- Avoid over-packing so that all luggage and checked bags can be opened and closed with ease.
- Check with your airline prior to departure for any updates regarding luggage allowances.
- Take a few personal items that will help remind you of home (e.g. pictures or any thing that you have an emotional tie with).
- Consider local culture when packing clothes.
- Pack one warm jacket and/or sweater and comfortable walking shoes.
- Do not take expensive jewelry or luxury items which would mark you as a target for a pickpocket.

Pack for the Weather!

The weather in London can be variable, though expect rain and cooler temperatures as the semester progresses. Beachwear such as short skirts, and light dresses are normally not appropriate in London. The weather never gets hot enough to warrant these types of clothes, and revealing garments are not common among Londoners. The average temperatures and precipitation in London are:

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Pack Lightly!

- Remember, WHATEVER YOU PACK, YOU WILL HAVE TO CARRY. Be conscious of the weight of your bags, since transporting them around the world on planes, trains, and buses will be difficult if you over-pack.
- Put everything you plan to pack on your bed. Then, pack HALF of that amount. Most students say they brought about twice as much clothing as they needed!
- Bring mostly clothes that are machine washable. Dry cleaning may be expensive. Dark clothing will not show wear as quickly.
- In most cases, it may be better to purchase toiletries and appliances (hair dryers and straighteners) once you are in London.

Adapter

An adapter is a device that will allows American appliances to be plugged into UK outlets. They can be purchased at any electronics store for about $5. Students may want to consider buying a universal adapter for use outside of England if they are planning to travel during breaks.

Voltage Converter

The electricity supply in the UK is 240 volts alternating at a frequency of 50 Hertz. Some electrical appliances will require a converter. We strongly recommend that participants purchase items like hair
Use the below list as a guideline to **pick and choose what is essential for you.**

### Clothing
- 1 pair of rainproof walking shoes
- 1 pair of flip-flops
- Socks
- Underwear
- Shorts
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 hat
- 1 professional outfit (a nice pair of trousers/skirt; nice button-down top or blouse)
- 1 dressy outfit
- Skirts/trousers
- Shirts
- Sweater/sweatshirt
- Poncho/rain jacket
- 1 light jacket/Windbreaker
- Sleepwear
- Athletic wear

### Miscellaneous
- Watch
- Journal
- Books, guides, maps
- Duffle bag/Backpack
- Change purse
- Luggage lock/tags
- Battery operated alarm clock
- Adapter and voltage converter
- Towel/washcloth
- Required textbooks (best purchased online and shipped directly to London)
- Laptop/charger
- Scientific calculator (only applicable to certain majors)

### Documents
- Passport, Visa, Police Background Check
- 3 copies of passport, visa, police check
- Student Visitor Letter (emailed with the CAS Statement)
- Flight itinerary (boarding pass will be issued directly to the participant by the airline at the airport)
- Photo ID
- Cash, credit/debit cards (and copies)
*Remember to leave copies of all documents/credit cards at home!*

### Medicine and Toiletries
- Prescription Medicine (make sure you can travel internationally with your prescription, verify what documentation you need to legally transport your prescription; travel supply advised)
- Comb/brush
- Sunscreen, moisturizers, cosmetics
- Deodorant
- Aspirin/Tylenol/Ibuprofen products
- Feminine hygiene products
- Razors (in checked-luggage only)
- Extra eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Extra contact lenses and solution
- Tweezers, nail files/polish, etc. (in checked-luggage only)

### Notes
GROUP FLIGHT

Pre-departure

Participants on the Group Flight must check their email for an important Departure Information communication that will include all details for the day of travel, including phone numbers to call in case of a travel delay or emergency. To ensure the safety of everyone, both students traveling on the Group Flight and those traveling independently must provide N.U.in with the details of their itinerary, including any and all connecting flights. Participants will receive an email prompting them to provide these flight details prior to departure.

Travel to England

Participants travel independently from their home cities to join the Group Flight in either Boston or New York, where they check-in with N.U.in or Advantage Travel staff in the appropriate ticket counter, outside of security at least 3 hours before the Group Flight departure. Students then travel on the Group Flight together, and N.U.in site staff greet them in the airport in London, England. Buses will be waiting to take students directly to their student residence halls.

We ask that participants wear their N.U.in t-shirt for identification purposes in the airports in Boston/New York and in London.

Departure from England

On the last day of the program, buses will be arranged to bring participants on the Group Flight to the airport from the residence hall. From there, students will go through security together and travel as a group back to the US. Students may depart for home, or travel elsewhere, once all finals and academic requirements have been completed.
**INDEPENDENT TRAVELERS**

**Pre-departure**

Any participant who chooses to fly to London separately from the Group Flight books his/her own flights, and will receive a credit on their bill equal to the cost of one Group Flight airline ticket.

Just like participants on the Group Flight, independent travelers must check their email for an important Departure Information communication that will include all details for the day of travel, including phone numbers to call in case of a travel delay or emergency. To ensure the safety of everyone, both students traveling on the Group Flight and those traveling independently must provide N.U.in with the details of their itinerary, including any and all connecting flights. Students will receive an email prompting them to provide these flight details prior to departure.

**Travel to England**

Participants travel independently from their home cities to London, and must arrive on site by August 17, 2016. If an independent traveler’s flight arrives to London around the same time as the Group Flight, he/she may utilize the buses set up for those students if they alert staff ahead of time. Otherwise, independent travelers must arrange their own transportation to their residence hall. More information will be sent to students regarding arranging transportation and the addresses of each residence hall.

