Welcome to The N.U. in Program

The N.U. in Program is a 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 to translate 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.
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INTRODUCTION

Admitting students into The N.U.in Program allows the university to take talented candidates who possess a unique sense of adventure. 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
- Assistant Site Lead depending on student numbers
- Assistant Director based in Boston
- 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 concerns 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 an 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 Directors are also a resource for parents and families throughout the fall semester, and are available to answer questions or concerns via email, phone or in the Facebook Group.

Boston-based Staff
- **Director:** Lauren Kettler
- **Associate Directors:** Quinn Emmons, International Programs
  Benjamin Floman, Academic Administration
- **Senior Assistant Director:** Grant Dauber (Greece and Italy)
- **Assistant Directors:** Kate Berge (Ireland: UCD, Ireland: FIE @ DBS and England)
  Laura Brond (Canada, Australia: SUT and Australia: USYD)
  Sarah Knight (China and Germany)
- **Assistant Director of Staff Hiring and Training:** Tom Johnston
- **Program Coordinators:** Paola Santana and Tiffany Medeiros
STUDENT VISA

Student Visa for China

All N.U.in China students should review the visa guide found on our website for important information on the Chinese Student X Visa and Residence Permit Application:

https://www.northeastern.edu/nuin/destinations/china/travel-information/

For any questions regarding the visa or visa application process, we encourage students to contact your nearest Chinese consulate.

It is the student’s responsibility to obtain an appropriate visa, if necessary. If you cannot obtain a valid visa in time for the program start date, then please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy (found in the myNEU student portal) and contact the N.U.in office to discuss next steps.

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. Students must be prepared to arrive to campus in Boston by early January.

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

The Office of Global Services (OGS)
The OGS 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 OGS directly for guidance:

ph: 617.373.2310
email: ogs@northeastern.edu

PACKING LIST

Generally, participants should pack as lightly as possible while remembering to bring essential items. This is not an easy task, so we recommend not waiting until the night before to begin packing. We suggest not over-packing, as rooms may be smaller by American standards. Please use the packing list provided on the following two pages as a guide for packing.
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 (i.e. pictures, or anything that you have an emotional tie with).
• Do not take expensive jewelry or luxury items which would mark you as a target for a pickpocket.
• Depending on travel methods students may bring additional supplies (e.g. kitchen wear). Please refer to page 14 for amenities included in residence hall.

Pack for the Weather!

The weather in Shanghai can be variable, though expect rain and cooler temperatures as the semester progresses. The average temperatures and precipitation in Shanghai 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. 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 Shanghai.

Adapter

An adapter is a device that will allows American appliances to be plugged into Chinese 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 China if they are planning to travel during breaks.

Voltage Converter

Some electrical appliances will require a converter. We strongly recommend that participants purchase items like hair straighteners and blow dryers in Shanghai to ensure compatibility. It is possible that the US versions of these appliances will either not work in Shanghai or will be ruined when used repeatedly with a converter.
Use the below list as a guideline to **pick and choose what is essential for you.**

### Clothing
- Water resistant footwear
- Sturdy hiking/walking shoes
- Pair of flip-flops
- Socks
- Underwear
- Shorts
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- Professional outfit (a nice pair of pants/skirt; nice button-down top or blouse)
- Dressy outfit
- Skirts/pants
- Shirts
- Sweaters/sweatshirts
- Jackets/coats (one for cold weather, one water resistant)
- Sleepwear
- Athletic wear/ gear (for intramural sports, exercising etc.)

### Miscellaneous
- Laptop/charger
- Adapter and voltage converter
- Journal
- Camera
- Unlocked phone (or purchase one on arrival—all students need to obtain a local phone number)
- Books/ e-readers, travel guides
- Water bottle
- Duffle bag/backpack (for weekend trips)
- Towel/washcloth
- Scientific calculator (only applicable to certain majors)
- (Optional)—small amount of local currency ($50-$100)

### Documents
*Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date packing list*
- Passport
- Visa documents (if applicable)
- Flight itinerary (boarding pass will be issued directly to the participants by the airline at the airport)
- Photo ID
- Copies of all credit/debit cards, passport an visa (and leave copies at home)
- Offer letter from host institution
- Health insurance card/ documentation

