



## **NU Immerse Boston FAQ**

### **Admissions**

#### **What is NU Immerse**

- NU Immerse is a transitional experience for non-native English-speaking students, offering advanced English language preparation and an introduction to college culture through a year-long program in Boston or London. This immersive program is an excellent start to your university studies and provides a comprehensive academic and cultural experience designed to help you succeed at Northeastern University and improve your English language skills.

For the highly motivated student, NU Immerse is your opportunity to jump into the flow of college life while exposing you to an environment that will enable you to develop your academic skills, strengthen your résumé, and prepare you for a successful transition to Northeastern. Throughout your time in NU Immerse, you will benefit from support every step of the way.

#### **Why was I offered admission to NU Immerse? Why was I not offered direct admission for Fall 2021, or to Spring 2022 through the N.U.in Program?**

- Admission to Northeastern has become increasingly competitive and we are unable to admit every qualified applicant to the fall semester in Boston. After careful review of your application, the Admissions Committee felt that you would benefit from participating in the NU Immerse Program and having additional English language preparation prior to transitioning into your full-time, undergraduate degree-seeking program.

#### **What is the diversity of the NU Immerse Program?**

- Approximately 1,300 students from 51 different countries were offered admission to the program this year. In last year's cohort of the Immerse program was made up of approximately 182 students, representing 36 different countries.

#### **How many students complete the program and matriculate to Northeastern in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year?**

- In 2021, 91% of NU Immerse students successfully completed the program with an average 3.6 GPA.

### **Can I be put on the waitlist for another program, such as Fall 2021 direct entry, or Spring 2022?**

- No. Northeastern evaluates all students for best fit for the programs that we offer during our admissions review. We are not able to re-evaluate an application or offer any alternative admissions decisions.

### **Can I transfer into my undergraduate degree program following my first semester of the NU Immerse program?**

- No. The NU Immerse program is one year in length and students must successfully complete all program requirements in order to matriculate to the undergraduate day program in their second year of study. The matriculation requirements are as follows:
  - 3.0 GPA in academic coursework
  - 3.0 GPA in English coursework
  - For the fall term, earn a C or better in all courses
  - For the spring term, earn a B- or better in all courses

### **I forgot to send my most recent results from the TOEFL iBT which are stronger than the results I had previously sent you. Can I instead enroll in the undergraduate degree program to which I applied?**

- Admissions decisions are point-in-time decisions made with the information included within a student's application file; no appeals process is offered, and we will not be able to re-evaluate your application materials or any new information you wish to submit. Ultimately, you need to determine if the offer of admission that you received is the best fit for you academically and personally. If you choose to accept your offer of admission to NU Immerse, you will need to fully complete these requirements in order to continue studying your intended academic major in your second year.

### **I am a U.S. Citizen (or went to high school in the United States), why am I being admitted into an English language immersion program?**

- Citizenship is not a consistent or reliable indicator of an individual's language fluency. Additionally, the Admissions Committee has taken your academic background into consideration when offering you admission to the NU Immerse program. If you have spent time studying in an English-medium academic program, it has been noted by the Admissions Committee, however, the Admissions Committee still felt that you would be more successful at Northeastern through participation and completion of the NU Immerse program.

### **Can I change my major before I begin NU Immerse? Can I change my major during the program?**

- Students can request a major change through their application status check page or after beginning the program, but students interested in studying in some programs may require additional study time.

### **Can I transfer in any advanced credits from AP exams, IB exams, or any other international matriculation exams which are recognized by Northeastern University?**

- Yes. Northeastern will accept up to 32 advanced test credits towards your degree. You can learn more about advanced standing credits from any Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or other international matriculation examinations [here](#).

### **Can I participate in co-op during my first year?**

- No. All students at Northeastern must wait until their second year to begin co-op. NU Immerse students can take their co-op introduction course in the second semester of their sophomore year and begin their first co-op on the July-December co-op cycle entering their third year at Northeastern.

### **Does Northeastern provide housing during NU Immerse?**

- As an NU Immerse Boston student, we encourage you to consider living in Lightview, a university affiliated student apartment complex with a wide range of amenities. Completed in September 2019, LightView offers students state-of-the-art housing at a prime location for Northeastern students. LightView offers a variety of apartment styles for 12-month leases beginning in September. You can find information about LightView on the [American Campus website](#). Here, you will find photographs, a full list of amenities, and competitive pricing details for each apartment style. In LightView, building-wide programming is provided by Community Assistants, who are current Northeastern students, and NU Immerse students living in LightView will have additional programming specific to their needs. NU Immerse Boston students may also opt to secure their own housing outside of university affiliated properties, and we would encourage you to use resources from Off Campus Housing and Support Services if you choose this option.