**Departure from England**

On the last day of the program, buses will be arranged to bring participants to the airport from the residence halls. If an independent traveler’s flight is departing on or around the same time as the Group Flight, he/she may utilize these buses to get to the airport. Otherwise, independent travelers are responsible for their own transportation to the airport.
ABOUT LONDON

Location & Time Zone

London is a cosmopolitan city with a population of more than 8 million, making it the largest city in Europe. Approximately one in three Londoners were born outside of the UK, meaning that London is also one of the most multicultural cities in the world. It is within the Greenwich Mean Time Zone, and the time difference between the Eastern Standard Time in the US is +5 hours.

Climate & Weather

London has a reputation for its changeable weather. A tip for any visitor is to be prepared for anything – take an umbrella and wear layers that can be added or removed as needed.

The weather in London can be variable, but will be somewhat similar to mid-Atlantic US temperatures and precipitation. Expect warmer temperatures near the beginning of the semester, and cooler weather as the semester progresses.

Public Transportation

The public transportation system is the easiest and most efficient mode of transportation around London. While navigating the Tube and bus system may be an initial adjustment, students will learn the routes quickly.

N.U. in England students each receive an Oyster Card for Zones 1-2 included in the cost of the program. Oyster Cards provide access to the London Underground (The Tube) and the public bus system.

To use the Oyster card, participants will touch it on the yellow discs at barriers at tube stations and as they board buses.

Providing there is not too much traffic, travelling by bus is a great way to explore London above ground and help students learn their surroundings.

Students will utilize public transportation to travel to their Service-Learning placements, which will be located across the city.
Money & Banking

England’s currency is the Pound. Current conversion rates can be found on an array of different websites. Participants will not be able to open a UK bank account while abroad. We recommend using an ATM card to withdraw money. Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted credit cards in England. Students should notify their bank and creditors that they will be studying in London prior to their arrival to ensure that the bank does not enact fraud procedures and deactivate or lock the student’s bank cards. Credit cards should be used wisely though, as the foreign transaction fees can add up quickly. We recommend that participants conduct research prior to departure to better understand how their bank cards will work abroad. Certain credit cards do not have foreign transaction fees, and some banks have partnerships abroad to allow for withdrawals to be done without a fee. In addition, chip and PIN cards are widely used in London, while swipe cards are much less common. If your bank is able to supply you with a Chip and PIN card, it is recommended that you utilize this option to make transactions easier in London.

Cultural Overview

London is one of the world’s greatest cultural, historical, and economic centers, and has much to offer to study abroad students. Often referred to as the Gateway of Europe, London has a vast array of museums, parks, shopping centers, and cultural events. It is also renowned for its international cuisine. From Chinatown in Soho, to Indian curry in Brick Lane, to the food markets of Borough Market, it has something to delight every taste.

Shopping possibilities in London are endless, and you can find clothing and consumer goods from unique British and international brands across the city. Oxford Street is bustling on the weekends with locals and tourists alike hunting for a deal in one of the large London department stores. For a unique experience, try exploring the vintage markets in Camden or Shoreditch to put together a truly British wardrobe.

Sports are also a significant part of British culture. While rugby and football (soccer) are among the most popular, American NFL teams come to Wembley Stadium every year to play regular season American football games in London. Teams in the past have included the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Minnesota Vikings, and the New England Patriots.
The N.U.in England program partners with the Foundation for International Education (FIE). FIE was founded in 1998 and today partners with over 50 U.S. colleges and universities to deliver study abroad programmes in London and Dublin. FIE has approximately 40 full-time staff members based in London and the U.S., and employs about 70 faculty members on a part-time basis. Their mission is to provide high quality educational experiences to the global community. In pursuit of these goals, FIE is committed to the development of creative learning environments wherein an understanding of, and appreciation for, the privileges and responsibilities of international citizenship is fostered. This commitment is driven by the belief that interaction between people of diverse cultures is the base upon which empathy among nations is built.

South Kensington Area

FIE is located near schools such as Imperial College, the Royal College of Art, and the Royal College of Music. Just down the street are some of the world’s great cultural institutions, including the Royal Albert Hall, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Natural History Museum. Students live and study near some of London’s most fashionable streets, including Gloucester Road, where they will find banks, a post office, pubs, restaurants, and grocery stores; and High Street Kensington, one of London’s premier shopping streets.

FIE Buildings & Resources

The N.U.in Program in London is centered at FIE’s study center buildings, which include:

- Classrooms with wireless internet access, data projection, & multimedia players
- FIE offices for administrative and academic staff
- Student common areas with upcoming event information, a range of daily newspapers and weekly journals
STUDENT RESIDENCES

Metrogate House

N.U.in students, as well as N.U.in International Student Advisors, live in Metrogate House. The residence hall consists of shared bedrooms, much like a traditional freshman residence hall. It includes large, modern kitchens on every floor and common space throughout the building. Many of the rooms may be smaller than what students may expect; it is important that students assess their belongings and pack lightly.

All housing facilities include the following features:

- Shared rooms with one, two, or three other N.U.in participants
- Twin beds and clothes storage (wardrobe or closet)
- Linen pack, including sheets, pillow, and comforter
- Access to fully-equipped kitchen facilities (common kitchens)
- Shared or private bathrooms
- Washing machines/dryers paid for using phone app
- Wireless internet connection
- Common & study areas
- 24/7 security/reception service
- CCTV monitoring surveillance system

Mailing Address
[Name of resident]
N.U.in Program, Metrogate House
3-7 Queens Gate Terrace
London, UK
SW7 5PE
Computer Access

There is a computer lab shared amongst all FIE residences. This computer lab contains roughly 25 desktop PCs with hard-wired Ethernet connections, two laser printers, and a scanner. Students may print up to 50 black & white pages for free, and pay 5 pence per page thereafter. Color printing is also available.

