



NU Accelerate Course Selection Recommendation Guide

Welcome to the NU Accelerate Early Decision (ED) Course Selection Recommendation Guide!

These NU Accelerate courses, selected specifically for ED students, will provide you the opportunity to earn credits that can contribute to your graduation--through required coursework for your major or minor, requirements within the core curriculum, or elective credit. Students interested in taking NU Accelerate students will not receive individualized advising regarding course selection. This document serves as your guide in identifying your Accelerate course preferences for the Spring 2022 term. In this guide you'll find information about the NU Accelerate courses offered, as well as Northeastern University core curriculum and advanced credit policy information.

In addition to the considerations in the recommendation guide, we strongly urge you to consider your own schedule and your ability to commit to rigorous online, asynchronous coursework during your senior year, as well as your personal academic interests. Our goal is to make this an exciting and enlightening first step into your academic experience as a Husky!

As always, send any questions to nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
The NU Accelerate Team

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I. Spring 2022 Course Offerings for NU Accelerate Early Decision Students

Spring Term Dates January 18 – April 29

*Enroll in up to two four-credit courses **total** between the Spring and Summer Terms.*

| Course Code | Name |
|--------------------|--|
| ACCT 1201 | Financial Accounting and Reporting |
| AFAM 1135 | John Coltrane and the History of Jazz in the United States |
| ARCH 1310 | Buildings and Cities, A Global History |
| BUSN 1101 | Introduction to Business |
| COMM 1101 | Introduction to Communication Studies |
| CS 1800/2 | Discrete Structures * |
| ECON 1115 | Principles of Macroeconomics |
| ECON 1116 | Principles of Microeconomics |
| ENGW 1111 | First Year Writing |
| HIST 2311 | Colonialism/Imperialism |
| JRNL 1150 | Understanding Today's News |
| MATH 1342 | Calculus 2 for Science/Engineering** |
| PHIL 1102 | Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues |
| PTH 1260 | The American Healthcare System |
| POLS 1150 | American Government |
| POLS 1160 | International Relations |

**CS 1802 is an accompanying required seminar and is 1 credit hour, making CS 1800/2 five (5) credits in total. Students who take CS 1800/2 and a second four-credit course will earn up to 9 credits.*

*** Eligibility for MATH 1342 is contingent upon a student already having equivalent credit for Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering (MATH 1341) through AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit. If you think you may be a fit for MATH 1342, please email reach out to the NU Accelerate team at nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu.*

II. Your course credit and transcript

Your NU Accelerate courses will appear with grades on a pre-matriculant transcript. Once you matriculate as a full-time student, the courses in which you earn a C or better will show as transfer credit on your undergraduate transcript, showing the course name and credit earned (note: the letter grade will not appear). As both documents are official university transcripts, you will need to include them both as requested when applying to medical school, law school or other graduate programs.

If you receive a grade lower than a C or a W (for withdrawal), the course will not carry over to your undergraduate transcript, but it will remain on your pre-matriculant transcript, which you

would need to produce for graduate school applications as mentioned above. We encourage you to carefully consider the time commitment of the course(s), your own senior year obligations, and other personal factors as you choose NU Accelerate coursework and consider the deadlines to drop a course or withdrawal from a course without a W.

III. Important Dates

| Key Date | Action |
|--------------------------|--|
| <i>Now – December 20</i> | Fall 2022 Admits to Complete Enrollment Indicator on App Status Check |
| <i>Now – January 3</i> | N.U.in and NU Bound 2022 Admits to Complete Enrollment Indicator on App Status Check |
| <i>December 16</i> | Digital Event! Have your questions answered by NU Accelerate staff |
| <i>December 21</i> | Course Selection Recommendation Guide and Course Registration Guide released to students |
| <i>January 10</i> | Registration begins for NU Accelerate students |
| <i>January 13</i> | NU Accelerate Kick-Off Digital Event |
| <i>January 18</i> | Spring Term classes begin |
| <i>January 26</i> | Last day to add a course* |
| <i>February 7</i> | Last day to drop a course without a “W”* |

**NU Accelerate follows the add/drop calendar as determined by the university’s Registrar office. January 26 is the last day for students to add a course for the Spring Term. February 7 is the last day for students to drop a course without a “W,” for withdrawal, on their transcript. Beginning February 8 if a student drops a course, that course title will remain on the transcript with a “W.” There are no extensions for these dates.*

IV. Step by Step Guide for Course Preference Selection

Follow these steps for selecting and submitting your NU Accelerate course preferences:

✓ **Step 1: Personal Considerations**

Key Date: Start now!

In selecting courses for the spring, we urge you to consider such factors as your senior year course load, advanced credit you may have received already, any travel plans or other personal commitments that would impact your ability to complete coursework. You should also consider that online, asynchronous coursework is a distinctive learning modality and is typically best suited for strong, independent learners. NU Accelerate is meant to be a positive experience for students rather than a burden or source of stress during your senior year of high school. Make sure to consider your high school commitments as this should be your priority prior to graduating high school.

