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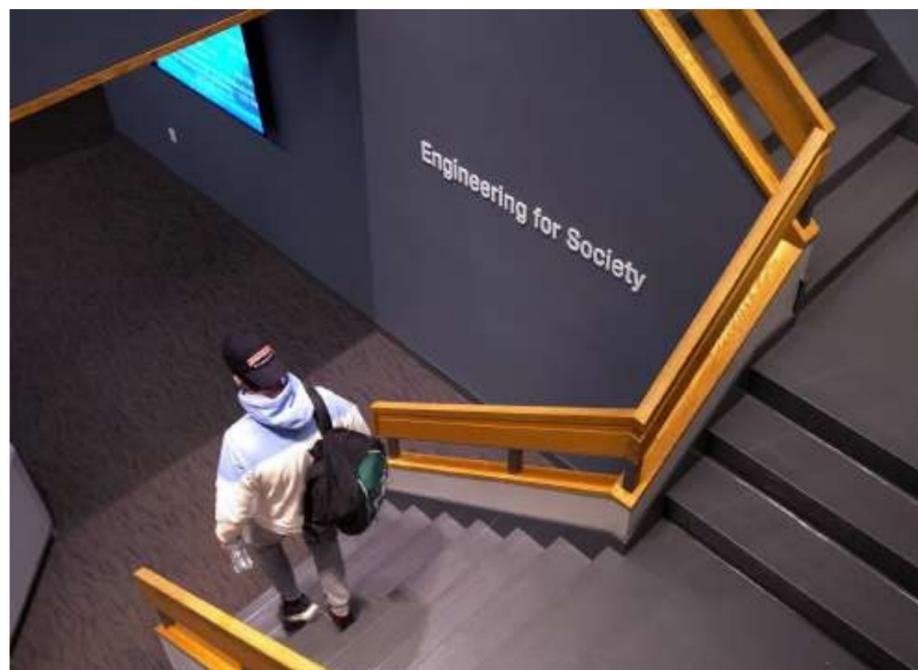
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WELCOME TO NORTHEASTERN!

*Congratulations on being accepted
to Northeastern University's
College of Engineering.*

*We are sure you have done your research
and are aware of the reputation and
vision of our college, but there is a lot
more that you can't find online that
makes Northeastern the perfect place to
pursue your graduate degree.*

*The College of Engineering (COE)
Graduate Student Ambassadors have
put together this handbook to help you
in your transition to Northeastern and to
Boston so that you become more easily
acclimated to academic and campus life
as a new part of the Husky community! If
you think something is missing or have
some feedback please let us know by
emailing the ambassadors - you can get
to know us better on our website!*

TIPS FOR USING THIS HANDBOOK

If you are using a printed version of this handbook, you can find a full list of hyperlink URLs used throughout the handbook, organized by the sections they appear, at the end of the handbook.

We use acronyms a lot around the COE when talking about places and organizations around Northeastern University. Here are some which are either frequently used or tend to be easily confused:

NEU & NU: Northeastern University

NEU and NU are used interchangeably and usually comes down to personal preference. NU is the correct acronym for official Northeastern marketing and communication.

COE: College of Engineering

This one is straightforward except for when it is used synonymously with GSE.

GSE: Graduate School of Engineering

In some cases, this is used to refer to the main office in suite 130 of the Snell Engineering Building.

GSC: Graduate Student Council or Graduate Studies Committee

Not all departments have a Graduate Student Council, a group of students that advocate for the needs of the student body within their respective departments, but every department has a Graduate Studies Committee. This consists of faculty members that represent/advise each department or concentration. We don't discuss them too much in this handbook, but it's helpful to be aware of the distinctions.

Advisor:

This term can refer to a few different kinds of people you will work with during your academic career: Faculty Advisor, Program Advisor, or Academic Advisor.

This is the person listed on your acceptance/award letter (I-20 for international students). If you are a PhD student, this is typically who you primarily report to, and may or may not be your PI (Principal Investigator).

Graduate Co-op Advisor or Co-Op Coordinator

This is the person responsible for assisting you in your Co-op search and preparation for joining the US workforce. Please note that a Co-op advisor will be allocated to you once you successfully complete the course ENCP 6000 or 6100 (whichever applies to you). Please refer to Graduate Co-op under Jobi Career Opportunities for details on the Co-op program.

Student Services Advisor, Graduate School Advisor, or Program Coordinator

This person is your point of contact in the GSE Office. In this handbook, we will use Graduate School Advisor.

Financial Services Advisor

If this applies to you, this is the person you will contact from the Office of Financial Services in 354 Richards Hall.

OGS: The Office of Global Services (OGS)

An active resource to 13,000 international students and scholars from 147 different nations across the world. They provide the professional expertise and support you need to maintain compliance through immigration, academic, and your employment experiences helping you remain a valuable member of the Northeastern community

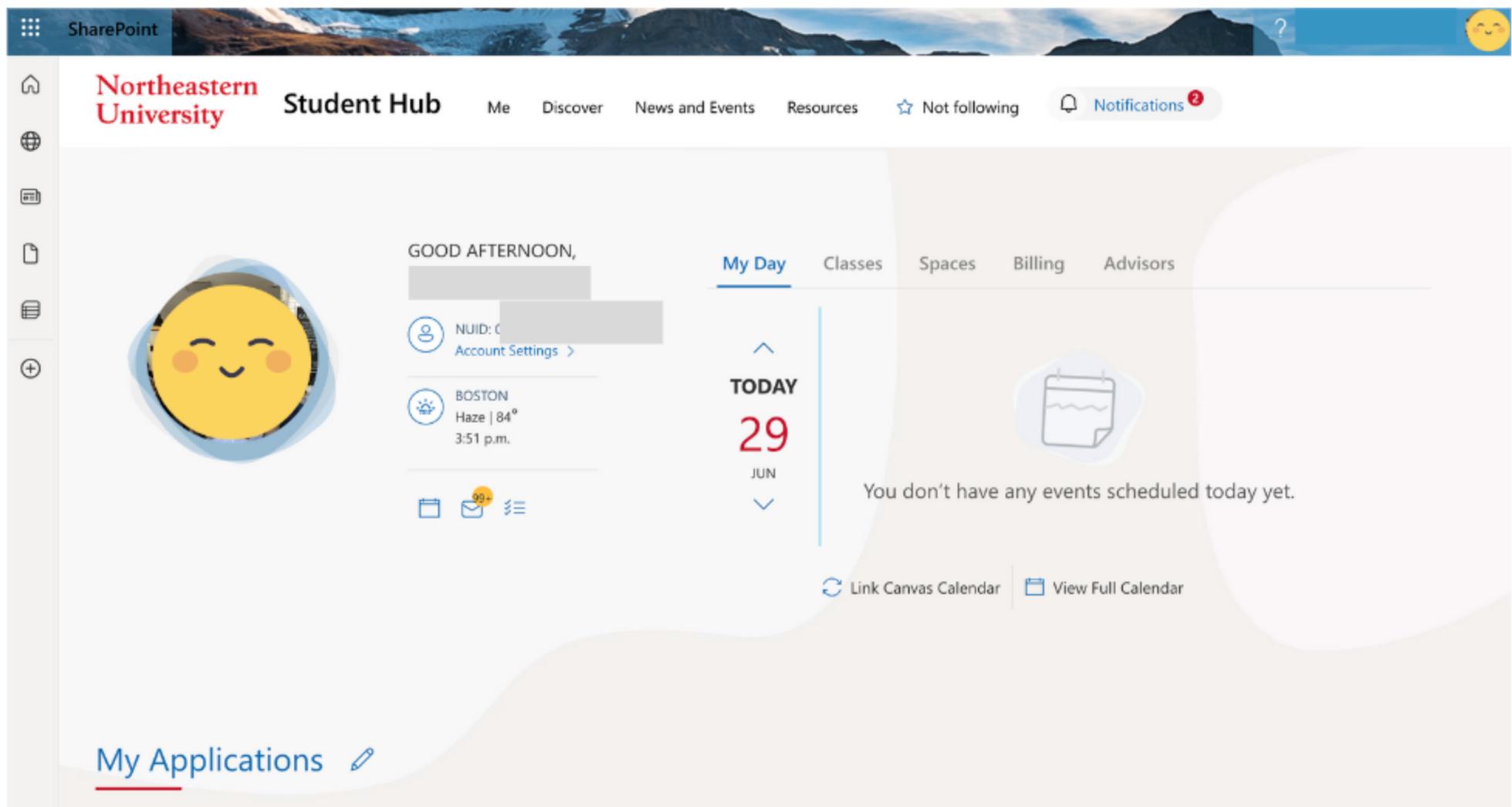
Student Employment Office

The formal name is Office of Student Employment, Graduate Assistantships & Fellowships (SEGAF). Its purpose is to help students and employers navigate the employment process and connect students with both on and off-campus job opportunities.

Employer Engagement and Career Design Office

You may hear your peers and professors refer to this as the Career Development Office as it changed its name in spring 2019

STUDENT HUB



If you are reading this, you have probably logged into STUDENT HUB at some point. **STUDENT HUB** is the University's community portal that provides access to almost every service and detail about your account that you will need as a student. Your home page is designed to let you know of all your schedules and tasks, notifications, pending emails, your NUID, and the weather. Up top, you have categories such as Me, Discover, News and Events, and Resources.

The 'Resources' page contains pretty much any other service you can think of in an easily accessible list format, from financial services to commencement.

You can even revisit your history of browsed links/services/webpages and mark your favorite links to appear right on your page! Some of the other things you can take advantage of through the Student Hub portal are:

- **Free educational training from LinkedIn Learning**
- **Pay your tuition fee with one click**
- **Register/drop/browse courses across all (valid) departments**
- **Apply for jobs through NUCareers as well as student employment (more in Job/Career Opportunities & Resources)**
- **Book a tech support appointment for your laptop**
- **Download a plethora of free or subsidized software provided exclusively to Northeastern students**
- **Apply for a career counseling session**
- **Browse through the immense collection of online books and research papers made available especially for you**

AND MUCH MORE!

If the list of these service options had you lost, you can always just type a service you'd like to locate in the search bar!



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ACADEMICS

Beyond the extraordinary quality of the education you will receive at Northeastern, the support given by staff and faculty throughout your academic journey is unparalleled. When it comes to academics, individual professors, department administration and the COE team want to see you succeed. Should you have questions or challenges, please don't hesitate to reach out - everyone in the Northeastern community is behind you.

COURSE REGISTRATION

The image shows a two-part screenshot of the Northeastern University course registration website. The top part shows the 'Registration' page with a navigation menu: 'Student' > 'Registration'. Below the menu is a section titled 'What would you like to do?' with six icons and links: 'Prepare for Registration' (View registration status, update student term data, and complete pre-registration requirements.), 'Plan Ahead' (Give yourself a head start by building plans. When you're ready to register, you'll be able to load these plans.), 'View Registration Information' (View your past schedules and your ungraded classes.), 'Register' (Search and schedule.), 'Browse' (Looking for interesting...), and 'Browse' (Look up...).

The bottom part shows the 'Register for Classes' page with a navigation menu: 'Student' > 'Registration' > 'Select a Term' > 'Register for Classes'. Below the menu is a section titled 'Register for Classes' with a sub-menu: 'Find Classes' (selected), 'Enter CRNs', 'Plans', and 'Schedule and Options'. The 'Find Classes' section has a form titled 'Enter Your Search Criteria' with a dropdown for 'Term: Spring 2022 Semester' and three input fields for 'Subject', 'Course Number', and 'Keyword'. Below the input fields are buttons for 'Search', 'Clear', and 'Advanced Search'.

Master's degrees are generally 32 total semester hours and Ph.D. programs are typically 50 total semester hours (may vary by program). You can find information about course registration on the [**New Student Information & Orientation page**](#). Most of our programs request that new students do not register for courses before attending orientation. If your program is not on the list on the menu above, you will most likely register for courses after the program-specific orientation. For more details and program-specific requirements, please refer to the [**College of Engineering \(COE\) course catalog**](#).

Students can take courses outside of their respective program course list with approval from their faculty academic advisor prior to registering for the course. Without pre-approval, they will not be counted as valid credits for pursuing your degree. Your academic advisor will help you with any specific academic issues.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

There are 19 different graduate certificates offered by Graduate School of Engineering (GSE) in different fields of engineering, including Data and Communications Technology, Energy, Engineering Management, Business & Leadership, and Supply Chain & Process Management. The graduate certificate programs focus on specific skills aligned with industry needs. Graduate certificates can be combined with most GSE programs, which means you can complete the required certificate coursework as part of your graduate degree. For most programs, students can double-count up to four eligible courses for a graduate degree and graduate certificate.

“Eligible courses” means that the courses are allowed by the graduate degree program requirements. Students of other programs may only be able to double-count up to two eligible courses. Because four courses are required for each graduate certificate, students who are eligible to double count four courses would not need to spend extra time or money on pursuing their graduate certificates. There is no application fee for current students, but you must be in good academic standing (3.00 GPA or above) if you want to apply to a graduate certificate program. Students on academic probation will not be admitted into a graduate certificate program. Please refer to these links for more info on [Certificate Options](#) and the [Requirements in the Catalog](#).

Note: Not all programs allow students to pursue a graduate certificate. Please work with your academic advisor to determine if you are eligible to pursue a certificate.

THE GORDON INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Northeastern's Gordon Institute of Engineering Leadership (GIEL) offers a specialized year-long program that awards students a graduate certificate in Engineering Leadership upon completion. It can be completed both individually or concurrently with the traditional MS programs offered at Northeastern. The latter is accomplished similarly to Northeastern's other certificate programs by fulfilling some or all of the MS program's elective portion with classes required by the Gordon program curriculum. Unlike other programs, admittance to the Gordon program is earned through an additional application and separate interview process.

The mission of the Gordon program is to prepare students with the essential skills needed to lead engineering teams, projects, and organizations that supplement the heavily technical curricula in typical engineering degree programs. It comprises three key components

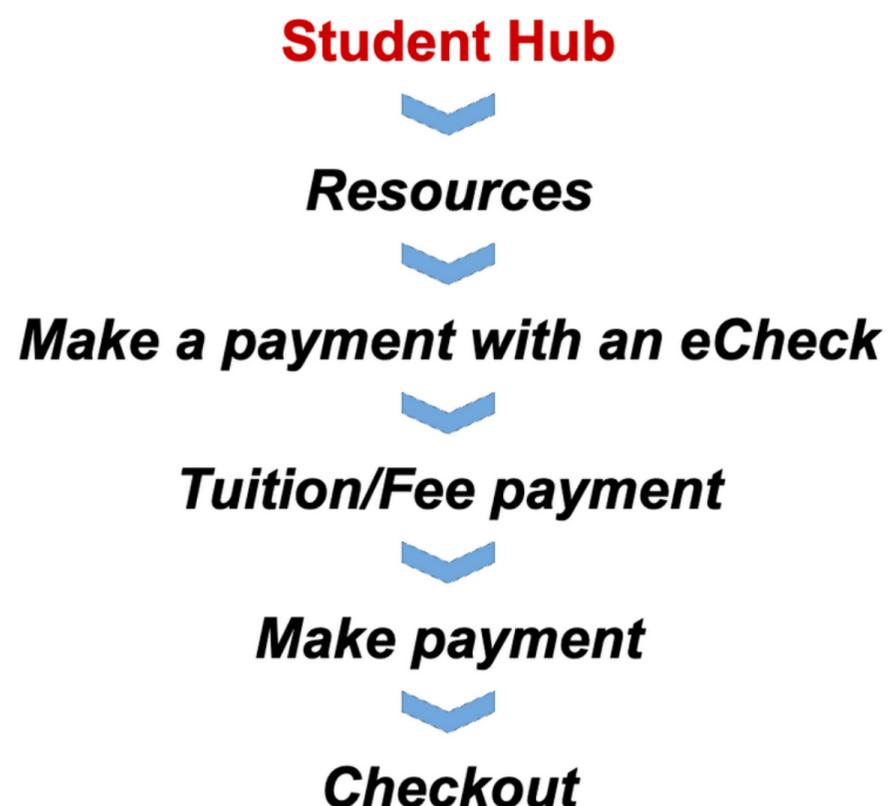
- An Engineering Leadership course that focuses on building communication skills for ethically leading organizations, project management (systems optimization, organization methodologies like Lean & Six Sigma, Agile Scrum, etc.), and market/financial analysis
- Scientific Principles of Engineering
- The Challenge Project, a master's level project completed by students in conjunction with a sponsoring company that sufficiently demonstrates market value for the company

The Challenge Project requires that students be employed at a company capable of supporting independent work that satisfies the requirements of the program. While most ($\approx 75\%$) of Gordon students are employed at the start of the Gordon program, students without an employer at the time of application can join the program upon admittance provided they find an employer at the start of the program. This latter group of students is also required to attend weekly networking coaching sessions the summer prior to joining the program to develop important communication skills for reaching out to employers and recruiters.

More information on the program can be found [here](#).

TUITION AND FEE PAYMENT

Bill statement of tuition & fees will be available before the start of the semester. You will find your bill in your account by logging in through Student Hub. This statement includes every detail of your tuition & fees payment, including the payment due date.



FINANCIAL AID

To be eligible for federal assistance, students must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens. International students are not eligible for federal financial aid but may qualify for alternative loan financing. Additionally, graduate assistantships may be available to qualified applicants. Students interested in assistantships should contact the graduate office to which they are applying for admission. For more information, refer to the [Student Financial Services website](#).

CANVAS

Canvas is the university-wide Learning Management System (LMS) selected for its student-focused ease of use and intuitive functionality. Canvas provides students a mobile-first and accessible interface to engage in course content making in class and online learning easier.

All courses at Northeastern will be on Canvas for the Spring 2022 semester. Explore the following student resources and tips to learn more and get started in Canvas.

All Northeastern students, faculty, and staff may access all online, hybrid, blended, and on-ground courses on a single Northeastern University Canvas site at <https://canvas.northeastern.edu/>. To log in, use your Student Hub username and password.

If you are a new student, please note that it takes up to two business days after registering for your Student Hub account to be ready for activation.

ACCESS CANVAS

Canvas is Northeastern's new learning management system. Canvas can be accessed on the web and the Canvas mobile app.

1. *Go to canvas.northeastern.edu*
2. *Log in with myNortheastern username and password*

Canvas Student Mobile Apps

Download the Canvas Student apps to learn from anywhere at anytime.



GET STARTED WITH CANVAS

1. Log in to Canvas

2. Download the Canvas Mobile app.

The Canvas Mobile app is for students to navigate Canvas on mobile devices.

This app can be installed on phones and/or tablets with iOS and Android.

3. Customize your profile : Add a picture

4. Customize your settings : Set your personal pronouns, time zone, and language

5. Customize your notifications

6. Connect the calendar to your Outlook calendar (or calendar of choice) 7.

Customize your dashboard

8. Customize your course list

9. Take the self-guided tour

10. Enjoy learning in Canvas!

DASHBOARD

This is the first thing you see when you log into Canvas. It provides a high-level overview of your courses. The Dashboard has two different viewing options - Customizable Course Card and Recent Activity

SIDEBAR

Found in the dashboard, the sidebar. includes a To Do list, a Coming Up feed, and a View Grades button.