Roommate Placement

N.U.in England students may live with one, two or three roommates within FIE residences. Students receive their roommate assignments once they arrive in London. We encourage students to develop adaptability skills and to broaden their social network as much as possible.

Living with roommates can certainly be an adjustment for some students. Students can prevent conflict by being proactive with their communication. Keep in mind that the N.U.in on-site staff is available to students who are seeking advice about how to handle a roommate conflict.
PROGRAMMING & EXCURSIONS

Programming

The N.U. in Program aims to foster the development of a tightly-knit community. One avenue for community-building is programming, planned by both FIE and N.U. in staff. Our International Student Advisors (ISAs) are involved in planning weekly free or low-cost activities to encourage students to come together for some fun and to get to know each other.

Programs cover a variety of topics, including, but not limited to, local culture/events, academics, health & safety, and transition to Northeastern. Some examples from past years include:

- “Family” dinners around the city
- Ice skating outing
- Halloween pumpkin carving
- Postcards from London
- N.U. in Husky Day
- BBC Broadcasting House Tour

Excursions

Also included in the program fee are several excursions which take place throughout the semester. In England, students will have the chance to discover different areas around London and the UK. Dates will be confirmed once students are on site. The following are examples from past years, and are subject to change:

**N.U.in-sponsored Trips**
- Edinburgh, Scotland
- Dover
- Stonehenge & Salisbury

**FIE-sponsored Trips/Activities**
- *Wicked* the musical
- London Eye outing
- Beatles walking tour

N.U.in staff accompany participants on all sponsored excursions, and all transportation is pre-planned and included. Students will be required to sign up for all excursions prior to attending so that appropriate plans may be made. While excursions are not mandatory, please understand that they are included in the cost of the program, and monetary credits cannot be issued to participants who do not attend.
STAYING IN TOUCH WITH HOME

Staying in Touch

Keeping in touch with family and friends back home can be difficult at times with the hustle and bustle of classes, adjusting to a new country, and the myriad activities and adventures that can be had while abroad. Past N.U.in students have suggested that it is best to set up a schedule for calling home to check in every week. Frequency of check-ins, of course, can vary depending on students’ schedules, but having a set time can make time differences much easier and less stressful to handle.

By far the least expensive way to stay in touch with family and friends back at home is over the Internet. There are choices of instant messaging services that allow voice chat (such as Whatsapp messenger), or voice over IP phone programs such as Skype or Vonage, which allow you to video chat for free, or call directly to a phone for a small per-minute fee. For an annual fee, you can purchase a local US number, allowing family and friends at home to call and pay what they would to call an area code in the US. Calls are received through a computer and voicemails can be left with this service. The person at the other end also has to be connected and running the same program (i.e. calls are best scheduled ahead of time).

Cell Phones

For safety reasons and for ease of communication, participants are required to have a working cell phone with a local UK number for the duration of their time abroad. Phones must be acquired and working within a week of arriving on-site. During on-site orientation, students typically have a chance to learn more about phone plans and purchase a phone. Participants should research, ahead of time, the mobile phone options available to them during their time abroad.

Since participants will only be in England for 4 months, pay-as-you-go phones are typically the most economical option. Students can choose to purchase a new cell phone with texting and email, depending upon budgetary limitations. Alternatively, students can utilize their existing phone by unlocking it prior to departure and purchasing a SIM card once in country to obtain an English phone number. We recommend speaking with your existing wireless carrier to discuss what options may exist for global calling, or if your phone can be used with a SIM card while abroad.

While The N.U.in Program does not endorse any particular cell phone plan or company, the following companies all offer pay-as-you-go plans. We recommend researching each of these thoroughly on-line before selecting a plan and carrier.

- GiffGaff
- O2
- Vodafone
- T-Mobil
- PicCell (US-based)
CULTURE SHOCK

Culture shock is defined as the lack of direction, the feeling of not knowing what to do or how to do things in a new environment, and not knowing what is appropriate or inappropriate. The feeling of culture shock generally sets in after the first few weeks of arriving to a new place.

Symptoms of Culture Shock

- Comparisons and unwarranted criticism of the new culture and people
- Constant complaints about the climate
- Heightened irritability
- Preoccupation with returning home
- Continual offering of excuses for staying indoors
- Utopian ideas concerning one’s previous culture
- Continuous concern about the purity of water and food
- Refusal to learn the language
- Preoccupation about being robbed or cheated
- Pressing desire to talk with people who “really make sense.”

Dealing With Culture Shock

These are a few strategies that participants can implement to help cope with the stress of culture shock. Remember, these are easier said than done, so students will really need to push themselves to act on the following.

- Realize that this is a normal process.
- Don’t be quick to judge – keep an open mind.
- Set some personal goals and evaluate your progress.
- Get involved in activities or find a hobby.
- Talk to your Site Lead, Assistant Site Lead(s), or ISAs – they can help!
- Make an appointment to see an on-site mental health professional.
- Ask questions.
- Exercise.
- Be patient and don’t compare.
- Don’t take yourself too seriously.
- Treat yourself to your “must haves” from a specialty market.
- Allow yourself to feel sad about the things that you have left behind: your family, your friends, etc.
- Find ways to live with the things that don’t satisfy you 100%.
OVERVIEW

Compatible Colleges

College of Arts, Media and Design | College of Social Sciences and Humanities | D’Amore-McKim School of Business | Program for Undeclared Students

Courses

• 4 FIE Courses
• 1 Northeastern Course titled The Global Experience
• Courses fulfill NU Core, Major, and Elective Requirements
• 17 – 19 Northeastern credits for a successfully completed semester

FALL 2016 & SPRING 2017 COURSE REGISTRATION

Fall 2016 Course Registration

Participants should have already registered for courses online through their myNEU portals. Schedules (with days and times) will be available to students upon arrival on-site.