- ✓ **Step 2: Weigh the following academic considerations**
Key Date: Start now! We urge you to reach out with your questions as soon as possible and before December 23. The university is closed for the winter holiday December 24-January 2.
- a. **Required courses for your major:** The chart below shows which NU Accelerate courses are requirements for certain majors. You may also visit the [undergraduate course catalog](#) to click on your college and academic program to view your full list of major requirements. Please note the course catalog reflects requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year and may change.
 - b. **Your anticipated advanced credit:** (AP, IB, dual enrollment or other college-level courses): Consider what advanced credit courses you have completed or will complete during your senior year. Below are Northeastern University's policies on advanced credit:
 - ◆ **Advanced Placement:** Northeastern accepts scores of 4 or 5 for credit. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours.
 - ◆ **International Baccalaureate:** Northeastern accepts scores of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level exams only. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours.
 - ◆ **Dual enrollment or college courses:** If you have taken a dual enrollment or other college-level course for transfer credit to Northeastern, use the [Transfer Equivalency Database](#). Enter the course information to see if it has been evaluated for Northeastern transfer credit. If it has not and you would like it to be evaluated, send an email with the course syllabus to admissions@northeastern.edu for evaluation.
 - ◆ **Other Advanced credit, such as French Baccalauréat:** To learn more about other types of advanced credit accepted by Northeastern University please review the [Transfer Credit Policy](#) document.
 - c. **NUpath attributes:** As described below in **section V** of this guide, you will need to fulfill NUpath attributes in order to graduate and will do so through transfer credit, electives, and requirements for major, minor, and concentration. NU Accelerate is an opportunity to complete some of these requirements as well.
 - d. **NU Accelerate Course Information and Recommendations chart:** Page 7 of this guide has a detailed chart with information and recommendations for the Spring Term courses.
- ✓ **Step 3: View the Recording of the Digital Event "Introduction to NU Accelerate"**
Key Date: December 16 at 6:00p.m. EST, Held live but recorded
Hear from Heather Streets-Salter, Associate Vice Chancellor, as well as Liz Quinn and Kacey McCaffrey Dukaj from the Accelerate team about the NU Accelerate opportunity

for Early Decision enrolling students. They discuss the coursework available, review details of the online academic experience, as well as key dates to keep in mind. Click [here](#) to the view recording of the event.

- ✓ **Step 4: Indicate your intent to enroll in your Application Status Check**
Key Date: December 20 at 11:59p.m. EST for students admitted for Fall 2022
Key Date: January 3 at 11:59p.m. EST for students admitted to the NUin /NU Bound
Visit your Application Status Check in your portal to indicate your intent to enroll in the Spring Term. Please note this is for Spring Term only and you will indicate interest in Summer Term at a later date.)
- ✓ **Step 5: Review the Course Selection Recommendation Guide and the Course Registration Guide**
Key Date: Released to enrolling NU Accelerate students beginning December 21
Beginning December 21 students who indicate their intent to enroll in Spring Term coursework in their Application Status Check will receive the Course Selection Recommendation Guide and the Course Registration Guide. These documents will assist you in (1) deciding on your preferred and alternate courses and (2) preparing for registering yourself for courses in the Student Hub. We recommend having alternate courses selected in case your top choice(s) have reached enrollment capacity. Please note that your top course preferences are not guaranteed.
- ✓ **Step 6: Registration Begins for NU Accelerate**
Key Date: January 10
Registration will open for NU Accelerate students on January 10 at 12:00 a.m. EST. Students are responsible for logging into the Student Hub and registering for NU Accelerate courses. For detailed instructions please refer to the Course Registration Guide.
- ✓ **Step 7: Attend NU Accelerate Kick-Off Digital Event**
Key Date: January 13
Save the Date for the NU Accelerate Kick-Off digital event to help prepare you for your academic journey in the Spring Term.
- ✓ **Step 8: Begin coursework for the Spring Term!**
Key Date: January 18
Spring Term begins

V. **NUpath: The Core Curriculum at Northeastern University**

Northeastern’s academic core curriculum, known as [NUpath](#), is built around essential, broad-based knowledge and skills—such as understanding societies and analyzing data—integrated with specific content areas and disciplines. It offers students the flexibility to integrate core learning into their individual educational journeys.

What You Need to Know

Students must fulfill NUpath requirements through transfer credit, elective courses and required courses in your major, minor or concentration. In order to complete a Northeastern bachelor’s degree all students must complete the NUpath requirements (in the bulleted list below) through major, minor, concentration, or elective courses. Many majors have course requirements that will allow you to fulfill a number—or even all — of your NUpath attributes.