### Medicine and Toiletries
- Prescription Medicine
  - (make sure you can travel internationally with your prescription; verify what documentation you need to legally transport your prescription)
  - Consult with your doctor about obtaining a supply of all medications for the duration of the program
- Comb/brush
- Travel sized toiletries, cosmetics
  - (recommended to purchase large bottles of sunscreen, shampoo etc. while abroad)
- Deodorant
- Over-the-counter medicine (e.g. Aspirin/Tylenol/Ibuprofen)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Razors/ nail clippers
- Extra eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Contact lenses and solution

### 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 Shanghai

Participants travel independently from their home cities to join the Group Flight in cities such as Boston, Newark, or San Francisco, where they check-in with N.U.in or Advantage Travel staff at 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 Shanghai, China. Buses will be waiting to take students directly to their student residences.

We ask that participants wear their N.U.in T-shirt for identification purposes in the airports in the United States and in Shanghai.

Departure from Shanghai

On the last day of the program, buses will be arranged to bring participants on the Group Flight to the airport from the student residences. 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.

ADVANTAGE TRAVEL OF CNY, INC.

The N.U.in Program works with Advantage Travel to arrange the Group Flight option for students. Once forms have been filled out, and Group Flights are booked, students who need to arrange any changes to their flights or itineraries should contact Advantage Travel directly.

Nettleton Commons
313 East Willow Street, Suite 104
Syracuse, New York 13203

Phone: (315) 471-2222; (800) 788-1980
Fax: (315) 471-6264

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
Closed: Weekends & Major Holidays
INDEPENDENT TRAVELERS

Pre-departure

Any participant who chooses to fly to Shanghai 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. 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 Shanghai

Participants travel independently from their home cities to Shanghai must arrive on site by September 3, 2017. If an independent traveler's flight arrives to Shanghai around the same time as the Group Flight, he/she may utilize the buses set up for those students. Otherwise, independent travelers must arrange their own transportation to their student residence. More information will be sent to students regarding arranging transportation and the addresses of the hotel.

Departure from Shanghai

On the last day of the program, buses will be arranged to bring participants to the airport from their residence. 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 SHANGHAI

Location & Time Zone

Shanghai is the largest city in China (urban area population of 24.15 million) and a global financial hub. It is a city showcasing the old and modern. The city is divided by the Huangpu River. Its heart is the Bund, a famed waterfront lined with colonial-era buildings. Across the river, the Pudong district lights up the city with a futuristic skyline ranking fifth in the world for the number of skyscrapers. Shanghai is within the China Standard Time (CST), and the time difference between the Eastern Standard Time in the US is +12 hours.

Climate & Weather

Shanghai residents need to be prepared for anything – bring an umbrella and wear layers that can be added or removed as needed. Chinese dress modestly and although most people will not be concerned with what others wear, following the local mores allows one to blend in more easily.

September in Shanghai is beautiful, and the weather is still summery. The short autumn comes in October and November. With average temperatures in the 70s F, autumn is one of the most enjoyable seasons in Shanghai. The temperate weather makes this season good for travel. It rains often in autumn except in late November, when the weather gradually turns windy and dry. Long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, hats and coats are appropriate for the low temperatures of November and December.

Transportation

ECNU is very conveniently located next to the Jinshajiang Rd. Subway Station, from which you can access lines 13, 3 and 4. Most subway lines have Wi-Fi, and all are marked in English. There is a bus stop located at the main gate of campus. Bus 67 goes directly to Zhongshan Park, a popular shopping center and also connection to line 2 of the subway system. Transportation cards are very easily purchased (20RMB) and may be used for taxi, subway, and bus transportation throughout the city. Taxis are convenient but the most expensive option for travel.
Money & Banking

Chinese currency is the Yuan (RMB). Current conversion rates can be found on an array of different websites.

Participants will not be able to open a China bank account while abroad. Please keep in mind that China is primarily a cash economy, and we recommend using an ATM card to withdraw money. This means that while Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted cards, credit and debit cards are not as ubiquitous as they are in the United States. People will typically pay for purchases with cash and many vendors may not accept any other forms of payment. If payments are not made with cash, online payment services such as Alipay and WeChat wallet are also used as forms of payment accepted at most locations in the city.

Participants should conduct research prior to departure to better understand how their bank cards will work abroad, and should notify their bank and creditors that they will be studying in Shanghai prior to their arrival to ensure that the bank does not enact fraud procedures and deactivate or lock the student’s bank cards. Additionally, credit cards should be used wisely, as the foreign transaction fees can add up quickly. Certain credit cards do not have foreign transaction fees.