### **Will I be able to graduate in 4 years? Will I be behind schedule if I first participate in NU Immerse?**

- Most NU Immerse students will be able to graduate in 4 years if they wish to prioritize a four-year graduation timeline. Students who have advanced standing credit or students who take summer classes or heavier loads during a term or two are very likely to finish in four years. Some students who study in programs in colleges such as Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Khoury College of Computer Sciences may extend their time to graduating beyond 4 years. A student's timeline to graduation will also depend on whether the student wants to do 1, 2, or 3 co-ops, or if they choose to study abroad in a later semester. As with students who begin in the undergraduate day program directly, a larger focus on experiential learning opportunities may lengthen a student's overall timeline to graduation.

### **Will I gain any academic credits from the NU Immerse program?**

- NU Immerse Boston students can earn between 20-24 credit which will transfer fully to your program of study.

### **Am I able to enroll in NU Immerse if I require an I-20 in order to study in the United States?**

- Yes. Once you've paid your enrollment deposit, you can request your I-20 from the Office of Global Services, and then once received, you can apply for your F-1 nonimmigrant student visa.

**Will I be able to enroll in courses on Northeastern's Boston campus in either Summer I or Summer II, once I've completed NU Immerse?**

- No. However, students are encouraged to work with their advisor, and future college advisor to find classes at institutions in their home country which will be transferrable to their program. This meeting usually happens in the Spring semester during the NU Immerse Program.

**What courses will I complete in the NU Immerse program?**

- Please reference our course offerings indicated on the [program website](#) for potential course options for the Boston-based program.

**Matriculation to Northeastern**

**In order to successfully matriculate into the full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate program to which I initially applied, what program requirements must I meet?**

- 3.0 GPA in academic coursework
- 3.0 GPA in English coursework
- For the fall term, earn a C or better in all courses
- For the spring term, earn a B- or better in all courses

**Once I complete the program, do I need to then apply as a transfer student?**

- No. Students who successfully complete the program requirements will be admitted to the undergraduate day program directly upon completion of the program—there is no additional application required.

**What if I do not meet the minimum academic requirements?**

- Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements can work with their advisor to apply to other institutions or determine what their next steps will be after completing the NU Immerse program.

**Will NU Immerse appear on my official Northeastern transcript?**

- The Program name will not be indicated on your transcript. Courses completed during the NU Immerse Program will appear on your official Northeastern University transcript as transfer credits.

**Will NU Immerse appear on my official Northeastern diploma?**

- No. Students who graduate from Northeastern University's Undergraduate day program after completing the NU Immerse Program will receive the same diploma as all other students.

### **Can I join clubs and organization / use university resources?**

- Students are able to join most clubs and organizations on campus. They have access to all university resources including the International Tutoring Center, Global Student Success, and Peer Tutoring for math and economics classes.

### **What is the average class size of the NU Immerse program?**

- The NU Immerse program provides smaller class sizes for more interaction with our faculty. English language classes are approximately 15 students and content courses are approximately 25 students.

### **What other extracurricular activities does the program offer?**

- In addition to having access to all campus activities and clubs, NU Immerse students will have the chance to participate in NU Immerse events such as trips to the New England Aquarium, skating on the Frog Pond, a field trip to Plimouth Plantation, ski trips, hockey and basketball games, and trips to local museums in Boston.

### **What type of academic support does the program offer?**

- Every student has an academic advisor who supports their educational goals throughout the NU Immerse program. All of our faculty make time for students throughout their time in the program to provide additional support. Students can make use of one-on-one tutoring through the International Tutoring Center and peer tutoring in all math and economics courses. Students may also take advantage of group programming through the Global Student Success office.

## **Next Steps and Additional Questions**

### **How do I confirm my enrollment for NU Immerse?**

- To confirm your enrollment, you will need to submit your \$600 enrollment deposit via your [Application Status Check](#) by May 1.

### **Can do I defer my enrollment for NU Immerse?**

- No. We do not permit students who were offered admission through NU Immerse to defer their enrollment.

### **Can I choose to defer my acceptance for a year due to concerns about COVID-19?**

- No, our expectation is that the programs will be able to operate as planned for the fall 2021 - spring 2022 school year. If students are unable to participate in the program due to a personal circumstance related to COVID-19, the Admissions Committee will review their requests on a case-by-case basis.

### **How do I learn more about any federal student loans, or institutional need-based or merit-based grants and scholarships?**

- All admitted students are evaluated for merit-based scholarships, and all decisions about merit-based grants and scholarships are final. Unfortunately, with such a deep and talented applicant pool, we are unable to provide each admitted student with a merit-based scholarship.

If you are a U.S. Citizen, U.S. Dual Citizen, or U.S. Permanent Resident, you can apply for need-based financial aid by submitting the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS Profile](#) to Northeastern. You can review your award letter in your [Application Status Check](#). Please note, International students are not eligible for need-based financial aid. US Citizens & Permanent Residents are not eligible for federal financial aid during their year in NU Immerse as it is a pre-matriculated student program, and therefore they are selected with financial fit in mind alongside academic and personal fit. US Citizens & Permanent Residents may apply for need-based institutional and federal financial aid once they matriculate to Northeastern in their second year.