Review the general regulations that follow as well as all other regulations or limitations included throughout this catalog. Your success at Northeastern depends, in part, on understanding your rights and fulfilling your responsibilities.

Legal Rights and Responsibilities

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

It is the policy of Northeastern University to comply with all laws governing access by and discrimination against disabled students. Accordingly, any student who believes that there has been a violation of these laws is encouraged to discuss the matter with the director of the Disability Resource Center and other persons identified by the director, or with the director of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equality, to resolve the matter in a prompt and equitable manner. If such discussions do not resolve the matter, the student may then initiate a grievance by taking the steps outlined below.

1. All grievances made by students on the basis of being disabled are considered as being made to the president of the university.
2. In the case of a grievance, the student should discuss the objection with the individual responsible for the office or department where the objection was initially raised.
3. If not satisfied, the student should discuss the objection with the dean of the college or director under which the department falls.
4. If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, the student should complete a grievance form and file a written request for a formal hearing with the Grievance Committee for Disabled Students. The request should be filed with the vice president for student affairs. Upon receipt of a written request for a formal hearing, the grievance committee (including one faculty member from the student’s college, one faculty member not from the student’s college, one representative from the Disability Resource Center, a representative from the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equality, the vice president for student affairs or a designee, and another administrator not from student affairs) must hold a hearing within three calendar weeks. The grievance committee must allow a full and fair opportunity for the presentation of evidence relevant to the reason(s) for the hearing request and must render a decision in writing to the requesting student within one week of the conclusion of the hearing. The director of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equality is compliance officer for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE—SEXUAL HARASSMENT

No employee, agent, supervisory personnel, or faculty member shall exercise his or her responsibilities or authority in such manner as to make submission to “sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature” as an explicit or implicit term or condition of evaluation, employment, admission, advancement, or reward within the university. Neither shall any employee, agent, supervisory personnel, or faculty member make submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting any employee or student. Neither shall any employee, agent, supervisory personnel, or faculty member conduct himself or herself with respect to verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature where such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or classroom environment. Though sexual harassment will not be tolerated, the university recognizes that it is difficult to regulate emotional relationships between consenting adults. However, a consensual relationship may be suspect in instances in which one of the individuals has authority over the other. Therefore, no faculty or employee involved romantically or sexually with a student may teach or supervise that person either individually or as part of a group in any activity connected to the university.

Any student, teaching assistant, employee, or faculty member who feels that he or she has been the victim of sexual harassment may bring the matter to the attention of the director of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equality. Copies of the sexual harassment grievance procedure can be obtained from the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equality, 424 Columbus Place.

HAZING—CHAPTER 269 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

Section 17. Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment. The term hazing as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to weather; forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or other substance; or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Section 19. Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of postsecondary education shall issue to every student group, student team, or student organization that is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name and facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team, or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution’s compliance with the section’s requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution’s recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations.

Each such group, team, or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each
of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team, or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of postsecondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of postsecondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams, or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution’s policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution that fails to make such report.

**STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT**

In compliance with the Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act, information regarding graduation rates may be obtained in the Office of the Registrar, 271 Huntington Avenue, and in the Department of Athletics, 219 Cabot Physical Education Center; information regarding safety and security may be obtained in the Office of Admissions and the Public Safety Division, 100 Columbus Place. It is Northeastern University’s policy to disclose to an alleged victim of any crime of violence the results of any disciplinary proceeding against the alleged perpetrator of such crime. Further information is available in the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, 202 Ell Hall.