GLOBAL NAVIGATION

Account

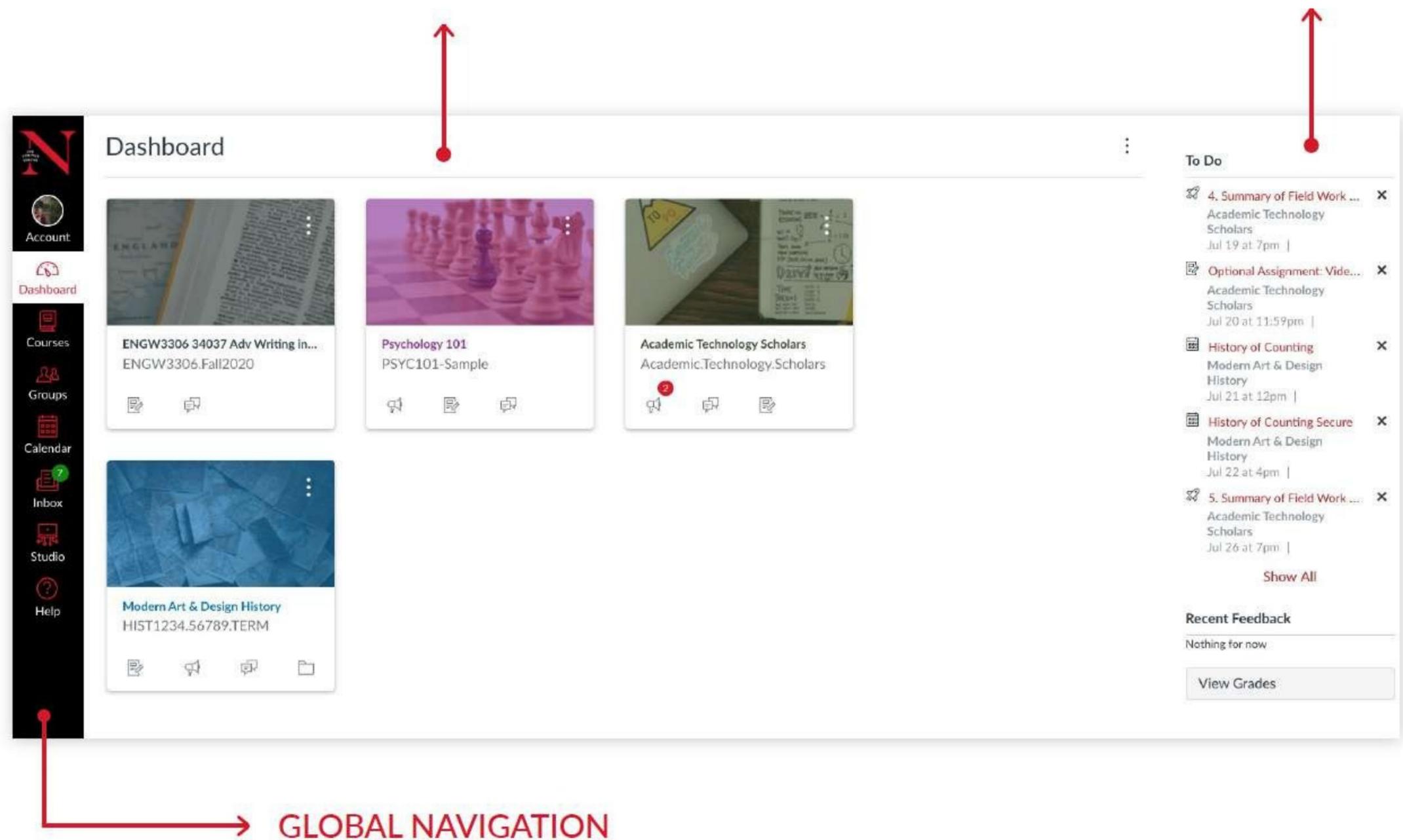
Modify your user settings (including time zone), customize your profile, specify your notification preferences, upload personal files, and log out of Canvas.

Calendar

View the global calendar, which shows assignments and events from each of your courses. You can customize colors for each course and use the calendar feed to import into your favorite calendar client. The calendar feed will contain events and assignments from all of your Canvas calendars.

DASHBOARD

SIDEBAR



More information on <https://canvas.northeastern.edu/student-resources/>

SPACES AT NORTHEASTERN

The Northeastern community can find and book campus spaces with Spaces at Northeastern powered by Robin. Students, staff, and faculty can reserve desks, workspaces, and rooms across the Boston campus initially, with the list of available spaces expanding over time. Northeastern's global network locations outside of Boston will also be rolling out Spaces at Northeastern.

Where to find Spaces

[Log into the Spaces dashboard](#) to find desks and spaces to book and pinpoint their exact location using floor plans. Search for availability based on building and other location details, date, time, capacity, and other criteria. Different locations may have different amenities, restrictions, and on-site procedures. Mind the notes for each location before booking, as well as the booking confirmations and reminders for more details. [Download the Robin mobile app](#) to take Spaces with you on the go or [find Robin in My Applications on the Student Hub](#).

Desks

Individual workstations, often part of a group or pod of other stations. Great for employees who need a place to work for a day or part of a day at a time, or students who want a seat to study.

Spaces

Rooms or common areas are meant for one or more people at a time and designed for collaboration. These could be meeting or conference rooms, offices, or event spaces.

Download the mobile app

Book desks and spaces, see who's in office, and coordinate work with your team.



Point your camera at the QR code to download Robin.

SNELL LIBRARY'S GROUP STUDY ROOMS AND COLABS ARE AVAILABLE TO CURRENT NORTHEASTERN STUDENTS FOR GROUP WORK. ALL GROUP STUDY ROOMS HAVE WHITEBOARDS; THOSE ON LEVELS ONE AND TWO HAVE MONITORS. ADAPTERS TO PLUG PERSONAL LAPTOPS INTO THE MONITORS MAY BE BORROWED AT THE FIRST-FLOOR HELP & INFORMATION DESK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [HTTPS://SPACES.NORTHEASTERN.EDU/](https://spaces.northeastern.edu/)

Monday, December 6, 2021

Go To Date < >

Space	5:00pm	6:00pm	7:00pm	8:00pm	9:00pm	10:00pm
Info CoLab A (Capacity 4)  	Red	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Red
Info CoLab B (Capacity 5)  	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red
Info CoLab C (Capacity 5)  	Red	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Red
Info CoLab F (Capacity 4)  	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Info CoLab G (Capacity 3)  	Red	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Red
Info CoLab H (Capacity 4)  	Red	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Red
Info CoLab J (Capacity 6)  	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Info CoLab K (Capacity 6)  	Red	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Blue
Info CoLab L (Capacity 4)  	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red

JOB/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Northeastern is known for its cooperative (Co-op) education program, which began over 100 years ago. Co-op provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to integrate academic knowledge with real-world skills and techniques. Getting involved in your field of interest through Co-op will strengthen your chances of securing a full-time position after graduation. Find more details about [graduate Co-op](#) on the COE website.

There are some basic requirements for eligibility to go on Co-op:

- The position must be related to your field of study
- You must be in good academic standing (for most programs, GPA must be higher than 3.2)
- At least 16 semester hours (credits) need to be completed
- Completion of either Career Management for Engineers (ENCP 6000) or Introduction to Cooperative Education (ENCP 6100), depending on your program.
- Approval from both your academic advisor and Co-op coordinator is required

You can find more details about [graduate Co-op eligibility and requirements online](#).

Global Co-op Program: Opportunities with global companies where students are exposed to diverse cultures and global societies. Find more information [here](#).

The required Co-op courses (ENCP 6000 or 6100) are typically taught by your co-op coordinator and are specifically designed to apply to your department or program (which means you need to make sure you register for the appropriate section). These courses guide you through developing skills in the job search, interviewing, resume and cover letter writing, etc. All Co-op coordinators help you gain access to companies who are interested in hiring a student for a Co-op position which can be found in a variety of ways, including through internal department lists, word of mouth or NUcareers (Northeastern's database of job opportunities). Hundreds of domestic and international Co-op positions are filled every year and some by major companies like Amazon, Bose, IBM, etc.

Although the provided resources are extremely valuable and beneficial, you are strongly encouraged to think about 'self-developing' a Co-op position. A self-developed Co-op is a position where you self-initiate an opportunity with a company. These opportunities can be found by using outside resources such as LinkedIn or Glassdoor, in conjunction with the Employer Engagement and Career Design Office (more frequently called Career Development Office).

Co-op can last anywhere from 4 to 8 months, depending on the company and the position. A Co-op is like a typical full-time job where you work 40 hours per week. While you are on Co-op, you are still in full-time student status without being required to register for courses. Graduate students in COE are only allowed to pursue one Co-op during the duration of their academic program.

International students have additional requirements and considerations for Co-op eligibility and participation.

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT AND CAREER DESIGN

The Employer Engagement and Career Design Office assists students in finding Co-ops and long-term career opportunities. Appointments can be scheduled ahead of time and the office also has specific walk-in hours every day where you can visit with quick questions or more involved endeavors like resume/cover letter advice, LinkedIn profile reviewing, mock interviews and networking coaching.

Additionally, the Employer Engagement and Career Office offers a multitude of workshops on careers, professional development, networking, and personal skill assessment. There's even more – it also holds many professional events, like career fairs, small group job search sessions, and alumni resources ! They are located in 103 Stearns Center at 420 Huntington Ave.

ON/NEAR-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

This section addresses requirements for ALL students; international students should also consult the additional important information under the international student section.

“Student employment” refers to jobs affiliated with the University. There are two types of employment: federal work-study and general student employment. Federal work-study is a need-based federally subsidized program that provides part-time employment at various locations.

Students are paid from their financial aid package. If you do not receive work-study, then general student employment is your other option.

These positions will depend on what is available at the time. SEGAF (most commonly referred to as Student Employment Office) has a portal with a database of positions that are available and is where you submit timesheets when you are employed. Student Financial Services provides an easy to follow guide that is adapted and provided here:

Once you are on the Student Employment site, choose the “Find a Job” link to initiate the job search process. You may apply for up to 20 jobs at a time. You will be able to apply for fall semester positions a few weeks before classes start. In the meantime, here’s some helpful tips:

- Be sure your resume is up to date before you begin the search process.
- Students who wish to work on campus must complete the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) only after you have been offered a position. Section 1 of the I-9 can be completed online through myNortheastern.

Once submitted, **personal identification documentation** is required for processing (most students present either a U.S. passport or a photo ID paired with either a Social Security card or birth certificate.

Information for international students is available **here**. Be sure to see a Student Employment representative or visit their office to submit your document(s)!

Work with your supervisor to earn up to your allotted federal work-study amount. You can monitor your federal work-study balance each week through the Student Employment site to be sure you’re on track.

International Students: Most international students are not eligible for work-study and should discuss the employment type before accepting an employment offer.

Remember – earnings from federal work-study and general student employment are not applied directly to tuition bills. Students are paid through direct deposit bi-weekly.

You can contact the Student Employment
Office at 617.373.3200 or
seo@northeastern.edu. They are at
375 Richards Hall



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BOSTON CAMPUS

As mentioned on our website, Northeastern’s Boston location has “the perfect balance of campus and city” and is a recognized arboretum (more than 1,400 trees and 143 species)! We have 2 other campuses in the area (Burlington and Nahant), 5 in other parts of the country (Silicon Valley, Seattle, Arlington, Portland, ME and Charlotte), and 2 in Canada (Toronto and Vancouver). Every location has its own charm and focuses on specific programs. Starting a new chapter in a new place can be a little overwhelming, so we have highlighted some of the key buildings and areas in the Boston location to help you navigate yourself when you first get here. Keep reading this section to get a sense of where you might be spending a lot of your time!



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SNELL LIBRARY

As part of graduate life, we all are aware of one fact: studying isn't always easy. College students tackle numerous deadlines, home assignments, and paper writing. Finding a quiet place to study can be difficult, especially if your high school (or undergraduate) experience was more relaxing – but at the same time, it is not impossible. It will become easier when you have the right resources. Northeastern provides a serene study environment in Snell Library. The library is open around the clock – 24 hours per day / 7 days per week / 365 days per year - for you to work individually or gather for project meetings, assignments, courses, etc. You can reserve private rooms for group study and phone/video interviews, recording studios, and specific workstations during certain periods.

Digital Media Commons (DMC) is on the 2nd floor, which has a variety of workstations and other amazing resources. There are large format plotters, 3D printers, audio and video recording studios, individual dual-monitor workstations, specialized software for projects, presentation circles, and spare monitors for you to plug your laptop into. The DMC also has its own set of group study rooms you can reserve.

The 2nd floor of the library also has an office for GIS and Data Visualization Services (in Suite 243). They offer free assistance with your projects and host introductory workshops to help get you started.

The library's four floors above ground have different levels of sound-volume permitted.

The 1st and 2nd floors are Group Study Floors, so you can study in a group and talk without noise restrictions.

The 3rd floor is a quiet study floor where only whisper-level noise is permitted – you must go downstairs if you wish to have a louder discussion.

No group meetings or calls are allowed on the Quiet Study floors. The 4th floor is the silent floor – talking is not permitted. Don't worry; if you forget there are many signs to remind you.

You can report a disturbance using the library's messaging service. To reach someone at the Help & Information Desk, text 66746 with the word "Husky" and then your message. Be sure to include your location in the library.

Use the **Scholar OneSearch** to search for resources in the online and physical library collections. To locate an item in the library stacks, use the **Floor Maps and Finding Library Materials**. Check-out items at the Help & Information Desk or at the self-check kiosks near the exit. Make sure you bring your Husky Card!

To further assist students, the library has assembled **Research Subject Guides** and has **Research Librarians** specific to subjects. If that's not enough, they also have walk-in research help hours scheduled almost every day.

Students may also borrow portable chargers, laptops and locks, cameras, AV cables, and other equipment through the Help & Information Desk on the 1st floor. Requests must be done in-person and are usually conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be aware that some materials must remain in Snell Library. The **Equipment Available for Checkout** page lists everything that is available.

There are a lot of different **Services** available through Snell Library that you should look into and take advantage of in your time here.

Exclusive to Ph.D. Students: The Digital Scholarship Commons, in Suite 211, is an open and collaborative workspace you can use. You need to scan your Husky Card at the entrance to get in.

SNELL ENGINEERING CENTER



The Graduate School of Engineering is operated primarily out of Snell Engineering Center (SN), lovingly called “Snell” by most COE faculty, staff, and students (not to be confused with Snell Library as mentioned in the Introduction of Part 1). Snell is connected to Dana Research Center (DA) through stairwells, which makes it easy to think of the two buildings as one. You will find most of your professors’ offices in one of these two buildings along with the majority of department offices.

The department offices you can find in Snell are:

- 313 SN – Chemical Engineering (ChemE)
- 400 SN – Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE)
- 334 SN – Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE)

In addition to department and professor offices, the Admissions Office and the Office of Student Services are in 130 SN. Here, you will find your Graduate School Advisor. This advisor will help you with queries about course registration, academic status, graduation requirements, and more. Should you come across any difficulties during your time at Northeastern, feel free to contact your Graduate School advisor by email or go to his/her office during their office hours (Note: ‘office hours’ refers to a time slot that students can visit the faculty or staff member). The Graduate School Advisors’ contact information and office hours are found on the [Graduate Student Services](#) page.

International Students: Your Graduate School advisor will be your Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) contact.

ENGINEERING COMPUTER CENTER

The Graduate School of Engineering is operated primarily out of Snell Engineering Center (SN), lovingly called “Snell” by most COE faculty, staff, and students (not to be confused with Snell Library as mentioned in the Introduction of Part 1). Snell is connected to Dana Research Center (DA) through stairwells, which makes it easy to think of the two buildings as one. You will find most of your professors’ offices in one of these two buildings along with the majority of department offices.

The main COE computer labs are in 274, 268, and 208 SN. The area comprising these labs is officially called the **Engineering Computer Center**. These labs are equipped with Windows and Linux workstations that are available when there is no class going on and during their **open hours**. Additionally, Northeastern students, faculty, and staff have access to the **Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center** (MGHPCC), which provides a high-level computing and data center for intensive computational research. Some departments/programs have additional dedicated computer labs with specialized architecture and software that are available to you.

Check with your respective departments/programs to find out where they are and how to get access to them. The **Engineering Computer Center Help Wiki** has more information on this and basic troubleshooting solutions. Reach out to the team via email at **help@coe.neu.edu**.

IMPORTANT!

You need a COE Computer Account to log in to COE managed computers.

With your NUID, you can **request an account** to get your COE credentials, which will also allow you to access **VLAB**.

DANA RESEARCH CENTER

The department offices you can find in Dana are:

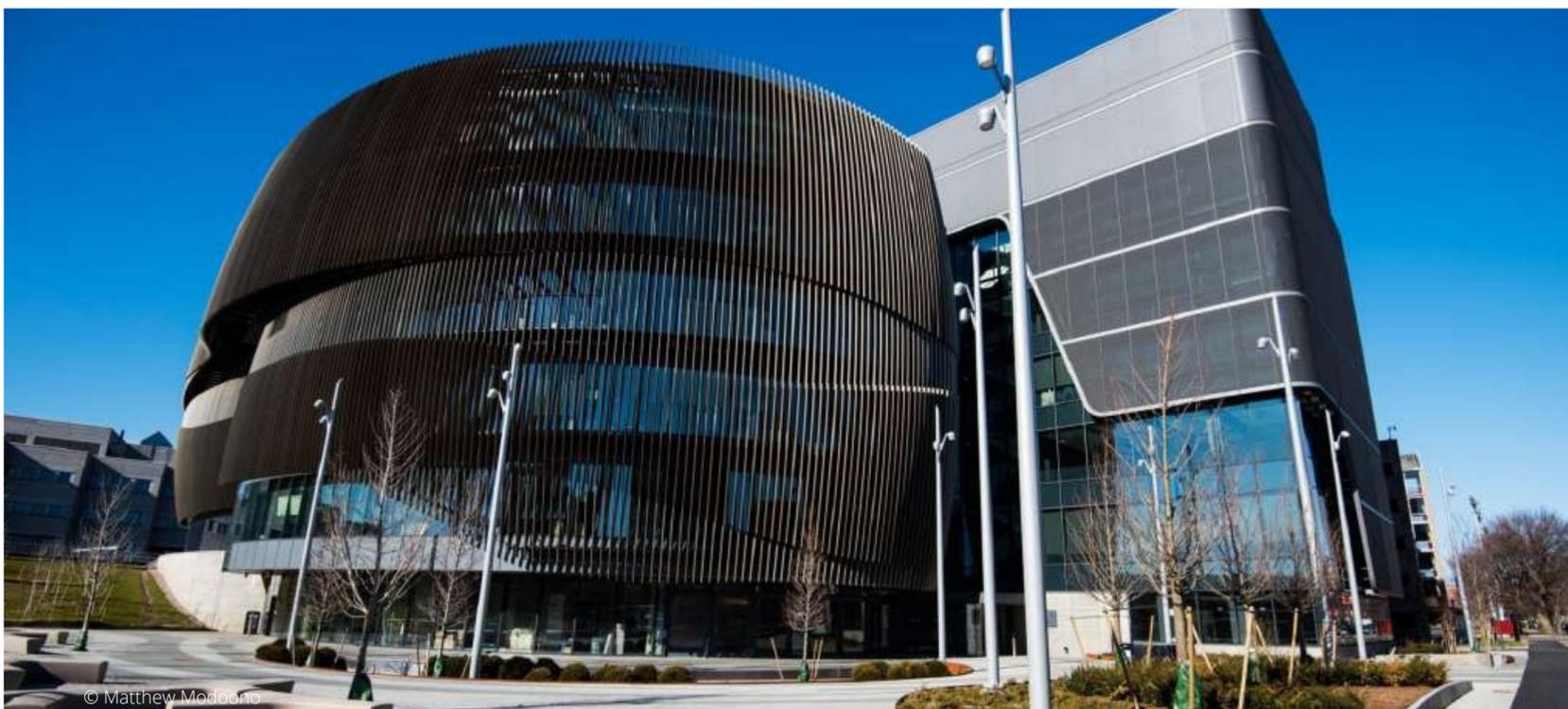
409 DA – Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)

504 DA – Multidisciplinary Graduate Engineering (MGEN)

Dana also houses the College of Science Physics department. Beyond the COE department offices, there are some lab spaces and offices for grad students and faculty/staff that you may need to access at some point or another.

INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING COMPLEX

The **Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex**, most commonly known as ISEC, is located at 805 Columbus Avenue and is the newest and most iconic building on campus (and most beautiful building in Boston). The building itself is notable for its energy efficiency and sustainability and embraces Northeastern's vision of community and collaborative research. The BioEngineering (BioE) department office, unlike the others in COE, is not located within Snell, and can be found at 206 ISEC. The building is a popular place for people to study and with the large glass atrium and auditorium; it is also a common location for special events.





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CURRY STUDENT CENTER

The John A. and Marcia E. Curry Student Center (CSC) is one of the most centralized places on campus. It is known as Northeastern’s “living room” and is typically just referred to as Curry.

There are five floors in Curry with plenty of resources and spaces to study or relax. The ground floor is where you can find the **Northeastern Bookstore**, Campus Crossroads Information Desk/Lost and Found, Bank of America ATMs (with stamps), cell phone charging stations, the food court and West Addition, which is adjacent to the food court and full of tables for eating, meetings or studying, and the occasional event. There are a few microwaves for you to heat anything you might bring from home.

AfterHOURS, NU’s entertainment venue, is also on the ground floor of Curry, in the same corner as Starbucks. When an event is not happening, AfterHOURS is a popular place to get some work done or hang out with buddies.

The first floor (which really feels like the second floor because you usually have to go upstairs to get there) is the home of the Indoor Quad. The Indoor Quad is filled with seating areas, TVs, tables and couches, which makes it a perfect place to relax, eat some lunch or meet up with friends.

The high traffic area makes it a popular place to hold large events like expos and fairs. The **Community Service Office**, **Center for Financial Independence**, and **Center for Intercultural Engagement** are on the first floor of Curry.

On the north side of the first floor, you can connect to Ell Hall via **Gallery 360**, a sophisticated gallery space with regularly rotating artists, student shows, and special exhibitions.

Most of the upper levels in Curry are filled with different university offices and meeting rooms that you might find to be helpful resources. The second floor is where you can find the Ballroom (one of the larger event rooms on campus), **Graduate Student Government** (GSG), **Off-Campus Student Services**, **Center for Student Involvement** (CSI) Programming Lab, and the Roof Deck Terrace. On the third floor, there is another large event space, McLeod Suites, the **LGBTQA Resource Center**, and the CSC Operations Office.