Cultural Overview

Shanghai, which means “City of the Sea” lies on the Yangzi River delta. It was not until 1842 that Shanghai evolved from a small fishing village to a trading port when opened up to foreign involvement. Soon, the small village was turned into a city with British, French, and American influences that have left a mark in the culture, architecture and history of the city. Today, it is an important industrial center and trading port that attracts both foreigners and Chinese migrants from across the country.

Shanghai is a city full of art, architecture and has a strong business presence. It is one of China’s most diverse city ideologically, socially, culturally and economically. The Paris of the East was a common reference in the ‘90’s. A leader in international business, it holds the nation’s stock market and accounts for approximately one-fifth of the country’s gross national product, serving as the most important industrial base in the nation.
EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY

About the Council on International Educational Exchange

The N.U.in China program partners with the Council on International Educational Exchange. For nearly 70 years, CIEE has been the nation’s leader in producing high-quality international study abroad and exchange programs. A non-profit, non-governmental international exchange organization, CIEE helps to set – and raise – the standards of international education. They are committed to leading by example – to providing quality, rigorous study abroad opportunities for their students not merely through the creation of guiding principles, but through concrete action, meticulous attention to detail, and employment of experts in the field.

With CIEE Shanghai, students get to learn at East China Normal University (ECNU), one of the most prestigious universities in China, on the Garden campus in Putuo, Shanghai—one of ECNU’s two campuses. Since ECNU opened up in 1978, it has developed at a breathtaking pace into a comprehensive research university oftentimes referred to as the “Columbia of the East”. The school houses 58 departments, with over 80 undergraduate programs, 27 doctoral programs, 38 master’s programs, and 25 post-doctoral research stations. As the first normal university founded in the country after the establishment of the People’s Republic of China, ECNU has kept teacher training as one of its main features since its establishment. Additionally ECNU attaches great importance to the internationalization of its development and enjoys a wide influence and excellent reputation around the world. It has established exchange and cooperative partnerships with over 200 internationally renowned institutions. Currently, the number of full-time undergraduate students is 14,405, while that of graduate students is 15,771. There are also about 5,000 international students studying at ECNU.

ECNU Buildings & Resources

The CIEE-Shanghai program is centered on the ECNU campus, just a ten minute walk away from student accommodations. East China Normal University’s facilities include:

- **Library**: ECNU has a library in its true sense. It has a range of traditional, lounge-, and café-style study spaces as well as stacks, which include a collection of English literature and English magazines. Students may use desktop Mac computers at the library by registering at the front desk with their ECNU cards. There is no printing service at the library.

- **Athletic Facilities**: Indoor badminton stadium, indoor ping-pong stadium, indoor basketball stadium, swimming pool (note: open to the public during odd hours), outdoor basketball courts, outdoor soccer fields, outdoor volleyball courts, two tracks.

- **International student office (services & support provided)**: CIEE works closely with ISO to provide club activities for students. Clubs and student organizations are also offered through the ISO every semester. Their website lists the meeting times and contact information for leaders, who run language clubs, dance teams, and mixed martial arts, to name a few.
STUDENT RESIDENCES

N.U. in China students and International Student Advisors (ISAs) live in dormitory-style housing in ECNU’s International Student Dorm No. 2, just a 10 minute walk from the CIEE Shanghai Study Center. At this dorm, each room is shared by two participants, and is equipped with two double beds. Each floor is tended to by a CIEE RA, who lives with the students and addresses concerns and maintains order in the dorm. Additional features are as follows:

- Linens - sheets, and blanket, pillow
- Two desks
- Two Closets
- Two bedside tables
- Air conditioning and heating unit
- Wireless internet in each room
- Cleaning service once a week
- Access to study rooms

Shavers and similar electronic devices must be provided by students and used with an adapter. Fire safety procedures will be reviewed upon arrival and check-in.

Bathrooms are located at one end of the hall on each floor, and are separated by gender by floor. There are 8 showers and 4 bathroom stalls on each floor, which are cleaned daily.