**USE OF WEAPONS**

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in or on any Northeastern property. Any university employee or student determined to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The use of alcohol while on Northeastern property is prohibited except where specifically authorized by the university. No employee may report to work while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Violation of these regulations may be reason to require evaluation/ treatment for substance abuse in coordination with the University Center for Counseling and Student Development and/or for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Northeastern University works to provide a drug-free workplace for all university employees and students. The Center for Counseling and Student Development provides resources for treatment and referral for students and employees with substance abuse problems. Educational programs for students, employees, and managers are presented through Human Resources Management, the Office of Residential Life, and the Center for Counseling and Student Development and cover the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, the availability of assistance for counseling and rehabilitation, and penalties for violating university policies. To comply with federal law, the university requires that employees directly engaged in performance of a grant or contract must notify their employers of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after the conviction. The university must notify any federal contracting agency within ten days of having received notice that an employee engaged in the performance of such contract has had a criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. The university will take appropriate action up to and including dismissal and/or require participation in an approved abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**Cheating**

Defined as intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. Examples:

- Unauthorized use of notes, text, or other aids during an examination
- Copying from another student’s examination, research paper, case write-up, lab report, homework, computer disc, and so on
- Talking during an examination
- Handing in the same paper for more than one course without the explicit permission of the instructor
• Perusing a test before it is given
• Hiding notes in a calculator for use during an examination

**Fabrication**
Defined as intentional and unauthorized falsification, misrepresentation, or invention of any information, data, or citation in an academic exercise. Examples:
• Making up the data for a research paper
• Altering the results of a lab experiment or survey
• Listing a citation for a source not used
• Stating an opinion as a scientifically proven fact

**Plagiarism**
Defined as intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise without providing proper documentation of source by way of a footnote, endnote, or intertextual note. The following sources demand notation:
• Word-for-word quotation from a source, including another student’s work
• Paraphrase: using the ideas of others in your own words
• Unusual or controversial facts—facts not apt to be found in many places
• Interviews, radio and television programs, and telephone conversations

**Unauthorized Collaboration**
This refers to instances when students, each claiming sole authorship, submit separate reports that are substantially similar to one another. While several students may have the same source material (as in case write-ups), the analysis, interpretation, and reporting of the data must be each individual’s.

**Participation in Academically Dishonest Activities**
Examples:
• Stealing an examination
• Purchasing a prewritten paper through a mail-order or other service, including via the internet
• Selling, loaning, or otherwise distributing materials for the purpose of cheating, plagiarism, or other academically dishonest acts
• Alteration, theft, forgery, or destruction of the academic work of other students, library materials, laboratory materials, or academic records including transcripts, course registration cards, course syllabi, and examination/course grades
• Intentionally missing an examination or assignment deadline to gain an unfair advantage

**Facilitating Academic Dishonesty**
Defined as intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to violate any provision of this policy. Examples:
• Inaccurately listing someone as coauthor of a paper, case write-up, or project who did not contribute
• Sharing with another student a take-home examination, homework assignment, case write-up, lab report, and so on, without expressed permission from the instructor
• Taking an examination or writing a paper for another student

All members of the Northeastern University community—students, faculty, and staff—share the responsibility to bring forward known acts of apparent academic dishonesty. Any member of the academic community who witnesses an act of academic dishonesty should report it to the appropriate faculty member or to the director of the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. The charge will be investigated and if sufficient evidence is presented, the case will be referred to the Northeastern University Student Judicial Hearing Board. If found responsible for an academic dishonesty violation, a minimum sanction of deferred suspension will follow. If found responsible for a second violation, the student will be expelled from the university.

**APPROPRIATE USE OF COMPUTER AND NETWORK RESOURCES POLICY**
The information systems of Northeastern University are intended for the use of authorized members of the Northeastern community in the conduct of their academic and administrative work. To protect the integrity of computer resources against unauthorized or improper use, and to protect authorized users from the effects of unauthorized or improper usage, the university reserves the right, with or without notice, to monitor, record, limit, or restrict any account holder’s usage. The university may also monitor, record, inspect, copy, remove, or otherwise alter any data, file, or system resources. The university reserves the right to periodically check these systems and to take any other action necessary to protect the computer and network facilities. The university also retains access rights to all files and electronic mail on its computing and network facilities. Anyone using these systems or networks expressly consents to such monitoring.

