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1. INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on being accepted to Northeastern University and, more specifically, the College of Engineering! We are sure you have done your research and are aware of the prestige of our college, but there is a lot more that you can’t always find online that makes Northeastern the perfect place to pursue your graduate degree… which we know you will discover for yourself soon.

The College of Engineering (COE) Graduate Student Ambassadors have put together this handbook help you in your transition to Northeastern and to Boston. There is enough to cover that we could write an entire book, but we tried to pick out some things that we thought would be the most beneficial for you. That being said, this is the first iteration of this handbook (with hopefully many to come), so if you think something is missing or have some feedback please let us know by emailing the ambassadors.

TIPS FOR USING THIS HANDBOOK

Before you get started, a few things that will be good to know:

▶ Section 8 is for International Students specifically. However, to avoid repetitive information, we attempted to separate the aspects that only apply to international students, so it will be helpful for you to read the other corresponding sections as well. For example, Section 5 is about Job/Career Opportunities & Resources for ALL students, whereas Section 8.4 addresses working off-campus information that applies directly to International Students.

▶ If you are using a print version of this handbook, you can find the full URLs of the links throughout the handbook, organized by the sections they appear, at the end of the handbook.
> Acronyms and Names: We use acronyms a lot around COE in order to shorten how much we need to say or write when talking about places and organizations around NU. Sometimes, colleges and departments will have the same or similarly named references. Here’s some that NEU and GSE uses frequently that tend to be easily confused:

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<td>NEU &amp; NU</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>COE</td>
<td>College of Engineering. This one is pretty straightforward except for when it is used synonymously with GSE (the next acronym).</td>
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<td>GSE</td>
<td>Graduate School of Engineering. In some cases this is used to refer to the main office in 130 Snell Engineering (more in Section 3.1.1).</td>
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<td>“Snell”</td>
<td>Snell Library or Snell Engineering. As an engineering student, typical when someone says “Snell” they are referring to Snell Engineering. Students in other colleges use “Snell” to refer to Snell Library - it gets really confusing. Make sure you know which one is being discussed, especially when you are planning to meet someone.</td>
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<td>GSC</td>
<td>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.</td>
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> “Advisor” We have a lot of people that we refer to as our advisors and when you start your time at NEU might determine what term you use, but here’s a breakdown:

- **Faculty Advisor, Program Advisor or Academic Advisor**: Typically just called Advisor. This is the person listed on your acceptance/award letter. If you are a PhD student, this is typically who you primarily report to, and may or may not be your PI, if applicable.

- **Student Services Advisor or Graduate School Advisor**: Also sometimes referred to as Program Coordinator (for people who have been around for a while). This is person is your point of contact in the GSE Office (more in Section 3.1.1). In this handbook, we will use Graduate School Advisor.

- **Financial Services Advisor**: If this applies to you, this is the person you contact in the Office of Financial Service in 354 Richards Hall.

> At this point, you are most likely familiar with myNortheastern and we discuss some more details about it in Section 2.1. However, throughout this handbook we will refer to links and resources within the portal. The figure to the right is an example of how we will display the navigation of finding or accessing what we are referring to. Everything we navigate you 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. Very recently, a search field has been added to upper right corner of your ‘Home’ page in myNortheastern. Using the figure in the upper corner as an example, you can either search for the first grey 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
ADDITIONAL HELPFUL OR INTERESTING RESOURCES

Although we tried to include as much as we could in this handbook, we couldn’t get to everything we wanted to, so we’ve included the below list of 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
▶ The Huntington News – Student Newspaper
  ▶ Roadside America: Boston’s Best Hidden Treasures
▶ Art at Northeastern

▶ Best Discounts for College Students in Boston (note: from 2016)
▶ The 15 Best Places for Discounts in Boston
▶ Her Campus at Northeastern

▶ History of Massachusetts Blog
▶ Boston Central
▶ Best 41 Fun, Free or Cheap Things to Do and See in Boston
▶ Free Tours by Foot – All sorts of tour guides and things to do
▶ walkBoston Maps – Detailed paths to check out the highlights
This handbook is broken up into many different sections but we decided to get the more generalized items and resources available to all Northeastern graduate students, right out of the gate.

2.1. MYNORTHEASTERN Northeastern

If you are reading this, you have probably logged into myNortheastern at some point. myNortheastern is the University’s community portal that provides access to almost every service and detail about your account that you’ll need as a student. There’s a lot to explore on this platform: You can revisit your history of browsed links/services/webpages and even mark your favorite links to appear right on your ‘Home’ page! Your home page is designed to act as a dashboard where you have all of your schedules, preview of your email, course notifications and blackboard access, and news and event information, all on one page. The ‘Services & Links’ page contains pretty much any other service you can think of in an easily accessible list format. From financial services to commencement, this is your one-stop for almost every service at the university. Some of the things you can take advantage of through the myNortheastern portal are:

- the educational trainings (for free!) from Lynda.com (more details in Section 2.8)
- 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 about Job/Career Opportunities & Resources in Section 5)
- book a tech support appointment for your laptop
download a plethora of free software provided exclusively to Northeastern students
apply for a career counselling session
browse through the immense collection of online books made available specially for you
and more!

If the list of these infinite service options had you lost, you can always just type your service in the search bar!

2.2. WI-FI ACCESS ON CAMPUS

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

2.3. HUSKY CARD

The Husky Card is the official identification 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 (at 4 Speare Commons) with a government issued photo ID or passport to obtain your Husky Card. You can choose to either take a photo for your Husky Card on site or upload a photo to your account before you go to the office. You can contact Husky Card Services at 617.373.8740 or HuskyCard@northeastern.edu

2.4. 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 balances, etc. The most amazing function of the app for new students is campus building 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 the direction.

CBORD Mobile ID

When you find yourself without your Husky Card (or it’s just easier to get to 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 Husky credentials. Make sure you allow it you access your location.

