

## NU Bound

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### Course selection and registration process FAQs

**Q. How do I know which courses I should select?**

A. You should use the location-specific curriculum course maps and the [course description guide](#) available on the NU Bound Program [website](#) to help guide you. If you are still not sure which class(es) to select after reviewing these documents, you should go ahead and pick the courses that you feel best align with your academic needs and interests. Remember that you will have the chance to consult with your Northeastern University academic advising office to finalize your course selections before your program launches.

**Q. Why are some or most of my classes already selected for me?**

A. Many first-year programs of study have a fairly prescribed curriculum. GEO and the NU Bound Program work closely with the colleges and academic departments at Northeastern to ensure that first year requirements can be met. The classes you see that have been pre-selected for you are based on academic requirements for your major.

**Q. What do I do if I have AP, IB, or other advanced or transfer credit for any courses I was pre-selected into?**

A. Don't worry! It is not uncommon for students to come in with advanced credits and pass out of certain academic program requirements. You should review your curriculum course map on our website to start thinking about alternative courses that you will need or want in lieu of those that you placed out of. **You do not need to email your home college advising office now.** Your home college advising office will be contacting you soon, starting in early June. You will discuss course alternatives and finalize your fall course selections with your academic college & advising office this summer (early June through mid-July).

**Q. Once I choose my courses in the system, are my selections final?**

A. No. You will have the opportunity to work with your home college academic advising office, who will facilitate adjustments to your course selections over the summer (June through mid-July). You will be able to discuss your classes with an academic advisor, and any necessary adjustments will be made at that time.

**Q. What is NUPath? How do I know which ones to pick in my NU Bound fall semester?**

A. [Here](#) is more information on the NU Core Curriculum. You should choose an elective course that carries any NUPath attributes that are not otherwise fulfilled by major course requirements in their major. You will speak with your Northeastern academic college & advising office this summer to provide guidance on your fall NU Bound courses.

**Q. Can I make any changes to my course selections and schedule once I arrive to my NU Bound Program location?**

A. Yes. Course changes during your host institution's add/drop period are possible. Students can make changes to their schedules during their host institutions add/drop period, which typically runs the first week of class. However, while students *can* request a change, *they are strongly discouraged from doing so.* Your courses were carefully reviewed and confirmed with your NU academic advising office over the summer. **Any changes once you arrive on site may impact your academic progress.** Please also keep in mind that requests are not guaranteed. Factors such as capacity, timetabling, and add/drop deadlines may not allow for a change to be made.

**Q. What's my schedule going to be? When do I get my schedule? What time will my classes be?**

A. Your final schedule will be shared by your NU Bound partner institution during on-site orientation. Dates, times, locations of classes, etc. will be shared by your NU Bound program institution once you arrive for the fall semester.

**Q. When will I get to select my Spring 2022 courses?**

A. There will be an Academic Advising Week for all NU Bound students this Fall. This typically takes place in late October, through the middle of November. You will, again, have the opportunity to work with your academic college & advising office to work through the course registration process for spring. Additionally, many Northeastern academic advising offices will be sending representatives to the NU Bound program locations this fall to meet with their students to discuss their academic plans for the spring semester.

**Q. Speaking of transcripts, what is Northeastern's policy on transfer credit?**

A. Northeastern Transfer Credit policy can be broken down into two parts—

[1] **Grade Requirements** Some partner institutions may have a grading system that does not reflect U.S. institution's grading scale (A, B, C). Please see the grade conversion chart on location-specific academic pages at the bottom of the page, if applicable. To receive transfer credit for a course, you must attain a grade of C or better, using the U.S. grading system.

[2] **Transcripts** All NU Bound participants earn a full semester of transferable credit in the fall and a full semester of transferable credit in the spring, provided that you achieve a grade of "C" or better in the U.S. grading system. In accordance with Northeastern's transfer credit policies, your final grades will not appear on your Northeastern transcript, but rather as transfer credit. You will see "T" grades on your Northeastern record for your freshman year. Letter grades will, however, appear on the official transcripts from the NU Bound Program school of record and may be required when you apply to graduate programs and other post-undergraduate opportunities. If you decide to apply for further educational opportunities or scholarships, official transcripts from all institutions attended are typically requested. Please see [this page](#) for more information on how to request additional transcripts from the school of record.