If you get involved with a student organization, you will most likely find yourself on the fourth floor at some point in the **Center for Student Involvement** (CSI) Office or the **Student Activities Business Office** (SABO). The fourth floor also houses the PAWS/PLAY GameRoom. There's more you can find listed in the **CSC Directory**.



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TUNNEL SYSTEM

Right past the Bookstore, on the ground floor of Curry, is one of the main entrances to the tunnel system that connects 11 of Northeastern's buildings. The tunnels are most used when you don't want to walk outside in bad weather, you need to get into a building after it is locked, and/or if you need to get to your locker. The buildings are color-coded, so it's easier to tell where you are, and you can find vending machines in certain locations. There are lots of maps printed on the walls but you can also check out the **digital tour of the tunnels**.



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MARINO RECREATION CENTER

The Marino Center is the fitness and recreation center on campus. It was voted one of the top ten recreational facilities in the country! Marino is where you can get involved with intermural or club sports, take group fitness classes, or workout on your own. To enter the facility, all you need to do is swipe your Husky Card at the entrance. Make sure you don't let anyone else use your card to get into Marino.

In addition to the locker rooms and administration, the lower level of Marino has a couple of places to grab a bite to eat and an atrium to relax or socialize. The upper floors offer a variety of exercise equipment, basketball courts that can also be used for other sports, a resistance training area with weight stations, and a suspended track.

As a full-time student, you have access to all the amenities using your Husky Card after paying a one-time recreation center fee. More details on paying the fee can be found on the [Marino Center website](#).



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LIVING IN BOSTON HOUSING

On-campus housing is limited for graduate students and thus most graduate students secure housing off campus. In general, the most common type of housing in Boston is an apartment building or a multi-unit house. The cost of living varies between different Boston neighborhoods. Below are the neighborhoods in order of proximity to the Northeastern campus (costs in USD per month).

Typically, housing that is closer to campus is more expensive. Both Ruggles Station (Orange Line) and Northeastern Stop (Green Line) are located on campus. If you want to save money on rent, and do not mind a longer commute, you may want to consider living further from campus.

However, you need to take transportation expenses into account when you consider your budget and use Google Maps to view the duration of the commute before you decide.

Generally, the rental cost will be less expensive if you are willing to live with roommates. All roommates must be listed on the lease contract. No individuals may live in the apartment if they are not on the lease. Any individuals not on the lease may be evicted by the landlord.

Before signing a lease, have it reviewed by **Off Campus Student Services**. They will help you to understand your rights and responsibilities. When you sign a legally binding lease contract, you may be asked to pay first month's rent, last month's rent, and security deposit (usually one month's rent) upfront. If you use a broker to help you find an apartment, you may also need to pay a broker's fee. A broker's fee cannot exceed one month's rent.

Most apartments where students live are unfurnished and may or may not have in-unit laundry. You may buy used furniture or rent furniture through **these companies**. Apartment buildings with amenities such as a gym or pool will be more expensive. Timing is important when you are looking for housing in and around Boston. A recommended timeline is available from Off Campus Student Services and can be viewed “on **Getting Started - Three Steps to Apartment Searching**”.

It is geared towards students enrolling in Fall, but Spring students can also use it as a reference. View more apartment search tips for international students.

Start Your Apartment Search:

- **Guide to Living Off Campus Handbook**
- Search for Apartments, Find Roommates, and Locate Realtors via **Northeastern Housing Database**
- **Learn About Neighborhoods Near Northeastern**
- **Off Campus Student Services videos and presentations**

You can join various Facebook groups and monitor them regularly for new postings. Please be wary of online scams. Never send money or sign a lease until you see the apartment in person. You can contact your student ambassador to get a link to one of our COE Grad Housing WhatsApp groups.

Additional websites with apartment listings:

- Facebook:
 - **Northeastern University Off Campus Housing** (within the Northeastern Community)
 - **Boston Housing** (Public Group)
- **Craigslist Boston**
- **Zillow**

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities:

- **Rights & Responsibilities**
- **Renting in Massachusetts**

TRANSPORTATION

MBTA - "THE T"

Massachusetts has one of the largest and oldest public transit systems in the country - with the very first subway tunnels still in use. "The T" is commonly used to refer to the subway sector of the entire MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority) system. There are also buses and commuter rail lines to get around Boston.

Northeastern is in a central location of the city, so it is easy to access the nearby stops or stations. Most notable is Ruggles Station on the Orange Line, located on the south end of campus. It is one of the larger bus and train stations, making it easy to travel to almost any direction from campus. Not too far from Ruggles is the Northeastern train stop on the Green Line (the E Line of the Green Line), which runs right on Huntington Ave, through the heart of campus.

Google Maps and the **MBTA Trip Planner** apps for your mobile devices are really helpful when you need to figure out the best way to get anywhere using public transportation. Google Maps is very intuitive, showing approximate minutes until the next ride and the time needed to walk between stations. The ProximiT for iPhones is also useful for live updates on the train, arrival times, and MBTA alerts.

CHARLIE CARDS & CHARLIE TICKETS

As a Bostonian, you are most likely going to want to get your hands on a CharlieCard. CharlieCards and CharlieTickets are how you pay for your fare to use public transportation. A CharlieCard is plastic, like a credit card, and is reloadable with passes and dollar values. In comparison, CharlieTickets are better suited for infrequent T users and tourists. A CharlieTicket is a durable paper card and, although it can be reloaded, is intended to be a one-time use ticket. The MBTA has provided a really simple guide to help you answer the question “**Should I Get a CharlieCard?**” Similar to most of Boston, the name Charlie comes from a legendary story that you can read about towards the end of **The History of the T.**

One of the key benefits of using a CharlieCard is the slightly lower fares (when compared over a larger time duration, like a month) than what you pay for with a CharlieTicket. Additionally, a CharlieCard allows you to manage your account online. To get a FREE blank (empty) CharlieCard, you need to locate an MBTA Customer Service Agent who can be found at some (not all) stations. A full list of stations with Customer Service Agents can be found **online** but the closest stations to Northeastern campus are Ruggles, Back Bay, and Kenmore. Most Customer Service Agents are at the stations every day from 7 am to 7 pm but be aware that some locations may have differing hours on the weekends. In these cases, if you are on campus, it is recommended to just buy a CharlieTicket for the day/next destination from the Ruggles Station -until you can locate your closest CharlieCard Service Agent. Downtown Crossing, accessible from the Orange and Red Line, has a CharlieCard station. Please visit this location with any questions or issues.

CHARLIE CARDS & CHARLIE TICKETS

Purchasing passes can be done in a variety of ways - you can use vending machines, ticket booths, retail stores, or load a CharlieCard online. The option closest to campus is the vending machines at Ruggles Station.



Subway



Buses

CharlieCard (One Way)	\$2.40	\$1.70
CharlieTicket or Cash (One Way)	\$2.90	\$2.00
1-Day Pass	\$12.75	
7-Day Pass	\$22.50	
Monthly LinkPass	\$90.00	

IMPORTANT!! The Northeastern Stop on the Green Line (i.e. the stop in front of Marino Center) does not have any way to buy fares, so make sure you have value on your CharlieCard or have a CharlieTicket before you get there.

It is smart to carry some cash - especially single \$1 bills and quarters (\$0.25 cent coins, available at banking centers) - with you, particularly when you are getting used to the T, in case you get stuck without money on your CharlieCard or don't have one.

FARES & PASSES

Student Hub



Resources



Financial Services



Make a Payment with an eCheck



Semester Pass Option



Add to payment



Pay now or Add more



Checkout

If you know you are going to rely on the T as your primary mode of transportation during the semester, you can apply for the **Semester Pass Program**. Students purchasing the pass-through NU receive an 11% student discount on unlimited rides through the entire semester. The Fall Semester Pass runs September 1st through December 31st.

The deadline to purchase the pass is generally 1 month before the semester starts. You can buy semester passes through NUPay and you can keep an eye on the Student Discounted Semester Pass Program website for more details and updated flyers. Email contact@masparc.com with questions. These can be picked up in Student Financial Services (354 Richards Hall) with your Husky Card on (or after) the 29th of each month.

The typical fares you will need to know are the subway and bus fares - they are listed in the table below. Other fares (e.g. Commuter Rail and Ferry) can be found **online**.

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE SUBWAY SYSTEM

One of the most confusing things to learn about riding the T is which direction you need to take to get to where you want to go. The first thing to know is that the subway uses Inbound and Outbound to designate the travel direction. An inbound train heads towards downtown Boston and an outbound train heads away from it. Don't worry if you get on the wrong direction – we've all done it. Here is a trick you may find helpful while you are getting used to the inbound/outbound directions: concentrate on the destination of the train and which end you need to be traveling towards. For example, if you are getting on the Orange line at Ruggles, the train and platforms will say Oak Grove or Forest Hills, which would be inbound (towards downtown) or outbound (away from downtown), respectively.

In addition to the Green and Orange lines that run through Northeastern's campus, the Red and Blue lines make up the four main lines of the T.

The Blue Line runs from Bowdoin (close to downtown), through East Boston and past the Airport, by Revere Beach and out to Wonderland in Revere.

The Orange Line (that Ruggles Station is on) has one end at Oak Grove (in Malden, north of the city) and runs through East Somerville, through downtown, by Northeastern and ends at Forest Hills (on the south side of Jamaica Plain).

The Red Line has two branches on the south end of the line: Ashmont and Braintree. There is also a Mattapan Trolley that connects to the Red line at Ashmont. The two branches of the Red line connect at the JFK/UMass station in Dorchester.

The Ashmont branch runs on the south side of Dorchester and through Savin Hill before hitting JFK/UMass. The Braintree branch runs through a few stops in Quincy before reaching the JFK/UMass stop. If you are heading south on the Red line, you need to make sure you are on the right branch to get to where you need to go before reaching JFK/UMass. The north end of the Red line is in Alewife.

The Green Line is one that you may need to pay extra attention to. There are four branches, designated by letters corresponding to the last stops: B - Boston College, C - Cleveland Circle, D - Riverside, and E - Heath Street. The other end of the Green line's branches terminates at Park Street, Government Center, North Station, and Lechmere, respectively. All four branches of the Green Line run through Copley, Arlington, Boylston, and Park Street, which means it's important to make sure you are getting on the correct line when traveling outbound to the west.

Other than knowing where you're going, the other important things to keep in mind are the times that each line operates and where you can switch from inbound to outbound if you make a mistake and need to turn around.

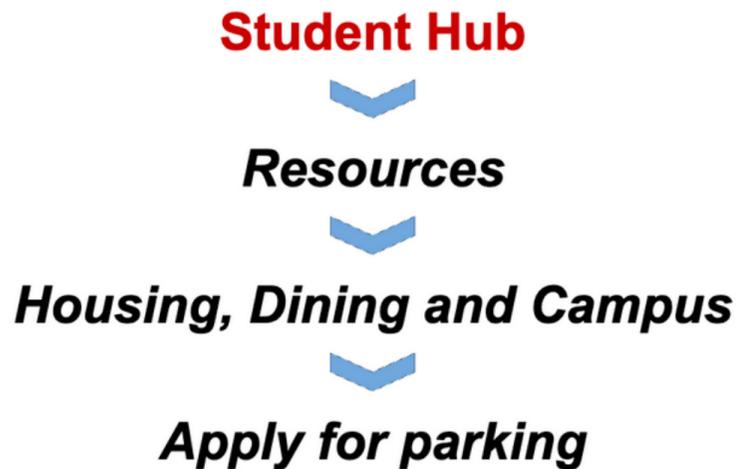
You can travel further distances on the **Commuter Rail**, depicted on maps as and also known as the Purple Line. There are a few stations that the T and Commuter Rail share, but the majority of the **stations** are separate. Be aware that the commuter rail has a different **fare** and pass system from the T, so make sure you have the appropriate ticket (or use the mTicket App on **iOS** or **Android**).

This and a lot of other information, including line interruptions or closures, can be found on the **MBTA's website**. Other **MBTA Tips and Information** can be found on the **Boston Central** website, which is a good general resource for things around Boston.

ADDITIONAL MBTA INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- *wikiHow on riding the T*
 - *Heads up - The Green and Red Lines can get a little crazy on the days the Red Sox are playing.*
 - *The Ferry is a great option sometimes. Check out the Fares and*
 - *Stops to see if it's a good choice for you.*
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PARKING



If you end up living close to campus, it is sometimes easier to avoid having a car because driving in Boston and the parking situation is less than ideal (depending on where you are going) and is expensive. However, if you do have a car here and you plan to drive to campus, you will need to purchase a parking permit to park in a parking garage or lot on campus. The main parking area for permit holders is Columbus Parking Garage (795 Columbus Ave), but a parking spot is not guaranteed because it is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Usually, there is no problem finding a spot, but it can become a challenge when there are special events on campus and when a lot of construction is happening. There are some other **places to park** but the specific locations and the times will depend on the type of parking permit you get. You can find the most up-to-date **parking fees online** (subject to change during the next fiscal year). Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 rates are not yet available.

Students can purchase either a Student Day & Overnight permit, or an Evening permit.

Instructions on how to select and purchase a parking permit are found [here](#). You can choose to pick up your permit from the parking office at Gainsborough Garage (10 Gainsborough Street), or have the permit mailed to you. You will need your mobile number and all vehicle information, including make, model, color, and license plate number and state, to complete the permit purchase. Please contact MasParc with questions: contact@masparc.com.

A block away from the Columbus Garage is Renaissance Parking Garage (835 Columbus Ave) where students can park by swiping their Husky Card to get in and out. This is also the garage that is usually easiest for visitors to use. You can take a ticket on the way in and pay on the way out. There is a weekend rate from Friday at 6:00pm to Sunday at 11:59pm, which is perfect when your friends and family come to visit.

You can buy 24-hour parking coupons that can be used in the Renaissance, Columbus, or Gainsborough Garages at Gainsborough Garage (10 Gainsborough Street) at a rate of \$27.00 per coupon. Parking coupons are sold in sets of 5 coupons. If you need to pay to park in one of these garages for longer than 2 hours, it is worth buying a coupon.

It is possible to find street parking but to avoid getting a ticket or getting your car towed you need to be aware of:

1. Resident Permit Parking Areas. These streets require a permit that comes from city hall and you will get a ticket if you park in these areas. Some have posted times where visitors can park.

2. Street Cleaning. Different sides of the street get cleaned on different days and you will get towed if you are parked there on a street cleaning day.

3. Metered Streets. You can park on metered streets but make sure you know your time limit – you will get ticketed if you exceed the limit or have an expired meter. Sundays and holidays are free.

ADDITIONAL PARKING RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- *Columbus Parking Garage has ten Electric Vehicle Charging Stations available for use with a [ChargePoint](#) account*
 - *[14 Essential Boston Driving Tips](#)*
 - *[The Risks of Owning a Car in Boston](#)*
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BICYCLES



Don't forget to get your bike registered with Northeastern University Police Department (NUPD)! Details in Property Registration under Health and Safety

If you don't have your own bike, you can take advantage of **Blue Bikes** (formally known as Hubway), a bike share program. You can find a handful of **stations around campus.**

Many students prefer cycling as a healthy, eco-friendly and cheap mode of transportation to get to and from classes or around Boston. Northeastern has plenty of public racks to lock your personal bike to around campus and gated storage areas in **Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex** (ISEC) and Columbus Garage.

There are also a few **bike repair stations** (near West Village A and in the gated storage areas) available to you. Make sure you are always locking your bike with a cable lock AND a U-lock (see figure in page 70). You can also bring your bike on the T, depending on the line and time of day.



MORE INFORMATION & RESOURCES ON BICYCLING

- [*Boston Bikes*](#) – an awesome resource from the City of Boston
 - [*Ticket To Ride: A Guide to Boston Bike Shops*](#)
 - [*Blue Bike Sharing program*](#)
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WEATHER

Boston weather is typically more varied and colder than many incoming students from outside Massachusetts are used to. Sometimes it rains, snows and sleet all in the same day, and sometimes it can be a comfy 65°F in the day but a chilly 40°F when the sun goes down. Here is a small list of things you can do to shield yourself from the vagaries of Boston weather.

1. LAYER, LAYER, LAYER

If you couldn't tell from the emphasis, layering is key. A proper layering system entails a base layer (that touches your skin), an insulating middle layer, and a shell (the outer layer). This combination allows you the most flexibility to stay comfortable all day long – you can take off individual layers to adjust.

a. Base Layer – What's on the Inside

Getting too warm and sweating under your clothes is irritating and can make you colder in the end. Putting on a thermal layer that moves moisture away from your skin will help keep you dry and stay warm. This applies to both your top and bottom. Most people wear their regular style shirt over this first layer. When it is really cold, wool tights, leggings or long underwear under your pants/jeans is awesome.

b. Mid-Layer – Keeps you Warm

This is the layer that keeps your heat in and the cold out. Typically, it is a good sweater or thick sweatshirt. Fleece is also popular in cooler temperatures. Depending on your coat/jacket, this is the easiest layer to adjust. If you are carrying a bag, it is never a bad idea to throw in an extra layer if you are nervous about it. Take some time to do some experimenting – you will be surprised what combination of things work.

c. Outer Layer – Protect from the Elements

Probably the most important investment one can make while living in Boston is a good, warm coat/jacket. Pick one that is waterproof (which is different from water-resistant), has a hood, and with good insulation (windproof is a huge plus). A waterproof jacket will not let the melting snow and rain soak through, and a hood is paramount in dealing with the mess of weather conditions Boston experiences.

When considering down or synthetic insulation, the warmth is measured by something called ‘fill power;’ the higher the fill power, the warmer the jacket. Fill power usually varies between 300 and 900. Additionally, getting a coat/jacket that is long enough reaching below your waist can make a huge difference.

Don’t worry, Canada Goose isn’t the only company that sells warm coats – although looking around Boston in the winter might make you think differently. There are lots of other brands like North Face, Columbia, etc. that you can get.

2. WINTER BOOTS

We have two words for you: “BEAN BOOTS.” L.L. Bean Boots are the way to go for a Boston winter. They are waterproof, warm and will last you forever. They come in all different styles and the non-insulated ones are great for fall, but your feet will be icicles if you wear them in the snow. The insulated Bean Boots sell out quickly and are more expensive but are worth the money.

Insider Tip: They seem to run about a half size big.



a. Don't Forget Socks!

Let's admit it, no one likes wet feet. To prevent the agony of sitting through 3- hour long lectures with cold feet (literally!), consider buying a few pairs of warm socks at the earliest. Anything made of wool or with a wool blend will help you stay warm and dry

3. COVER YOUR FACE & HEAD

It might not be a “Windy City” like Chicago, but Boston can get quite breezy and that paired with the low winter temperatures can make matters worse. A winter hat that covers your ears is essential and if you can order a windproof one, you will not regret it.

Breathing in cold, moist air hurts. To avoid it, invest in a scarf that you can also pull over your mouth and nose to pre-warm the air before it enters your system. Don't wait until November to order your cold weather gear. Try shopping for your coat and boots in the summer or fall. Often times companies have sales during the offseason, so you could even save yourself some money.

4. IS IT *STILL* WINTER?

Sometimes we get snow in April! When the weather ignores your plans, stay one step ahead by downloading weather apps on your phone and signing up for emergency alerts to never be stranded when it's wicked cold outside. Some useful resources include:

- **[Best Weather Apps for iPhone for 2020](#)**
- **[15 best weather apps and weather widgets for Android](#)**
- **[City of Boston - Cold Weather Safety Tips](#)**
- **[City of Boston – Sign Up for Emergency Alerts](#)**

Always have an umbrella handy to avoid getting drenched.

BUT be careful when it's windy – it could flip inside out.

Get some more tips and ideas for fun winter things to do in our awesome blog post '[What to Do for Your First Winter in Boston,](#)' by a former ambassador!



NORTHEASTERN HOUSEKEEPING

Wi-Fi ACCESS ON CAMPUS

All students enrolled at Northeastern University can access undisturbed, high-speed Wi-Fi across the campus. Just select “NUWave” on your Wi-Fi-enabled device and log in with your Husky ID and password. Visitors at the university also get free 24-hour access to Wi-Fi across campus by selecting “NUWave-guest” and signing up using the visitor’s personal email and a password.

HUSKY CARD



The Husky Card is the official identification card of Northeastern University, which can be used for library access, printing services, locker access, parking, dining services, etc. Every student enrolled in Northeastern University can go to the Husky Card Services Office with a government-issued photo ID or passport to obtain their Husky Card.

NUGO

NUGO is a mobile application developed by Northeastern (available on iOS and Android). Use the app to access your course schedule, get in touch with your advisor, check your Husky Card balance, and more! One function particularly useful for new students is campus navigation. If you have trouble finding a building you need to get to, you can simply type the name of building in the app and it will show you how to get there!

CBORD Mobile ID

When you find yourself without your Husky Card (or would prefer to use your phone) you can use the CBORD Mobile ID app (on iOS and Android). To activate it you will need to enter huskycardcenter.neu.edu into the Server URL field and then log in with your myNortheastern credentials. Make sure you allow it to access your location. Once inside, you will be able to select a campus location you would like access to. After selecting it, swipe the slider and hit the green “Go” button that appears afterward to gain access to your chosen location.