2.5. NORTHEASTERN PRINTING PLAN

Every academic year, you receive $120 worth of PrintBucks. 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 actually print your files after you ‘send’ them to your printing queue. Printers that are part of the printing plan have a small terminal next to them, where
you swipe 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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<td>8½ x 11 (Letter)</td>
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<td>11 x 17 (Tabloid)</td>
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Most of the computer labs (more in Section 3.3) are connected to the printing plan. Depending on your department/program, you may have access to other labs with additional printing options. You can access the printing plan from your personal computer by installing the ‘Virtual Print Client for Free Allowance System.’ If you are printing from your laptop on campus, you need to be connected to a campus network (ResNet, NUNet or NUwave).

You can print to an 8½ x 11 B&W printer via email. Attach the file (PDFs are not supported) and send it to mobileprinting@northeastern.edu from your Husky email account. The file will be added to your queue and you can print like normal.

Here’s some of the place you can find printers around campus:

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<td>InfoCommons (4 Locations – Lime Green Walls)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Classroom Wing</td>
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<td>Curry Student Center</td>
<td>Ground</td>
<td>1st Floor (2 locations), 3rd Floor</td>
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<td>Digital Media Commons</td>
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<td>Marinoh Center</td>
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**Academic Buildings**

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<td>Hurtig Hall</td>
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<td>Dodge Hall (54 Dodge - computer lab)</td>
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<td>ISEC</td>
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<td>Forsyth Building</td>
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There are computer labs around campus (see Sections 3.1.1 & 3.3) but for those of you looking to purchase a laptop, Northeastern’s ResNet Resource Center (more in Section 2.8) has outlined Laptop Recommendations based on your major. Northeastern University offers a Dell Store and an Apple Store that helps you purchase computers within the recommended guidelines. Some offer a student discount.

**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 details in Section 7.2.1.
2.7. SOFTWARE ACCESS

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

Microsoft Office365 Pro Plus

Active Northeastern students are able to download the latest version of Microsoft Office for free. You are may download and install the full suite of applications 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 username@northeastern.edu and your standard Husky ID password.

2.8. RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Lynda.com

An incredible resource to take advantage of is Lynda.com – “a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.” Lynda.com is completely free to students and covers everything from public speaking to graphic design, computer science, and CAD. The training and tutorials can be in the form of courses and weekly tips. Some trainings include example files for you to engage in a more hands-on learning model. Trainings are broken up by individual sections with a transcript, so it’s easy to jump around. With the app, you can download items to watch offline. Lynda.com tracks your progress, so you can revisit your tutorials. An individual membership is costly, therefore, we strongly encourage you to check it out while you’re 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. They are located in Speare Commons and can be contacted at 617.373.7967 or at resnet@northeastern.edu.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS is always staying up-to-date with current trends and security issues. Their home page displays System Status/Alerts which allows you to see quickly see if there is a universal problem with a service (e.g. network, myNortheastern, email, printing, etc.) vs a local problem with your personal system.

The ITS Knowledge Base has an endless amount of FAQs and How-To’s on almost anything you will need during your time at NEU 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.
The main Northeastern University campus is located in the heart of Boston. As it says on our website, Northeastern’s Boston location has “the perfect balance of campus and city.” We have two other campuses in the area (Burlington and Nahant), three in other parts of the country (Silicon Valley, Seattle, and Charlotte), and one in Toronto, Canada. Every location has its own special charm and focus on certain programs. Starting a new chapter in a new place can be a little overwhelming. So, we’ve highlighted some of the key buildings and areas on the Boston campus to help you navigate yourself when you first get here. Keep reading this section to get a sense where you might be spending a lot of your time!

3. THE BOSTON CAMPUS

3.1. 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 earlier in the Introduction). 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.

3.1.1. 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 located 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, etc. 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: The term ‘Office Hours’ means a time 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](https://www.neu.edu/grad-student-services) page.

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

The main COE computer labs are in 274, 268, and 208 SN. This area is officially called the [Engineering Computer Center](https://www.neu.edu/engineering-computer-center). These labs are equipped with Windows 7 and Linux workstations that are available for your use when there is not a class going on and during their open hours. Additionally, Northeastern students (and faculty/staff) have access to the [Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC)](https://www.mghpcc.com), 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 also 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](https://help.orgmailbox.com) has a decent amount of information to help you gain some insight into what's available and assist in basic troubleshooting, but the team is easy to get in touch with by emailing help@coe.neu.edu.

**IMPORTANT!**

You need a COE Computer Account to login to COE managed computers.

With your NUID, you can [request an account](https://www.neu.edu/it/account-request) to get your COE credentials, which will also allow you to access [VLAB](https://www.neu.edu/it/vlab) (see Section 4.5).

**3.1.2. 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.

3.2. ISEC

The Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex, most commonly known as ISEC (at 805 Columbus Avenue) is the newest and most iconic building on campus. The building itself is notable for its energy efficiency and sustainability, and embraces Northeastern’s vision of community and collaborative research.

One COE department office is housed in ISEC:

- 206 ISEC – Bioengineering (BioE)

The building is a popular place for people to study and with the large glass atrium and auditorium; it is a common location place for special events.

3.3. SNELL LIBRARY

As a 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 isn’t impossible. It will become easier when you have the right resources. Northeastern provides a proper 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 group-study rooms, private rooms, phone/video interview rooms, recording studios and specific workstations during a certain periods through NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO).

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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 2.5).

**Digital Media Commons (DMC)** is on the 2nd floor, where there are 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 that you might need, presentation circles, and spare monitors for you to plug your laptop into. The DMS also has their 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 any noise restrictions. The 3rd floor is also a Quiet Study floor, but not silent – soft, whispering conversation is fine. You have to go downstairs if you wish to have a louder discussion for a longer period of time. No group meetings or phone/skype calls should happen on the Quiet Study floors. The 4th floor is the silent floor – no talking is permitted. It is important to follow this rule, and to respect people working there. Don’t worry, if you forget there are a million signs around 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 PhD 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.
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 total floors in Curry with plenty of resources and space 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 (more details in Section 9.1.1), and West Addition. West Addition is adjacent to the food court and full of tables for eating, meetings or studying and occasionally events are held in the area. There are a few microwaves for you to heat anything you might bring from home. AfterHOURS, NEU’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 all 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 under-utilized 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 are 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). One of the most popular places in Curry is also on the fourth floor in Curry – the PAWS/PLAY GameRoom (details in Section 9.1). There’s more you can find listed in the CSC Directory.