Fall 2016 Course Changes

After May 20, our partners begin to prepare their resources and have a number of elements to consider, including classroom space, number of sections for each course, scheduling, availability of faculty, etc. Before any changes are made on-site to a student’s schedule, The N.U.in Program and Northeastern advisers must confirm and approve any changes. Students who receive AP/IB/other college credit can have their schedules adjusted by their academic advisers only.

Spring 2017 Course Registration

Registration for spring classes takes place in early- to mid-November. The registration process is different for each college. When processing course registration, advisers have access to current N.U.in course information and any /or AP/IB or transfer credit completed during high school through college courses or examinations. Depending upon the flexibility of their major’s curriculum, students may be pre-registered for all, or just a few, courses during the month of November by their advisers. Northeastern college advisers will contact students via email regarding course selection and any college-specific protocols in late October.

All students meet with their academic advisers during Spring New Student Orientation in January to finalize their schedules and to rectify any concerns. If students have additional questions they may contact their college directly. Contact information for academic advisers can be found on the N.U.in website.

Students should also consider the N.U.in staff as a resource during the registration period, as all International Student Advisors (ISAs), are current Northeastern students, or recent graduates of Northeastern. They can be especially helpful to those students who are not pre-registered for all of their spring courses, and may need to register for courses using Northeastern’s online system.
FIE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT & STRUCTURE

General Information

The Foundation for International Education operates 14 week semesters, with a 1-week midterm break and a final exam period. Most classes have 3-6 hours of contact per week, distributed between lectures and learning outside of the classroom.

Academic Environment & Etiquette

The overall environment is generally similar to that of a US college classroom. Students can expect to do 2 hours of work at home for every 1 hour in class. Faculty and students often have a friendly working relationship when expectations are met on both ends.

Classes will be taken with other N.U. in students and tend to be small (less than 40 students). As such participation is valued, and required, in most classes. Additionally, many classes extend the learning beyond the classroom, with co-curricular field trips throughout London and its surrounding areas. Students should be prepared to balance this element with classroom learning, and understand that field trips are academic experiences.

Attendance

One of the most important aspects of academics in England is attendance, and it is taken very seriously by all professors. Class attendance is MANDATORY except in the case of documented illness or emergency. Students must email their professors before a missed class to inform them of an illness. The onus is on the student to contact their professor and ensure they are meeting academic expectations. Class attendance is a requirement for the Tier 4 General Student Visa, and there could be serious immigration ramifications if students do not attend classes.

Studying

When it comes to classes, preparation counts for a lot. Lectures are usually designed to provide broad overviews and key concepts, with readings included to offer more detailed coverage.

Exams & Success

Assessment is based heavily on mid-terms and finals, which may be an adjustment for those who are used to being tested throughout the length of a course. Academic integrity is especially important, and any form of cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated.

To be successful, students must attend all classes and tutorials, keep up with the readings and homework, and hand in all assignments on time. One of the most common mistakes students make is not asking for help when it is needed.
RESOURCES & ACCESSING THE NORTHEASTERN LIBRARY

Seeking Assistance

Academic support is available for participants, but they must first seek out these resources. Students may speak to their professor or an N.U.in staff member to discuss any issues that they may be having academically. At the midpoint of the semester, each student will sit down with either the Site Lead or an Assistant Site Lead for an individualized check-in meeting. These meetings are used to identify how students are adjusting culturally, as well as academically, and can be a good opportunity for students to reach out for assistance before beginning the second half of the semester.

Academic Resources

FIE utilizes MyStudy@FIE, an e-learning platform that allows students to access academic schedules and classroom material online. Professors may also use this platform for assignment submission and grade reporting.

The following libraries and online resources can also be used for research throughout the semester in England:

- Kensington Public Library - After obtaining an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) FIE ID, student may access all library resources
- Birkbeck College Library - Day passes can be obtained through FIE
- JSTOR - Free online academic journals accessible when using FIE’s internet network
- Media server (http://fie.mediasite.com/Mediasite/Showcase) - recorded programs for use in the classroom

Accessing the Northeastern Library

N.U.in students may utilize the electronic resources available through the Northeastern University Library by accessing http://www.library.neu.edu.

Writing Assistance

Writing support is available throughout the semester from FIE’s Writing Support Tutors (WSTs). WSTs are FIE staff members with advanced degrees who can assist students with all phases of the writing process: getting started, editing a draft and revising the submission of a paper returned by an instructor. Students must email the WSTs at writingsupport@fie.org.uk for an appointment and it must be at least 48 business hours in advance of a requested session. Initial appointments are always in person and subsequent appointments can be conducted electronically. Cancellation is needed at least 24 business hours in advance via email. The length of a face-to-face tutorial varies depending upon a student’s needs, but typically lasts 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Learning Disabilities

Any participant requiring accommodations must upload the documents to the FIE Online Administration System. FIE then reviews the documentation and the Accessibility Manager gets in touch with the student to confirm academic accommodations for the semester abroad. Students should also speak to their professors individually to alert them of their necessary accommodations.
THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE COURSE

Overview

The Global Experience course is a one-credit class taught by each location’s N.U.in site staff (Site Leads and Assistant Site Leads). All participants at all locations take this class, making it the main unifying element of The N.U.in Program.

