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Important Disclaimer:

This is an unofficial handbook and is not intended to be comprehensive. It is intended to highlight important and helpful topics for a new incoming graduate student in the College of Engineering. Because current student ambassadors created this handbook, and it is not produced officially through Northeastern University, any inadvertent discrepancies should default to official resources (e.g. course catalog, website, administration, etc.).
1. INTRODUCTION

This is the second part of the First-Year Graduate Student Handbook put together for you by the College of Engineering (COE) Graduate Student Ambassadors. If you have not already seen it, we encourage you to look through Part 1, which covers myNortheastern, academics, job/career opportunities and resources, living in Boston, health and safety, and some information for international students. We hope you find this extension of the handbook more helpful now that you are getting ready for your actual move to Northeastern University.

As mentioned in Part 1, if you think something is missing or have some feedback, please let us know by emailing the Student Ambassador team. You can learn more about us on our website!
TIPS FOR USING THIS HANDBOOK

Here are a few things that will be good to know before you begin this second part of the handbook:

▶ Section 1 addresses information specifically for international students. However, there is information in all sections that applies to everyone, so our international readers should use Chapter 5 as a supplement to add to the rest of the information in the handbook.

▶ Section 8 has a complete list of hyperlink URLs used throughout this handbook, in the event that you are using a printed version and need to reference a website. They are organized by section, as they appear in text.

▶ If you have not noticed already, we use many acronyms around here. A comprehensive list can be found in the introduction of Part 1, but here’s a quick refresher for you:

  NU: Northeastern University
  COE: College of Engineering
  GSE: Graduate School of Engineering
  GSG: Graduate Student Government
  OGS: Office of Global Services
When we refer to links or resources through myNortheastern, we use a figure like the one on the right (as an example) to display the portal navigation. Everything we refer to will be under the ‘Services & Links’ page. Therefore, the myNortheastern logo in the figure includes the reference to the ‘Services & Links’ page once you are logged in. In the figure example, you can either search for the first gold item under the myNortheastern logo (‘NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO)’ in this instance) from the ‘Home’ page or the ‘Services & Links’ page OR you can follow the path directly:

myNortheastern > Services & Links > NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO) > Create a Reservation

Throughout this handbook, we mention different locations and offices. When they are important in context, we have made them bold in dark blue, so they are easier to identify (if they have a link they will be in bold hyperlink style). Campus locations are called out in bold red text and the details are listed in Section 7.

Additional Helpful or Interesting Resources

Here are some other resources that we have come across for you to explore or learn more about Massachusetts, Boston and Northeastern’s Boston Campus.

- News @ Northeastern
- 100 Cool Summer Things To Do – Interactive Map
Lastly, your COE Graduate Student Ambassadors want to say it again:

Welcome to Northeastern!
2. NORTHEASTERN “HOUSEKEEPING”

The items in this section cover university level “housekeeping” that you could use pretty regularly.

2.1. 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.
2.2. 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.

2.3. MOBILE APPS

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!
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.

2.4. NORTHEASTERN 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:

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Most of the computer labs (see Section 4.3) 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/](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:

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2.5. PERSONAL COMPUTER PURCHASING

There are computer labs around campus (see Sections 4.1.1 & 4.3) but for those of you looking to purchase a laptop, Northeastern’s ResNet Resource Center (see Section 2.7) 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! More in Part 1 Section 6.2.1.

2.6. 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 myNortheastern password.
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, myNortheastern, 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
- Blackboard
- Classroom Technology
- Computers & Printing
- Communications & Collaboration
- Email
- myNortheastern
- Networks & Storage
- Software
- Support & Training

You can access the Knowledge Base through the ServiceNow portal where you can also submit service request tickets.
3. A LITTLE MORE TO ADD

In Part 1 of this handbook, we addressed topics including course registration, certificate programs, tuition & fees, financial aid, and health & safety. We have a couple more things to add to these topics that are more relevant at this stage of your transition to Northeastern. Please do not forget to refer to Part 1 for other Academic and Health & Safety information.

3.1. ACADEMICS

3.1.1. BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is Northeastern’s online learning management system, which would be one of the most important digital tools during your time here. After registration, your instructor may set up a course site and post materials for you to access everything you need. You may need to submit your assignments or project materials through the system. Your grades for each assignment and exam will also be posted on Blackboard. You can log into Blackboard either through myNortheastern or through northeastern.blackboard.com directly with your Husky credentials.
3.1.2. 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.

▶ **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.
New students are required to fill out a Health Report, which includes a vaccination record that can be brought to University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) after you arrive on campus.

