

Most Commonly Asked NU Bound Questions

Congratulations! Welcome to the NU Bound community! As a student in the NU Bound program, you have the opportunity to connect with other future Huskies, and together you will become global leaders as you are immersed in the rich culture and history of your host institution's city. By the time you transition to Boston in your second year you will have broadened your perspective, expanded your networks, and gained insights which will prepare you for future experiential learning opportunities during your remaining years at Northeastern and beyond.

How many students will participate in NU Bound?

Each NU Bound location will welcome between 300-400 students.

What will my academic experience be like studying in the NU Bound Program?

The course offerings and academic experience in the NU Bound Program will match the rigor of what is offered on Northeastern's Boston campus. Each course has been reviewed and evaluated by Northeastern University Academic Dean's to ensure NU Bound students will be in lockstep with their first-year peers. For more information on course offerings and logistics, please [click here!](#)

How many credits will I earn towards my degree?

- You will receive a full semester of transferable credit in the fall and spring semester, provided you receive a "C" or better.
- Courses will appear on your transcript as transfer credit, but count towards your graduation requirements.
- Courses taken align with the first-year curriculum taught at Northeastern. In addition to fulfilling major requirements, NU Bound courses also count toward NUpath, our institution-wide general education requirements for students in all majors.

Please note, students will earn actual letter grades in their courses but their GPA during the program will not follow them or impact their Northeastern University GPA. Students that intend to complete an advanced degree will be required to submit a full transcript, which will include the grades they received as members of the NU Bound community. As always, we encourage students to perform at the best of their ability while members of program.

Can I bring in credit from high school?

Yes. Results from your AP exams, IB exams, and other international examinations may enable you to receive advanced credits once you matriculate at Northeastern in your second year. [Click here](#) for more information on Northeastern's advanced standing policies for first-year students.

Is housing provided during my second year of study at Northeastern?

- Yes! Students who complete NU Bound next year will have the opportunity to reside in university housing during their second year in Boston. This opportunity does not represent a mandatory requirement as students can still decide to live in off-campus housing in the local area if they choose.
- Students will have the opportunity to declare their intention to reside in university housing during the Spring 2023 semester, once they've already matriculated in the NU Bound program.

Please note that university housing for all students—including students completing NU Bound—can take the form of traditional campus residence halls, leased apartments, or leased hotel spaces in the area around campus. We will provide more information about specific housing options for NU Bound later in the 2022-2023 academic year. Additionally, as it is quite typical for students to move off-campus in years three and beyond, university housing is not guaranteed beyond the second year.

Can I change my major?

Yes! Students can request a major change through their [Application Status Check](#) or work with their advisor in the NU Bound program to request a change of their intended major at Northeastern.

Please note that after May 1, students are only eligible to submit a major change request that is compatible with their deposited site location. Students who change their intended major after completing the first semester of coursework in NU Bound may need to spend additional time completing coursework at Northeastern in order to complete their degrees.

Can I still graduate on time if I enroll in NU Bound?

NU Bound students may 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 in most majors. A student's timeline to graduation may also be altered if they change their major. A student's timeline to graduation will also depend on whether the students want to do 1, 2, or 3 co-ops, or if they choose to study abroad again 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.