Course Description

The main aim of this one-credit course is to help participants prepare for, gain from, and reflect upon their term abroad as a global experience. Through workshops, seminars, course readings, discussions, and local civic engagement, the course challenges students to become global citizens and ambassadors by actively participating in their own learning community as well as in the greater study abroad community, Northeastern, and beyond. Ongoing reflection helps students articulate their own experiences, respond to the experiences of others, and ultimately make connections between the two.

Digital Storytelling Project

The final project in The Global Experience is a reflection video, created by students to look back upon their time in their host countries as well as their experiences with Service-Learning.

SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-Learning Placements

N.U.in England students engage in ongoing Service-Learning placements as part of the Global Experience course. This is a major, required component of the GE course and is often the central topic of class discussions and assignments. Having this exciting component built into their schedules enables participants to build relationships with their respective organizations, engage in meaningful service, and see a different side of English culture by further integrating into the local London community. Simultaneously, students develop professional skills that they can apply to future courses, co-ops, jobs, and study abroad experiences.

N.U.in England students typically participate in a combination of weekly, individual service commitments and one-time, group service events.

What is Service-Learning?

Service-Learning differs from traditional volunteerism in that the volunteering is ongoing, tied to the academic curriculum, and paired with purposeful reflection. In this form of experiential learning, students engage in hands-on service roles, through which they learn about and apply course concepts while intentionally addressing the needs identified by community-based partners.
SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-Learning placements in past years included:

- **The People’s Supermarket**: connects the urban community with the local farming community
- **New Horizons**: offers technology training and activities for people aged 50 and over
- **Hackney Pirates**: aims to develop the literacy, creativity, and skills of young people through tutoring
- **Southbank Mosaics**: partners with local artists to create and place art throughout the city
- **The Arbour Centre**: provides high quality services to the young people of Stepney

Participants are assigned to their Service-Learning organization once they arrive in London. Staff use the Volunteer Background Survey filled out by students prior to departure to place them at appropriate locations that align with their abilities.

TEXTBOOKS

A textbook list will be available on the N.U.in website prior to departure, and students are encouraged to purchase their books online and ship them to Metrogate House up to one week before arrival. However, students should wait until all course changes following AP/IB/transfer credits are applied and confirm they have their current and accurate course list. Students may contact The N.U.in Office following Pre-departure Orientation with questions about their courses.

GRADING & TRANSCRIPTS

FIE uses the American grading system, meaning that grades will look similar to those earned in the US. The rubric is explained clearly at the beginning of the semester in each syllabus to ensure consistency and offer a guide from the beginning of the class.

Official transcripts for The N.U.in Program are issued by our partner institutions, and will be mailed to the N.U.in Program office in Boston after completion of the fall semester. They will be distributed at a set time and place, and then will be available for pick-up from our office. In order to receive transfer credit, participants must attain a grade of “C” or better in the US grading system.

In accordance with Northeastern’s transfer credit policies, participants’ final grades will not appear on their Northeastern transcripts or count toward their GPAs. Each student’s Northeastern degree audit and official transcript will only reflect that he or she has received credit for a course, but not the grade itself. However, if a student decides to transfer to a different school or applies for further educational opportunities or scholarships, official transcripts from all institutions attended will typically be requested.
GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Just as in any city, it is important for participants to take precautions, be mindful of their surroundings, and follow basic safety principles.

- Walk along well-lit areas and avoid alleys or poorly-lit areas.
- Use the buddy system and do not travel alone at night.
- Avoid public demonstrations, riots, and other civil disturbances.
- Keep a low profile, and avoid loud conversations or arguments.
- Do not discuss travel plans or other personal matters with strangers.
- Wear the shoulder strap of your bag across your chest.
- Look purposeful when moving about. Even if lost, act as if you know where you are going.
- Try to ask for directions only from individuals in authority (police officer, train operator, etc.).
- Make a note of emergency telephone numbers: the N.U.in staff, police, fire, hotel (if traveling), and the nearest US embassy or consulate.

Registering Your Travel Plans

As an added layer of protection, students may register their travel plans with the greater Northeastern community, the US Department of State, and WorldAware.

Register on your myNEU portal

Go to the Self-Service tab and select “My Travel Plans” under the section labeled Registrar. Fill out all required personal information and see below for guidance on specific program details:

- Select “Create New”
- Select “University” and “International”
- Enter the Program Information:
  - Program Trip: N.U.in England – Foundation for International Education
  - Initial Travel Term: Fall 2016 Semester
  - Multiple Terms: No
  - Dates of Program: August 17, 2016 - December 3, 2016
  - On-campus contact: The N.U.in Program; Phone: 617 373 6447; Email: nuin@neu.edu
- Enter the Trip Contact Information:
  - Location Name: Foundation for International Education
  - Street Address: [insert your personalized mailing address]; Country: England
- Enter the Flight Information (depends on your flight)
- Click Submit!
Register for Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) with US Department of State

- Visit the US Embassy Website: https://travelregistration.state.gov
- Create an account by clicking “If not, click here to create an account” (underneath the log in)
- Once you have an individual account, follow the steps to fill out the required information:
  - Address to use while in England: [enter your personalized address]
  - Dates of Program: August 17, 2016 – December 3, 2016

Flight Information Form

The N.U.in Program would like to collect travel information for all participants. Whether you are traveling to your N.U.in location on the Group Flight, or you are traveling independently, we would appreciate your cooperation in providing us with your travel plans.
MEDICAL FACILITIES

The local doctor listed below can provide first aid and medical consultations to all FIE students. If participants need further or more urgent care, students may visit Chelsea & Westminster Hospital in the local area.