PRINTING PLAN

Every academic year, you receive \$120 worth of Print Credits. They are automatically loaded on your Husky Card and can be used at various color or B&W printers all over campus. You have 24 hours to print your files after you ‘send’ them to your printing queue (directions below). Printers that are part of the printing plan have a small terminal next to them where you tap your Husky Card and select the files in your queue that you want to release to print.

The cost of prints depends on the size and type of printer:

	Black & White (per page)	Color (per page)
8½ x 11 (Letter)	\$0.10	\$0.30
11 x 17 (Tabloid)	\$0.30	\$0.75

Most of the computer labs are connected to the printing plan (depending on your department/program, you may have access to other labs with additional printing options). The library/University computers are also connected to the printing system. Another option is to access the printing system from your personal computer by installing the ‘Virtual Print Client’ on Windows or Mac.

If you are printing from your laptop on campus, you need to be connected to a campus network (ResNet, NUNet or NUwave).

You can also queue documents to print via the web portal of Papercut: <http://papercut.northeastern.edu/>. Login with your Northeastern credentials and attach the file to the printing queue.

Here are some of the places you can find printers around campus:

General Campus Buildings

Snell Library	1st Floor	InfoCommons (4 Locations – Lime Green Walls) Classroom Wing
	2nd Floor	Digital Media Commons
Curry Student Center	Ground Floor, 1st Floor (2 locations), 3rd Floor	
Marino Center	By Turnstiles	

Academic Buildings

Behrakis Health Sciences Center	Hurtig Hall
Dodge Hall (54 Dodge - computer lab)	ISEC
Forsyth Building	Ryder Hall
Hayden Hall	Shillman Hall
West Village E & G	

Residence Buildings

Davenport A & B	Speare Hall
East Village	Stetson East
International Village	Stetson West
Kerr Hall	West Village E & G
Smith Hall	White Hall

PERSONAL COMPUTER PURCHASING

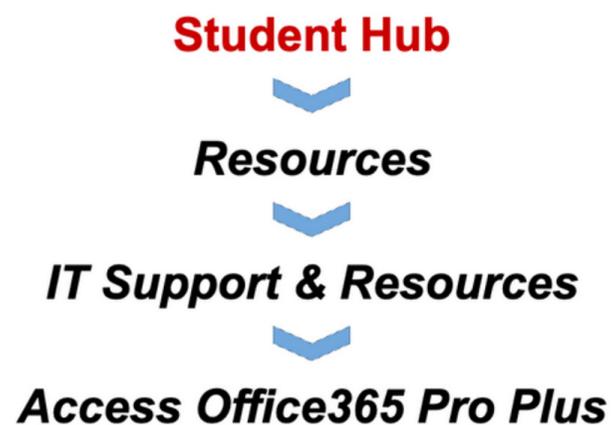
There are computer labs around campus but for those of you looking to purchase a laptop, Northeastern's ResNet Resource Center has outlined laptop recommendations based on your major. Northeastern University offers Dell and Apple stores that help you purchase computers within the recommended guidelines. Some offer a student discount too! You can also check out the computer recommendations from COE.

International Students: The Grad Student Ambassadors that have gone through this recommend that you purchase a laptop or other high price electronic devices from the US because of power supply, Wi-Fi and LTE compatibility and customer service plans that are dependent on the country.

Make sure you get your laptop registered with a Small STOP Security Plate through Northeastern University Police Department (NUPD) to prevent it from being stolen!

SOFTWARE ACCESS

One of the awesome benefits of being a student is free or significantly discounted access to software. Through Northeastern, you can find various programs from Microsoft, Adobe, IBM, VMware and more. Additionally, you get free Symantec anti-virus software!



Microsoft Office365 Pro Plus

Active Northeastern students can download the latest version of Microsoft Office for free. You may download and install the full suite on up to five computers for personal use. To sign in to Office365, you need to use your Husky ID username – not your Husky e-mail – followed by @northeastern.edu (username@northeastern.edu) and your Student Hub password.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

LinkedIn Learning

An incredible resource to take advantage of is LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com). LinkedIn Learning is completely free to students and provides online classes on everything from public speaking to graphic design, computer science, and CAD. The classes can be in the form of courses and weekly tips. Some tutorials include example files for you to engage in a more hands-on learning model. Lessons are broken up into individual sections with transcripts.

With the app, you can also download items to watch offline. LinkedIn Learning tracks your progress so you can revisit your tutorials. Individual membership can be costly so we strongly encourage you to check it out while you are a student at NU.

ResNet Resource Center

The ResNet Resource Center provides support to Dell and Apple computers, which is an added benefit to buying one of the two brands. It is located in Speare Commons and can be contacted by calling 617.373.7967 or emailing resnet@northeastern.edu.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS helps you to stay up to date with current trends and various security issues. Their homepage displays system status alerts which allows you to quickly see if there is a universal problem with a service (e.g. network, Student Hub, email, printing, etc.) or with a local problem with your personal system. The ITS Knowledge Base has an endless amount of FAQs and tutorials on almost anything you will need during your time at NU organized by major categories:

- **Accounts & Access**
- **Canvas**
- **Classroom Technology**
- **Computers & Printing**
- **Communications & Collaboration**
- **Email**
- **myNortheastern**
- **Networks & Storage**
- **Software**
- **Support & Training**

OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- ▶ **The Writing Center (412 Holmes Hall)** – Available to all members of the Northeastern community, you can go get help with any piece of writing by making an individual appointment or working in a group.
- ▶ **Disability Resource Center (20 Dodge Hall)** – Ensures equal access to academic resources and experiences while advocating for the diversity of all students with disabilities.
- ▶ **VLAB** – With **COE credentials** you can log into a remote system and get access to some software that you may need for assignments/research but can't get installed on your personal computer. To log in while you are off-campus, you need to be connected to a VPN.

OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES

▶ **TRACE evaluations-** Here at Northeastern, we value your opinion of courses and instructors and encourage your participation. This is done by TRACE evaluations which can be accessed via your myNortheastern portal. Your identity is kept completely anonymous and confidential and not associated with your submitted responses. Your answers will be seen by your instructor and your fellow students. This survey also serves a dual purpose. In cases where multiple instructors teach a certain course, you can log in to your myNortheastern portal, search for TRACE in the Services and links search bar, go to past survey results and view what your peers had to say about a certain instructor. This ensures awareness of students' impression of the instructor and you can choose the one (wherever applicable) you feel aligns with your learning goals.



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HEALTH & SAFETY



HEALTH INSURANCE

Massachusetts state law requires students to have a certain level of health insurance coverage and the Northeastern University **Student Health Plan** (NUSHP) provides a comprehensive plan that students are automatically enrolled in. The main highlights of NUSHP are:

- Coverage Anywhere: Comprehensive healthcare coverage at school, at home, while traveling, on Co-op or study abroad
- Savings: Affordable coverage, low co-payments, caps on annual out-of-pocket costs, and access to reduced dental, vision, and pharmacy
- Global Protection: 24/7 emergency medical care and assistance anywhere in the world.

You can choose to go with another health insurance plan instead of NUSHP, but you need to make sure it fulfills all the requirements to waive NUSHP and meets the state mandate. The recent partnership with **Gallagher Student Health**, a company that reviews all waiver applications, benefits you by ensuring that you will be covered to meet all requirements and, in turn, avoid any repercussions.

If you are thinking about waiving NUSHP, you can compare your other plan options with **this checklist**. ”This guide to understanding your health plan choices” is a great starting point for **understanding more about NUSHP**. For any unanswered questions, refer to the **FAQ_page** or click **here** for a video overview of the program for domestic and international students.

UHCS

University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) is centrally located in suite 135 of the Forsyth building. All their services are available to everyone enrolled in NUSHP. UHCS is great to take advantage of because it is right on campus and they offer a wide variety of educational and health resources. The medical and behavioral teams can help you with a lot of physical and mental health issues. Clinicians are trained in assessment and treatment of injuries or illness, prevention, self-care, and safe health habits, feeling down or overwhelmed, immunization compliance, student reporting requirements and navigating health insurance.

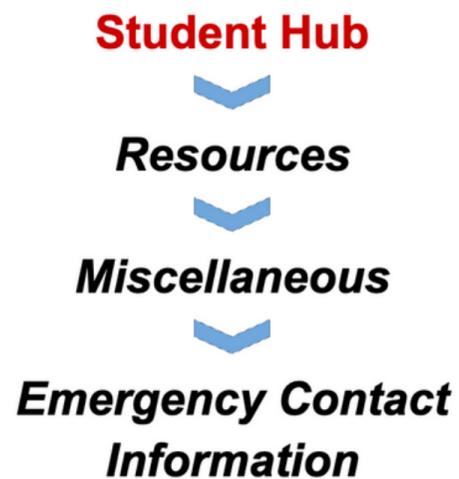
You can connect with UHCS by walk-in, calling 617-373-2772 or email UHCS@northeastern.edu. For on-campus emergencies, you should call public safety at 617-373- 3333 or use the SafeZone app. If you are off-campus, there are some **Off Campus Resources** that you can utilize or call 911 for an emergency.

SAFETY

Feeling safe is vital when moving to a new location and Northeastern takes your safety very seriously. Many services are provided to assist you, but it is also your responsibility to employ **general safety tips** as well. For a brief rundown on emergency management, check out these **guidelines** for responding to emergency situations.

NU ALERT

As long as your contact information is up-to-date in Student Hub you should be receiving notifications from **Permanent address and NU alert**. The NU ALERT system sends voice, e-mail and text notifications for emergencies, such as on-campus crimes, serious facility issues, and extreme weather conditions.



NUPD

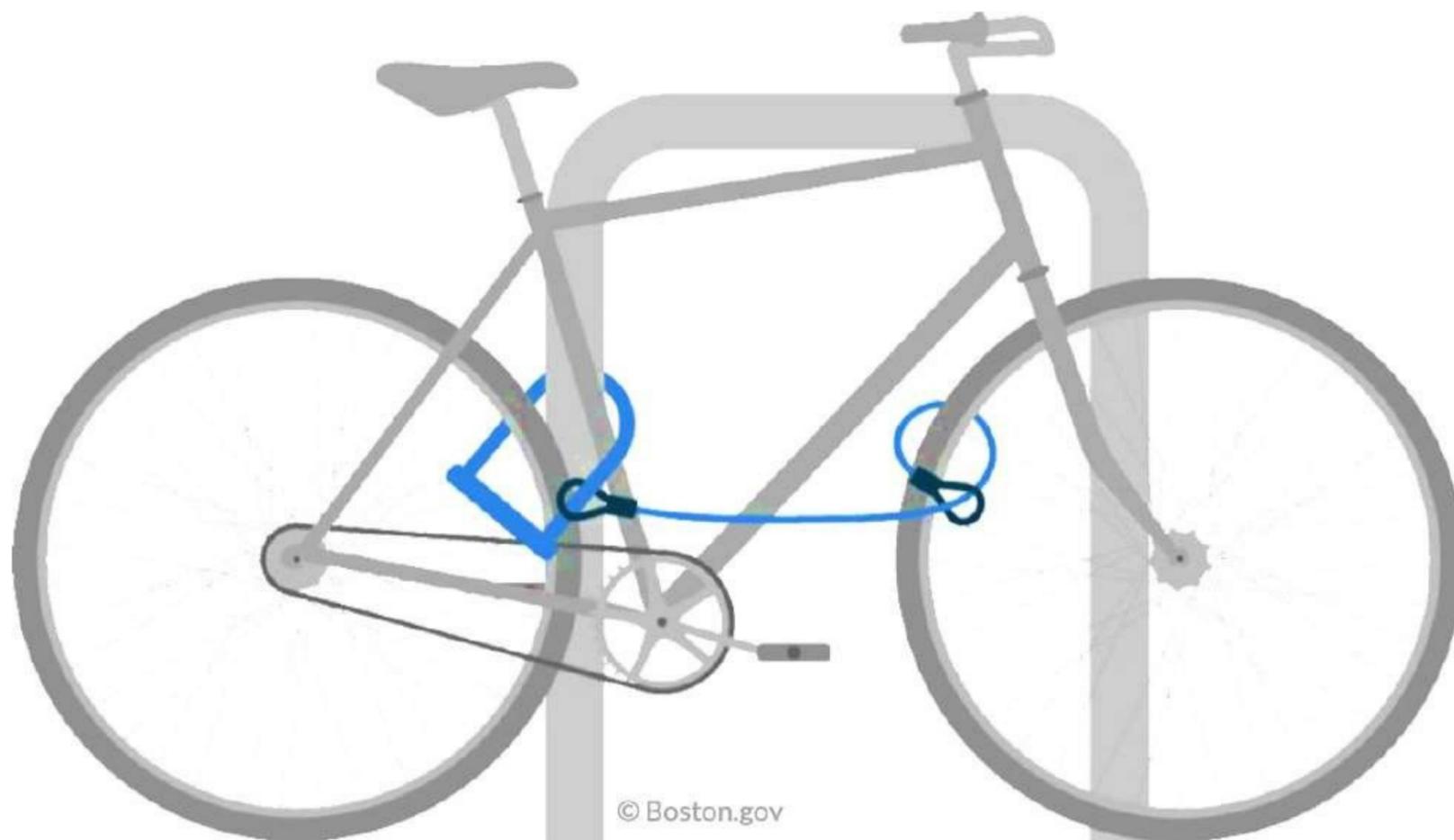
The **Northeastern University Police Department** (NUPD) is located at 716 Columbus Place, across the street from the Columbus Parking Garage. There are a lot of different **services** that fall under NUPD and we encourage you to check them out so you are aware of all their initiatives. They also offer regular training opportunities for **CPR Certification** and **RAD/Self Defense**. Their list of **Emergency Medical Services** is also useful to be familiar with.

PROPERTY REGISTRATION

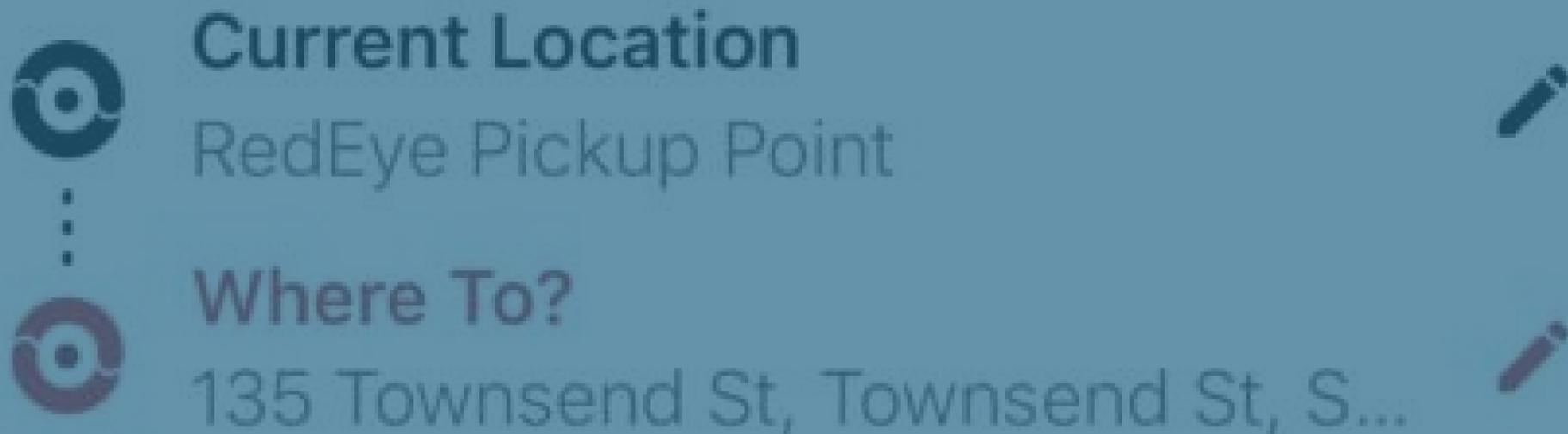
You can get your **laptop and bike registered** through NUPD to identify when it is missing – for FREE!

As a measure to prevent your laptop from being stolen, get a **Small STOP** Security Plate applied by getting in contact with S/Sgt. John Farrell (at 617- 373-5402 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm). The plate visually deters people from stealing your laptop and a barcode on it provides a tracking mechanism. If someone tries to take off the plate – a chemically-bonded ‘tattoo’ is left on your laptop saying “Stolen Property,” which means it can’t be resold.

If you are going to have a bike on campus, you should get it registered through NUPD. In the unfortunate event that it does get stolen, having it registered increases the chances of it being found and recovered. When locking your bike, you should always use both a U-Lock AND a Cable Lock. Check out the figure below if you aren’t sure exactly how to use both locks.



RED EYE & SAFETY ESCORT



One of the most popular services at Northeastern is the RedEye, a nightly operated off-campus shuttle service. From 7 PM to 6 AM, the safety escort vans bring students home safely, as long as they live within a two-mile radius from the center of campus. The RedEye pick-up point is in front of Snell Library and 1110 Commonwealth Ave (more commonly known as “Comm Ave”). To get on the RedEye, you need to book a spot in the van in advance using the Northeastern RedEye App (on [iOS](#) and [Android](#)).

In addition to the RedEye, you can book an individual safety escort by calling 617-373-2121. These escorts operate 24 hours a day and will take you from one point on campus to another. They typically arrive within 15 minutes.

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SAFEZONE APP

SafeZone is a smartphone app that you can download and use for free. It connects you directly to NUPD if you need help or are having an emergency. To learn about how the app works, check out **the SafeZone website** or the NUPD SafeZone website for more Northeastern-specific information. Visit **<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safezone/>** for more information. Here are some of SafeZone's key features:

EMERGENCY:

Use if you feel threatened or need urgent or emergency assistance. NUPD is alerted and your location will be displayed on a map while automatically connecting you to NUPD's emergency line.

FIRST AID:

Use if you are injured or need in medical care – in a non-emergency scenario. Use for non-emergency and general help – SafeZone calls NUPD's non-emergency line.

HELP:

If you are on campus alone outside of typical hours, you can 'check in' and your location and contact info will be shared so the on-duty NUPD team until you 'check-out.'

CHECK-IN:

Just like the check-in function, this works the same way, except you set a timer for a specific period. You will be notified when the timer is about to expire and you can re-set it, cancel it or 'check-out'. If you do not respond to the timer notification an alert will be sent to NUPD.

CHECK-IN TIMER:

Should you send an alert by mistake or just need to cancel a call, you can simply tap the cancel button, but NUPD will call back to confirm if everything is okay and you are safe.



COVID 19

Vaccination:

As of the Spring 2023 term, vaccination is strongly encouraged, but no longer required for students, staff, or faculty on Northeastern's campuses.

Masking:

Masking is not required on any of Northeastern's global campuses, unless mandated by a local public health authority. Those who choose to wear masks are welcome to do so. Those with Covid-19 like symptoms are strongly encouraged to wear masks until symptoms have cleared.

Testing:

Testing is no longer required for students, staff or faculty on Northeastern's campuses, though it is still strongly encouraged if you are experiencing Covid-19 like symptoms.

Updated Covid-19 Information and Frequently Asked Questions can be found online at <https://news.northeastern.edu/coronavirus/information/>.

COVID-19 Tests: Home use rapid antigen tests are available upon request and for free for all students, faculty, and staff on the Boston campus through the University Health and Counseling Services Office.

Find more information [here](#), including guidance for if you test positive for Covid-19.





NUPDCONTACT & RESOURCES

NUPD Contact Numbers:

- Immediate Assistance or Reporting a Crime – 617.373.3333
- General Non-Emergency Inquiries – 617.373.2121
- Administrative Office (during business hours) – 617.373.2696
- **International Safety**
- **Northeastern University Ombuds for Graduate Students**



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FULL-TIME STUDENT STATUS

According to U.S. federal government regulations, international graduate students currently enrolled in F-1 or J-1 status must follow specific guidelines to maintain a valid U.S. non-immigrant student status. These guidelines change frequently so it is best to check the Office of Global Services' **Guidelines on Maintaining Status website** regularly.

CURRICULUM PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT)

To participate in an off-campus opportunity (i.e. a Co-op or a summer internship) in the United States, F-1 students must obtain **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)** authorization from the **OGS (Office of Global Services)**. The requirements to obtain a CPT are the same as a Co-op and a student on CPT is typically eligible for 364 days of full-time work, if required by the academic program. However, COE students are only allowed a maximum of 8 months of full-time Co-op duration. All students are encouraged to visit **this OGS webpage** for a comprehensive review of CPT and Northeastern University's policies for the same.

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

According to U.S. federal law, international students are only eligible to work on campus. The work on campus does not need to be related to the student's field of study, but the employer must be an approved on-campus employer. F-1 or J-1 students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week while school is in session, and up to 40 hours per week during periods when school is not in session. This means that international students can work on campus while attending classes or during breaks in the semester. However, students must maintain legal F-1 or J-1 status while active in an on-campus job and, by law, may NOT engage in ANY off-campus employment. Violations can lead to deportation.