**3.4. CURRY STUDENT CENTER (CSC)**

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 commonly 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 location. There’s lots of maps printed on the walls but you can also check out the digital tour of the tunnels.
3.5. MARINO 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! Best part: as a full-time student, you have access to all the amenities - for FREE! As long as you pay the Recreation Center fee, you get automatic access with your Husky Card. Check out some more details on the Marino Center website.

In addition to the locker rooms and administration, the lower level of Marino has a couple 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 free and selectorized weight stations, and a suspended track.

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 and the entrance. Make sure you don’t let anyone else you use our card to get in to Marino.
The entire reason for your graduate school journey is based on academic programming. Beyond the extraordinary quality of the education you will receive at Northeastern, the support given by all staff and faculty 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.

4.1. COURSE REGISTRATION

Masters degrees are 32 total semester hours and PhD students (without a previous master’s degree) need to finish approximately 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 register for courses after program-specific orientation. For more details and program specific requirements, please refer to the College of Engineering (COE) course catalog.

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

4.2. GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

There are 17 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 and Process Management. The Graduate Certificate Programs focus on specific knowledge and skills aligned with industry needs. Graduate Certificates can be combined with most GSE programs, which means you can complete the certificate required 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 must be allowed by the graduate degree program requirements. Students of other programs may only be able to double count up to two eligible courses. Triple counting is not allowed. 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 (3.000 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. Some useful links are Certificate Options and the Requirements in the Catalog.

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.

4.3. TUITION & FEES PAYMENT

Bill statement of tuition & fees will be available before the start of the semester. You will find a PDF of your bill in your account by logging in through myNortheastern. This statement includes every detail of your tuition & fees payment and the payment due date.

4.4. BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is Northeastern’s online learning management system, which can 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 by using the system. Your grades for each assignment and exam will also be posted in Blackboard. You can log into Blackboard through myNortheastern or you can login directly through the Blackboard Landing Page with your Husky credentials.

4.5. OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- **The Writing Center** – 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 (DRC)** – 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 login while you are off-campus, you need to be connected to VPN.
5. JOB/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

5.1. GRADUATE CO-OP

Northeastern is known for the 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 skills and techniques learned in a real-world environment. This exposure helps students ensure they are pursuing a future career that is the right fit. The applicable experience makes them stand out from the competition. Getting involved in your field of interest through co-op can strengthen the possibility 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 have to 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
- Either Career Management for Engineers (ENCP 6000) or Introduction to Cooperative Education (ENCP 6100) needs to be successfully completed, 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.

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. Every program operates a little differently, but all co-op...
coordinators help you gain access to companies who are interested in hiring a student for a co-op position - this could be done in a variety of ways, such as, through internal department lists, word of mouth or NUcareers (a 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 (see the next section for more details).

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 – sometimes with the option of overtime. While you are on co-op, you are still in full-time student status without actually being registered for courses. Graduate students in COE are only allowed to have one co-op during the duration of their academic program.

International students have additional requirements and considerations for Co-op eligibility and participation, which are discussed in Section 8.4.

5.2. EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT AND CAREER DESIGN OFFICE

The people in the Employer Engagement and Career Design Office are dedicated to providing students with assistance of finding Co-op and long-term career opportunities. They offer individually scheduled appointments and have walk-in hours every day. You can visit with quick questions or more involved endeavors like resume/cover letter advice, LinkedIn profile reviewing or mock interviews. Additionally, they offer a multitude of workshops on a wide range of topics relating to careers, professional development, networking, and personal skill assessment (just to name a few). But, wait, there’s even more – the Employer Engagement and Career Design office holds tons of different professional events, like career fairs, small group job search sessions, Employer in Residence opportunities, and even alumni resources. Basically anything you need help with – they are there for you and probably have something already organized that will exceed your expectations. They are located in 103 Stearns Center at 420 Huntington Ave.

5.3. ON/NEAR CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

This section addresses requirements for ALL students – international student, please also see Section 8.5 to get more details.

“Student employment” is a job that is 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. Positions can vary. Examples include being a tutor, working with a faculty/staff member, canvassing, and even being a student ambassador! The Student Employment Office has a portal with a database of positions that are available and is where you submit timesheets when you actually start working.

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, we wanted to provide you with some helpful tips:
Be sure your résumé 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 the Student Employment link on your myNEU portal. Once this is submitted, personal identification documentation is required for processing (most students present either a U.S. passport, or a Photo ID with a Social Security card or a photo ID with a 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 may 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.

You can contact the Student Employment Office at 617.373.3200 or seo@northeastern.edu. They are located at 271 Huntington Ave in Suite 276 (right next to Starbucks).
6. LIVING IN BOSTON

6.1. HOUSING

In most cases, on-campus dormitories are not open to graduate students at Northeastern University. Most College of Engineering graduate students secure housing off-campus. In general, there are two types of housing that you can choose: an apartment or a house.

The cost of living in an apartment varies between different neighborhoods of Boston. Some apartments might have an indoor gym, swimming pool, indoor garage, leasing office, security, etc. However, the rent may be more expensive accordingly. Generally, the rental cost will be less expensive if you are willing to live with roommates.

Graduate students may prefer to live in a house, which is relatively cheaper (as you can have more roommates) and provides you with a larger space.

In addition to basic rental cost, you will likely need to pay utilities: electricity, cable/internet, hot water, heat. Be sure to ask your landlord if parking, trash removal, snow removal, and laundry are included.

