The General Studies Program is a first-year program that provides students with personalized support and guidance in order to ensure their academic success. Program benefits include a low student-advisor ratio, fall and spring seminars taught by the student’s General Studies Program advisor, a writing-intensive curriculum, and access to a nationally certified peer tutoring program. All majors have defined entrance requirements; therefore, beginning in September, General Studies Program advisors work closely with students to guide them toward meeting their intended majors’ requirements. Upon completing their two semesters in General Studies, and meeting the requirements for their intended major, students transition to one of Northeastern’s seven undergraduate colleges with sophomore status. Those students who have not met the academic progression standards for transitioning by the end of two semesters may continue in the General Studies Program for an additional semester.

**Academic Progression Standards**
In order to transition to sophomore standing, GSP students must:

1. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.000 (GPA requirements for specific majors may be higher)
2. Earn at least 28 semester hours of credit (32 recommended)
3. Complete college/major transition requirements

For more details about transitioning to individual colleges, see below.

**Transitioning to Major**
For information about transitioning to majors across the university, see “Changing Majors (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degrees-majors-minors/#changing).”

**Academic Probation**
Same as university standards.

**University Withdrawal, Low Scholastic Performance**
Same as university standards.