SEGAF has a portal with a database of positions that are available and is where you submit timesheets (through Workday) when you actually start working. After getting an on-campus job, all international students must consult with **OGS** to finish further formalities through. Below are the application process steps for you to follow:

(Adapted from the **OGS F-1 Employment** and **International Student Guide** – January 2021)

When you are offered an on-campus job for the first time, you need to obtain an on-campus employment form from OGS if you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN). This form can be presented to the Social Security Administration to apply for an SSN.

If you already have a SSN and/or another on-campus job, you do not need to request an on-campus employment form from OGS. In this case, you can apply for on-campus work directly through the Student Employment Office.

A. Follow the steps below if you have a job offer and need to obtain a SSN:

1. Make sure your employer is considered on-campus by OGS. Please check the list of **approved on-campus employers**.

2. Log into myOGS. Submit the **F-1 On-Campus Employment Request e-form**.

3. A Designated School Official from the OGS will review & sign the letter. An email will be sent to your husky email once the letter is ready for pick-up.

Note: The processing time for the on- campus employment letter is five business days. Be sure to get a receipt for your SSN application!

4. Present the letter to the Social Security Administration to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN). For detailed instructions on how to apply for a SSN, please refer to the **SSN section of the OGS website**.

5. Complete the I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form.

The electronic I-9 form can be accessed via the **Student Employment website**. You must complete Section 1 of the form.

Additional Notes: Use your local address (not international) for the I-9. For citizenship status, most international students should select 'An alien authorized to work until...' with the letters 'D/S' in the date field. (This stands for 'Duration of Status' and comes from the I-94 admit until date.) If you do not have your SSN yet, leave that field blank. You will get a warning about it being blank, but you can move forward without the SSN by clicking the Sign button again. You will need to update your SSN on the I-9 once you receive the seoi9help@northeastern.edu for access to update the I-9. NEVER send your SSN over email to anyone, just request access to put it in the I-9.

6. Bring the following documents to a Student Employment representative on or before your first day of work to complete Section 2 of the I-9 form:

- Valid passport
- **I-94**
- Most recent I-20 (or DS-2019)

Note: If you need to obtain a new I-20, you must request one from OGS. This request can take up to 10 business days and you cannot complete an I-9 without it, so make sure your I-20 is ready before you agree on a hire date for your new job.

- On-Campus Employment Letter
- Social Security application receipt

7. Submit a Direct Deposit form & **W-4 form** (Only for new SSN).

You can submit the Direct Deposit form through myNortheastern and you will be asked to get an access code sent to your personal email. With that code, you'll be able to access the Direct Deposit form. You will also need your bank's routing number and your account number. These numbers can be found on personal checks or deposit slips, but if you don't have those, you may be able to find them in your online banking service.

The completed W-4 form can then be submitted at the Boston campus Student Employment Office, or at satellite campuses at your Employment Onboarding Session.

8. Start Working!

Check out the Application Process through OGS and Information for Students through Student Employment for more details.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION & CULTURAL CENTERS

Northeastern University encourages broad spectrum of educational and social co- curricular opportunities designed to enhance the experiential learning and holistic development of its students. Through innovative leadership offerings, student organization, students are empowered to be visionary, ethical, culturally competent, and responsible members of our global community.

Graduate students have access to more than 100 graduate student organizations on campus. Graduate groups are led by the **Center for Student Involvement (CSI)** and the **Graduate Student Government (GSG)**. The Graduate Student Government operates as a liaison between university administration and students from all 9 colleges to improve student life. Students can get involved with the GSG as a **“Senator”** who represents their graduate college and serves as a forum of communication for students’ concerns.

Other student organizations include department-level or college-level groups which focus on academic enrichment, community engagement or cultural in categories such as Engineering, Computer Science, Business, Leadership, Advocacy & Global Impact, Sports, Arts, and more. Find and connect with student organizations that align with your interests through **Campus Labs**.

The University also has various cultural centers which celebrate our diverse student body such as the **Asian American Center**, **Latinx Student Cultural Center**, **LGBTQA Center**, **John D. Bryant African American Institute**, **Center for Spirituality, Dialogue & Service**, and the **Center for Intercultural Engagement**.

Students can register to events, organizations and news articles on the Engage form.

ALUMNI NETWORK

The **Office of Alumni Relations** is your catalyst to stay in touch with your lifelong Northeastern community, keep learning, access career strategies, engage with innovative business leaders, and find the resources you need to achieve what's next. The alumni network includes more than 265,000 alumni from more than 180 countries. Sign up and reach out to alumni from your field of interest through **NUSource**.

GET SUPPORT

The **Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR)** reviews all reports to determine if an alleged violation of the **code of student conduct** occurred, and oversees and directly resolves these if they occurred. Find out more about OSCCR **here**.

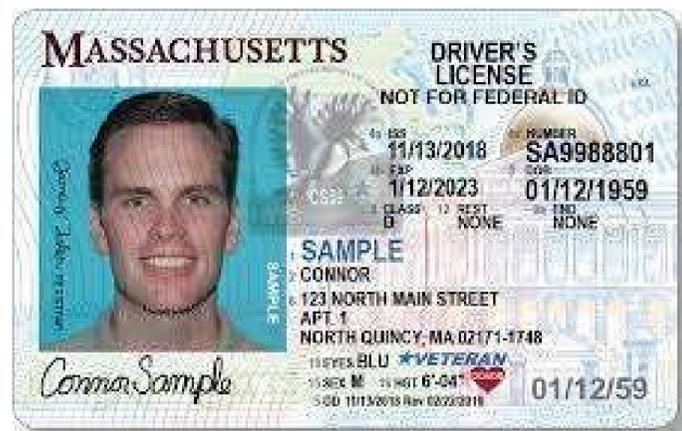
The **Disability Resource Center** provides necessary accommodations to students diagnosed with a disability. Relevant documentation must be submitted and reviewed. Find more information **here**.

The **Office for University Equity and Compliance (OUEC)** leads efforts to maintain the University's compliance with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to anti-discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title IX.

The **Office of Prevention and Education (OPEN)** provides supportive, accessible and non-judgmental services on the topics of alcohol and other drugs, sexual violence, and sexual health.

IDENTIFICATION: MASSID

For students who want a valid U.S. photo ID but don't want to apply for a driver's license, you can apply for a Massachusetts ID instead. It looks similar to a driver's license and is easy to carry with you so that you will not have to use your passport all the time. You can also apply for a Massachusetts ID at the RMV. The documents you need are the same as the ones you need for your driver's license. One thing to note is that you must not hold a valid license in any other state because the Mass ID is for non-drivers. Once you get a U.S. driver's license, your Mass ID will need to be returned to the RMV. Your Mass ID will be valid for 5 years. Find directions [here](#).



IDENTIFICATION: DRIVER'S LICENSE

A driver's license is one of the most important photo IDs in the U.S. It is used for driving and serves as federal identification for domestic air travel, paperwork application, check-in for hotels, etc. International students who have a U.S. driver's license will not have to carry their passport. Driver's licenses are issued by each individual state instead of by the federal government. In Massachusetts, the driver's license will be valid for 5 years from the date that it was issued. You can apply for a driver's license at the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) at 136 Blackstone St., Boston, MA 02109. You can take the Orange Line or Green Line to the Haymarket station to get there and the RMV is beside the station.

To obtain a new Massachusetts driver's license, you will have to obtain a learner's permit first. This permit will be valid for 2 years and allows you to learn and practice driving while accompanied by a driver who is at least 21 years old and has obtained valid U.S driver's license for more than 1 year. You will need the following documents:

1. Passport

2. I-20

3. Proof of your birth date, such as:

a. Passport and I-20 (Together they are considered one combined document)

b. Enrollment verification with the date of birth issued by Northeastern University.

Contact the Verification Department at 617-373-2300 for assistance.

4. Proof of your signature, such as:

a. Passport and I-20 (Together they are considered one combined document)

b. Rental lease with your signature

5. Proof that you are an MA resident (a document with your MA address), such as:

a. Rental Lease

b. A utility bill no more than 60 days old

c. Debit bank statement no more than 60 days old

6. I-94 (You can download your latest I-94 from [here](#))

7. Your Social Security Number (SSN).

If you don't have an SSN, you will have to go to the nearest Social Security Administration office to apply for an SSN Denial's Notice. You need to bring the same documents you will need for applying for a driver's license with you to get the SSN Denial's Notice. This document will be valid for 60 days. The Social Security Administration has a couple of locations:

- a. 10 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02222
- b. 10 Fawcett Street Cambridge, MA 02138
- c. 192 Commercial St Malden, MA 02148

You will have to provide three separate documents for your proof of birth date, signature and address. In other words, one document cannot be used to prove your birth date, signature and address at the same time. In addition to the documents mentioned above, you will have to fill out an application form in person at an MA RMV office and pass the written permit test and vision screening. You can study the MA Driver's Manual in order to prepare for your written exam. To get your driver's license, you must pass the road test after you have your learner's permit. The vehicle for the road test must be registered and insured. The sponsoring driver must be at least 21 years old and has obtained valid U.S. driver's license for more than 1 year. For the road test, you can call 857-368-8010 to schedule it or you can contact any driving schools in MA for assistance, but you may have to pay extra fees for the services of a driving school. After passing your road test, you will need to take your signed and stamped learner's permit to the RMV to get your driver's license.

REALID- DRIVER'S LICENSE

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has extended the REAL ID full enforcement date from October 1, 2021 to May 3, 2023, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification, for domestic air travel and to enter certain federal facilities.

This page is operated by the Department of Developmental Services. DDS does not issue REAL IDs. To begin the process of getting a REAL ID, please refer to the [Massachusetts REAL ID page](#).



TRAVELING

F1 students wishing to travel outside of the United States may only do so with a valid travel signature from the Office of Global Services (OGS). You must also have the following with you:

- A passport that is valid in the following 6 months
- A valid F-1 visa
- The most recently issued I-20 with the valid travel signature on page 2 (the travel signature will be valid for one year from the date it was signed)

If you have left the United States without your I-20 or without a valid travel signature, you need to contact OGS as soon as possible.

BANKING

International students can use their international bank's credit/debit/travel card in a majority of the stores in Boston and throughout the United States. However, some stores/online websites might not process international card transactions. For this reason, most of the students also prefer to have an account with a domestic bank during their stay in the country.

There are many banks in Boston to choose from, with ATMs around campus for almost all of them. Santander Bank and Bank of America are common choices for many incoming international students. You can walk into any branch location during their operating hours to apply for a bank account. Once you've made an informed decision on the choice of bank, remember to carry your passport, I20 and other personal identification documents that could be needed to fill the paperwork.

Generally, you will enroll in two accounts: checking and savings. A checking account is a deposit account held at a bank. It is available to the account owner "on demand" and is available for frequent and immediate access by the account owner or to others as the account owner may direct. A savings account is a deposit account held at a bank that pays interest but cannot be used directly as money for a transaction (e.g. paying for goods and services or writing a check).

Checking accounts and savings accounts have different account numbers, which is very important for making a transfer in the future. Remember not to use your debit card number as your checking or savings bank account number. In addition, you will also have two routing numbers. The electric routing number is for direct deposit and automatic payments. The wire routing number is for wire transfer.

MOBILEPHONE NUMBER

Connectivity away from home is a major concern and getting a mobile phone number can be pivotal. With the plethora of service providers available, choosing one can sometimes feel overwhelming. Additionally, the various plans and different options within them can complicate matters further. Nevertheless, in this section, we wish to provide you with all the tools necessary to make an informed decision and choose the provider that works best for your requirements. Due to the large number of providers and plans, it is recommended that you research several options before making a final decision.

In Boston, most large carriers like **AT&T**, **Sprint**, **T-Mobile**, and **Verizon** do not have coverage problems.

There are two main types of cell phone services:

- **Monthly Plans with Contracts:** These are the most common in the USA. Contract plans offer lower monthly rates and very low prices on new phones compared to prepaid plans. Typically, the best prices are offered to customers who sign two-year contracts for cell phone service. While the rates are lower, terminating a contract early requires the customer to pay a large penalty. To qualify for a contract plan, a cell phone provider will generally review the applicant's credit history. Since new international students do not have Social Security numbers or credit history in the United States, they typically require a security deposit which could be \$400-\$500. As with any contract, please ensure that you understand all requirements and charges before signing any documents.
- **Pay-As-You-Go or Prepaid Plans:** Prepaid plans are easier for new international students to obtain because they do not require a Social Security number and/or a credit history check. These "pay-as-you-go" plans use the same cell phone networks and offer the same services as contract plans do, but usually at higher rates. Advantages of these plans include no long-term contracts, security deposits, or penalties for cancellation.

Other things to look out for when choosing a service provider and a plan are charges for multiple lines, data allowance and speed, supported networks, additional texting charges and allowances, cost of coverages, and the availability of streaming services like Spotify and Hulu.

Additional Tip:

- Some cell phone companies may ask for a proof of your address if you are signing up for a contract. This includes a letter or a utility bill that has been mailed to where you are currently living in the US.
- Some plans give you a set number of minutes per month. Overage minutes are charged at a much higher rate. Check your plan to see if weekend and nighttime minutes are free.

Text messaging (SMS) typically carries an additional charge if not included in a plan. Ask about adding texting to your plan, as well as for any special international calling plans.

Check with each cell phone carrier about coverage areas and reception. With some carriers, you have better coverage over a larger area than others.

Some cell phone companies sell only cell phones that work in their network. For example, the iPhone can only be used on AT&T and Verizon networks.

If you are planning to get a contract, you will be required to pay for the entire length of the contract once it is signed. If you leave your contract before your contract period ends, you will be expected to pay a high fee. (Early Termination Fee) If you pay a deposit and then break your contract, you may not be able to get your deposit back.

Check to see if your phone is compatible with the services you are paying for (e.g. If your phone does not support 4G, no use for paying for 4G services)

Many websites provide a comprehensive comparison of the various plans available, including articles like these:

- **[WhistleOut: Compare the Best Cell Phone Plans](#)**
- **[Tom's Guide: Best Cellphone Plans 2019](#)**

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Upgrades have been made to all classrooms managed by the office of registrar, including standardized A/V touch control panels, and upgraded classroom computers and audio speakers. These upgrades will provide faculty with the capability to:

Choose whether to present from a classroom computer or from a personal device through a wired or wireless connection; Sign into Canvas to access the class' home base and to start the video or audio meeting;

- Connect Zoom or Microsoft Teams to the room systems through automatic detection;
- Use a digital whiteboard to help in-person and remote participants visualize concepts and equations;
- Invite all students to participate and join in dialogue;
- Mute and unmute microphones throughout the room;
- Provide any student with the ability to present from their personal device wirelessly and remotely; and
- Teach with minimal disruptions and downtimes, through increased staff support and more reliable, remotely-monitored in-room systems.

More information on classroom types and technology can be found [here](#).

STUDENT HUB & DYNAMIC SCHEDULER

The **Student Hub** is a desktop and mobile-friendly platform to help students navigate and keep track of their busy and active daily lives as a university student. The Hub intelligently integrates insights, notifications, academic and social tools, applications, and information that students commonly use, to deliver a personalized experience and drive collaboration and engagement.

Students can find the Student Hub on the web at <https://me.northeastern.edu/>, or directly from the **Microsoft Teams app** on their desktop or mobile device. Login using your student account credentials!

Students are able to access the following through the Student Hub:

- Dynamic Scheduling Tool
- Covid-19 Test Scheduler
- Daily Wellness Check
- Applications such as Canvas, Teams, Outlook, etc.
- News and Announcements
- Calendar, Classes, Billing, and more!

More information on the Student Hub can be found [here](#). The recommended browsers are Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. Safari is not currently a fully supported browser for the Student Hub.

The **Dynamic Scheduling Tool** on the Student Hub allows students to indicate their preference to attend class in-person or remotely on a week-to-week basis. For each week of class, students choose their preferences the week prior, no later than Wednesday. An algorithm runs to dynamically and fairly assign students to available seats by class session. On Thursday mornings, students receive their seat assignments for the following week.

For directions on navigating the dynamic scheduling tool, please visit [here](#).



FOOD, PLACES & THINGS TO DO

A large part of living somewhere new is figuring out where you like to eat, how to keep yourself entertained and places to explore - for the afternoon or for a weekend trip. Here we give you a great guide to get you started on your campus and adventures in and near Boston, with our Graduate Student Ambassadors sharing their favorite spots to hang around and munch some goodness!

ON CAMPUS

We all know the importance of nutrition for physical as well as mental health, but eating healthy in college, especially in grad school, is a challenge when it takes time and energy to cook a healthy meal. There are a lot of eateries on campus that provide a wide variety of options for pretty much any diet.

As mentioned earlier, Curry (CSC) is one of the most centralized places on campus equipped with a food court on the ground floor. It is a go-to place for food on campus but be warned - it can get pretty busy over during lunchtime hours. In the food court, you can find Sweet Tomatoes Pizza, Tú Taco, UBurger, Popeye's, Chaat House, and the only Kigo Kitchen outside of Washington state. Additionally, the Market offers a more convenience store style when you're in a hurry.

You also have the option of any of the three dining halls on campus, where you can take advantage of **meal plans** or pay for individual meals. The International Village dining hall caters to all different cultures and special dietary needs. In Stetson West Eatery, you can get made-to-order stir-fry. Levine Marketplace has eight different stations of food.

For the early risers, Rebecca's Café in Churchill Hall is open for breakfast at 7 AM and is open through lunch until 2 PM. They serve hot and fresh, reasonably-priced items like pancakes, cereals, fruits or salad bowls, bagels, sandwiches, pizza and everything else that one might crave for a morning or lunch meal. There's also a Subway in Ryder Hall, Caffé Strega in ISEC, and the Faculty Club in 716 Columbus Place for special occasions. The bottom line is that there are plenty of varieties that suit all kinds of taste buds right here on campus!

Find out more about what **Northeastern Dining** has to offer!

ON CAMPUS

For your caffeine and coffee/tea shop needs, you have some options. If you don't already know, "America runs on Dunkin'" and even more so, Boston runs on Dunkin'. There's one on almost every street corner and the campus is not different - there is one in Hayden Hall, Shillman Hall and in Ruggles Station. If Dunkin' is not your thing, other café options include Argo Tea in Snell Library, Café716 in 716 Columbus Place, Café Crossing in International Village, Caffé Strega in ISEC , and Starbucks is in AfterHours.

Important: Some places on campus do not take the regular gift cards since they are operated through the NU Dining franchise (e.g. Subway, UBurger, Popeyes). Dunkin' and Starbucks gift cards should work fine but be aware that certain promotions may not be honored.

Wollaston's Market (two locations: 369 Huntington Ave – in Marino Center & West Village B) are extremely popular because you can go grocery shopping get any necessary household items, all while getting a hot made-to-order sandwich – on campus.

What more needs to be said?

A popular place to grab food on campus is **Popeyes** in the Curry Student Center. Their sandwiches are highly recommended and attracts a large crowd (when they aren't sold out!).

THE HUNTINGTON STRIP

There is a couple of blocks of Huntington Ave, between Forsyth Street and Massachusetts Ave (called Mass Ave), where you can find almost anything you need in terms of food and convenience store items. For quick bites, there's QDOBA, Tatte, B.GOOD, Wings Over, Boston House of Pizza (BHOP)/Sprout/Gyroscope, Panera Bread, and Five Guys, just to name a few.

To spend a little more time, you can sit and hang out at Symphony Sushi, Moby Dick of Boston, Pho & I, and Ginger Exchange. There's also another Starbucks and Dunkin'. You'll find Conor Larkin's Grill & Tap, one of the most popular bars on campus among students and Symphony Market, the go-to-market and convenience store.

College Convenience (281 Huntington Ave) is a 24-hour grocery store/market that is a staple for students, especially for international students because there is a lot of items 'from home' that are rarely found in other places.

Can't decide what to eat or where to go?

News @ Northeastern put together this [fun page](#) to help!

Spin the wheel and see where it lands!

AMBASSADORS PICKS ON CAMPUS

Luke and Kavita go to Amelia's Taqueria (on Huntington) - Another campus staple, their burritos are amazing, and they are open late. Luke says, "I miss it when I don't eat it for a while."

Kavita also recommends, Pho & I (on Huntington) - "I crave their drunken noodles."

Manan liked Boston Shawarma (on Huntington) - "Authentic Mediterranean falafel and good on-the-go food. Plus, it's right across the street from Northeastern."

Sarah's favorite close by is Pavement Coffeehouse (closest one is on Gainsborough) - "I'm obsessed with their iced coffee and they have really good bagel sandwiches. They have locations all over Boston, including Symphony, Newbury, Fenway, and Allston."

Our NU student community works hard, but everyone needs a break sometimes. So, for all your time-off needs, you've got a lot of options right here on campus. Grab your training shoes and sports gear and head to Marino Center for recreational activities like gym, soccer, basketball, squash, badminton or swimming in a temperature-controlled pool (located in Cabot Center, across the street from Marino) to refresh and re-energize between your productive study hours.