Although you may obtain any outstanding immunizations once you get here, students are advised to get the required immunizations done earlier if possible. If a student is unable to obtain documentation, all immunizations can be administered at UHCS, for a fee. The fee can be paid for by credit, debit, or Husky Dollars at UHCS. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED. The Cashier’s Office in Richards Hall can accept checks and credit card payments in advance. If you choose to pay at the Cashier’s Office prior to coming to UHCS, bring the receipt with you to UHCS as proof of payment. The 2019-2020 Charges for Shots and Immunizations are listed on the UHCS website. They get updated every year so make sure you are looking at the right year’s charges.

Students studying at a campus outside of Massachusetts (e.g. Seattle or Silicon Valley) should connect with their Student Services Advisor about the requirements for these campuses.
4. THE BOSTON LOCATION

As mentioned on our website, Northeastern’s Boston location has “the perfect balance of campus and city” and was just recognized as an arboretum (more than 1,400 trees and 143 species)! We have 2 other campuses in the area (Burlington and Nahant), 3 in other parts of the country (Silicon Valley, Seattle, 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!

4.1. SNELL & DANA

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.
4.1.1. SNELL ENGINEERING CENTER (SN)

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 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 (see Section 3.1.2).
4.1.2. DANA RESEARCH CENTER (DA)

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.

4.2. ISEC

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.

4.3. 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 through NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO).

The computer labs in Snell Library are called InfoCommons. Students have access to Mac and Windows computers on the 1st and 2nd floors. Look for the lime green walls and circles to find the printers connected to the Printing Plan (discussed in Section 2.4).
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.

4.4. CURRY STUDENT CENTER (CSC)

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 (see Section 6.1.1), 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 (see Section 6.1). There’s more you can find listed in the CSC Directory.
4.4.1. THE 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.
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](https://www.marinocenter.com).
5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2.0

5.1. FULL-TIME STATUS REMINDER

This was also in Part 1, but as a reminder, it is a federal regulation for international graduate students in F-1 or J-1 status to be registered for at least 8 credits each academic semester to maintain valid non-immigrant student status in the U.S.

5.2. IDENTIFICATION

5.2.1. 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 doc

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
      (You can apply for it through myNortheastern)
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.
5.2.2. MASS ID

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.

5.3. 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.
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.
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 Tips:**

- 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
6. 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!

6.1. ON-CAMPUS

6.1.1. HEALTHY EATING 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 Louisiana Kitchen, The West End (build-your-own salads and home-style classics), 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! Beyond just offering places to get food, Northeastern Dining also hosts fun seasonal events and the Xhibition Kitchen, where you can take classes and meet celebrity chefs.

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 (see more in Section 4.3.)
**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!).

**And Popeye’s is Divya’s Ambassador Pick!**

“My favorite place for a quick meal on-campus. Their sandwiches are really good!!”
6.1.2. “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!
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 likes

**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.”

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6.1.3. “PRODUCTIVITY” (...OR A BREAK FROM IT)

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** (Section 4.5) 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 those are within a couple of blocks of each other and on Huntington Ave – imagine all the other places that are just around the corner!

### 6.2. CLOSE TO CAMPUS

The lists of places we love around campus could fill a whole third part of the handbook, so the remainder of Section 6 focuses on just a few of our favorites. We hope this helps get you started on your Boston adventures and let us know (coeambassadors@listserv.neu.edu) if you think we need to add something to the next version of this handbook.

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**PLACES CLOSE TO CAMPUS: AMBASSADORS’ PICKS**

**Sarath suggests**

*Dumpling Palace* *(on Mass Ave)* – You must try their dumplings & rice noodles.


**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 11 pm and close to campus, I love grabbing some quick Indian fast food during late night hours at the library.

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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 tons of restaurants and bars in the area so it’s a great place to be when you’re hungry!

AMBASSADOR PICKS IN 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 Pelón 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/fruit and have the freshest of taste. They also have fun dumpling-making classes for serious dumpling-lovers.”
MORE AMBASSADOR PICKS IN 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!”

**TimeOut 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 likes

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

6.3. AROUND BOSTON

6.3.1. NEIGHBORHOODS/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.
Zongkai likes

*Great Taste Bakery & 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 takeout like Starbucks. A little bit sweet but tasty.

Abhay suggests

*Q Restaurant (on Washington)* – Amazing Hot Pot. Perfect dish for the winters.

Vishnu says

*Shojo (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 char grilled shrimp, the Shojonator, and the monkey chicken wings are a must try! I love the mural walls too!”
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 is called “Boston’s Little Italy”, which is famous for its many Italian restaurants and cafés. 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.

**NORTH END AMBASSADOR PICKS**

Like most of Boston, there is an on-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!
AMBASSADOR PICKS IN 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. Super cheap, 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$)”
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 just 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 ("The Common")

Abhay’s Pick!
"It is a beautiful public park and ice skating during the winter is a must."

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 (especially October), for the most astounding autumn foliage experience of New England close to your new home!