Local Doctor

Scarsdale Villas Doctor Surgery  
2 Scarsdale Villas  
Kensington W8 6PR  
Ph: 0207 937 3343

Nearby hospital to FIE

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital  
369 Fulham Road London  
SW10 9NH

Ph: within the UK (0) 208 746 8000  
Ph: from the US 011 44 208 746 8000

HEALTH INSURANCE & AON WORLDAWARE

Health Insurance

The N.U.in Program requires that all participants maintain health insurance coverage that is valid in the US and abroad. Students may be covered under a domestic health insurance plan with international coverage, or a supplemental international health insurance carrier. Participants are strongly encouraged to check with their current insurance carrier to see what kind of coverage is offered abroad, as some policies will provide it, but as reimbursable costs. International students might need to arrange for coverage with a company in their home country. Most policies do not cover international students traveling in a country other than the US.

N.U.in England students are covered by Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited, which provides international student travel insurance. The cost of this coverage is included in the program fee, but please note that Endsleigh is not comprehensive medical insurance. Rather, it is travel insurance, which may cover some emergency and routine medical costs. We recommend that participants and families read the policy documents, as well as the “key facts” located under “Downloads” in the right margin of FIE’s website. After consulting with their current insurance companies, students can call the Endsleigh 24/7 Helpline at +44 (0) 845 271 4472 (provide your policy reference number when calling) to obtain answers to any more specific coverage questions.

Packing Prescriptions

Please note that not all medications may be available in England. If possible, arrangements should be made for bringing an entire semester’s worth of medication or for shipping medications to the student throughout the duration of the semester. Aon WorldAware can be a very useful resource for questions about prescription medication, availability, and restrictions.

Ensure that a doctor’s note/prescription accompanies any controlled substances. Additionally, please pack prescription medications in carry-on luggage in their original containers.
WorldAware

WorldAware provides students with access to worldwide, quality health care, travel warnings, and emergency assistance services 24-hours a day. This can include access to logistics coordinators, doctors, security professionals, and network providers like hospitals, physicians, ambulances, and aviation resources. Membership provides students with pre-travel information and advice, rapid response, and emergency help, and evacuation capabilities.

All N.U.in students are automatically enrolled in WorldAware, and will receive an email with information on how to access the mobile application. They are also automatically granted access to the risk managed travel website. They may contact WorldAware at the following number specific to Northeastern University members: +1.312.470.3108.

Before departure, to prepare:

• Access accurate, updated information on the WorldAware mobile application.

• Visit the risk managed travel website or call the WorldAware operations center for pre-travel information (e.g. vaccination, required medications, and travel security concerns).

While abroad, stay healthy, safe and secure. Contact WorldAware for:

• Health, safety and security advice
• Access to speak with an experienced, Western-trained doctor or security specialist
• Assistance finding a local doctor or other provider credentialed by their medical staff
• Information regarding prescription medication or medical equipment
• Assistance due to the loss of travel documents or legal advice

In an emergency, call WorldAware immediately to:

• Arrange for medical transportation or care.

• Coordinate medical fees, when approved (note: WorldAware may front costs for medical care while your personal insurance is pending, but as it is not an insurance provider it will not cover any costs).

• Monitor local conditions and receive advice.
• Evacuate to a center of medical excellence if local care is inadequate.
• Provide help if one’s personal safety is at risk.
• Contact family members whom the participants indicate are emergency points of contact.

Access WorldAware Mobile Application

• All participants are automatically enrolled in WorldAware and will receive an email with information on how to access the mobile application

• Search “WorldAware” on your mobile phone application store to download

• Save the number to contact WorldAware, specific to Northeastern University: +1.312.470.3108
The Northeastern Code of Student Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to set expectations of behavior that promote the safety and welfare of the Northeastern University community. The University seeks to provide a supportive environment that is conducive to learning, the pursuit of truth, the exchange of knowledge, the intellectual development of students, and the general good of society. In those instances where violations of the behavioral expectations occur, Northeastern University has developed policies and procedures to protect the rights of members of the University community, individually and collectively.

The N.U.in Supplement

This supplemental guide establishes the guidelines and processes specific to The N.U.in Program, as they may differ from or incorporate the Northeastern University Code of Student Conduct.

As a participant in The N.U.in Program, you are responsible for adhering to the rules and regulations published in Northeastern University’s Code of Student Conduct, the policies of your partner institution or educational partner, and the guidelines set forth and/or referenced in the supplemental guide, as may be amended from time to time. Behavior by participants at any time during The N.U.in Program that is found in violation of the Code of Student Conduct, this supplemental guide, partner institution conduct policies, local, state, federal law or laws of the host country could adversely affect the educational mission of N.U.in and Northeastern University or its relationship with the surrounding international community and may subject participants to discipline.

The N.U.in Program seeks to provide participants with an opportunity to have an early study abroad experience, increase their intercultural competency, and form a supportive community that facilitates the transition from high school to college, with the opportunity to earn academic credit. In addition, The N.U.in Program strives to provide participants with a healthy, supportive and welcoming community. In those instances where violations of the behavioral expectations set forth in the aforementioned documents occur, The N.U.in Program and Northeastern University have developed procedures to address the violations, with the goal of serving the interests of members of the community, individually, and collectively.