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*Table above taken from Off Campus website June 2018.*
While signing the rental lease, you could be asked to pay first month’s rent, last month’s rent and security deposit (usually one month’s rent in Boston) at once. If you find the housing with the help of a realtor, you may also need to pay a realtor’s fee. According to relevant regulations, the realtor’s fee cannot exceed one month’s rent.

Typically, housing that is closer to campus is more expensive. As mentioned above, Ruggles Station (via the Orange Line) and Northeastern Station (via the Green Line) are right on campus. If you want to save money on rent and don’t mind commuting, you may want to consider living further from campus. However, you need to take transportation expenses into account when you consider your budget and search in Google maps for time of commute before you make a decision.

Unlike some countries, furnishings are generally not included here when you move into a house or apartment. You can choose to buy used furniture or rent furniture instead of buying new ones. The Off Campus office has a Furnishing Resource.

Timing is important when considering looking for housing in and around Boston. A recommended timeline is available from Off Campus Student Services in their “Getting Started - Three Steps to Apartment Searching” article. It is geared towards students enrolling in Fall, but Spring students can also use it as a reference.

Here are some additional useful links for housing:
- Search Apartments via Northeastern Housing Database
- Learn About Neighborhoods Near NU
- Off Campus Handbook

You can join various Facebook groups and monitor regularly for new postings
- Northeastern University Off-Campus Housing (Public Group)
- Northeastern University Off Campus Housing (within the Northeastern Community)
- Boston Housing (Public Group)

The following websites are often used to find apartments:
- Craigslist Boston
- Zillow

Know Your Rights
- College Tenants Outline
- Renting in Massachusetts
6.2. TRANSPORTATION

6.2.1. MBTA (MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY) - “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 system. There are also buses, commuter rail lines and ferry routes 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 south of the 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.

Consider downloading the ProximiT App (on iOS) on your phone for live updates on the train, arrival times, and MBTA alerts.

CharlieCards and CharlieTickets

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. If you are an infrequent rider or a visitor, a CharlieTicket might be the best route for you. A CharlieTicket is a durable paper card and, although can be
reloaded, it 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 longer 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 a 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, some locations may have differing hours on the weekends. In these cases, if you’re 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.

Fares & Passes

If you know you are going to rely on the T as your primary mode of transportation during the semester, you should look into taking advantage of the Semester Pass Program. Students purchasing the pass through NU receive an 11% student discount on unlimited rides through the entire semester. The Fall 2018 Semester Pass runs September 1st through December 31st. The deadline to purchase the pass is generally 1 month before semester starts. You can buy semester passes through NUPay and contact parking@northeastern.edu 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.

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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 closest option to campus is the vending machines at Ruggles Station.

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) - 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. (Carry at least enough for a one-trip - $2.75).
One of the most confusing things to learn about riding the T is which direction you need to take in order 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 final 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 lines branches terminate 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, the commuter rail has a different fare and pass system 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 really good options sometimes. Check out the Fares and Stops to see if it’s a good choice for you.

6.2.2. 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 it is expensive. However, if you do have a car here, and you plan to drive it 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.

The 2018-2019 parking fees are:

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To obtain your permit you need to enter the make, model and license plate of your car in the form through myNortheastern. Then you can pick up the permit that hangs from your rearview mirror in Student Financial Services Office (354 Richards Hall).

A block away from the Columbus Garage is Renaissance Park 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 single 24 hour parking coupons that can be used in the Renaissance or Gainsborough Garages in Student Financial Services for $19. 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 in order 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 area. 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.
Columbus Parking Garage has ten Electric Vehicle Charging Stations available for use with a ChargePoint account.

- 14 Essential Boston Driving Tips
- Why Owning a Car in Boston Sucks

### 6.2.3. BICYCLES

Many students prefer cycling as a healthy, eco-friendly and cheap mode of transportation to get to and from classes or around Boston. Northeastern is ready for it with plenty of public racks to lock your personal bike to around campus and gated storage areas in 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 Section 7.2.1). You can also bring your bike on the T, depending on the line and time of day.

Don't forget to get your bike registered with Northeastern University Police Department (NUPD)! Details in Section 7.2.1.

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

**More Information & Resources on Bicycling**

- [Boston Bikes](#) – an awesome resource from the City of Boston
- [Local Bike Shops Every Boston Cyclist Should Know.](#)
Massachusetts state law requires students to have a certain level of health insurance coverage and 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. New to the 2018-2019 academic year is the partnership with Gallagher Student Health, a company that will be reviewing all waiver applications. This partnership 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](#) to give you an idea if the plan is comparable. "A Guide to Understanding Your Health Plan Choice" is a great starting point for understanding more about NUSHP. Should you decide to go ahead and waive NUSHP, the deadline to waive is September 26th for the Fall 2018 semester.
7.1.2. UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES (UHCS)

UHCS is centrally located in the Forsyth Building, Suite 135. All their services are available to everyone enrolled in NUSHP, but if you have waived NUSHP, you can still request access to UHCS and pay an annual health center fee ($225). UHCS is great to take advantage of because it is right on campus and they offer such 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 (see Section 7.2.1).

If you are off campus, there are some Off Campus Resources that you can utilize or call 911 for emergency.

7.1.3. IMMUNIZATIONS

New students coming to NEU are required to fill out a Health Report which includes a vaccination record that can be brought to UHCS after you arrive on campus. You can obtain any outstanding immunizations once you get here. Students studying at a campus outside of Massachusetts (e.g. Seattle or Silicon Valley) should connect with their student services representative about the requirements for these campuses.

7.2. SAFETY

Feeling safe is vital when move to a new location and Northeastern takes it very seriously. Many services are provided to help assist you but it is also your responsibility to employ personal safety tactics as well. For a brief run down on safety details, check out the videos on A Quick Heads Up.

NU ALERT

As long as your contact information is up-to-date in myNortheastern you should be receiving notifications from NU Alerts & Advisories. The NU ALERT system sends voice, e-mail and text notifications for emergencies, such as, on-campus crimes, serious facility issues, extreme weather conditions, etc.