Any unauthorized, inappropriate, illegal, or illegitimate use of the university’s computing resources, or failure to comply with these guidelines, shall constitute a violation of university policy and will subject the violator to disciplinary action by the university and may result in legal action. When a violation is identified, the appropriate system manager or unit head will undertake a review and initiate action in accordance with university policy. In addition, the university may require restitution for any use of computer or network services that violate these guidelines. The university may also provide evidence of possible illegal or criminal activity to law enforcement authorities.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, authorization to access the information systems of Northeastern University ends at the termination of employment, the end of a recognized role or relationship, or the loss of sponsorship. Students may continue to use their Northeastern electronic mail account for up to six months after graduation. Any questions about this policy or the applicability of this policy to a particular situation should be referred to the information technology security manager or the director of internal audit. The university’s information systems consist of all networking, equipment, networks, security devices, servers, computer systems, computers, computer laboratory equipment, workstations, internet connections, and all other intermediary equipment, services, and facilities. These assets are the property of Northeastern University.

1. Access to and use of Northeastern information systems is a privilege granted by the university to its faculty, staff, and students. Access for up to one academic year for others, including “sponsored” individuals whose relationship with Northeastern is a result of a university-recognized affiliation or relationship, must be approved by the authorizing unit’s dean or vice president. Such access may not be renewed without the written approval of the senior vice president for administration and finance. The university retains sole discretion over the extent to which access privileges are granted.

2. Users may only use those computer accounts that have been authorized by the university for their use. Use of another person’s account, security devices, and/or the presentation of false or misleading information or credentials for the purpose of obtaining access to information systems is prohibited.
3. Users are responsible for all use of information systems conducted under their user ID(s) and are expected to take all precautions including password security and file protection measures to prevent use of their accounts and files by unauthorized persons. Sharing of passwords is prohibited.

4. Users may not offer, provide, lend, rent, or sell access to university information systems. Users may not provide access to individuals outside the university community.

5. Use of university information systems for hosting nonuniversity activities must have the explicit written authorization of the senior vice president for administration and finance prior to the use.

6. While the university attempts to protect electronic communication and files from unauthorized access, this cannot be guaranteed. Users may not access, copy, or move files including, but not limited to, programs, data, and electronic mail that belong to another account without prior authorization from the account holder. Files may not be moved to other computer sites without permission from the holder of the account under which the files reside.

7. Users may not use remote resources such as printer and file systems, regardless of location on or off the Northeastern network, unless the administrator of the remote resource has first granted permission.

8. Northeastern information systems may be used for lawful purposes only. Users must not use their accounts or Northeastern information systems for unlawful purposes including, but not limited to, the installation of fraudulently or illegally obtained software; illegal dissemination of licensed software; sharing of content where the disseminator does not hold lawful intellectual property rights; propagating chain letters, pyramid, Ponzi, other unlawful or deceptive schemes; or for any purpose contrary to local, state, and/or federal law.

9. Use of university information systems must comply with the provisions of copyright law and fair use. Copyright law limits the right of a user to copy, edit, or transmit electronically another’s intellectual property, including written materials, images, sounds, music, and performances, even in an educational context, without permission, except in compliance with the fair use doctrine exception.

10. Users are responsible for the timeliness, accuracy, and content/consequences of their web pages. Posting of personal, family, or other identifying information is at the sole discretion of the user. Users are advised to exercise discretion when posting personal information to minimize the risk to personal privacy and safety.

11. University information systems may not be used for commercial purposes, except only as permitted with explicit prior written approval of university counsel and the senior vice president for administration and finance.

12. Internet use must comply with the terms of service stipulated by our internet service provider(s). These policies are incorporated by reference. In addition, the acceptable use, terms of service, and/or other policies of the system(s) also bind users of the internet connection and resources to which they connect. At the time of writing, the internet service provider for Northeastern University is Genuity (http://www.genuity.com).