Common areas:

There are common areas available to all residents, including the kitchens and study rooms. The study room downstairs is located between buildings B and C, and provides roughly 30 seats for studying. There is a “Dance room” that can be booked through the Housing Coordinator at CIEE

Kitchens are located on the other end of the hall on each floor (2nd-5th), and include the following:

- Fridge
- Sinks
- Microwave
- 1 Hot water Machine
- 2 Electric hot plates

Meals:

Students are not provided with meals in the International Dorm, but there are multiple on-campus cafeterias and dining options for students to choose from, including a cafeteria directly across from the dorm. Most students eat at the cafeteria, which is reasonably priced and provides large portions. Students load money onto their ECNU student IDs and use it to pay per meal. Meals cost from 10RMB – 25RMB. Within the dorms, kitchens are located on the other end of the hall on each floor (2nd-5th), and are open for student use. Kitchens contain 1 fridge, 2 sinks, 1 microwave, 1 hot water machine, and 2 electric hot plates. Additionally, students are encouraged to dine as local restaurants around campus, which they are introduced to during their tour of ECNU campus and its surrounding area.
Laundry

There are 2-3 washing and drying machines in building B of the dorm, as well as 5 washing and drying machines in building A, all of which are available to the students for use. These machines take tokens that can be purchased at the front desk for 8 RMB/token, and each load requires 1 token.

Mail & Packages

Please be aware that students cannot receive packages at the International Students Dorm No. 2; therefore, students should have their packages sent directly to the CIEE office. The address is listed below. Please also note that packages may be reviewed by customs authorities in China, and items such as gifts, food, electronics, clothing and medications may incur additional customs fees. It is not recommended to send medications as they may be subject to laboratory testing. We also discourage students from having electronics sent to them, as the customs authorities almost always prevent electronics from entering China. DHL is the recommended shipping service. Courier services such as FedEx experience a longer delay and UPS does not do well in China.

Mailing Address for all N.U.in China Students:
Student Name
CIEE Study Center in Shanghai
Office Global Education Building, Room 415
East China Normal University
3663 North Zhongshan Road
Putuo District, Shanghai 200062 P.R. China

Roommate Placement

N.U.in Shanghai students will live with one other roommate. Students receive their roommate assignments once they arrive in Shanghai. We encourage students to develop adaptability skills and to broaden their social network as much as possible, and as such, we are not able to accommodate roommate requests.

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 staffs as well as CIEE RAs are 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 CIEE 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:

• Martial arts classes
• Chinese movie night
• Calligraphy classes
• Master Chef food fest
• Chinese pronunciation contest
• Monthly birthday parties
• Chinese painting classes

Excursions

In Shanghai, students will have the chance to discover different areas around Shanghai and the country. Dates will be confirmed once students are on site. The following are examples of possible programs:

ECNU and N.U.in Sponsored Excursions.
• Nanjing (1 night)
• Chongming Island (day trip)
• Zhujiajiao ancient water town (day trip)

N.U.in staff accompany participants on all excursions, and all transportation is pre-planned and included for those trips that are fully sponsored by either N.U.in or CIEE Sponsored. 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 some of the CIEE excursions are not included in the program fee. Also, 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 participants’ schedules, but having a set time can make time differences much easier and less stressful to handle.

Internet restrictions in China also raise a few issues for students. Yes, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Google are blocked in China, so adjusting communicative channels and preparing materials in advance will ease the transition students face upon arrival. We recommend that students download a VPN before arrival. A VPN is a Virtual Private Network that connects to a proxy server in a location outside of China. While using a VPN students will be able to access restricted websites. Note: a) no VPN works on all devices, everywhere, all the time b) using a VPN generally makes the internet connection slower. We recommend students use free services because you do not ‘get what you pay for’ when it comes to VPNs. They are not reliable, and may be ineffective upon arrival (once they get local sim cards in their phones and start using local, regulated Wi-Fi). We encourage students to download the app “WeChat” before arrival - it is the social media tool used in China. Most importantly, we know that students can and do use it to communicate with each other from anywhere, anytime in China using the cheap data on their phones. Students generally ask close friends and family at home to download the app too. It’s really the only way to give a play-by-play account of their in-country activities (because students have to find fast Wi-Fi to support their VPN in order to use blocked social media sites – this makes using apps like Snapchat or Instagram difficult).

Cell Phones

For safety reasons and for ease of communication, participants are required to have a working cell phone with a local Chinese 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 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.