Gamers, we've got something for you too! The PAWS/PLAY gaming area (on the 4th floor of Curry) has PlayStation and Xbox, along with other indoor games like pool, table tennis, and snookers.

Outside of actual NU buildings, the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) is on the west side of campus (which you get into free with your Husky Card) and on the east side, is New England Conservatory, the Huntington Theatre Company, and Boston Symphony Hall. All of these are within a couple of blocks of each other and on Huntington Ave - imagine all the other places that are just around the corner!

PLACES CLOSE TO CAMPUS

Fenway/Kenmore

The Fenway/Kenmore area is home to baseball's historic **Fenway Park** which draws huge crowds for **Red Sox** games. The rambling Back Bay Fens park has a rose garden and walking trails where you generally find students hanging out or play soccer and basketball. There are many restaurants and bars here so it's a great place to be when you're hungry!



AMBASSADORS PICKS CLOSE TO CAMPUS

Sarath suggests Dumpling Palace (on Mass Ave) - You must try their dumplings & rice noodles.

Il Mondo Pizzeria (on Huntington & Mass Ave) - The best pasta I ever ate.

Abhay says Pho Basil (on Mass Ave) - "The Pho and Crab Rangoon are to die for."

Rachna's all about Chutneys (on Mass Ave) - Open till 11pm and close to campus, I love grabbing some quick Indian fast food during late night hours at the library.

AMBASSADORS PICKS FENWAY/KENMORE

*Sarah says, **Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum** is a great place to go and "The block of Peterborough Street between Kilmarnock Street and*

***Jersey Street** is the perfect place for lunch!*

There are so many different options, they're all great, and there's outdoor seating.

*Neighborhoods has excellent crepes and the **burritos at El Pekin Taqueria** are my favorite in the city."*

***Rachna** can't get enough of **Mei Mei (on Park? Drive)** - "Their Pierogi dumplings are my guilty pleasure, and the Scallion pancake sandwiches are unworldly good.*

Everything in this store is also farm-to-table food, so most of the items are based on seasonal vegetables/fruits and have the freshest of taste.

They also have fun dumpling-making classes for serious dumpling-lovers."

AMBASSADORS PICKS FENWAY/KENMORE

***Luke goes to Yard House (on Brookline Ave)** - "I love the street tacos and queso dip!" **Sweet Cheeks Q (on Boylston)** - "The biscuits with whipped honey butter are EPIC!"*

***Time Out Market (Landmark Center)** - New food market with a variety of Boston foods and outdoor games!*

***Tasty Burger (on Boylston but there are other locations too)** - Great burgers and one of the very few places open late.*

***Mugdha suggests when shopping on a budget to go to Marshalls (on Brookline Ave)** - "Great deals on just about everything."*

***Target (on Boylston St)** - "The everyday store. Don't miss their weekly offers!"*

***Kinshuk like Tony C's (on Boylston)** - "I absolutely love their chicken wings and have probably been there more than any other eating joint in Boston!"*

AROUND BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD/AREAS

Chinatown

Boston's Chinatown is located near Boston's downtown area and is the third largest Chinatown in the United States. There are a number of great restaurants for those craving a taste of traditional Chinese food. It takes about 10 minutes to travel from the main campus to Chinatown via the Orange Line.



AMBASSADORS PICKS CHINATOWN

Zongkai likes Great Taste Baherv & Restaurant (on Beach St) - A good place for dim sum. Cheap and delicious.

Kung Fu Tea (on Kneeland) - Chinese Style milk tea. You can just take out like Starbucks. A little bit sweet but tasty.

Abhay suggests Q Restaurant (on Washington) - Amazing Hot Pot. Perfect dish for the winters.

Vishnu says Shaja (on Tyler St) - "Chinatown is merrily chaotic with people bustling about and its narrow streets. Shojo is a great space with amazing cocktails. But the highlight is the food that's nothing short of perfection. I think the chargrilled shrimp, the Shojonator, and the monkey chicken wings are a must try! I love the mural walls too!"



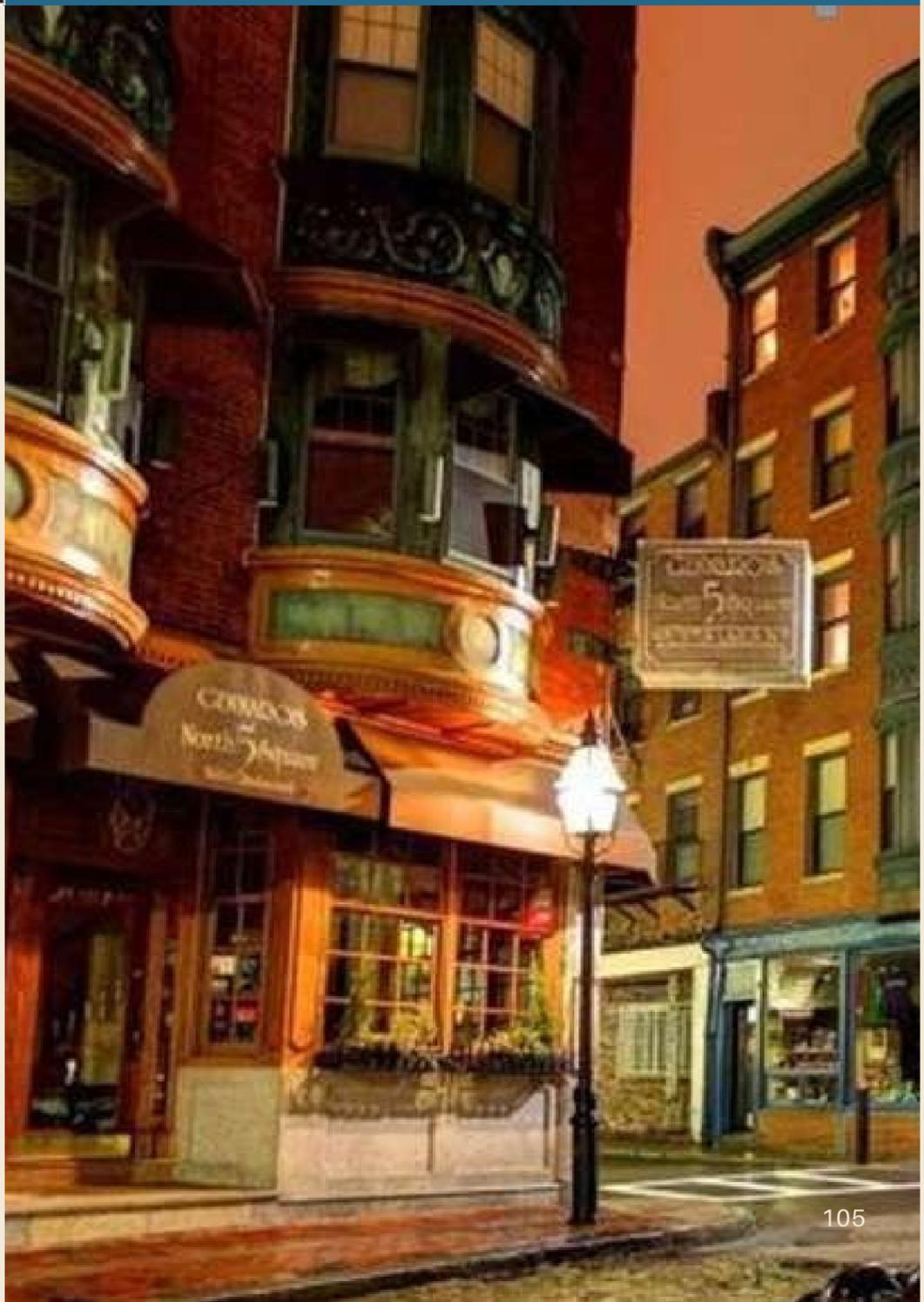
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DOWNTOWN CROSSING

With more than 200 retail stores, you can find almost anything here! Downtown Crossing boasts a variety of cuisines and catering to all your on-the-go and gourmet needs. The streets are always vibrant with live music and street vendors, and plenty of restaurants, supermarkets, shopping malls and bars guarantee you a fun day any time of the year! As the Green, Orange, Red, and Silver lines converge at Downtown Crossing, the area is easily accessible from any other part of the city! Close proximity to Boston Commons and the Financial District makes this a perfect lazy Sunday spot to start your city explorations.

NORTH END

North End is called "Boston's Little Italy", which is famous for its many Italian restaurants and cafes. If you are a fan of Italian food and culture, it's a must-visit destination! Take the Orange Line or Green Line to Haymarket Station and North End will be within walking distance.



AMBASSADORS PICKS NORTHEAST

Like most of Boston, there is an-going battle for the best cannoli/pastry place and it is no different among our Ambassadors!

Check out both

Mike's Pastry and Modern Pastry (both on Hanover Street) to see which one you like better!

AMBASSADORS PICKS OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS

Kavita recommends Toro (in South End on Washington) - Spanish tapas and really good food!

LIR (in Back Bay on Boylston) - One of the few places which show European football and good beer selection!

Amorino (in Back Bay on Newbury St) - Small ice cream parlor with a good variety of gelato and sorbet!

Mugdha goes to T.J. Maxx (in Back Bay on Newbury St) - Find great deals on a wide collection things.

Trader Joe's (in Back Bay on Boylston) - You can get affordable organic produce there.

Rachna speaks highly of Flour Bakery and Cafe (there are a few locations, google it to see which one you're closest to) - "Their Cinnamon Creme Brioche is to die for, collection of baked goods is uniquely complete (with plenty of vegan options), and the store in Dalton Street got the most Insta-worthy delicacies! What's not to love?"

Thai Basil (in Back Bay on Newbury St) - "My go-to place for lunch before a weekend Target run. Supercheap, amazing quality Thai food and the portions are huge!"

Shubham describes Tavern in the Square (multiple locations) - "A hip place to have drinks with great ambience and music to dance on."

Abhay likes Kings Dining and Entertainment (on Dalton Street) - "Unlimited bowling nights are always fun, plus it is cheap! (approximately 20\$)"



**PLACES TO
CHECK OUT**



PRUDENTIAL CENTER

The Prudential Center, lovingly called "The Pru," is about a mile away from Northeastern University, ideal for an evening stroll after your classes. A really good place to surround yourself with delicious food, perfect views, and shopping experiences, you can also visit this place to unwind after a long day of reading at Boston Public Library (which is a five-minute walk away!). You can get almost everything here, be it clothes, books, cakes, etc. In addition, if you're in the mood for some sunshine and a fresh breeze, the Boston Public Garden is a short walk from Prudential Center.

BOSTON COMMON

Locally known as "The Common, the Boston Common is a central public park in downtown Boston and is also the oldest city park in the country. The Common is a part of the Emerald Necklace of parks and parkways that extend from the Common south to Franklin Park in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and Dorchester. Whatever your agenda for the day is - relaxing amongst the greenery, playing frisbee with your friends, walking your dog around, graduation photo session or even proposing to the girl of your dreams - The Commons is the place to be!! This place is a must-visit during Fall, for the most astounding autumn foliage experience of New England close to your new home!



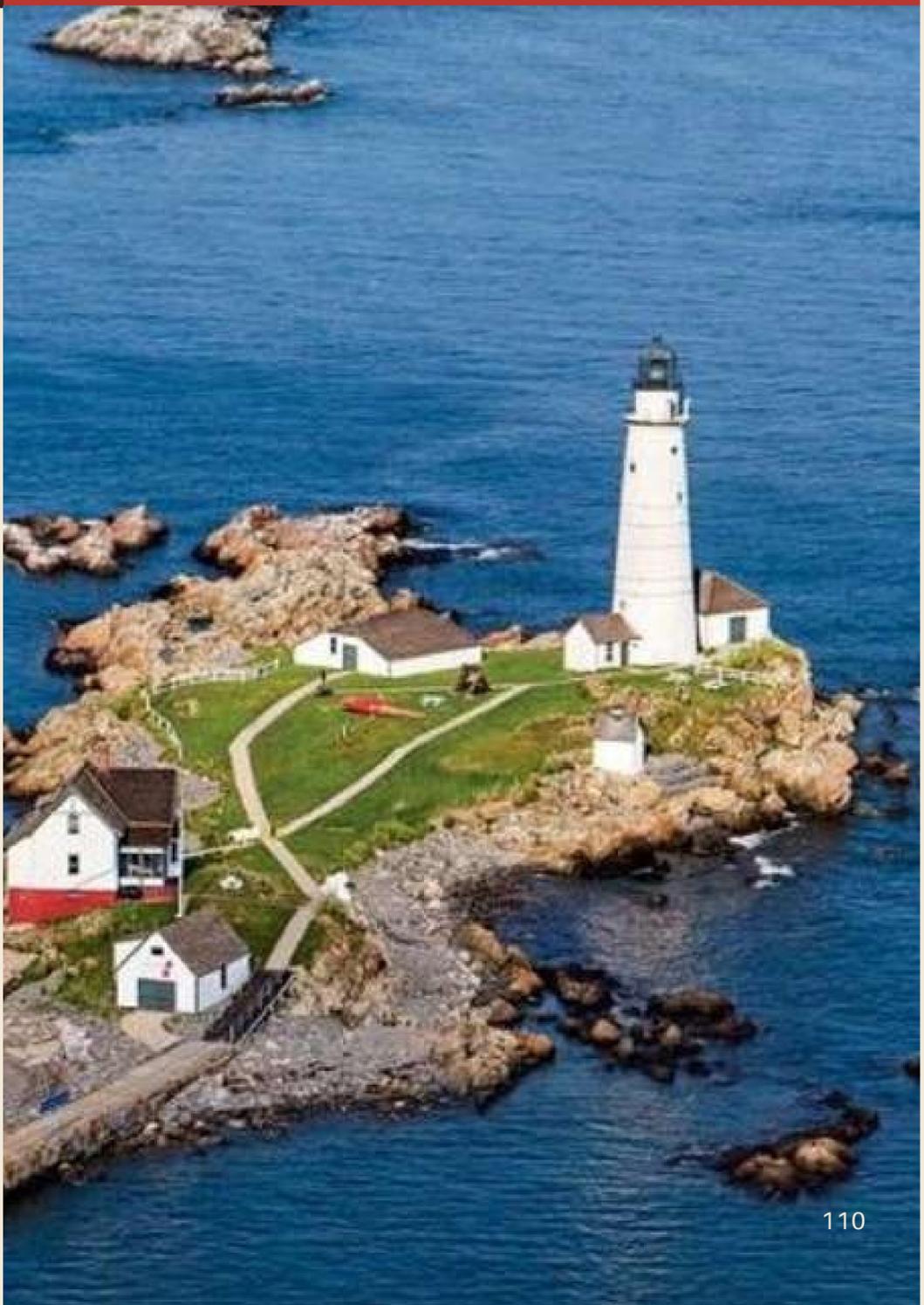


FANEUIL HALL/QUINCY CENTER

With 18 restaurants and 35 eateries showcasing many kinds of cuisines, Quincy Market is a great place to hang out with friends. There are shops from big brands to local Boston-oriented spots. The Faneuil Hall Station (via the Blue Line), State Street Station (via the Orange Line) and Park Street Station (via the Green Line and the Red Line) can take you within walking distance.

HARBOR ISLANDS

If swimming, boating, hiking, and camping are on top of your list then you should check out the Harbor islands. The **Boston Harbor Islands** National Park area is composed of 34 islands and mainland parks (peninsulas).



AMBASSADORS PICKS PLACES TO CHECK OUT

*Sarah likes Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) (in Seaport District)
Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University (Jamaica Plain/Roslindale) - "It's the perfect
place to spend a nice afternoon to go for a walk or sit with a good book under a tree.
Just a short walk from the Forest Hills stop on the Orange line."*

*Kavita loves the skyline views and sunsets at Piers Park Sailing Centre (in East Boston) -
"Care for some mouthwatering chicken or falafel over rice? Here you go!"*

Charles River Esplanade

*Abhay suggests The Freedom Trail - A 2.5-mile red brick road which is perfect to go to
to know the historically significant sites in Boston and with that the city too.*

*Vishnu says Nightshift Owl's Nest (Charles River Esplanade) - "A pop up seasonal beer
truck located along Charles is a perfect place to go with your friends or on a work team
outing. Hang around in the garden and catch some of the food trucks! A walk along
Charles nicely rounds it up."*

*Sofar Concerts (multiple locations) - "They are intimate concerts that host curated local
and international artists in unique settings like rooftops, abandoned warehouses,
living rooms, basically any space that works."*



OUTSIDE OF BOSTON PROPER

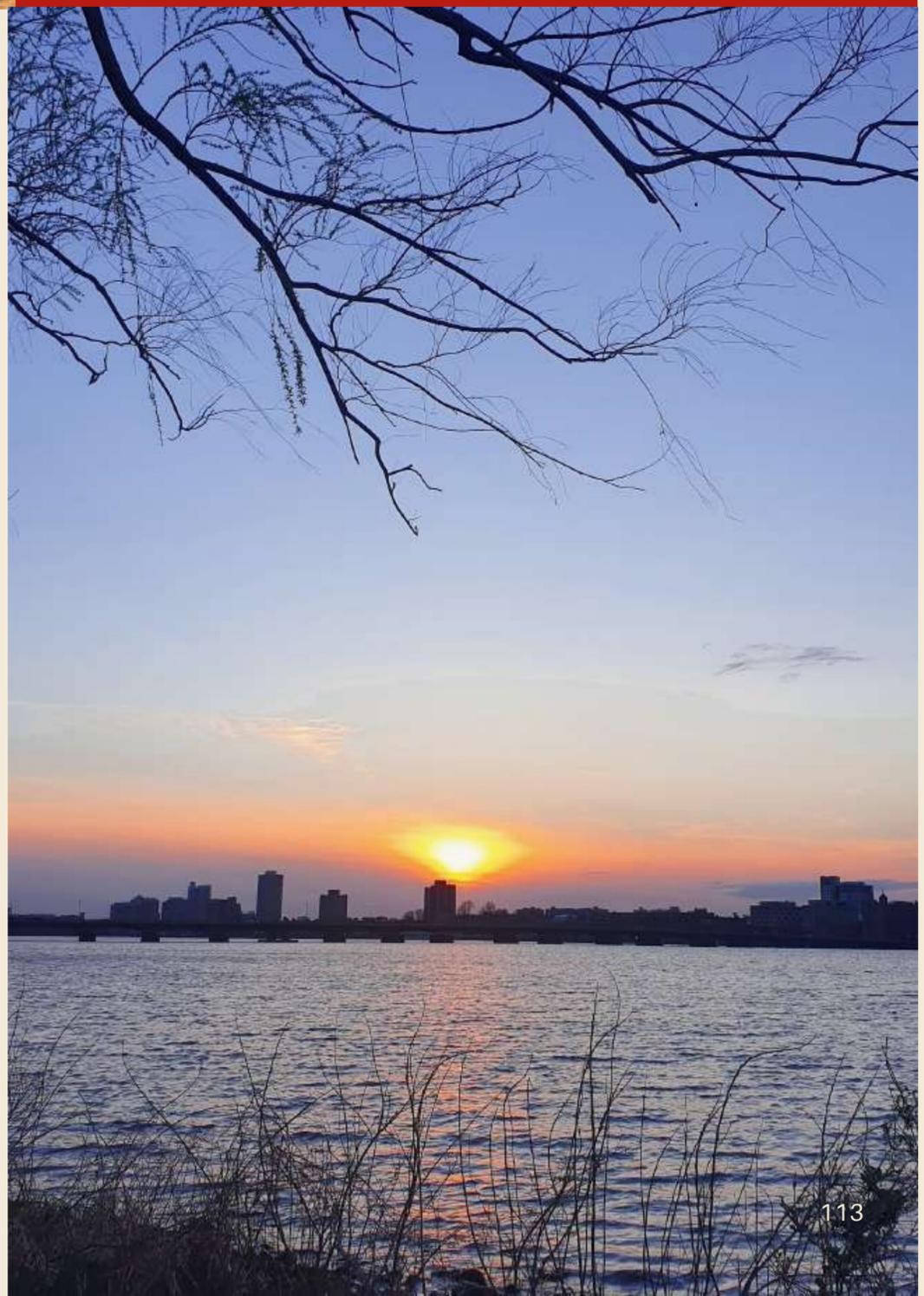


BRIGHTON/ ALLSTON

The neighborhood of Boston, once called "Little Cambridge", is now a dissolved municipality. Located in the northwestern corner of the city, Brighton is connected to the rest of the city by the Allston neighborhood. It is also surrounded by Cambridge, Watertown, Newton, and Brookline. The Charles River separated Brighton from Cambridge and Watertown. Its population mostly consists of students from surrounding schools and has a wealth of hidden gems when it comes to pubs, lounges (including Paradise Rock Club and Brighton Music Hall) and mom-and-pop restaurants!