**AMBASSADOR PICKS close to the Common**

Luke says

*Trapology (Theater District)* – “An awesome escape room location! There are a few around the area but I think they do a REALLY good job.”
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.

Abhay’s Pick!

“One of the most beautiful sites in Boston during Christmas time with the festive lighting and decorations and the hard to miss 87 feet tall Christmas tree.”
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](https://www.nps.gov/bosi/index.htm) area is composed of 34 islands and mainland parks (peninsulas). Eight islands are accessible to the public via seasonal ferry/boat service. 19 islands that vary greatly in size and remoteness and are accessed only by private boat or specialty charter.
AMBASSADOR PICKS FOR OTHER 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 get 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.”

6.4. OUTSIDE OF BOSTON PROPER

Brighton/Allston

This 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 separates 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!

**AMBASSADOR PICKS FOR THE BRIGHTON/ALLSTON AREA**

Zongkai suggests

*Holly Crab* *(on Comm Ave)* – A perfect place for seafood is you like something spicy.

*BonChon* *(on Brighton Ave)* – Korean style chicken wings with all kinds of snacks.
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.

**AMBASSADOR PICKS IN 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.”

Luke likes going to

*Meadhall (on Broadway)* – Wide range beer selection with consistent tap rotation.
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 AMBASSADOR PICK IN HARVARD SQUARE**

*Border Café (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.”
AMBASSADOR PICKS OUTSIDE OF 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.*

Abhay & 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”.

6.5. PLACES TO TRAVEL

6.5.1. IN MASSACHUSETTS

**Cape Cod (“The Cape”)**

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.
**OTHER AMBASSADOR MASSACHUSETTS RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sarathe 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.”

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### 6.5.2. NEW ENGLAND

The White Mountains, NH (Mount Washington)

Mount Washington, called Agiocochook by some Native American tribes, is the highest peak in the northeastern United States. At 6,288 feet (1,916.6 m), 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.
Mount Washington is Sarath’s Pick!

“Unlimited trails, hikes... Best place to go, if you wanna forget the city environment for a day or two”

Vermont (VT)

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, RI

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 scences, 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; here you can enjoy lobster in many different ways and a peaceful ambience in a quiet town.

6.5.3. A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY
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.

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 are a few of the most iconic and historic places.
7. LOCATIONS & CONTACT INFO

▶ Husky Card Services Office
https://www.northeastern.edu/huskycard/
HuskyCard@northeastern.edu | 617.373.8740
Speare Commons, 4 Speare Place, Boston, MA 02115

▶ ResNet 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

▶ Disability Resource Center (DRC)
http://www.northeastern.edu/drc/
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/uhcs/
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

▶ **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

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**Important NUPD Numbers:**

**617.373.3333** - Public Safety, Immediate Assistance or Crime Reporting

**617.373.2121** - Safety Escort & General Non-Emergency Inquiries
8. HYPERLINK URLs

1. Introduction

▷ College of Engineering (COE)
   http://www.coe.neu.edu/

▷ Part 1
   http://bit.ly/FYHB_F20Pt1

▷ myNortheastern
   https://my.northeastern.edu/

▷ emailing the ambassadors
   coeambassadors@listserv.neu.edu

▷ our website
   https://web.northeastern.edu/coe-graduate-student-ambassadors/

Tips for using this Handbook

▷ Part 1
   http://bit.ly/FYHB_F20Pt1

▷ myNortheastern
   https://my.northeastern.edu/

Additional Helpful or Interesting Resources

▷ News @ Northeastern
   https://news.northeastern.edu/

▷ 100 Cool Summer Things To Do

▷ The Huntington News
   https://www.huntnewsnu.com/

▷ Roadside America: Boston’s Best Hidden Treasures

▷ 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/

▷ Boston Central
   https://www.bostoncentral.com/

▷ Best 41 Fun, Free or Cheap Things to Do and See in Boston
   https://www.moneycrashers.com/fun-things-do-see-boston/
2. Northeastern “Housekeeping”

2.2. Husky Card

▷ Husky Card Services Office
  https://www.northeastern.edu/huskycard/

2.3. Mobile Apps

NUGO

▷ iOS

▷ Android

CBORD Mobile ID

▷ iOS

▷ Android

2.5. Personal Computer Purchasing

▷ Laptop Recommendations
  https://northeastern.service-now.com/kb?id=kb_article_view&sys_kb_id=ce4ed9c4db68f7c0fc4ed2c75e961901

▷ computer recommendations from COE
  https://coe.northeastern.edu/current-students/

▷ Small STOP Security Plate
  https://www.stoptheft.com/products/small-stop-security-plate

▷ Part 1
  http://bit.ly/FYHB_F20Pt1

2.7. Resources & Support

▷ LinkedIn Learning
  https://www.linkedinlearning.northeastern.edu/

▷ ResNet Resource Center
  https://resnetwelcome.northeastern.edu/

Information Technology Services (ITS)