7.2.1. NUPD (NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)

The 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 useful to be familiar with on where to find it.
Property Registration

You can get your **laptop and bike registered** through NUPD – **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 definitely should get it registered through NUPD. In the unfortunate event that it does gets stolen, having it registered dramatically 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.

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 picks up 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 TransLoc Rider App (on **iOS** and **Android**) or through their **website**.

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

SafeZone

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 get more info on how the app actually works check out their **website** and for the information specific to Northeastern look at the **NUPD SafeZone website**.

What the exactly does the app do?

- Use if you feel threatened or are in need of 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.

- 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.

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.’

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, and alert will be sent to NUPD.

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.

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

7.2.2. OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES WORTH LOOKING INTO
- ViSION (Violence Support, Intervention, and Outreach Network)
- Office of Prevention and Education at Northeastern (OPEN)
- The Office for University Equity and Compliance
8. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

8.1. FULL-TIME STUDENT STATUS

According to U.S. federal government regulations, currently enrolled international graduate students in F-1 or J-1 status must register for at least 8 credits each academic semester to maintain valid non-immigrant student status in U.S. Moreover, international students are only allowed to take one online course per academic term.

8.2. IDENTIFICATION

8.2.1. DRIVER’S LICENSE

A driver’s license is one of the most important photo I.D.s in U.S. It is used for driving and also 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 next to the station.

In order 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
      (Passport and I-20 should be presented at the same time and considered as one combined document)
   b. Enrollment verification with date of birth issued by Northeastern University
      (You can apply for it through myNortheastern in “Enrollment/Degree Verification Request” and choose “Include my date of birth on the verification form” option)
4. Proof of your signature, such as:
   a. Passport and I-20 (Passport and I-20 should be presented at the same time and considered as one combined document)
   b. Rental lease with your signature
5. Proof that you are a 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 form here)
7. Your Social Security Number (SSN). If you don’t have a SSN, you will have to go to the nearest Social Security Administration office to apply for a 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

For proof of birth date, signature and address, you will have to prepare three documents respectively. 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.

Your learner’s permit will be signed and stamped after you pass the road test and you will need to take it to the RMV again to get your driver’s license.

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 exactly the same as the ones you need for driver’s license. One thing to note is that you must not hold a valid license in any other state or country 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.
8.3. 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. You must also have the following with you:

- A passport that is valid in the following 6 months
- A valid F-1 visa
- A most recent 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)

You can obtain your travel signature by visiting the Office of Global Services with your I20. If you have left the United States without your I-20 or without a valid travel signature, you need to contact the OGS as soon as possible by email (ogs@northeastern.edu) or phone (617-373-2310) for immediate assistance.

8.4. 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 (Section 5) and a student on CPT is typically eligible for 364 days of full-time work, if required by the academic program. However, students under COE are allowed maximum of 8 months of full-time Co-op duration; students need to obtain permission from their academic advisors for any day over this period. All students are encouraged to visit this OGS’s webpage for a comprehensive review of CPT and Northeastern University’s policies for the same.

8.5. ON CAMPUS JOBS

According to U.S. federal law, all international students must consult with OGS before seeking off-campus employment. Generally, off-campus positions are prohibited. International students are eligible to work on campus only. The work on campus does not need to be related to the student’s field of study, but the employer must be determined to be an approved on-campus employer. Moreover, students must maintain legal F-1 or J-1 status while engaging in on-campus employment. 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 are able to work on campus while attending classes or during breaks in the semester.

After getting an on-campus job, international students are still not allowed to start working until they finish the entire application through OGS and Student Employment Office. Below is the application process steps for you to follow:

- Please note, if a student already has a Social Security Number (SSN) and/or another on-campus job, he/she does not need to request an on-campus employment form from the OGS. In this case, the student can apply for on-campus work directly with the Student Employment Office.

When a student has been offered an on-campus job for the first time, he/she needs to obtain an on-campus employment form from the OGS. In this case, the student can apply for on-campus work directly with the Student Employment Office.

Info below taken from OGS On-Campus Employment site June 2018

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When a student has been offered an on-campus job for the first time, he/she needs to obtain an on-campus employment form OGS if he or she does not have an SSN. This form can be presented to the Social Security Administration in order to apply for an SSN. Please follow the steps below if you have a job offer and need to obtain an SSN:

**Step 1:** Make sure your employer is considered on-campus by OGS.

Please check the list of Acceptable On-Campus Employers list.
Step 2: Log into MyOGS, and submit the On-Campus Employment SSN Letter Eform

Step 3: A Designated School Official from the Office of Global Services will review and sign the Letter. An email will be sent to your husky email once the Letter is ready for pick-up. Please note, the processing time for the on-campus employment letter is five business days.

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

Step 5: Visit the Student Employment Office to complete the hiring process.

Check out the websites for more details about the on-campus Employment Application and Job Resources.

If you have more questions, you can also go the Student Employment and Registrar’s Office, which located at 271 Huntington Avenue, Suite 276.

8.6. BANKING

International students can use their international bank’s credit/debit/travel cards at 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 a domestic bank’s account during their stay in the country.

There are many banks in Boston to choose from, with ATMs around campus area for almost all of them. Santander Bank and Bank of America are some of the 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 in the narrow sense of a medium of exchange, for example, by writing a check.

Checking accounts and savings accounts would 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.
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 Boston (including the vicinity) adventures, with our Graduate Student Ambassadors sharing their favorite spots to hang around and munch some goodness!

9.1. ON CAMPUS

9.1.1. CAMPUS "DIETING"

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 with 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 the lunch hour. In the food court you can find Sweet Tomatoes Pizza, Za’atar (Eastern Mediterranean), UBurger, Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, The West End (build-your-own salads and home-style classics), and the only Kigo Kitchen outside of Washington state. Additionally, On The Go 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 with plenty
of vegan and vegetarian options. The menus rotate pretty regularly and all three locations can be good places to study when it’s not during a rush hour.

