

Foundation Year

An innovative first-year pathway program, Foundation Year supports City of Boston students as they begin their journey at Northeastern University. Launched in 2009, Foundation Year is designed for City of Boston high school graduates and GED/HiSET completers. Featuring rigorous academics, extensive support services, and all the privileges that come with being a Northeastern student, Foundation Year brings together the right resources for each student—maximizing the potential for success.

Foundation Year students are enrolled in Northeastern's College of Professional Studies where they may earn up to a full year of college credits. To foster camaraderie and peer-to-peer learning, the program is built around the cohort model, in which Foundation Year students attend all classes together.

Upon completion, students are eligible to:

- Transfer to another college at Northeastern if progression standards are met
- Continue at Northeastern's College of Professional Studies in a bachelor's completion program
- Transfer to another college or university with the assistance of the Foundation Year transfer advising team

Application

To be considered for Foundation Year, students must be:

- Boston residents
- High school graduates or students holding GED/HiSET completion certificates
- Motivated and willing to work hard to achieve their goals and earn a college degree

PROCESS

1. Submit an application to Northeastern (<https://admissions.northeastern.edu/application-information/how-to-apply/>) using the Common Application or the Coalition Application.
2. Submit required materials (<https://admissions.northeastern.edu/application-information/how-to-apply/>).
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS Profile (<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>) online.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Program Requirements

Designed with the student in mind, Foundation Year's intensive curriculum includes courses in English, sociology, mathematics, and history. Students can also focus their studies by choosing from electives in business, science, or liberal arts. Foundation Year students can earn up to 32 semester hours of credit—equivalent to one year of college credits.

To help facilitate learning, Foundation Year provides all students with textbooks and laptops to use for the entire school year.

Complete all courses below unless otherwise indicated.

CORE COURSES

Note: Students are placed into math courses based on proficiency.

Code	Title	Hours
CDV 0220	The College Experience 1 (noncredit course)	0
CDV 0225	The College Experience 2 (noncredit course)	0
CMN 2310	Professional Speaking	3
ENG 1107	College Writing 2	3
ENG 1108	Lab for ENG 1107	1
Complete two of the following:		6
MTH 1105	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning: Practical Math	
MTH 1200	Precalculus	
MTH 2100	Calculus 1	
MTH 2300	Business Statistics	

ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Hours
Liberal Arts Course Track		
PHL 1100	Social and Political Philosophy	3

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POL 1120	International Relations	3
POL 1200	Comparative Politics	3
POL 1300	American Government	3
PSY 1100	Foundations of Psychology	3
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 1230	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC 2240	Death and Dying	3
Science Course Track		
BIO 1100	Principles of Biology 1	3
BIO 1101	Lab for BIO 1100	1
BIO 1200	Principles of Biology 2	3
BIO 1201	Lab for BIO 1200	1
CHM 1100	General Chemistry 1	3
CHM 1101	Lab for CHM 1100	1
CHM 1200	General Chemistry 2	3
CHM 1201	Lab for CHM 1200	1
Business Course Track		
ECN 1100	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECN 1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FIN 1200	Managing Your Personal Finances	3