▷ ITS
  https://its.northeastern.edu/

▷ ITS Knowledge Base
  https://its.northeastern.edu/services/knowledgebase/
3. A Little More to Add

3.1. Academics

3.1.1. Blackboard

- Blackboard Landing Page
  https://northeastern.blackboard.com/

3.1.2. Other Available Resources

- The Writing Center
  http://www.northeastern.edu/writingcenter/
- Disability Resource Center (DRC)
  http://www.northeastern.edu/drc/
- VLAB
  http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/VLAB
- COE credentials
  http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/Account_Request

3.2. Health

3.2.1. Immunizations

- Health Report
- University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)
  https://www.northeastern.edu/uhs/
- 2019-2020 Charges for Shots and Immunizations
  https://www.northeastern.edu/uhs/forms/charges-shots-immunizations/

4. The Boston Campus

- just recognized as an arboretum
  https://news.northeastern.edu/2019/05/23/northeastern-universitys-boston-campus-has-been-officially-recognized-as-a-level-two-arboretum-by-arbnet/
- Burlington
  https://www.northeastern.edu/kostas/
- Nahant
  https://cos.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.northeastern.edu/toronto/

4.1. Snell & Dana
▷ Part 1
http://bit.ly/FYHB_F20Pt1

4.1.1. Snell Engineering Center (SN)
▷ Graduate Student Services
http://www.coe.neu.edu/graduate-school/graduate-student-services

Engineering Computer Center
▷ Engineering Computer Center
http://www.coe.neu.edu/computer
▷ open hours
http://help.coe.neu.edu/coehelp/index.php/Lab_Hours
▷ Massachusetts Green High-Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC)
http://www.mghpcc.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

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
4.4. Curry Student Center (CSC)

- Northeastern Bookstore
  [https://northeastern.bncollege.com/](https://northeastern.bncollege.com/)

- Community Service Office
  [http://www.northeastern.edu/communityservice/](http://www.northeastern.edu/communityservice/)

- Center for Financial Independence
  [https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/cfi/](https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/cfi/)

- Center for Intercultural Engagement
  [https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/cie/](https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/cie/)

- Gallery 360
  [https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/](https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/)

- Graduate Student Government (GSG)
  [https://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/](https://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/)

- Off-Campus Student Services
  [http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/](http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/)

- Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Programming Lab
  [https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/](https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/)

- LGBTQA Resource Center
  [https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/lgbtqa/](https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/lgbtqa/)

- Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Office
  [https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/](https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/csi/)

- Student Activities Business Office (SABO)
  [http://www.northeastern.edu/sabo/](http://www.northeastern.edu/sabo/)

- CSC Directory
  [http://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/](http://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/)

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
5. International Students 2.0

5.2. Identification

5.2.1. Driver’s License

▷ latest I-94 from here
https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home

▷ Massachusetts driver’s license
https://www.mass.gov/news/getting-or-renewing-a-drivers-license-id-card-or-learners-permit

5.2.2. MassID

▷ 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

6. Food, Places & Things to Do

6.1. On Campus

6.1.1. Campus “Dieting”

▷ meal plans

▷ Northeastern Dining
https://nudining.com/

▷ Xhibition Kitchen
https://nudining.com/public/xhibition-kitchen

▷ Popeyes
https://www.popeyes.com/
6.1.2. The Huntington Strip”


6.1.3. “Productivity” (...or a Break From it)

- Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) [https://www.mfa.org/](https://www.mfa.org/)
- New England Conservatory [https://necmusic.edu/](https://necmusic.edu/)
- Huntington Theatre Company [https://www.huntingtontheatre.org/](https://www.huntingtontheatre.org/)
- Boston Symphony Hall [https://www.bso.org/](https://www.bso.org/)

6.2. Close to Campus

6.2.1. Fenway/Kenmore

- Red Sox games [https://www.mlb.com/redsox](https://www.mlb.com/redsox)

6.3. Around Boston

6.3.2. Places to Check Out

- Prudential Center [https://www.prudentialcenter.com/](https://www.prudentialcenter.com/)
- Boston Public Library [https://www.bpl.org/](https://www.bpl.org/)

Ambassador Picks for Other Places to Check Out

- Sofar Concerts [https://www.sofarsounds.com/boston](https://www.sofarsounds.com/boston)

6.4. Outside of Boston Proper

Brighton/Allston


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.

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Whether you’re an alumnus or alumna returning to campus, or a prospective student seeing Northeastern for the first time, we’ll make every effort to ensure you enjoy your visit. We offer 60-minute campus tours on weekdays year-round, and on Saturdays from September through June. Learn more at northeastern.edu/admissions/connect/visit.
### Fall 2020

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<td>Optional makeup day</td>
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