

# General Information

The *Northeastern University Catalog* contains the university's primary statements about approved academic programs and degree requirements, as authorized by the president or the Board of Trustees.

The *Northeastern University Catalog* contains current information about the university calendar, admissions, degree requirements, fees, and regulations; however, such information is not intended and should not be regarded to be contractual. Course information was current as of June 9, 2021. For updated course information, students and advisors should consult the Banner course catalog (<https://nubanner.neu.edu/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/term/termSelection/?mode=courseSearch>).

## ACCREDITATION

Northeastern University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc.

## DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Northeastern University assumes no liability for delay or failure to provide educational or other services or facilities due to causes beyond its reasonable control. Causes include, without limitation, power failure, fire, strikes by university employees or others, damage by natural elements, and acts of public authorities. The university will, however, exert reasonable efforts, when it judges them to be appropriate, to provide comparable services, facilities, or performance; but its inability or failure to do so shall not subject the university to liability.

Northeastern University reserves the sole right to promulgate and change rules and regulations and to make changes of any nature in its program; calendar; admissions policies, procedures, and standards; degree requirements; fees; and academic schedule whenever necessary or desirable, including, without limitation, changes in course content and class schedule, the cancellation of scheduled classes and other academic activities, and the substitution of alternatives for scheduled classes and other academic activities. In any such case, the university will give whatever notice is reasonably practical.

Northeastern University will endeavor to make available to its students a fine education and a stimulating and congenial environment. However, the quality and rate of progress of an individual's academic career and professional advancement upon completion of a degree or program are largely dependent on his or her own abilities, commitment, and effort. In many professions and occupations, there are also requirements imposed by federal and state statutes and regulatory agencies for certification or entry into a particular field. These requirements may change while a student is enrolled in a program and may vary from state to state or country to country. Although the university stands ready to help its students find out about requirements and changes in them, it is the student's responsibility to initiate the inquiry.

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Northeastern University permits its students to inspect their records wherever appropriate and to challenge specific parts of them when they feel it is necessary to do so. Specific details of the law as it applies to Northeastern are discussed in this section of the catalog (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/ferpa/>).

## PERSISTENCE RATES UNDER THE STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

In the fall of 2020, the persistence rate for undergraduate students who entered in the fall 2019 cohort was 96.8 percent.

## TUITION DEFAULT POLICY

In cases where the student defaults on his or her tuition, the student shall be liable for the outstanding tuition and all reasonable associated collection costs incurred by the university, including attorneys' fees.

## NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES

Northeastern University is committed to providing a living, learning, and working environment free from discrimination and harassment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, genetic information, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, or veteran status in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. The university will not tolerate any conduct that violates rights guaranteed by law, or any of the university policies that prohibit discrimination, including the Policy on Equal Opportunity ([https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy\\_on\\_Equal\\_Opportunity.pdf](https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy_on_Equal_Opportunity.pdf)), Policy Prohibiting Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment ([https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy\\_Prohibiting\\_Sexual\\_and\\_Gender-Based\\_Harassment.pdf](https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy_Prohibiting_Sexual_and_Gender-Based_Harassment.pdf)), Policy on Rights and Responsibilities Under Title IX ([https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy\\_on\\_Rights\\_and\\_Responsibilities\\_Under\\_Title\\_IX.pdf](https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy_on_Rights_and_Responsibilities_Under_Title_IX.pdf)), and the Policy on Non-Fraternization ([https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy\\_on\\_Non-Fraternization.pdf](https://www.northeastern.edu/policies/pdfs/Policy_on_Non-Fraternization.pdf)). Furthermore, university policy also includes prohibitions of retaliation for filing complaints of discrimination with the Office for University Equity and Compliance (OUEC). Links to the university's nondiscrimination policies and its grievance procedures are available at the OUEC (<https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/>). Inquiries regarding the university's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to:

Office for University Equity and Compliance (<https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/>)  
125 Richards Hall  
Northeastern University  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115  
617.373.4644  
[ouec@northeastern.edu](mailto:ouec@northeastern.edu)

The university strongly encourages any person to report information relating to alleged discrimination or harassment to the OUEC (<https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/>) by completing the form available at Reporting to OUEC ([https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?NortheasternUniv&layout\\_id=7](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?NortheasternUniv&layout_id=7)) or through any of the contact options listed above. OUEC's policies, as well as other helpful information, can be found at the OUEC website (<https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/>).

## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Disability Resource Center provides a variety of disability-related services and accommodations to Northeastern University's students with disabilities.

Northeastern University's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are coordinated by the senior director of the Disability Resource Center. Persons requiring information regarding the Disability Resource Center should contact the center at 617.373.2675 or, if using TTY, via Relay 711.

## CLERY ACT

Northeastern is committed to assisting all members of the university community in providing for their own safety and security. Information

regarding campus security and personal safety, including topics such as crime prevention, university police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, crime statistics for the most recent three-year period, and disciplinary procedures, is available in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Reports, located on the NUPD website (<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/annual-reports/>).

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

The university is prepared to respond to emergencies and urgent situations that require immediate action with a trained team of police officers, EMTs, health and counseling experts, student affairs and residential life staff, and other professionals from a coordinated group that is able to manage a wide range of potential situations.

In case of emergency or crisis situations that require immediate notification, university officials will deploy the NU ALERT system, which sends email, voicemail, and text messages to students, faculty, and staff. NU ALERT is intended to communicate pertinent information and, when appropriate, provide directions to those in the affected area(s).

A record of past Timely Warnings and NU ALERT Emergency Notifications for our campus community can be found on the NUPD website (<https://nupd.northeastern.edu/safety-notifications/>).

Examples of crisis situations range from snow storms to national emergencies that have a local impact.

Additional information on the university's emergency information systems can be found on the university's (<https://www.northeastern.edu/emergency-information/>) *Emergency Information* website.