Participants can choose to purchase a new cell phone with texting and email, depending upon budgetary limitations. Alternatively, participants can utilize their existing phone by unlocking it prior to departure and purchasing a SIM card once in country to obtain a Chinese phone number. We recommend speaking with your existing wireless carrier to discuss whether your phone can be used with a Chinese SIM card while abroad. Phone plans are reasonably priced and easily acquired near campus.

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

• China Mobile
• China Telecom
CULTURE SHOCK

As a visitor from another country, you may experience culture shock at some point during your N.U.in experience. 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. Some students experience all of these symptoms, while others may not encounter any feelings of culture shock. Generally, most students will fall somewhere between the extremes.

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 Leads, 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 Social Sciences and Humanities | D’Amore-McKim School of Business | Explore Program for Undeclared Students

Courses & Credits

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

FALL 2017 & SPRING 2018 COURSE REGISTRATION

Fall 2017 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 2017 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 University Advisors must confirm and approve any changes. Students who receive AP/IB/other college credit can have their schedules adjusted by their academic advisors only.

Spring 2018

Registration for spring classes takes place in early- to mid-November. The registration process is different for each college. When processing course registration, advisors have access to current N.U.in course information and any transfer credit and/or AP/IB 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 advisors. Northeastern college advisors will contact students via email regarding course selection and any college-specific protocols in October.

All students meet with their academic advisors 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 advisors 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. 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.
CHINESE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT & STRUCTURE

General Information

CIEE operates a 15-week semester in Shanghai, including a 1-week “Golden Week” holiday, and a 1-week 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. The workload is not excessive, but 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 are taken with other N.U.in students only, with the exception of language courses. Language courses are integrated with other CIEE Shanghai students. The classroom sizes typically ranging in size from 15 to 30 students. CIEE lecturers embrace the questions and input that N.U.in students tend to contribute.

Field Trips

Many classes extend the learning beyond the classroom, with co-curricular activities and field trips throughout Shanghai and its surrounding areas. Participants should be prepared to balance this element with their classroom learning, and understand that field trips are compulsory academic experiences.

Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory except in the case of documented illness or emergency. Students are requested to email their professors before a missed class to inform them of an illness. Absences may only be excused by obtaining a doctor’s note. The doctor’s note should be submitted to the Registrar’s Office. All material is important and it is essential for the student’s successful completion of the course. Courses are Monday-Friday and students should plan their independent travel accordingly around their course schedule.

Studying

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

Exams & Success

Assessment is based on a variety of assignment types and grade components, including class participation, essays, mid-term and final exams, as well as presentations and group work. Academic integrity is especially important, and any form of cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. To be successful, students must attend all classes, field trips and site visits, keep up with the readings and homework, and hand in all assignments on time. CIEE has a strict attendance policy, and unexcused absences could result in a failing grade. One of the most common mistakes students make is not asking for help when it is needed. 

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RESOURCES & ACCESSING THE NORTHEASTERN LIBRARY

Seeking Assistance

Additional 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 the 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

The Bissell Library on ACT’s campus has access to a variety of research databases, including the Anatolia College Digital Archives & Special Collections. The library also has study rooms, Bibliographic Instruction lab and the Niarchos Technology Center, which includes computer teaching labs, a multimedia center, viewing rooms, teleconferencing center, and lounges.

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.

The Writing Center

The ACT Writing Center is a service provided to all ACT students throughout their years at ACT. It offers a warm and supportive atmosphere in which students can receive assistance with all writing assignments and with the overall development of their language skills, both English and Greek.

The Center operates on an appointment or walk-in basis throughout the academic year, during which times both professional and peer tutors are available to assist students of all levels with improving their written and oral expression. From helping students explore a subject, to working with students to restructure a document for better coherence or unity, to rethinking and revising – the Writing Center tutors are available to provide customized guidance. Students may seek such guidance on their assignments at any stage in the writing process.

The ACT Writing Center is located on the 1st floor of the Bissell Library, and participants can either walk-in or schedule an appointment in advance.

Learning Disabilities

Any participant requiring accommodations must upload the documents to the N.U.in Online Administration System. CIEE then reviews the documentation and gets in touch with the student, but 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 China 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 Chinese culture by further integrating into the local Shanghai community. Simultaneously, students develop professional skills that they can apply to future courses, co-ops, jobs, and study abroad experiences.

N.U.in China students either participate in weekly, individual service commitments. Students also have the opportunity to volunteer in additional projects and events throughout the semester.