Below are the NUpath attributes required for graduation:

- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World (ND)
- Interpreting Culture (IC)
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
- Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI)
- Analyzing and Using Data (AD)
- Engaging Difference and Diversity (DD)
- Employing Ethical Reasoning (ER)
- Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation (EI)
- Writing in the First Year (WF)
- Advanced Writing in the Disciplines (WD)
- Writing Intensive in the Major (WI)
- Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience (EX)
- Demonstrating Through and Action in a Capstone (CE)

VI. **NU Accelerate Courses Information and Recommendations**

Use the chart on the following page to assist you in determining your course preferences. As a reminder, students are responsible for registering for NU Accelerate courses via the Student Hub beginning January 10. We recommend being prepared with preferences as well as alternates in the event your top preferences reach enrollment capacity.

Spring Term Offerings

| Course Code | Name | NUpath Attributes | Required for the Following Major(s) <i>Note: this does not mean it is required for you to take as a NU Accelerate course- it means it is required at some point in your degree program</i> | Not recommended for students anticipating credit for: |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| ACCT 1201 | Financial Accounting and Reporting | None | Health Science and Business combined Khoury combined with any Business CAMD combined with any Business Music Industry majors DMSB majors | |
| AFAM 1135 | John Coltrane and the History of Jazz in the United States | <i>Pending university review, will have DD</i> | --- | --- |
| ARCH 1310 | Buildings and Cities, A Global History | IC/DD | Architecture Studio Art | --- |
| BUSN 1101 | Introduction to Business | Not applicable | BSBA majors only (BSIB and Combined majors with Business should not take this course) | --- |
| COMM 1101 | Intro to Communication Studies | SI/ER | Communication Studies All Communication Studies combined majors | --- |
| CS 1800/2 | Discrete Structures | FQ | All Khoury majors All Khoury combined majors | --- |
| ECON 1115 | Principles of Macroeconomics | SI/AD | BSBA majors only (BSIB majors should not take this course) Environmental Studies Economics All Economics combined majors International Affairs Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Health Science and Business Khoury majors combined with DMSB or Economics Civil Engineering (choose between ECON 1115 or 1116) | AP Macroeconomics IB Macroeconomics |
| ECON 1116 | Principles of Microeconomics | SI/AD | Environmental Studies Computer Science & Business AP Microeconomics IB Microeconomics & All Economics combined majors Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) International Affairs (choose between ECON 1115 or ECON 1116) Data Science & Business (choose between ECON 1115 or 1116) Khoury: Computer Science & Business, Data Science & Economics, Cybersecurity & Economics Civil Engineering (choose between ECON 1115 or 1116) Recommended Music Industry (choose between ECON 1115 or 1116) | AP Microeconomics IB Microeconomics |

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|------------------|---|-------------------|---|---|
| ENGW 1111 | First Year Writing | WF | All majors <i>As noted above, General Studies Program students will take this course as part of their program, so it is not recommended that they take it in the Spring 2022 or Summer 2022 terms.</i> | IB English A Language and Literature HL IB English A Literature HL AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition French Baccalaureate Language and Literature |
| HIST 2311 | Colonialism/Imperialism | DD/SI | HIST 2311 can be applied toward the History major but it is not the only course that fulfills the requirement | --- |
| JRNL 1150 | Understanding Today's News | SI/DD | Journalism All majors combined with Journalism | --- |
| MATH 1342 | Calculus 2 for Science/Engineering | FQ | <i>Eligibility for MATH 1342 is contingent upon a student already having equivalent credit for Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering (MATH 1341) through AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit. If you think you may be a fit for MATH 1342, please email reach out to the NU Accelerate team at nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu.</i> | |
| PHIL 1102 | Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues | SI/ER | -- | -- |
| PHTH 1260 | The American Healthcare System | SI | Health Science All Health Science combined majors | --- |
| POLS 1150 | American Government | SI | Political Science Political Science combined majors | AP United States Government and Politics |
| POLS 1160 | International Relations | SI | Political Science Political Science combined majors | |

Additional Notes for Consideration:

- **Bouvé College of Health Science Students:** Please note that Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology students need NUpath Interpreting Culture (IC). In addition, Public Health students need NUpath Ethical Reasoning (ER). All other Bouvé majors cover all the NUpath requirements.
- **College of Engineering Students:** Students will need to fulfill the following NUpath attributes: IC, DD, SI and EX; other attributes are fulfilled by required courses in the curriculum.

- **D'Amore-McKim School of Business BSIB Students:** Please note that the following courses are recommended for BSIB students: ENGW 1111 (either Spring Term or Summer Term), ACCT 1201, a course with the NUpath attribute ND, a course with the NUpath attribute DD.
- **Explore Program Students:** Explore students should connect with the Explore Program to discuss course options by emailing explore@northeastern.edu.
- **General Studies Program Students:** Please note that because ENGW 1111 is already built into the General Studies Program curriculum, we recommend that students not choose it as one of their NU Accelerate courses.
- **Khoury College of Computer Sciences Students:** Please note, because required courses for Khoury will automatically cover many NUpath attributes for Khoury students, we recommend students focus on NU Accelerate courses that offer attributes of EI, SI, DD, IC, or ER.

Contact Us!

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