The moral of the story is: There are plenty of varieties that suit all kinds of taste buds right here on campus. For the early risers, Rebecca’s Café in Churchill Hall is open for breakfast at 7AM and is open through lunch until 2PM. 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 (Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Center), and the Faculty Club in 716 Columbus Place for special occasions.

Beyond just places to get food, Northeastern Dining is an award winning organization that “envisions the future of food service to be a holistic experience” with proactive and healthy initiatives; including hosting all sorts of 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 especially, Boston runs on Dunkin’ Donuts. There’s one on almost every corner. Campus is not any different - there is one in Hayden Hall, Shillman Hall and in Ruggles Station. If Dunkin’ is not your thing, Argo Tea is in Snell Library, Starbucks is in AfterHours (see more in Section 3.4), café716 is in 716 Columbus Place, Café Crossing is in International Village, and you can also get coffee and tea Caffé Strega in ISEC.

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’ Donuts 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?

Hands down, one of the most popular places on campus is Chicken Lou’s. They are a tiny, counter-service, mom-and-pop shop that has been on campus for over 25 years. You can tell how much people like them by looking at the reviews on Yelp, Facebook and TripAdvisor. It’s highly recommended!

And Chicken Lou’s is Abhay’s Ambassador Pick!
“My favorite place for subs and sandwiches on campus. Their Southwestern TKO is a must try.”

9.1.2. “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 a QDOBA, a B.GOOD, Wings Over, Boston House of Pizza (BHOP)/Sprout, 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, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, and Ginger Exchange. There’s also another Starbucks and Dunkin’
Donuts. 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 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!

### Ambassador Picks On Campus

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<td><strong>Pho &amp; I (on Huntington)</strong> – “I crave their drunken noodles.”</td>
<td><strong>Pavement Coffeehouse (closest one is on Gainsborough)</strong> – “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.”</td>
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“All work and no play make Jack a dull boy” – this applies to all NEU students as well! So for all your time-off needs, you’ve got a lot of options right here on campus.

Grab your training shoes and/or the sporting gears, and head to Marino Center (Section 3.5) 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 gaming area called PAWS/PLAY (on the 4th floor of Curry) has PlayStation and Xbox, along with other indoor games like Pool, Table Tennis, and Snookers.

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

The lists of places could go on and on if we wanted to tell you all of our favorites (and it takes some of the fun out of it for you to go and explore), so we kept it mostly to Ambassador Picks and essential information for the remainder of Section 9. We hope this helps get you started on your Boston adventures and let us know [coambassadors@listserv.neu.edu](mailto:coambassadors@listserv.neu.edu) if you think we need to add something to the next version of this handbook.
**AMBITIOUS:**

Sarah suggests

*Dumpling Palace (on Mass Ave)* – Their dumplings and rice noodles are a must try.

*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.

**Fenway/Kenmore**

The alluring Fenway area is a home to the baseball’s iconic 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. The restaurants are concentrated around Kenmore Square. The clubs and sports bars line Lansdowne Street. Renowned cultural institutions include the Museum of Fine Arts and quirky Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Sarah says

*Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum*

“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 loves

*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 the serious dumpling-lovers.”

Luke goes to

*Yard House (on Brookline Ave)* – “I crave their street tacos and queso dip!”

Nivetha is really into

*Thaitation (on Jersey St)* – “Nice stop for hot Thai curry. Their Massaman hot thai curry and drunken noodles would be my best pick!”

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!”

**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 main campus to Chinatown via the Orange Line.
AMBASSADOR PICKS IN CHINATOWN

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.

Charles River Esplanade

Nivetha is really into

Thaitation (on Jersey St) – “Nice stop for hot Thai curry. Their Massaman hot thai curry and drunken noodles would be my best pick!”

Downtown Crossing

With more than 200 retail stores, there’s almost nothing that you can’t find here! Downtown Crossing boasts a variety of food cuisines and catering to all your on-the-go as well as gourmet needs. The streets are always vibrant with live music and street vendors; Plentiful of restaurants, supermarkets, shopping malls as well as bars guarantees you a fun day, any time of the year. As the Green, Orange, Red and Silver line subway converges at Downtown Crossing, the area is easily accessible from any other part of the city! Close proximity to Boston Commons, Financial District and Chinatown 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 cafés. If you are a fan of Italian food and culture, don’t miss it. 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. It’s no different among our Ambassadors!

Shubham votes for

Mike’s Pastry (on Hanover St) – “Renowned Italian bakeshop since 1946 where you can get Boston’s best cannoli in multiple flavors, gelati & biscotti.”

While Nivetha prefers

Modern Pastry (on Hanover St) – “Their cannoli is a must-try. The quesadillas and the jalapeno poppers are just delicious.”

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 of 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?”

That 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.”

9.3.2. Places to Check Out

Prudential Center

Prudential Center 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 5 minutes of walk away!).
You can get almost everything here, be it clothes, books, cakes, etc. In addition, the Boston Public Garden is a short walk from Prudential Center. If you're trying to find a quiet place in this crowded city, you can also visit the Public Garden for just some sunshine and a fresh breeze.

Boston Common ("The Common")

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<td>&quot;It is a beautiful public park and ice skating during the winter is a must.&quot;</td>
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Locally known as "The Common," the Boston Common is a central public park in downtown Boston. This 50 acres of land is also the oldest city park in the United States. 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 maybe proposing the girl of your dreams - The Commons is the place to be at!!

This place is a must-visit during Fall (especially October), for the most astounding fall foliage experience of New England, close to your new home!

**Ambassador Picks close to the Common**

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With 18 restaurants and 35 eateries of all cuisines, Quincy Market is a great place to hang out with friends. There are shops from big brands to Boston-oriented shops. 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 to the market. There will be some local food and featured shops. Being a tourist there is a good choice. Quincy Market is not only a shopping place but also a place of interest.

Abhay's Ambassador 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 or on top of your list then you definitely must check out the Harbor islands. The Boston Harbor Islands National Park area is comprised of 34 islands and mainland parks (peninsulas). 8 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. 3 islands are currently closed to the public.