13. Users may not use information systems irresponsibly, wastefully, or in a manner that adversely affects the work or equipment of others at Northeastern or on the internet.

14. The university strives to maintain the security and privacy of all electronic communications and content passed on the Northeastern network and, therefore, will not arbitrarily or frivolously review or inspect user files or electronic mail. However, all electronic communications and content presented to and/or passed on the Northeastern network, including that presented to and/or passed to and from the internet connection(s), may be monitored, examined, saved, read, transcribed, stored, or retransmitted in the course of daily operations by any duly authorized employee or agent of Northeastern University in the exercise of their duties or by law enforcement authorities who are called upon to assist the university in investigating possible wrongdoing. Electronic communications and content may be examined by automated means. Further, Northeastern reserves the right to reject from the network electronic communications and content deemed not in compliance with policies governing the use of information systems at the university. By accessing Northeastern information systems, users give Northeastern permission to conduct each of the operations described above.

15. The confidentiality of any message or material should not be assumed. Even when a message or material is deleted, it may still be possible to retrieve and read that message or material. Further, the use of passwords for security does not guarantee confidentiality. Messages read in HTML may identify the reader to the sender. Aside from the right of the university to retrieve and read any electronic communications or content, such messages or materials should be treated as confidential by other students or employees and accessed only by the intended recipient. Without prior authorization, students and employees are not permitted to retrieve or read electronic mail messages that are not sent to them.

16. All users are required to honor and observe the rules of confidentiality and protection of privacy when accessing and using any information that resides on Northeastern information systems and/or any information that pertains to university programs, students, faculty, and staff. All disclosures of student information must comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

17. Northeastern reserves the right at any time, without prior notice or permission from the user or users of a computer or other Northeastern-owned computing device, to copy or have copied any and all information from the data-storage mechanisms of such devices, as may be required at the sole discretion of the university, in connection with investigations of possible wrongdoing.

18. The Appropriate Use of Computer and Network Resources Policy specifically prohibits the use of Northeastern University’s information systems to:

   • Harass, threaten, define, slander, or intimidate any individual or group.
   • Generate and/or spread intolerant or hateful material, which in the sole judgment of the university is directed against any individual or group, based on race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.
   • Transmit or make accessible material, which in the sole judgment of the university is offensive, violent, pornographic, annoying, or harassing, including use of Northeastern information systems to access and/or distribute obscene or sexually explicit material unrelated to university-sanctioned work or bona fide scholarship.
   • Generate unsolicited electronic mail such as chain letters, unsolicited job applications, or commercial announcements.
   • Generate falsely identified messages or message content, including use of forged content of any description.
   • Transmit or make accessible password information.
   • Attempt to access and/or access information systems and/or resources for which authority has not been granted by the system owner(s).
   • Capture, decipher, or record user IDs and/or passwords.
• Intercept electronic communications not intended for the recipient.
• Probe, by any means, the security mechanisms of any resource on the Northeastern network or on any other network through a connection to the Northeastern network.
• Disclose or publish, by any means, the security vulnerabilities of or the means to defeat or disable the security mechanisms of any resource connected to or part of the Northeastern University network.
• Alter, degrade, damage, or destroy data.
• Transmit computer viruses or malicious/destructive code of any description.
• Conduct illegal, deceptive, or fraudulent activity.
• Obtain, use, or retransmit copyrighted information without permission of the copyright holder.
• Place bets, wagers, or operate games of chance.
• Tax, overload, impede, interfere with, damage, or degrade the normal functionality, performance, or integrity of any device, service, or function of Northeastern information systems, content, components, or the resources of any other electronic system, network, service, or property of another party, corporation, institution, or organization.
• The above enumeration is not all-inclusive. If there is a question as to whether a specific use is appropriate or acceptable under this policy, the university’s sole determination shall prevail.

