

# Specialized Entry Programs

---

Northeastern University offers admission and enrollment programs and opportunities that advance the university's mission and help meet students' needs. Students who apply for admission to Northeastern may be automatically offered direct entry into some of these programs or, in some cases, may be referred to other specialized entry programs. These selections are based on a holistic review of students' applications. Northeastern continually assesses our specialized entry programs and opportunities, and additional programs and opportunities may become available while existing programs and opportunities may be modified. For a complete list of our specialized programs and opportunities, visit the Specialized Entry Programs web (<https://www.northeastern.edu/admissions/academics/specialized-entry/>) site (<https://www.northeastern.edu/admissions/academics/specialized-entry/>).

## General Studies Program

General Studies is a first-year program designed to help students build skills for academic success in their freshman year and beyond. General Studies students spend their first year immersed in a combination of first-year requirements, NUpath courses, and introductory courses for their intended major. See additional information (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/general-studies-program/>).

## Foundation Year

An innovative, first-year college program, Foundation Year supports City of Boston students as they develop the skills to be successful in their entire Northeastern experience. During their first year of college, students receive rigorous academics, extensive support services, real-world experience, and the privileges that come with being a Northeastern student. Foundation Year brings together the right resources for each student—maximizing the potential for success. Visit the Foundation Year page of this catalog (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/admission/specialized-entry/foundation-year/>) for additional information.

## Torch Scholars Program

The Torch Scholars (<https://torch.northeastern.edu/>) is a comprehensive scholarship and support program for first-generation college students. Students selected into the program have demonstrated exceptional leadership and community service throughout high school but have not yet reached their full academic potential. After a holistic review, which includes a thorough interview process, selected Torch Scholars receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, room and board, books, and fees for eight semesters, as well as coverage for a four-week Summer Immersion program. Torch alumni have continued their education in PhD and master's programs, founded startups, and begun careers in major corporations.

## NU Immerse

NU Immerse is a transitional experience for non-native English-speaking students, which offers advanced English-language preparation and an introduction to college culture through a yearlong program in Boston through the College of Professional Studies. Students will improve language and academic skills through a specially designed two-semester curriculum. Please note, NU Immerse provides a conditional offer of admission to undergraduate degree programs at Northeastern upon successful completion of the program.