Course Registration
For course registration information, visit the College of Professional Studies website (http://www.cps.neu.edu/class-registration/registration-instructions.php).

Course registration procedures are as follows:

- Newly accepted and returning students add or drop courses through their myNortheastern account any time during the registration period.
- Certificate- and degree-seeking students whose studies have been interrupted voluntarily for one to three years need to first apply for reentry through the Office of Academic Advising. Those who have been absent voluntarily for more than three years must apply for readmission. Once a student is accepted for reentry, he or she will register via myNortheastern.
- Students interested in taking undergraduate-level courses for personal professional enrichment (PPE) may register using the Express Registration form (http://www.cps.neu.edu/class-registration/registration-instructions.php). Students who study under the PPE status:
  - Are responsible for satisfying course prerequisites and corequisites, if applicable, before enrolling in courses
  - May elect to apply to an undergraduate certificate or degree program by completing the online application process
  - Understand that up to 8 qualifying credits earned while on PPE status may be applied to the intended undergraduate certificate program and up to 16 credits may be applied to the intended undergraduate degree program
- Global Classroom program students do not need to register for courses themselves. The Global Classroom programs register all students enrolled in their programs each term.

All students need to be mindful of the college’s course add/drop policies and deadlines to register as early as possible with the intent to secure a spot in the preferred course and to avoid being charged in full for withdrawing after the deadline.

Auditing a Course
Undergraduate students are permitted to audit undergraduate courses, but they must complete the usual registration process and pay regular tuition fees. There is no reduction in fees for auditing.

An auditor may participate in class discussions, complete papers and projects, and take tests and examinations for informal evaluation. Regardless of the amount or quality of work completed, however, no academic credit will be granted for an audited course. In addition, an audited course may not be used in the determination of enrollment status for financial aid purposes and does not count toward program completion.

The student’s decision to audit a course must be communicated in writing to the Office of the University Registrar before the fourth class meeting for full-semester courses. For half-semester courses, requests must be received by the second class meeting. No exception to this procedure may be approved without the authorization of the college’s academic standing committee.

The student should inform the instructor of his or her status as auditor of the course.

Course Selection and Planning
Students should refer to their degree audits for program curriculum information, to select courses, and to monitor their progress toward degree completion. Students should access their degree audits through their myNortheastern account or request an audit from their career and academic coach.

Degree audits are unofficial records of academic progress. Students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor about their academic planning.

Course Prerequisites
Course prerequisites are courses that are required to have been completed prior to enrolling in another course. Before registering for a course through their myNortheastern account, students, regardless of matriculation status, should consult the College of Professional Studies website (http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/prerequisites.php) to determine whether they have completed the course prerequisites.

Course prerequisites may be met by taking the prerequisite course(s) for undergraduate courses, by taking college-level or proficiency examinations for undergraduate courses, or by obtaining credit in specific academic disciplines for knowledge gained through prior learning experiences for undergraduate courses. Some courses have two parts. It generally is not possible to take part two before successfully completing part one.

Course Corequisites
Course corequisites are courses that are required to be taken concurrently; e.g., College Writing 1 (ENG 1105) and Lab for ENG 1105 (ENG 1106), which are part of the undergraduate written communication core requirement, must be taken at the same time. Before registering for a course through their myNortheastern account, students, regardless of matriculation status, should read the course description to determine what the corequisite is and register for both courses.

Repeating a Course
If a student wishes to improve his or her cumulative grade point average (GPA) by repeating a course, he or she may do so. A student may take the same course up to three times to earn a better grade. Only the grade earned in the last attempt is used to compute the GPA, while all grades remain part of the student’s permanent academic record. A student is required to pay the normal tuition charges for all repeated courses.

Financial aid recipients must be mindful that repeating a course could impact their aid eligibility. As per financial aid regulations, students may repeat a course only once and be eligible for aid. Students with questions about this possible impact should contact their financial aid counselor.

Course Substitution
In some cases, a course that a student wishes or needs to take is not offered. In certain, unusual circumstances, a student may request up to four course substitutions to satisfy degree requirements. The substituting courses must be comparable in content and rigor.

A student must complete a Request for Course Substitution form and submit it to his or her career and academic coach, who will work with the academic program for review.


Directed Study

Directed studies are offered when a course is required for a student’s program of study but said course is not available in a given academic term and there is immediacy for a student to complete said course. Academic deans/directors will make the decision if there is a compelling need to run a course as a directed study.

Independent Study

Independent study is an opportunity for a degree student to work independently under the supervision of an instructor to undertake special research, literature review, or experimental study projects in areas related to his or her program of study that he or she cannot accomplish as part of a standard course in the curriculum. A degree student may take up to two independent studies. The work to be done for an independent study is usually crafted by the student, with faculty input. Independent studies are entirely optional and not needed to graduate. A completed Request for Independent Study form (http://www.cps.neu.edu/student-resources/academic-forms.php), signed by both the student and the faculty member, must be submitted to the academic program for review and approval.

Course Waiver

A course waiver may be awarded to a student who has completed the equivalent course at an accredited institution other than the College of Professional Studies in the past seven years. The waiver will exempt the student from completing the required course. The student will complete another course, as approved by the program, to satisfy the number of credits required for the program.

Course Formats and Credits

Information on College of Professional Studies course formats can be found on the College of Professional Studies website (http://www.cps.neu.edu/class-registration/course-formats.php) website (http://www.cps.neu.edu/class-registration/course-formats.php).

The College of Professional Studies undergraduate programs operate on a semester credit system and offer courses in a variety of formats.

Course Add/Drop Policy

Refer to the academic calendar (http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/calendars.html) for specific dates.

Students may add a half-semester course within the first week of the course. For full-semester courses, students may add a course within the first two weeks of the course.

Students who drop a course before the deadline will not be charged for the course and will not have a W (withdrawal) on their transcript. Thereafter, students are responsible for 100 percent of the tuition charges and applicable fees, and the earned grade will be on their permanent academic record. All such dates are specified in the academic calendar (http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/calendars.html).

Students must add/drop courses using their myNortheastern account.

Students who experience difficulty adding, dropping, or withdrawing from a course should promptly email (registrar@northeastern.edu) the Office of the University Registrar. If it is determined that there is an issue with myNortheastern access, he or she needs to contact the Service Desk at the following:

617.373.4357 (HELP)
help@northeastern.edu
Website (http://www.northeastern.edu/its/audience/students)

Course Withdrawal Policy

Reference the academic calendar for specific dates by which students may withdraw from a course.

Students who withdraw from a course after the add/drop deadline and before the last day to withdraw will receive a W grade and will be responsible for 100 percent of the tuition charges and applicable fees. The W grade does not affect the calculation of the cumulative GPA but it does impact a student’s academic progression, which may result in the student being placed on academic probation or dismissal.

Students must withdraw from courses using their myNortheastern account.

Students who experience difficulty withdrawing from a course should promptly email (registrar@northeastern.edu) the Office of the University Registrar. If it is determined that there is an issue with myNortheastern account or access, he or she needs to contact the Service Desk at the following:

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Students who fail to withdraw from a course by the deadline, regardless of their level of class participation or attendance, are financially and academically responsible. A student’s lack of participation/attendance will likely result in a final grade of F.

All students are encouraged to consult with their career and academic coach prior to withdrawing from a course. Withdrawals may impact a student’s time to degree completion.

Students with holds (e.g., financial, judicial) may have restricted access to add, drop, or withdraw from a course. In such instances, students are responsible for resolving the hold immediately and to meet the established course registration deadlines.

A reduction in a student’s course load could affect a student’s international student visa status or financial aid eligibility.