19. Use of Northeastern University information systems must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, including, but not limited to, the following, which are incorporated by reference:
• Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 266, Subsections 33(a) and 120(f), which impose sanctions for, among other acts, destroying electronically processed and stored data or gaining unauthorized access to a database or computer system.
• United States Code, Title 18, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which imposes sanctions for, among other acts, knowingly accessing a computer without authorization or in excess of authorized access, knowingly causing damage to protected computers, or trafficking in password information.
• United States Code, Title 18, Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which imposes sanctions for, among other acts, interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications.

**BEHAVIOR ON CO-OP, ON EXTERNSHIPS, AND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

As an urban institution, Northeastern University is a part of the vibrant community and business life of the surrounding neighborhoods. Maintaining amicable and considerate relations between the university and local residents and businesses is essential to the continued cooperation of the university and its neighbors in civic projects and issues and to the furtherance of the university’s broader mission to contribute to the general good of society. The university endeavors to foster conditions under which such beneficial relations exist. Consequently, the university must consider conduct on the part of members of the university community, whether on or off campus and whether isolated or continuing in nature, that is disruptive of these relations; that impairs, interferes with, or obstructs the lawful missions, processes, and functions of the university; or that is found by the university to be abhorrent or offensive to generally accepted standards of social behavior, as inimical to the university’s interests.

The university’s Code of Student Conduct governs student behavior on co-op, externships, and in the community surrounding the university. In addition, misbehavior in these settings may violate the law, policies of the co-op employer, or rules of the externship sponsor.

**BICYCLES**

Wherever possible, students should use the bike racks available at various locations on campus. Bicycles should not be chained to fences, doors, trees, or other objects, and under no circumstances may bicycles be brought into any university building. The fire code dictates that all entrances, exits, corridors, and stairwells must be free and clear at all times. Bicycles found in violation of this code will be removed from the area.

**CARD PLAYING AND GAMBLING**

The university does not permit card playing of any kind in classrooms unless it is a regularly scheduled activity of an organization recognized officially by the Office of Student Activities. Social card games are permitted in the residence halls and in the Curry Student Center. Students may not gamble, play pyramid games, or sell lottery tickets. Casino or other game events are permitted in designated areas that are approved by city and state laws, as part of properly scheduled events, and in strict accordance with regulations issued by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**COPYRIGHTABLE MATERIALS**

It is the general policy of the university that student papers or projects submitted in partial fulfillment of course requirements remain the property of the student authors.

This policy does not apply to:

1. “Work for hire” as defined by intellectual property laws
2. Work derived wholly or in part from other patented or copyrighted material
3. Work done as part of external grants or contracts in which the contracting documents or regulations define ownership
4. Work in which the university or its agents or employees contribute substantial time or resources
5. Work considered a thesis or dissertation

The university owns the copyright to any work created or developed by one or more students with the significant use of funds, space, facilities, equipment, materials, or other university resources. The university will not normally construe the payment of salary from unrestricted funds or the provision of office and library facilities as constituting significant use of funds, space, facilities, equipment, materials, or other resources of or administered by the university. Use of laboratory and/or computer facilities or assistance from one or more faculty or staff members to a student author specifically pertaining to the work constitutes significant use of university resources. In all cases, the provost or his or her designee shall make a good-faith determination concerning significant use, which shall be final and binding on all parties.

In the case of a thesis generated by research performed in whole or in part by a student in the course of or pursuant to an agreement for sponsored research or other written agreement, including an agreement between the author(s) and the university, or utilizing equipment or facilities provided to the university under conditions that impose copyright restrictions, ownership or control shall be determined in accordance with such agreement or restrictions. In the absence of such agreement or restrictions, copyright ownership in such a thesis shall reside in the student. However, the student, as a condition of a degree award, must grant the university the royalty-free right to reproduce and publicly distribute copies of the thesis for limited and noncommercial purposes.
Where necessary to secure to the university an ownership of copyright, students shall assign such rights of copyright, or grant the specified rights of reproduction and distribution, to the university. The university reserves the right to employ, at its discretion, the materials or portions of any work created or developed in the course of an author’s relationship with the university, or otherwise covered by the University Patent and Copyright Policy, for promotional, professional, or noncommercial purposes on a royalty-free basis. Certain courses taught at Northeastern University involve students in individual or group assignments or projects involving the creation of materials, objects, or techniques that may be patentable or copyrightable. These courses generally require extraordinary levels of faculty organization and participation and/or substantial university resources.