CAMBRIDGE

This sister city of Boston lies just across the Charles River and is known as the "City of Squares" - most of its commercial districts have "square" in their name, including Kendall Square, Central square, Harvard Square, Porter square, Inman square, and Lechmere square.



AMBASSADORS PICKS BRIGHTON/ALLSTON AREA

Zongkai suggest Holly Crab (on CommAve) - 'A perfect place for seafood is you like something spicy.'

BonChon (on BrightonAve) - Korean style chicken wings with all kinds of snacks.

AMBASSADORS PICKS CAMBRIDGE

Shubham found Riverbend Park - It provides the most scenic views of Boston. The park is alongside Charles River near Harvard Kennedy School. A place to breathe and relieve your stress.

Meadhall (on Broadway) - Wide range of beer selection with consistent tap rotation. you like something spicy.

HARVARD SQUARE

Harvard Square is located on the north side of Charles River near Harvard University. The cafe and pastries here are some of the best in town. Go visit if you want some tranquil hours to yourself, sipping your coffee while the beautiful greenery and Victorian architecture around you provide a visual treat!

NUMBER ONE AMBASSADORS PICK HARVARD SQUARE

BorderCafe (on Church St) - A very popular Cajun & Tex-Mex Restaurant & Bar

Shubham describes it as "Mouthwatering Tex-Mex food with incomparable margaritas."

Manan similarly says "For all those who are looking for mouthwatering Mexican food should try this place and don't miss out the "frozen strawberry margarita."

And Kavita recommends it as a "great place to go with a group of hungry friends."

AMBASSADORS PICKS OUTSIDE BOSTON

Sarath likes Dharani South Indian Cuisine (in Woburn) - Authentic South Indian Food.

Godavari Indian Restaurant (in Woburn) - \$15 all you can eat Buffet, every afternoon.

Abhav & Rachna both suggest Bawarchi Biryani (in South Weymouth) - She raves about it, "For the south-Indian food lovers, Biryani here is the best I could ever find in the entire Northeast! Can get a little too far from Boston, but when Biryani cravings hit me, they hit me hard. All items in their menu are better than even some of the restaurants in India. Take the T to Braintree and then get a bus ride to Weymouth or use your spare car rental hours to get here!"

He seconds her by saying, "This is the ideal place for everybody craving delicious Indian food, especially biryani".



PLACES TO TRAVEL

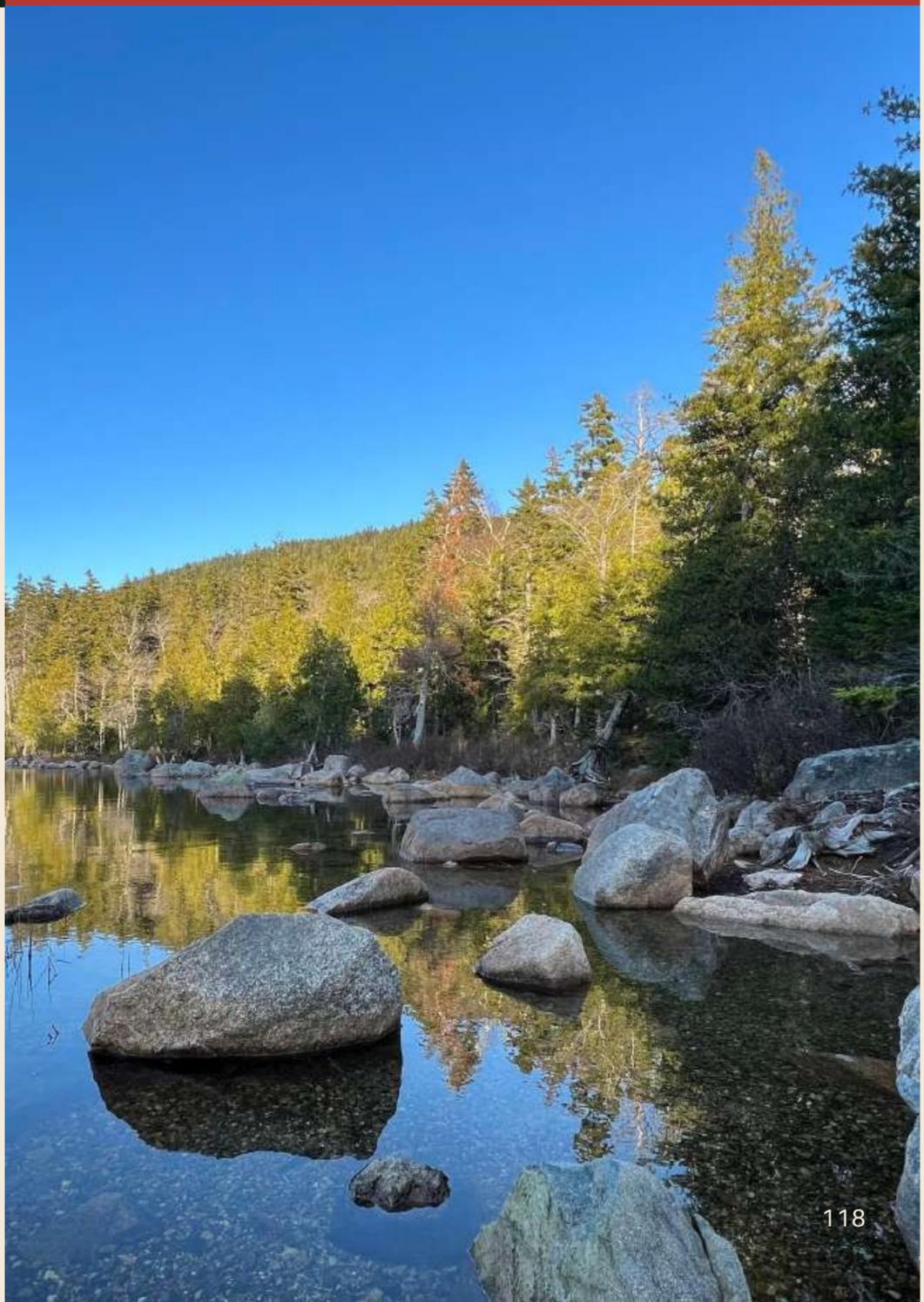


CAPE COD

It's summertime and you want to spend quality time on the beach and get those tan lines. If you're looking to surf on the waves, the hook-shaped Cape Cod peninsula (often just "The Cape") is the ideal destination. It's the site of quaint villages, seafood shacks, lighthouses, ponds and bay, and Atlantic Ocean beaches. What makes this an attraction is the presence of colonial-style gables, white window frames, and shingle siding flaunted proudly by the residents.

NEW ENGLAND, THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Mount Washington, called Agiocochook by some Native American tribes, is the highest peak in the northeastern United States. At 6,288 feet (1,916.6m), Mt. Washington is the most prominent mountain east of the Mississippi River. The mountain is notorious for its erratic weather, which ranges from -50 °F (-46 °C) to 60 °F (16 °C). Every trail has two hiking paths you could take - the easy one or the tough one. The view from the top is worth the climb.



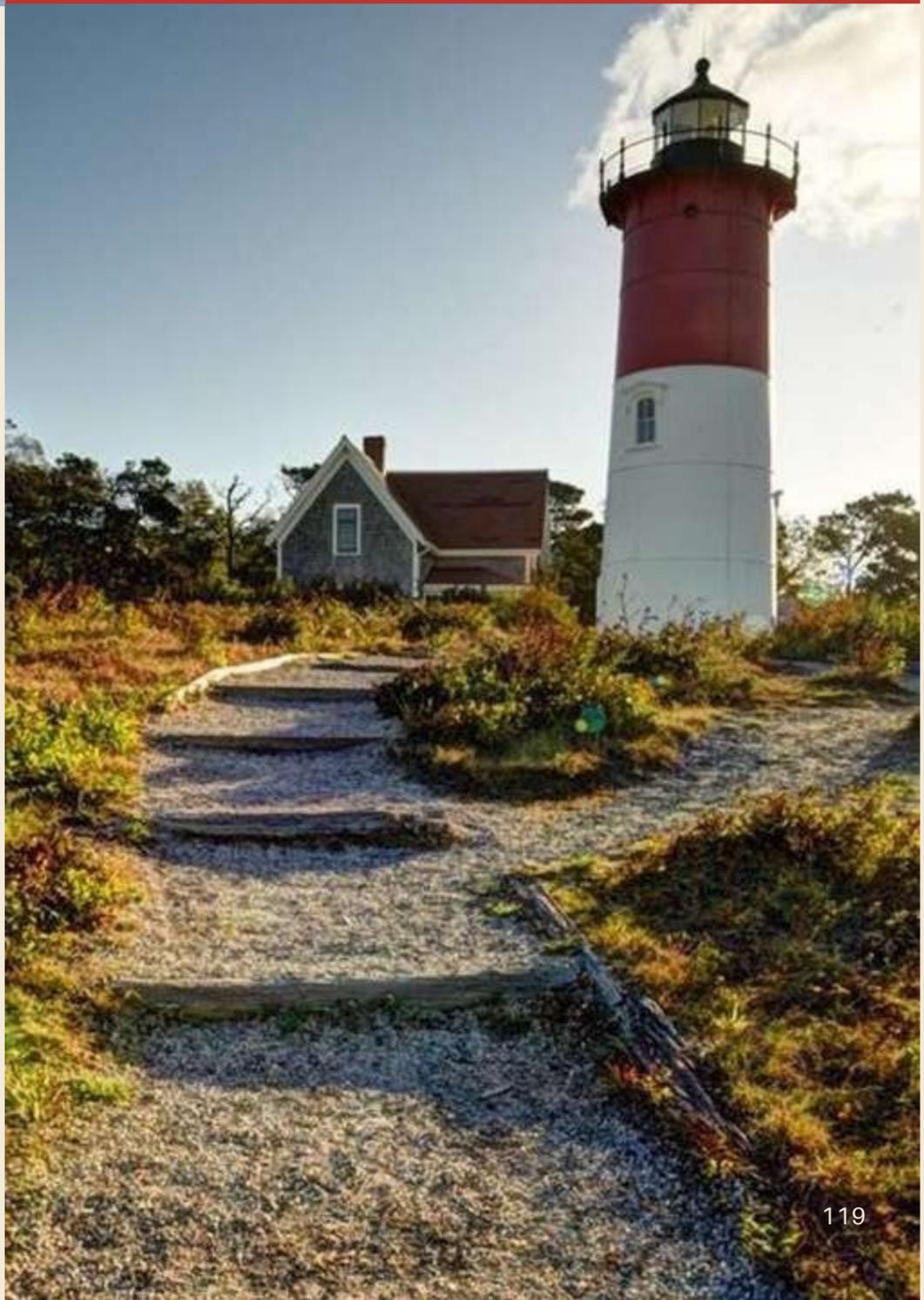


VERMONT

The state of Vermont is famous for its ski resorts and perhaps the most popular New England state for skiers and snowboarders. These ski resorts cater to all experience levels and you can ski from around Thanksgiving break in November to Spring break in March (and sometimes even April!) You can enjoy both skiing and view here for the whole week. By the way, the maple sugar in VT is delicious. Don't forget to pick some up at a local general store during your trip!

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

It is the most popular and capital city of Rhode Island and is the oldest city of the U.S as it was founded in the 1600s. If you love doughnuts, we highly recommended that you pay this place a visit, as the Providence metropolitan area has more doughnut shops per capita than any other region in the country.



ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

As the first national park in eastern America, Acadia National Park is the closest national park to Boston. 198 square kilometers, Acadia is worth the drive! The landscape of lakes, beaches, coastal sciences, and forests here is unforgettable. Besides the natural beauty, near Acadia National Park lies the port town of Bar Harbor which also worth visiting. If you get tired of urban life in Boston, Bar Harbor is quite different; you can enjoy lobster in many different ways and a peaceful ambience in a quiet town.

OTHER AMBASSADORS RECOMMENDATIONS

Sarath likes Lake Massapoag, MA. "The drive and the Lake... What a scenic beauty!!"

Abhay says Nahant Beach - "A serene view and a beautiful long drive. I love long drives and I love the road and route to reach this place. Check it on the maps, you'll understand why it is so beautiful."



WASHINGTON DC

DC is the United States capital and is home to millions of museums and memorials. The food scene is great and there's always an event going on that is worthwhile. It is close enough that you can make a weekend trip out of it but there's so much to do that you will have to take a couple trips to do all the things you want to. The National Mall, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Museum, the US Capitol Building, and the White House area are few of the most iconic and historic places.

NEW YORK CITY

No one can miss the chance to visit New York City, the financial, cultural and media capital of the world. It is one of the most populous and one of the most developed cities in the United States. The Statue of Liberty is a popular tourist and historical attraction. If you want to shop, Times Square and Fifth Avenue will be your best choice. If you are interested in art or history, you should check out the Brooklyn Museum, the Frick Collection and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MoMA). You can also enjoy food from all over the world here at more than 70 Michelin-starred restaurants.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Northeastern University
Office of the University Registrar

The **academic calendar** is found through the Office of the University Registrar. Events related to Graduate Students are highlighted in green and marked "GR".

You can go to a specific date, or filter by just the Graduate calendar. You can view up to one year out from the current month.

Fall Semester:

The Fall Semester typically starts in early September and ends in December.

Spring Semester:

The Spring Semester typically starts in January and ends in May.

Summer Semester:

The Summer Semester is considered an optional semester from June through August. Students are not required to take classes during this time, but if classes are offered, students can register for them.

Note: Summer Semester is split into two terms - Summer 1, and Summer 2. Summer classes can be either for Summer 1, Summer 2, or Full Summer.



Academic and Service Buildings

- 66 Alumni Center at Columbus Place (CP)
- 61 Architecture Studio (RG)
- 70 Asian American Center (AC)
- 68 Badger & Rosen SquashBusters Center (SB)
- 40 Barletta Natatorium (BN)
- 26 Behrakis Health Sciences Center (BK)
- 51 Blackman Auditorium (AUDL)
- 41 Cabot Physical Education Center (CB)
- 7 Cahners Hall (CA)
- 36 Cargill Hall (CG)
- 72 Catholic Center (CC)
- 54 Churchill Hall (CH)
- 66 Columbus Place and Alumni Center (CP)
- 47 Cullinane Hall (CN)
- 50 Curry Student Center (CSC)
- 6 Cushing Hall (CU)
- 57 Dana Research Center (DA)
- 39 Dockser Hall (DK)
- 43 Dodge Hall (DG)
- 82 East Village (EV)
- 60 Egan Engineering/ Science Research Center (EC)
- 52 Ell Hall (EL)
- 71 Fenway Center (FC)
- 55 Forsyth Building (FR)
- 78 Hastings Hall at the YMCA (YMC)
- 53 Hayden Hall (HA)
- 10 Hillel-Frager (HF)
- 33 Holmes Hall (HO)
- 46 Hurtig Hall (HT)
- 83 Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex (ISEC) (under construction)
- 77 International Village (INV)
- 35 Kariotis Hall (KA)
- 38 Knowles Center (KN)
- 34 Lake Hall (LA)
- 56 Latino/a Student Cultural Center (LC)
- 17 Marino Recreation Center (MC)
- 44 Matthews Arena (MA)
- 29 Meserve Hall (ME)
- 48 Mugar Life Sciences Building (MU)
- 31 Nightingale Hall (NI)
- 270 Bryant African American Institute (AF)
- 63 Renaissance Park (RP)
- 42 Richards Hall (RI)
- 49 Robinson Hall (RB)
- 73 ROTC Office (RO)
- 24 Ryder Hall (RY)
- 30 Shillman Hall (SH)
- 58 Snell Engineering Center (SN)
- 59 Snell Library (SL)
- 37 Stearns Center (ST)
- 23 West Village F, G, H (WV)
- 74 101 Belvidere (BV)
- 80 140 The Fenway (TF)
- 79 177 Huntington (177)
- 81 236 Huntington (236)
- 84 271 Huntington (271)

Residence Buildings

- 21 Burstein Hall (BU)
- 67 Davenport Commons A, B (DC)
- 82 East Village (EV)
- 77 International Village (INV)
- 1 Kennedy Hall (KDY)
- 4 Kerr Hall (KH)
- 12 Levine Hall and St. Stephen Street Complex (LV)
- 1 Light Hall (LH)
- 3 Loftman Hall and 153 Hemenway Street (LF)
- 1 Melvin Hall (MH)
- 20 Rubenstein Hall (464)
- 2 Smith Hall (SM)
- 46 Speare Hall (SP)
- 14 Stetson East (SE)
- 15 Stetson West (SW)
- 23 West Village Residence Complex A, B, C, E (WV)
- 23 West Village Residence Complex F, G, H (WV)
- White Hall (WH)
- 28 Willis Hall (WI)
- 69 Coventry Street (CV)
- 81 12-148 Hemenway Street (142-148)
- 11 19 Huntington Avenue (319)
- 13 37 Huntington Avenue (337)
- 19 407 Huntington Avenue (407)
- 76 68 Columbus Avenue (768)
- 64 80 Columbus Avenue (780)

Parking Garages

- 65 Columbus Parking Garage (CPG)
- 75 Belvidere Parking Garage (BVG)
- 45 Gainsborough Parking Garage (GG)
- 62 Renaissance Park Garage (RPG)
- 25 West Village Parking Garage (WPG)

Legend

- # Academic and Service Buildings
- # Academic/Service-Residence Buildings
- # Residence Buildings
- # Parking Garages
- P Parking (permit required)
- V Visitor Parking
- H Handicapped Parking
- H Handicapped-Accessible Entrance
- E Emergency Telephone
- T MBTA Station
- S Visitor Center
- A Alumni Center at Columbus Place

BUILDING ABBREVIATIONS

Campus buildings are commonly referred to with an abbreviation. Typically, the abbreviations can be found on campus maps but for your reference here is a list of most of the abbreviations used for buildings around campus.

General Campus Buildings

AC Asian American Center	INV International Village
AF O’Bryant African American Institute	ISEC Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex
ASHLN The Warren Center & Inn (Ashland)	KA Kariotis Hall
AUDL Blackman Auditorium	KN Knowles Center
BD Batterymarch Building (Broad St)	LA Lake Hall
BK Behrakis Health Sciences Center	LC Latino/a Student Cultural Center
BN Barletta Natatorium	MA Matthews Arena
BL Burlington Campus	MC Marino Recreation Center
BV 101 Belvidere	ME Meserve Hall
CA Cahners Hall	MSC Marine Science Center (Nahant)
CB Cabot Physical Education Center	MT Marbury Terrace (Jamaica Plain)
CP Columbus Place and Alumni Center (716 Columbus Ave)	MU Mugar Life Sciences Building
CC Catholic Center	NI Nightingale Hall
CG Cargill Hall	RB Robinson Hall
CH Churchill Hall	RG Architecture Studio (Ruggles)
CN Cullinane Hall	RI Richards Hall
CSC Curry Student Center	RO ROTC Office
CU Cushing Hall	RP Renaissance Park
DA Dana Research Center	RY Ryder Hall
DEDHM 370 Common St (Dedham)	SB Badger-Rosen SquashBusters Center
DG Dodge Hall	SH Shillman Hall
DK Dockser Hall	SL Snell Library
EC Egan Engineering/Science Research Center	SN Snell Engineering Center
EL Ell Hall	SP 4 Speare Place
EV East Village	SS Saint Stephen Street
FC Fenway Center	ST Stearns Center
FA Forsyth Building Annex	TF 140 The Fenway
FR Forsyth Building	WV(F-H) West Village F, G, H
HA Hayden Hall	YMC Hastings Hall at the YMCA
HNDER Henderson House (Weston)	177 177 Huntington
HF Hillel-Frager	236 236 Huntington
HO Holmes Hall	271 271 Huntington
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Residence Buildings

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INV International Village

KDY Kennedy Hall

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LF Loftman Hall and 153 Hemenway Street

LH Light Hall

LV Levine Hall and St. Stephen Street Complex

MH Melvin Hall

SE Stetson East

SM Smith Hall

SP Speare Hall

SW Stetson West

WH White Hall

WI Willis Hall

WV(A-H) West Village Residence Complex (A-H)

142–148 142–148 Hemenway Street

319 319 Huntington Avenue

337 337 Huntington Avenue

407 407 Huntington Avenue

464 Rubenstein Hall

768 768 Columbus Avenue

780 780 Columbus Avenue

Parking Garages

BVG Belvidere Parking Garage

CPG Columbus Parking Garage

GG Gainsborough Parking Garage

RPG Renaissance Park Garage

WPG West Village Parking Garage

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Speare Commons, 4 Speare Place, Boston, MA 02115

- **Reset Resource Center**

<https://resnetwelcome.northeastern.edu/>

resnet@northeastern.edu |617.373.7967

Speare Commons, 4 Speare Place, Boston, MA 02115

- **Northeastern University Police Department (NUPD)**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/>

617.373.2696 (Administrative Office-during business hours)