The N.U.in Program site staff will administratively handle alleged violations that occur at an N.U.in site and involve an N.U.in participant. The Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, in collaboration with the NU Global Office and Northeastern University Admissions, will handle alleged violations that occur at an N.U.in site, involve an N.U.in participant, and could involve withdrawal and/or dismissal from The N.U.in Program or withdrawal from The N.U.in Program and/or rescission of admission to Northeastern University. Please find both of these documents on our website.
EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

Duty & Staff Availability

The first point of contact for participants is always the N.U.in staff. International Student Advisors (ISAs) live within the same building as the students, and serve in a similar capacity as Resident Assistants (RAs) in Northeastern residence halls. Students should feel comfortable approaching our staff, and asking for assistance or advice at any time.

At least one ISA and one professional staff member (Site Lead or Assistant Site Lead) are on duty at all times, meaning that a staff member can always be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There will be a specific duty phone number to be distributed to students prior to departure. Participants may contact this number for emergency situations. Common concerns include inquiries about how to set up a doctor’s appointment, visit a hospital, or navigate an emergency situation, though any question can be addressed to a staff member on duty.

Doctor & Hospital Visits

Students can request guidance at any time when it comes to medical care and visits, and an ISA is always available to accompany a student to a doctor’s appointment. Typically, students are seen by a local doctor for routine ailments such as a cold, cough, or sore throat. The local doctor or clinic may recommend that a student visit a hospital for any more serious injury or illness. In an emergency situation, a student may be transported directly to a hospital. Staff usually accompanies students for all hospital visits, especially in emergency situations.

Escalated Incidents

Participants will typically contact the duty phone first, and speak with the ISA on duty. Depending upon the situation, a professional staff member may become involved, along with any medical professionals, if needed. If an incident is more serious, the Boston office will be contacted by site staff, ensuring that all members of the N.U.in team are aware of any escalated situations on-site.

Parental Notification

Parents will be contacted in the event of a medical emergency. The N.U.in team will encourage participants to make the initial contact to their parents, though staff will reach out to parents if the student is unable to do so.
TRAVELING WHILE ABROAD

Policies for Travel While On-site

Participants may travel to locations outside of their host cities/countries if they wish. As a safety precaution, any student who leaves for one or more nights must fill out an Acknowledgement of Risk and Informed Consent for Program Deviation form. This online form collects information including the dates and destination, means of travel and any flight/train numbers and times, and names of other students who may be traveling as a group.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

A great deal of advance planning is required to develop The N.U.in Program. Immediately upon your deposits, N.U.in makes financial commitments to travel agents, as well as to each partner institution to secure housing, class space, and co-curricular activities. Therefore, a participant who withdraws from the program at any time after placing the deposits will be responsible for all non-recoverable expenses incurred by The N.U.in Program (related to the withdrawing participant). Non-recoverable expenses may include but are not limited to travel costs, partner institution tuition, and housing costs. Individuals are urged to plan carefully and are required to review and understand the withdrawal policy. If a participant has not paid the program fee in full or entered into a payment plan by July 15, 2016, they will not be eligible to participate in The N.U.in Program and any deposits made will be forfeited.

If a participant is asked to leave The N.U.in Program in connection with any violation of an applicable policy:

• No refund will be granted.
• Northeastern spring admission status will be reviewed and possibly rescinded.

If a participant leaves The N.U.in Program for medical reasons supported by a physician:

• The participant will be refunded any recoverable costs.
• Northeastern spring admission status may not be affected.

If a participant chooses to leave The N.U.in Program for personal reasons such as homesickness, family concerns, language difficulties, adjustment issues, climate, geography, or political climate:

• No refund will be granted and the participant will be charged for any fees related to changing the date of the airline ticket.
• Northeastern spring admission status may not be affected.

If a participant withdraws from The N.U.in Program prior to the program start date due to an inability to obtain a student visa:

• The participant may be refunded any recoverable costs.
• Northeastern spring admission status may not be affected.

If a participant would like to officially withdraw from the program and decline their admission to Northeastern University, they must go through their MyNEU portal: http://myneu.neu.edu. Click “Decline Admission” under the self-service or enrollment tab. Student must fill out the pop-up window and press “go” for their withdrawal to be officially registered with the University. If you have forgotten your passport, you may click on “forgot password” on the login screen. If you have forgotten both your username and password, please call 617.373.4357 to get assistance in recovering your username.
TRANSFER CREDIT & ENROLLMENT POLICIES

Northeastern’s Transfer Credit Policy

The N.U.in staff has worked closely with the Northeastern University Colleges and our partners abroad to ensure that students are enrolled in courses abroad that fulfill Northeastern major, core, and elective requirements. Upon returning to campus, all courses successfully completed with a grade equivalent of a “C” or higher while in the N.U.in Program will appear on students’ Northeastern academic records as transfer credit, but will not be calculated into their Grade Point Average. Students receive one original transcript each, which will have their grades from our partner institutions abroad should they require the transcripts to apply to graduate school or other post-undergraduate opportunities. Any additional copies will need to be requested directly from our partner institutions by students.

Enrollment in The N.U.in Program

Without exception, all students must successfully complete their current academic program and submit all final transcripts. Students must also submit proof of graduation, which is typically found on their final high school transcripts. Failure to submit final high school transcripts may impact financial aid awards, and failure to complete one’s current academic program in good standing could result in a decision to rescind the offer of admission to The N.U.in Program and the university.

Matriculation to Northeastern

Participants must successfully complete their N.U.in Program courses during the fall semester. Failure to complete coursework and earn a grade of “C” or better could result in the need to take extra courses during the summer or subsequent semesters, or a decision to postpone the student’s matriculation to Northeastern University.