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.

9.4. 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 otherwise 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 (read 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.

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

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AMBASSADOR PICKS IN CAMBRIDGE

Shubham found

_Riverbend Park_ – "It provides the most scenic views of Boston. The park is alongside of 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.

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Harvard Square

Harvard Square is located at the north side of Charles River near Harvard University. Not big on the restaurant count (though there are some good grilled-food spots) as other areas, 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!

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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."

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Cambridge

This sister city of Boston lies just across the Charles river and is named as the "City of Squares," as most of its commercial districts are major street intersections known as squares. There are a bunch of squares: Namely Kendall Square, Central Square, Harvard Square, Porter Square, Inman Square and Lechmere Square. But what makes this city an attraction for the tourists and a number of students (just like you) is not only these amazingly beautiful and pompous squares but the presence of worlds two most prestigious universities which are Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
Sarathe 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”.

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**9.5. PLACES TO TRAVEL**

**9.5.1. IN MASSACHUSETTS**

**Cape Cod (“The Cape”)**

It’s summertime and you want to spend a quality time on the beach and get those tan line. If you’re looking to surf on the waves, the hook-shaped peninsula known as Cape Cod ‘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.
9.5.2. 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. Washing is the most prominent mountain east of the Mississippi River. The mountain is notorious for its erratic weather, as it ranges from -50 °F (-46 °C) to 60 °F (16 °C). Every trail has two hiking trails you could take - the easy-one and the tough-one. The view from the top is worth the climb.

Sarath’s Ambassador Pick!

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

As the seventh coldest state in the United States, the state of Vermont is famous for its ski resorts. You can find all kinds of ski resorts for all levels of skiers - basic to advanced. Although there are some ski resorts around Boston, the skiing in Vermont is more professional. You can ski from around Thanksgiving break in November to Spring break in March. Sometimes you can even ski in April here. You can enjoy both skiing and view here for the whole week. By the way, the maple sugar in VT is really tasty. 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 adds it name in the oldest city of the U.S as it was founded in 1600’s. Like Rome, it was built on seven hills. 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 United States.

Sarath likes

Lake Massapoag, MA – “The drive and the Lake... What a scenic beauty!!”
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 here is unforgettable. There are lakes, beaches, coasts, and forests. It is hard to imagine all these variety of scenes at the same time, however, you can enjoy all of them at Acadia.

Besides the natural beauty, near the Acadia National Park lies a port town--Bar Harbor -- which also worth visiting. If you get tired of urban life in Boston, Bar Harbor is quite different, where you can enjoy the peaceful life in a quiet town. Also, you can enjoy the lobster there with various cooking styles.

New York City

No one can miss the chance to visit New York City. There is no doubt that New York City is the financial, cultural and media capital of the world. And it is one of the most developed cities, and has the largest population in the United States. The Statue of Liberty shows the freedom and friendly of this country. If you want to shop, Time Square and The Fifth Avenue will be your best choice. If you are interested in the art or history, you can also find anything you want here like Brooklyn Museum, The Frick Collection and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. You can also enjoy food from all over the world —. There are more than 70 Michelin-starred restaurants in New York City.
1. Introduction
   ▶ College of Engineering
      http://www.coe.neu.edu/
   ▶ emailing the ambassadors
      coeambassadors@listserv.neu.edu
   ▶ myNortheastern
      https://my.northeastern.edu/
   ▶ News @ Northeastern
      https://news.northeastern.edu/
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   ▶ The Huntington News
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   ▶ Roadside America: Boston’s Best Hidden Treasures
   ▶ Art at Northeastern
      https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/public-art/
   ▶ Best Discounts for College Students in Boston
      https://bostononbudget.com/best-college-discounts-for-students-in-boston/
   ▶ The 15 Best Places for Discounts in Boston
      https://foursquare.com/top-places/boston/best-places-discounts
   ▶ Her Campus at Northeastern
      https://www.hercampus.com/school/northeastern
   ▶ 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://moneycrashers.com/fun-things-do-see-boston/
   ▶ Free Tours by Foot
      https://freetoursbyfoot.com/boston-tours/
   ▶ walkBoston Maps
      http://walkboston.org/resources/maps/

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   2.1. myNortheastern
      ▶ myNortheastern
         https://my.northeastern.edu/
      ▶ Home
         https://my.northeastern.edu/group/student/home
      ▶ Services & Links
         https://my.northeastern.edu/group/student/services-links
      ▶ Lynda.com
         http://lynda.neu.edu/
   2.3. Husky Card
      ▶ Husky Card Services Office
         https://www.northeastern.edu/huskycard/

2.4. Mobile Apps
   NUGO
      ▶ iOS
      ▶ Android
   CBORD Mobile ID
      ▶ iOS
      ▶ Android

2.6. Personal Computer Purchasing
   ▶ Laptop Recommendations
      https://its.northeastern.edu/resnet/?p=3190
   ▶ Small STOP Security Plate
      https://www.stoptheft.com/products/small-stop-security-plate

2.7. Software Access

2.8. Microsoft Office365 Pro Plus

2.9. Resources & Support
   ▶ Lynda.com
      http://lynda.neu.edu/
   ▶ ResNet Resource Center
      https://its.northeastern.edu/resnet/
   ▶ Information Technology Services (ITS)
      https://its.northeastern.edu/
   ▶ Service Now
      https://northeastern.service-now.com/sp/