716 Columbus Place, Boston, MA 02120

- **Property Registration:**

S/Sgt. John Farrell 617.373.5402

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

- **The Writing Center**

<http://www.northeastern.edu/writingcenter/>

neuwritingcenter@gmail.com 617.373.4549

412 Holmes Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115



LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

<http://www.northeastern.edu/dro/>

DRC@northeastern.edu | 617.373.2675

20 Dodge Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/uhrs/>

UHCS@northeastern.edu | 617.373.2772

Forsyth Building, Suite 135, 40 Forsyth St, Boston, MA 02115

- **Graduate School of Engineering**

(includes Admissions Office & Office of Student Services)

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/academics/graduate-school-engineering>

617.373.2711

130 Snell Engineering Center, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex (ISEC)**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/isec/>

805 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02120

- **Snell Library**

<https://library.northeastern.edu/>

617.373.8778

360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Open 24 hours



LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Off Campus Student Services**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

offcampus@northeastern.edu

617.373.8480

151 Speare Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Marino Center**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/campusrec/general/marino.php>

617.373.4433

140 Marino Center, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Cabot Testing Center**

400 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Huntington Testing Center**

259-269 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Student Financial Services**

<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/>

sfs@northeastern.edu | studentaccounts@northeastern.edu

617.373.3190 (Financial Aid) | 617.373.2270 (Billing & Payments)

354 Richards Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm



LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Employer Engagement and Career Design commonly called “Career Development”**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/careers/>

careers@northeastern.edu | 617.373.2430

103 Stearns Center, 420 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

- **Office of Student Employment, Graduate Assistantships & Fellowships (SEGAF) also known as “Student Employment Office”**

<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

seo@northeastern.edu | 617.373.3200

271 Huntington Ave, Suite 276, Boston, MA 02115

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

- **Off Campus Student Services**

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

offcampus@northeastern.edu | 617.373.8480

151 Speare Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115 Monday-Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Wednesday until 7:30 pm

- **Parking Garages**

Columbus Parking Garage

795 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02120

Renaissance Parking Garage

835 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02120



LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Gainsborough Garage

10 Gainsborough Street, Boston, MA 02115

- **West Village A (Residential Hall)**

510 Parker St, Boston, Boston, MA 02115

- **Northeastern University Student Health Plan (NUSHP)**

<http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/>

NUSHP@northeastern.edu | 617.373.8007

- **Office of Global Services (OGS)**

<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/>

ogs@northeastern.edu | 617.373.2310

405 Ell Hall, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 7:00 pm; Friday until 5:00 pm



HYPERLINKS & URLS

1. Introduction

College of Engineering (COE)

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/>

myNortheastern

<https://my.northeastern.edu/>

Emailing the ambassadors

coeambassadors@listserv.neu.edu

Our website

<https://web.northeastern.edu/coe-graduate-student-ambassadors/>

Home

<https://my.northeastern.edu/group/student/home>

Lynda.com

<https://www.linkedinlearning.northeastern.edu/>

Additional Helpful or Interesting Resources

News@Northeastern

<https://news.northeastern.edu/>

100 Cool Summer Things To Do

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/nu-bucket-list-100/>

The Huntington News

<https://www.huntnewsnu.com/>

Roadside America: Boston's Best Hidden Treasures

<https://huntnewsnu.com/53019/multimedia/photo-galleries/bostons-best-hidden-treasures-revealed/>

Art at Northeastern

<https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/public-art>

Her Campus at Northeastern

<https://www.hercampus.com/school/northeastern>

Boston on Budget

<https://bostononbudget.com/>

History of Massachusetts Blog

<http://historyofmassachusetts.org/>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

Free Tours by Foot

<https://freetoursbyfoot.com/boston-tours/>

walkBoston Maps

<http://walkboston.ore/resources/maps/>

2. Northeastern "Housekeeping"

2.2. Husky Card

Husky Card Services Office

<https://www.northeastern.edu/huskycard/>

2.3. Mobile Apps

NUGO:

iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nugo/id950690549?mt=8>

Android

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.neu.mobile.myneu&hl=en_US

CBORD Mobile ID

iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cbord-mobile-id-for-cs-gold/id5681429667mt=8>

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cbord.csg.mobileid&hl=en>

2.4. Personal Computer Purchasing

Laptop Recommendations

https://northeastern.servicenow.com/kb?id=kb_article_view&sys_kb_id=ce4ed9c4b68/7c0fc4ed2c75e961901

Computer recommendations from COE

<https://coe.northeastern.edu/current-students/>

Small STOP Security Plate

<https://www.stoptheft.com/products/small-stop-security-plate>

2.6. Resources & Support

LinkedIn Learning

<https://www.linkedinlearning.northeastern.edu/>

Reset Resource Center

<https://resnetwelcome.northeastern.edu/>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS

<https://its.northeastern.edu>

ITS Knowledge Base

<https://ts.northeastern.edu/services/knowledgebase/>

ServiceNow

<https://northeastern.service-now.com/sp/>

3. A Little More to Add

3.1. Academics

3.1.1. Canvas

<https://canvas.northeastern.edu>

here

<https://canvas.northeastern.edu/student-resources>

3.1.2. Other Available Resources

The Writing Center

<http://www.northeastern.edu/writingscenter>

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

<http://www.northeastern.edu/drc>

VLAB

<http://help.coe.neu.edu/cohelp/index.php/VLAB>

COE credentials

http://help.coe.neu.edu/cohelp/index.php/Account_Request

3.2. Health

3.2.1. Immunizations

Health Report

<https://www.northeastern.edu/hcs/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/UHR-21-22>

University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/uahcs/>

2021 Charges for Shots and Immunizations

<https://www.northeastern.edu/uahcs/forms/charges-shots-immunizations/>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

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<https://its.northeastern.edu>

ITS Knowledge Base

<https://ts.northeastern.edu/services/knowledgebase/>

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<https://northeastern.service-now.com/sp/>

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HYPERLINKS & URLS

The Boston Campus
just recognized as an arboretum

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2019/05/23/northeastern-universitys-boston-campus-has-beer-officially-recognized-as-a-level-two-arboretum-by-arbnet/>

Burlington
<https://www.northeastern.edu/kostas/>

Nahant
<https://coe.northeastern.edu/marinescience/>

Silicon Valley
<https://www.northeastern.edu/bayarea/>

Seattle
<https://www.northeastern.edu/seattle/>

Charlotte
<https://www.northeastern.edu/charlotte/>

Toronto, Canada
<https://www.mortheastern.edu/toronto/>

4.1. Snell & Dana

[4.1.1. Snell Engineering Center \(SN\)](#)

Graduate Student Services
<http://www.coe.neu.edu/graduate-school/graduate-student-services>

Engineering Computer Center
<http://www.coe.neu.edu/computer>

Open hours
[http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/Lab Hours](http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/Lab%20Hours)

Massachusetts Green High-Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC)
<http://www.mehpoc.org/>

Engineering Computer Center Help Wiki
<http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/>

Request an account
<https://www2.coe.neu.edu/account/register.cgi>

VLAB
<http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/VLAB>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

4.2 ISEC

Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex

<https://www.northeastern.edu/isec/>

Most beautiful building in Boston

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2019/02/11/northeastern-has-the-most-beautiful-building-in-boston/>

4.3. Snell Library

Snell Library

<https://library.northeastern.edu/>

NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO)

<https://nuevents.neu.edu/>

Digital Media Commons (DMC)

<https://library.northeastern.edu/services/digital-media-commons>

GIS

<https://library.northeastern.edu/services/digital-scholarship-services/gis-services>

Data Visualization Services

<https://library.northeastern.edu/services/digital-scholarship-services/data-analytics-and-visualization-services>

Scholar One Search

<https://onesearch.libnar.northeastern.edu>

Floor Maps and Finding Library Materials

<https://library.northeastern.edu/about/maps-and-directions/floor-maps>

Research Subject Guides

<https://subjectguides.lib.neu.edu>

Research Librarians

<https://library.northeastern.edu/get-help/ask-a-librarian/subject-librarians>

The Equipment Available for Checkout

<https://www.northeastern.edu/its/services/tech-support/classrooms/equipment-checkout/>

Services

<http://library.northeastern.edu/services>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

4.4. Curry Student Center (CSC)

Northeastern Bookstore

<https://northeastern.bncollege.com/>

Community Service Office

<http://www.northeastern.edu/communityservice/>

Center for Financial Independence

<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/cfi/>

Center for Intercultural Engagement

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/cie/>

Gallery 360

<https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/>

Graduate Student Government (GSG)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/>

Off-Campus Student Services

<http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Programming Lab

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/>

LGBTQ Resource Center

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/lgbtq/>

Center for Student/Involvement (CSI) Office

<https://studentife.northeastern.edu/csi/>

Student Activities Business Office (SABO)

<http://www.northeastern.edu/sabo>

SC Directory

<http://www.northeaster.edu/curry/curry-student-center-directory/>

4.4.1. The Tunnel System

Digital tour of the tunnels

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2018/01/16/northeastern-tunnel-system/>

4.5. Marino Center

Marino Center website

<https://www.northeastern.edu/campusrec/facilities/marino.html>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

5. International Students 2.0

5.2. Identification

5.2.1. Driver's License

Latest I-94 from here

<https://194.cbp.dhs.gov/194/#/home>

Massachusetts driver's license

<https://www.mass.gov/news/Retting-or-renewing-a-drivers-license-id-card-or-learners-permit>

5.2.2. Mass ID

Find directions here:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-massachusetts-identification-card-mass-id>

5.5. Getting a Mobile Phone Number

AT&T

<https://www.att.com/>

Sprint

<https://www.sprint.com/>

T-Mobile

<https://www.t-mobile.com/>

Verizon

<https://www.verizonwireless.com/>

Additional Tips

WhistleOut: Compare the Best Cell Phone Plans

<https://www.whistleout.com/CellPhones>

Tom's Guide: Best Cellphone Plans 2019

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/best-phone-plans,review-2953.html>

6. Food, Places & Things to Do

6.1. On Campus

6.1.1. Campus "Dieting"

Meal plans

<https://nudining.com/public/meal-plans>

Northeastern Dining

<https://nudining.com/>



HYPERLINKS & URLS

Xhibition Kitchen

<https://nudinine.com/public/xhibition-kitchen>

Popeyes

<https://www.popeyes.com/>

6.1.2. The Huntington Strip"

Fun page

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2018/05/23/restaurants-and-food-near-northeastern-university/>

6.1.3 "Productivity" (..or a Break From it)

Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)

<https://www.mfa.org/>

New England Conservatory

<https://necmusic.edu/>

Huntington Theatre Company

<https://www.huntingtontheatre.org/>

Boston Symphony Hall

<https://www.bso.org/>

6.2. Close to Campus

6.2.1. Fenway/Kenmore

Fenway Park

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenway_Park

Red Sox games

<https://www.mlb.com/redsox>

6.3. Around Boston

6.3.2. Places to Check Out

Prudential Center

<https://www.prudentialcenter.com/>

Boston Public Library

<https://www.bpl.org/>

Emerald Necklace

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerald_Necklace



HYPERLINKS & URLS

Boston Harbor Islands National Park

<https://www.bostonharbornow.org/what-we-do/explore/boston-harbor-islands-national-state-park/>

Ambassador Picks for Other Places to Check Out

Sofar Concerts

<https://www.sofarsounds.com/boston>

6.4. Outside of Boston Proper

Brighton/ Allston

Paradise Rock Club

<http://www.paradiserock.club/>

Brighton Music Hall

<http://eyents.crossroadspresents.com/venues/brighton-music-hall>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

1. Academics

1.1. Course Registration

New Student Information & Orientation

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/student-services/new-student-information-orientation>

College of Engineering (COE) course catalog

<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/>

1.2. Graduate Certificate Programs

Certificate Options

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/degrees/certificates#supply>

Requirements in the Catalog

<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/graduate-certificate-programs/>

1.3. Financial Aid

Student Financial Services website

<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/applying-for-aid/graduate/>

2. Job/Career Opportunities & Resources

2.1. Graduate Co-op

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/co-op-advantage/graduate-co-op>

Graduate Co-op Eligibility and Requirements

<http://www.coe.neu.edu/graduate-co-op/graduate-co-op-eligibility-and-requirements>

NUcareers <https://nucareers.northeastern.edu/>

2.2. Employer Engagement and Career Design

Employer Engagement and Career Design Office <https://careers.northeastern.edu/>

2.3. On/Near Campus Employment

Office of Student Employment, Graduate Assistantships & Fellowships (SEGAF)

<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

Student Employment Office

<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

Easy to follow guide

<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/a-students-guide-to-student-employment/>

Personal identification documentation

<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/i-9%20acceptable%20docs.pdf>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

Here:

[https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/Information for International Students.pdf](https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/Information%20for%20International%20Students.pdf)

3. Living in Boston

3.1 Housing

Off-Campus website

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

Off Campus Student Services

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/>

Furnishings

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/furnishings/>

Getting Started - Three Steps to Apartment Searching

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/get-started/>

Tips for international students

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/international-students/>

**Start Your Apartment Search:
Guide to Living Off Campus Handbook**

https://issuu.com/nuoffcampus3/docs/guide2017_offcampusliving_final

Northeastern Housing Database

<https://aptsearch.northeastern.edu/>

Learn About Neighborhoods Near Northeastern

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/neighborhoods/>

Off Campus Student Services videos and presentations

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/videos/>

Additional websites with apartment listings:

Facebook: Northeastern University Off Campus Housing

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/479158628856339/>

Boston Housing

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1828089417202881/>

Craigslist Boston

<https://boston.craigslist.org/search/hhh>

Zillow

<https://www.zillow.com/>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities:

Rights & Responsibilities

<https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/rights-responsibilities/>

Renting in Massachusetts

<https://www.mass.gov/renting-in-massachusetts>

4. Transportation

4.1. MBTA – “The T”

Google Maps

<https://maps.google.com/>

MBTA Trip Planner

<https://www.mbta.com/trip-planner>

ProximiT App iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/proximit-mbta-bus-and-subway/id721033937?mt=8>

CharlieCards and CharlieTickets

Should I Get a CharlieCard?

<https://www.mbta.com/fares/charliecard/should-i-get-charliecard>

The History of the T

<https://www.mbta.com/history>

Online

<https://www.mbta.com/fares/charliecard>

Fares & Passes

Student Discounted Semester Pass Program website

<https://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/mbta/student-discounted-semester-pass-program/>

Online

<https://www.mbta.com/fares>

How to Navigate the Subway System

Commuter Rail

<https://www.mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail>

Stations

<https://www.mbta.com/stops/commuter-rail>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

Fare

<https://www.mbta.com/fares/commuter-rail-fares>

mTicket App iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mbta-mticket/id560487958>

mTicket App Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mbta.mobileapp>

MBTA's website

<https://www.mbta.com/>

MBTA Tips and Information

https://www.bostoncentral.com/resources/mbta_tips_and_information/p9.php

Boston Central

<https://www.bostoncentral.com/>

4.2 Additional MBTA Information & Resources

wikiHow on riding the T

<https://www.wikihow.com/Ride-the-MBTA-Subway-in-Massachusetts>

Fares (Ferry)

<https://www.mbta.com/fares/ferry-fares>

Stops (Ferry)

<https://www.mbta.com/stops/ferry#ferry-tab>

5. Parking

Places to park

<https://www.northeastern.edu/campusmap/parking.html#:~:text=Northeastern%20has%20two%20main%20parking,Garage%20for%20general%20campus%20visitors>

Up-to-date parking fees online

<https://www.masparc.com/products/>

5.1 Additional Parking Resources & Information

ChargePoint

<https://www.chargepoint.com/>

14 Essential Boston Driving Tips

<https://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/boston-driving-tips.html>

Why Owning a Car in Boston Sucks

<https://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/2015/07/15/why-owning-a-car-in-boston-sucks/>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

6. Bicycles

Bike Repair Stations

<https://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/bicycling/bike-repair-stations/>

Bike on the T

<https://www.mbta.com/bikes>

Blue Bikes

<https://www.bluebikes.com/>

Stations around campus

<http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/bicycling/>

6.1 More Information & Resources on Bicycling

Boston Bikes <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes>

Ticket To Ride: A Guide to Boston Bike Shops

<https://www.bostonmagazine.com/health/2015/05/12/boston-bike-shops/>

6. Weather

Proper layering system

<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/layering-basics.html>

L.L. Bean Boots

<https://www.llbean.com/llb/shop/506697?page=footwear-llbean-boots>

Best Weather Apps for iPhone for 2020 <https://www.cnet.com/topics/mobile-apps/best-mobile-apps-ios/best-weather-apps-for-iphone/>

15 best weather apps and weather widgets for Android

<https://www.androidauthority.com/best-weather-apps-and-weather-widgets-for-android-256942/>

City of Boston - Cold Weather Safety Tips

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/311/cold-weather-safety-tips>

City of Boston – Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-management#sign-up-for-alerts>

What to Do for Your First Winter in Boston

<https://web.northeastern.edu/coe-graduate-student-ambassadors/what-to-do-for-your-first-winter-in-boston/>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

7. Health & Safety

7.1. Health

7.1.1. Insurance

Northeastern University Student Health Plan (NUSHP)

<http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/>

Gallagher Student Health

<https://www.gallagherstudent.com/>

This checklist

<http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/pdf/teaser2013.pdf>

A Guide to Understanding Your Health Plan Choice

[http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/pdf/guide to understanding2014_15.pdf](http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/pdf/guide%20to%20understanding2014_15.pdf)

FAQ's page <http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Northeastern-University-Student-Health-Plan-Frequently-Asked-Questions-2018-2019.pdf>

Here

<http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/videos/>

7.1.2. UHCS

University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/>

Off Campus Resources

<https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/health-and-wellness/off-campus-resources/>

7.2. Safety

General safety tips

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safety/general-safety-tips/>

Guidelines

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safety/general-safety-tips/emergency-guidebook/>

NU Alert

NU Alerts & Advisories

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/nualert/>

7.2.1. NUPD

Northeastern University Police Department (NUPD)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

Services

<https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/services/>

CPR Certification

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/our-services/safety-training/>

RAD/Self Defense

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/our-services/safety-training/>

Emergency Medical Services

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/our-services/emergency-medical-services/>

Property Registration

Laptop and bike registered

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/our-services/property-registration/>

Small STOP Security Plate

<https://www.stoptheft.com/products/small-stop-security-plate>

REDEYE & Safety Escorts

REDEYE

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/our-services/safety-escort-services/>

RedEye App iOS

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/northeastern-redeye/id1474543138>

RedEye App Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=northeastern.redeye&hl=en_US

SafeZone

Their website

<https://www.safezoneapp.com/>

NUPD SafeZone website

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safezone/>

7.2.2. Other Campus Resources worth looking into International Safety

<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safety/international-safety/>

Northeastern University Ombuds for Graduate Students

<https://web.northeastern.edu/graduateombuds/>



MORE HYPERLINKS & URLS

8. International Students

8.1. Curriculum Practical Training (CPT)
OGS (Office of Global Services)
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/>

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/practical-training>

This OGS's webpage <https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/employment/curricular-practical-training-cpt-f1/>

8.2. On-Campus Jobs
Office of Student Employment, Graduate Assistantships & Fellowship (SEGAF)
<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

OGS
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/>

OGS F-1 Employment Website
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/employment/f1-on-campus-employment/>

International Student Guide
[https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/Information for International Students.pdf](https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/Information%20for%20International%20Students.pdf)

Student Employment Office
<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

List of Acceptable On-Campus Employers
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/employment/f1-on-campus-employment/#approved-ocampus-employers>

F-1 On-Campus Employment Request e-form
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/forms-and-guides/employment-letter-for-f-1-students/>

SSN section of the OGS website
<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/life-at-nu/social-security-number/>

I-94
<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>

W-4 Form
<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cimages/Intl%20w4%20prefilled.pdf>



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Student Employment Office

<https://studentemployment.neu.edu/>

Application Process

<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/employment/f1-on-campus-employment/#application-process>

Information for Students

https://studentemployment.neu.edu/cmz_content.aspx?cpid=3

9. Other Resources

9.1. Student Organizations and Cultural Centers

Center for Student Involvement (CSI)

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/>

Graduate Student Government (GSG)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/>

<https://neu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/graduate-student-government>

Senator

<https://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/become-a-senator/>

Campus Labs

<https://neu.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations>

Asian American Center

<https://www.northeastern.edu/aac/>

Latinx Student Cultural Center

<https://www.northeastern.edu/latinx/>

LGBTQA Center

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/lgbtqa/>

John D. Bryant African American Institute

<https://www.northeastern.edu/aai/>

Center for Spirituality, Dialogue & Service

<https://www.northeastern.edu/spirituallife/>

Center for Intercultural Engagement.

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/cie/>



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9.2. Alumni Network

The Office of Alumni Relations <https://alumni.northeastern.edu/>

NuSource

<https://nusource.northeastern.edu/>

9.3. Get Support

Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR)

<http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/>

Code of Student Conduct

<http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/code-of-student-conduct/>

Disability Resource Center

<http://www.northeastern.edu/drc/>

Office for University Equity and Compliance (OUEC)

<https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/about/>

Office of Prevention and Education (OPEN)

<https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/open/>