Disciplinary issues that have occurred since admission, at Pre-departure Orientation, while participating in The N.U.in Program, at Northeastern’s New Student Orientation programs, during Move-In, or prior to the official start of the semester, must be fully disclosed. Northeastern reserves the right to rescind your offer of admission or engage in any appropriate disciplinary action related to these issues.
Not only may students experience culture shock while living in a foreign country, but they may also encounter “reverse culture shock.” Reverse culture shock occurs when students return to their home country after having been away for an extended period of time. Symptoms of reverse culture shock resemble those of culture shock in many ways.

Reverse culture shock is usually described in four stages:

1. **Disengagement**
2. **Initial euphoria**
3. **Irritability and hostility**
4. **Readjustment and adaptation**

**Stage 1** begins before you leave your host country. You begin thinking about re-entry and making your preparations for your return home. You also begin to realize that it’s time to say good-bye to your friends abroad and to the place you’ve come to call home. The hustle and bustle of finals, farewell parties, and packing can intensify your feelings of sadness and frustration. You already miss the friends you’ve made, and you are reluctant to leave. Or, you may make your last few days fly by so fast that you don’t have time to reflect on your emotions and experiences.

**Stage 2** usually begins shortly before departure, and it is characterized by feelings of excitement and anticipation - even euphoria - about returning home. This is very similar to the initial feelings of fascination and excitement you may have when you first entered your host country. You may be very happy to see your family and friends again, and they are also happy to see you. The length of this stage varies, and often ends with the realization that most people are not as interested in your experiences abroad as you had hoped. They will politely listen to your stories for a while, but you may find that soon they are ready to move on to the next topic of conversation.

This is often one of the transitions to **Stage 3**. You may experience feelings of frustration, anger, alienation, loneliness, disorientation, and helplessness and not understand exactly why. You might quickly become irritated or critical of others and of your home culture. Depression, feeling like a stranger at home, and the longing to go back abroad are also not uncommon reactions. You may also feel less independent than you were while abroad.

Most people are then able to move onto **Stage 4**, which is a gradual readjustment to life at home. Things will start to seem a little more normal again, and you will probably fall back into some old routines, but things won’t be exactly the same as how you left them. You have most likely developed new attitudes, beliefs, habits, as well as personal and professional goals, and you will see things differently now. The important thing is to try to incorporate the positive aspects of your international experience while abroad with the positive aspects of your life at home in your home country.
SPRING 2017 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION & BOSTON MOVE-IN

New Student Orientation

It is mandatory for all N.U.in students to take part in Spring New Student Orientation, held in early January, and hosted by the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs. During this orientation program, students have the chance to meet N.U.in students from other locations and learn their way around campus and Boston. Students prepare for the start of their academic study at Northeastern by exploring their college and major, continuing to work with their academic advisors, learning more about experiential learning, and expanding their knowledge of what makes Northeastern unique. Parents and family members of students are invited to participate along with their student in the Orientation experience.

Students must register for Spring Orientation through their myNEU portals, beginning in late fall. An email will prompt students to register.

Boston Move-In

N.U.in students move into their Northeastern housing early January. Housing preferences are collected in early Fall via an online form, and placements are made throughout late November and December.
WELCOME WEEK

Welcome Week is where it all begins. New students are about to embark on a life-changing journey. At Northeastern, you will engage, inspire, and transform in the rich mixture of courses, learning experiences, and activities that make a Northeastern education excellent and distinctive.

Welcome Week is packed with fun and exciting events. Students will be given many options to choose from, all with the goal of allowing you to meet your new classmates and to get to know your new surroundings. Students also have the opportunity to explore the many, diverse student organizations and clubs that they may join in the spring.

N.U.in TRANSITION MANAGERS

The N.U.in Program has full-time staff who are Site Lead/Transition Managers. These staff members spend the fall semester overseas at one of The N.U.in Program locations, directing and managing all facets of academic, administrative, and student life activities. In the spring, they return to the Boston campus and manage the transition of the N.U.in students into the Northeastern community, planning events and making themselves available to students as they adjust to the Boston campus.

Transition Managers also focus on improving the student experience each year, and are always interested in hearing feedback directly from N.U.in alumni. In addition to planning outings, they also organize focus groups to better understand students’ needs during their transition to campus. Students can always feel free to reach out to our Transition Managers if they need support navigating their new surroundings, or encounter an issue and require assistance.
CHECKLIST

Please review The NUin Program website for a list of tasks that should have been completed before Pre-departure Orientation.

Academics
☐ Work with NUin office and academic adviser to complete course registration
☐ Review textbook list online

Travel and Safety
☐ Make copies of important documents to leave at home: passport, ID, credit/ATM/debit cards (front and back), prescriptions, flight itinerary
☐ Save e-ticket email from Advantage Travel (typically sent week of departure)
☐ Register your trip in myNEU and STEP
☐ Explore Aon WorldAware mobile application and website
☐ Check in with your health insurance provider about overseas coverage

Banking
☐ Prepare budget and make financial plans
☐ Check in with your local bank about using credit and debit cards abroad

Communication
☐ Check in with your phone company about options for using your phone abroad
*Please note: students are required to have a local cell phone number while abroad
☐ Help your family set up Skype, Face Time, Viber, etc. to stay connected with you while you’re away
☐ Join Facebook group for your site and follow us on Twitter/Instagram and use #NUin2016

Personal
☐ Gain cooking tips and tricks from your family
☐ Research your host city/country and get excited!

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