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 could include:

- Shanghai Children’s Medical Center
- Shanghai General Hospital (SGH) - Child Rehabilitation Center for Cerebral Palsy
- Sunshine Home
- Elderly Home
- Bilingual Chinese/English School

Participants are assigned to their Service-Learning organization during the 1st week of class.

TEXTBOOKS

A textbook list will be available on the N.U. in website prior to departure. It is essential that students purchase all course textbooks before departure for China. Ordering textbooks (online or otherwise) on site in China is not possible.

GRADING & TRANSCRIPTS

CIEE uses the American grading system, meaning that grades will look similar to those earned in the U.S. After the fall semester, official transcripts will be mailed to The N.U. in Program office in Boston and made available for pickup. To receive transfer credit, students must attain a grade of C or better, using the U.S. grading system. In accordance with Northeastern’s transfer credit policies, students’ official transcripts will only reflect that you received credit for a course, but not the grade itself. If you decide to transfer to a different school or apply for further educational opportunities or scholarships, official transcripts from all institutions attended are typically 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.im 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.

Registering Travel & Downloading the WorldCue Mobile App

- The University’s International Safety Office and N.U.im will enter the program dates, accommodations, and group flight information into the University’s travel registry system (iJET WorldCUE) for all program participants.
- N.U.im participants will receive a confirmation email from WorldcueTraveler@ijet.com that provides instructions to activate the user account and download the WorldCue Mobile App.
- Participants must verify the accuracy of travel details and update personal information.
- N.U.im participants who obtain approval to deviate from the program (for example, a weekend trip away from the program site) must register the travel details by logging into their user account at www.traveler.worldcue.com or by visiting “My Travel Plans” in the MyNEU portal.
- For travel registration instructions and information about the mobile app, visit www.northeastern.edu/international-travel/registry/
- If you have any questions, please email mytravelplans@northeastern.edu
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:
  - Dates of Program: September 3, 2017 – December 16, 2017
  - Address to use while in Shanghai: an institutional or residential address for the US Department of State’s STEP registration

Travel 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

Health & Counseling Services

There is a Medical Clinic on campus that students can use for minor illnesses and common prescriptions. Medical professionals at the campus Medical Clinic do not necessarily speak English, although they are used to treating ECNU’s international students. A Chinese-speaking staff member or RA accompanies students to the clinic if they choose to seek medical attention here.

We recommend students go to Shanghai United Family Hospital for medical care. Shanghai United Family Hospital is a nearby international hospital. They have a 24 hour emergency hotline, an appointment line, and a general enquiries line. All medical professionals at Shanghai United speak English and are very accustomed to treating international students. They also have a knowledgeable pharmacy department. The other international hospital we recommend is Parkway Health. Note: Medical professionals in China cannot fill international prescriptions.

Shanghai Family United Hospital
Shanghai United Family Hospital
1139 Xianxia Road, Changning District, Shanghai
200336
Appointment Center: 400 639 3900
24-hour Emergency Hotline: +86 (21) 2216 3999
General Enquiries: +86 (21) 2216 3900

Parkway Health
Gleneagles Medical and Surgical Center
Tomorrow Square,
389 Nanjing Xi Rd., 4th Floor
Shanghai 200003
24-hour Helpline: +86 021 6445-5999

Packing Prescriptions

Please note that not all medications may be available in China. If possible, arrangements should be made for bringing an entire semester’s worth of medication. Shipments of medication may be stopped by customs for testing. 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.

HEALTH INSURANCE & 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.

While N.U.in does not endorse any particular provider, the following providers have international insurance plans available that are specific to students:

• HTH Worldwide
**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
- Access www.world-aware.com for the risk-managed travel website
- 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

On-call & 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 on-call 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-call.

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. Staff are also available to accompany students to assist with translation from Chinese to English.

Escalated Incidents

Students 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 hospital admittance or 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.
POLICIES & PROTOCOLS

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. This form will be made available before students arrive on site.

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, 2017, 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 participants 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 participants’ 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.
REVERSE CULTURE SHOCK

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 2018 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 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 in early January. Housing preferences are collected in early fall via an online form, and placements are made throughout late November and December. While every effort is made to accommodate housing requests, students may not always receive a placement that aligns with their preferences.
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.
CHECKLIST

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

Academics
- Work with N.U.in 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 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, WeChat 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 #NUin2017

Personal
- Research your host city/country and get excited!

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Wishing you a great 2017 semester!