1. Individual teachers or academic units may require that originals or copies of such papers or projects be retained either temporarily or permanently by the individual teacher or by the unit.

2. A thesis is a student work representing significant original or independent research and for which the student receives a substantial amount of credit toward a degree or certificate. Where there is a question concerning whether or not a student’s work is a thesis, the provost or his or her designee shall make a good-faith determination concerning same, which shall be final and binding on all parties.

3. Copies of the university patent and copyright policies are available from the Division of Research Development, 405 Lake Hall, 617.373.4587.

In accordance with university patent and copyright policies, in such courses the university is the owner of all rights in technology, computer programs, or other creative work that may be developed by the undergraduate or graduate student as part of the student’s work in those courses. It is the university’s intention, where applicable, to disclose and authorize the use of such technology, programs, or work to nonprofit organizations and to government agencies without a fee. The university may also have the opportunity to license such materials to a commercial enterprise, and in this event, it is the university’s intention to share any revenue from such a license with student contributors in an amount determined in accordance with the then-existing university policy or plan. Students are informed early in the semester if the course in which they are enrolled falls within this category and will be asked to sign a letter of agreement. Should the student decline to sign an agreement, he or she will be assigned to another course section—one in which such agreement is not required—or will be given alternative activities not involving such assignments or projects.

**COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS**

Any student who makes, as sole or joint inventor, an invention that involved significant use of university resources, including funds, space, facilities, equipment, or materials, or that is subject to terms of a sponsored research or other agreement between the university and another party, shall assign this invention and all associated applications and patents to the university or its designee unless the invention has been released to the inventor in accordance with the applicable provisions of the university patent policy. Any student, whether before or after terminating his or her association with the university, shall do whatever is necessary to enable the university or its designee to take out patents in any and all countries on such invention. The cost and expense of making such assignments and procuring such patents shall be borne by the university or its designee. When an invention is made by a student not involving significant use of funds, space, facilities, equipment, materials, or other resources of or administered by the university, the university will waive its rights, and the invention will be the exclusive property of the student, provided the student’s rights in the invention are not altered by the terms of any financial aid received, including external sponsorship, scholarships, fellowships, traineeships, thesis expenses, or other assistance, whether or not administered by the university and provided the invention is not subject to third-party rights.

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

The university supports as fundamental to the democratic process the rights of all members of the university community to express their views and to protest actions or opinions with which there is disagreement. A university is where individuals express diverse ideas and viewpoints in an atmosphere free of any physical force. The university insists that all demonstrations be peaceful and orderly and abide by university regulations.

- Demonstrators must not block corridors or entrances or use loud noise to disrupt a conference, meeting, or assembly.
- Demonstrations may not be conducted in faculty or administrative offices, classrooms, libraries, or study areas.
- Moving picket lines in university corridors are prohibited. (Protests may be registered by individuals or groups standing in a single line against a corridor wall, but corridors must be kept open at all times for the free passage of other members of the community.)

Students, faculty, or other members of the university community who violate these regulations will be subject to disciplinary action; violators also jeopardize their right to remain in the university community.

**DEPARTMENTAL JURISDICTION**

Certain departments of the university shall have the power to set down rules and regulations governing the operation of the departments’ respective areas of responsibility. Such rules and regulations shall be in accord with the “General Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities” as well as with the policies pertaining to student conduct as defined in this document.

**DISMISSAL FROM CLASS**

Students dismissed from classes for insubordination or other disciplinary reasons may not return without the approval of the college and the vice president for student affairs.

**IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

All students must have in their possession at all times the officially approved and properly validated photo identification card. It will be necessary to show this card as a means of identification when using the library and campus recreational facilities, at athletic contests, at student elections, at University Health and Counseling Services, at Student Accounts, at the Office of the Registrar, to campus police, and elsewhere around the university. All members of the community should be prepared and willing to identify themselves and their guests upon request by authorized personnel. An official photo identification card will be issued to new students during their initial orientation and registration periods. Replacements for lost cards can be obtained at the Office of the Registrar, 271 Huntington Avenue.

**JURY DUTY**

Northeastern expects students to fulfill their civic duties; the university cannot interfere in this process. Students who miss classes because of this obligation must notify their professors in writing, explaining which classes will be missed on which days. The professors will work with students to make up missed assignments or exams. Upon completion of their jury duty, students must bring a copy of the documentation of their service to the appropriate professors. Students on co-op are expected to inform their supervisors if called to jury duty.
MEDIA AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES
In all personal communications to newspapers or other media, as well as personal public appearances in which students identify themselves as members of the Northeastern University community, it should be made clear that the opinions presented are a student’s own and not necessarily those of the university. Students who appear on public programs as representatives of Northeastern University must be particularly careful to avoid language or presentations that could be considered in bad taste or offensive.

PETS
Pets are prohibited in all university buildings out of consideration for the general community and to maintain a clean and healthy environment. Exceptions are made for guide dogs and other guide animals.

PUBLIC ACCESS
Access by the general public to attend special programs or functions is limited to those events approved for such attendance. The facilities of the university were designed for the use of members of this academic community. When appropriate, access may be permitted for events and programs when it is apparent that the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university and their guests will not fill the facility reserved for such use. In such cases, special provisions must be made to ensure that members of this academic community have priority to attend and are not precluded from attendance by the general public. Certain facilities, such as residence halls, classrooms, and laboratories, are designed for and are to be used by residence hall residents only, or in the case of classrooms and laboratories, by members of this academic community. In all cases, the essential educational purpose of the university cannot be interrupted or disturbed by the access of the general public. Officials of the university may restrict or prevent access by the public if such access disturbs or has the potential to disturb classes or other functions of Northeastern University. Occasionally, access to an area such as the Krentzman Quad will be granted to distribute free literature or provide a public forum for speakers. Such use requires the prior approval of the director of student activities and will be granted only during the Wednesday and Thursday activity periods. The use of facilities such as residence halls or cafeterias for distribution of literature or for speakers is prohibited.

SAFETY GLASSES
Safety glasses must be worn in all chemistry laboratories and other facilities as required.

SALES AND SOLICITATIONS
Northeastern University is not a marketplace. Sales of material or solicitations, such as newspapers and other printed matter, insurance, foodstuffs, and all other articles are prohibited without the express written permission of designated officials of the university. Solicitations of any kind are also prohibited without the express written permission of designated officials. Exceptions to this policy are made for recognized student organizations and residence hall residents. Residence hall residents should request permission to sell within their housing unit from the director of residential life; recognized student organizations should request permission for sales from the director of student activities; all others should apply to the business manager of the university. General solicitation, especially in such areas as classrooms, lounges, and cafeterias, is not permitted.

SMOKING
All university administrative and classroom buildings are smoke free and tobacco free. The policy relates to all campuses. The only university facilities not covered by this policy are residence halls and apartment buildings. The sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products is prohibited on campus. Smoking cessation information and programs are available. For further information, contact the Office of Human Resources Management or University Health and Counseling Services.

TAPE RECORDERS
Students may not use tape recorders in the classroom without the instructor’s consent. Students with disabilities who need a tape recorder in the classroom may make arrangements through the Disability Resource Center, 20 Dodge Hall.

TEXTBOOKS
Students should purchase or have in their possession the assigned textbooks, problem books, manuals, and other supplies that may be necessary in a classroom or laboratory.