3. The Boston Campus
   3.1. Snell & Dana
      3.1.1. 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
         ▶ 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
   3.2. ISEC
      https://www.northeastern.edu/isec/
   3.3. Snell Library
      ▶ NU Space Scheduling Online (NUSSO)
         https://nuvents.neu.edu/
      ▶ Digital Media Commons (DMC)
3.4. Curry Student Center (CSC)
▷ Northeastern Bookstore
   https://northeastern.bncollege.com/
▷ AfterHOURS
   http://www.northeastern.edu/eventvenues/afterhours/
▷ Community Service Office
   http://www.northeastern.edu/communityservice/
▷ Center for Financial Independence
   http://www.northeastern.edu/curry/curry-student-center-directory/www.northeastern.edu/cfi
▷ Gallery 360
   https://www.northeastern.edu/art/category/gallery-360/
▷ Graduate Student Government (GSG)
   https://www.northeastern.edu/gsgp/
▷ Off-Campus Student Services
   http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/
▷ Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Programming Lab
   http://www.northeastern.edu/csi/
▷ LGBTQ+ Resource Center
   http://www.northeastern.edu/lgbtqa/
▷ Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Office
   http://www.northeastern.edu/csi/
▷ Student Activities Business Office (SABO)
   http://www.northeastern.edu/sabo/
▷ CSC Directory
   http://www.northeastern.edu/curry/curry-student-center-directory/

3.4.1. The Tunnel System
▷ digital tour of the tunnels
   https://news.northeastern.edu/2018/01/16/northeastern-tunnel-system/

3.5. Marino Center
▷ Marino Center website
   https://www.northeastern.edu/campusrec/general/marino.php

4. Academics
4.1. 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/

4.2. 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/

4.4. Blackboard
▷ Blackboard Landing Page
   https://northeastern.blackboard.com/

4.5. Other Resources Available
▷ 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

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5.1. Graduate Co-op
▷ 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/

5.2. Employer Engagement and Career Design Office
▷ Employer Engagement and Career Design Office
   https://www.northeastern.edu/careers/
▷ Employer in Residence
   https://www.northeastern.edu/careers/employer/employer-residence/

5.3. On/Near Campus Employment
▷ Student Employment Office
   https://studentemployment.neu.edu/
▷ Student Financial Services
   https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/a-students-guide-to-student-employment/
▷ personal identification documentation
▷ here

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6.1. Housing
▷ Off Campus website
   https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/
▷ Furnishing Resource
   https://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/furnishings/
▷ Getting Started - Three Steps to Apartment Searching
6.2. Transportation

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- Google Maps
  https://maps.google.com/
- MBTA Trip Planner
  https://www.mbta.com/trip-planner
- iOS

CharlieCards and CharlieTickets
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- online
  https://www.mbta.com/fares/charliecard

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- Fall 2018 Semester Pass
- Semester Pass Options
- 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
- fare
  https://www.mbta.com/fares/commuter-rail-fares
- iOS
  https://www.chargepoint.com/
- Android
- MBTA's website
  https://www.mbta.com/
- MBTA Tips and Information
- Boston Central
  https://www.bostoncentral.com/
- Additional MBTA Information & Resources
  - wikiHow on riding the T
    https://www.wikihow.com/Ride-the-MBTA-Subway-in-Massachusetts
  - Fares
    https://www.mbta.com/fares/ferry-fares
  - Stops
    https://www.mbta.com/stops/ferry#ferry-tab

6.2.2. Parking

- places to park
  http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/boston-campus-parking/where-to-park-on-campus/
- 2018-2019 parking fee
  http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/parking-information-and-fees/

Additional Parking Resources & Information
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/boston-campus-parking/electric-vehicle-charging-stations/
- ChargePoint
  https://www.chargepoint.com/
- 14 Essential Boston Driving Tips
- Why Owning a Car in Boston Sucks

6.2.3. Bicycles

- Bike Repair Stations
  http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/bicycling/bike-repair-stations/
- bike on the T
  https://www.mbta.com/bikes
- Blue Bikes
  https://www.bluebikes.com/
- Northeastern provides a discount
  http://secure.thehubway.com/group/northeastern
- stations around campus
  http://www.northeastern.edu/commutingservices/bicycling/

More Information & Resources on Bicycling
- Boston Bikes
  https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes
- Local Bike Shops Every Boston Cyclist Should Know
  https://fitt.co/boston/the-best-local-bike-shops-every-boston-cyclist-know/

7. Health & Safety

7.1. Health

7.1.1. Insurance
7.1.2. University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)
- UHCS
  https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/
- request access to UHCS
- Off Campus Resources
  https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/health-and-wellness/off-campus-resources/

7.1.3. Immunizations

7.2. Safety
- personal safety tactics
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/personal-safety-tips/
- A Quick Heads Up
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/personal-safety-tips/a-quick-heads-up/

NU ALERT
- NU Alerts & Advisories
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/campus-safety-tips/nu-alerts-advisories/

7.2.2. NUPD (Northeastern University Police Department)
- NUPD
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/
- services
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/services/
- CPR Certification
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/training/cpr-certification/
- RAD/Self Defense
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/training/rad-self-defense/
- Emergency Medical Services
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/services/emergency-medical-services/

Property Registration
- laptop and bike registered
  https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/services/property-registration/
- Small STOP Security Plate
  https://www.stoptheft.com/products/small-stop-security-plate

REDEYE & Safety Escorts
https://www.northeastern.edu/nupd/services/redeye/

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8.2.1. Driver’s License
- here
  https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home

8.4. Curriculum Practical Training (CPT)
https://www.ice.gov/sevis/practical-training

8.5. On Campus Jobs
- OGS On-Campus Employment
  https://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/home/work/on-campus/#1499091258900-499bbae1a-d7a7
- Social Security Number (SSN) section
  https://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/home/work/tax-information/
- Employment Application
  https://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/home/work/on-campus/

9. Food, Things To Do & Places to See
9.1. On Campus
9.1.1. Campus “Dieting”
- meal plans
  https://nudining.com/meal-plans
- Northeastern Dining
  https://nudining.com/
- Xhibition Kitchen
  https://nudining.com/xhibition-kitchen
- Chicken Lou’s
  https://www.chickenlous.com/
## 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.

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### Residence Buildings

- BU Burstein Hall
- CV 10 Coventry Street
- DC Davenport Commons A, B
- EV East Village
- INV International Village
- KDY Kennedy Hall
- KH Kerr Hall
- 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
- BVG Belvidere Parking Garage
## 2018–2019 Graduate Expanded Semester Academic Calendar

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