

NU Immerse FAQ

Program Overview

What is NU Immerse?

NU Immerse is a transitional experience for non-native English-speaking students, offering advanced English language preparation and an introduction to college culture through a year-long program in Boston or London. This immersive program is an excellent start to a student's university studies and provides a comprehensive academic and cultural experience designed to help students succeed at Northeastern University and improve their English language skills.

For the highly motivated student, NU Immerse is an opportunity to jump into the flow of college life while exposing them to an environment that will allow them to develop academic skills, strengthen their résumé, and prepare for a successful transition to Northeastern. Throughout a student's time in NU Immerse, they will benefit from support every step of the way.

What is the diversity of the NU Immerse Program?

Approximately 1,300 students from 51 different countries were offered admission to the program this year. In last year's cohort of the Immerse program was made up of approximately 355 students, representing 29 different countries.

Admission to Program

Why are students offered admission to NU Immerse? Why are students not offered direct admission for Fall 2023?

Admission to Northeastern has become increasingly competitive and we are unable to admit every qualified applicant to the fall semester in Boston. After careful review of applications, the Admissions Committee felt believes the student can benefit from participating in the NU Immerse Program and taking part in additional English language preparation prior to transitioning into the full-time, undergraduate degree-seeking program.

Why are U.S. Citizen's (or went to high school in the United States) admitted into an English language immersion program?

Citizenship is not a consistent or reliable indicator of an individual's language fluency. Additionally, the Admissions Committee has taken student academic backgrounds into consideration when offering admission to the NU Immerse program. If a student have spent time studying in an English-medium academic program, it has been noted by the Admissions Committee, however, the Admissions Committee still felt that the student would be more successful at Northeastern through participation and completion of the NU Immerse program.

Are students able to be put on the waitlist for another program, such as Fall 2023 direct entry, or Spring 2024?

No. Northeastern evaluates all students for best fit for the programs that we offer during our admissions review. We are not able to re-evaluate an application or offer any alternative admissions decisions.

Are students able to enroll in NU Immerse if they require an I-20 in order to study in the United States?

Yes. Once a student has paid their enrollment deposit they can request their I-20 from the Office of Global Services, and then once received, students can apply for an F-1 nonimmigrant student visa.

If a student forgets to send their most recent results from the TOEFL iBT which are stronger than the results they previously shared, are they allowed to instead enroll in the undergraduate degree program to which they applied?

Admissions decisions are point-in-time decisions made with the information included within a student's application file; no appeals process is offered, and we will not be able to re-evaluate application materials or any new information submitted. Ultimately, students need to determine if the offer of admission that they received is the best fit for them both academically and personally.

Matriculation Standards

In order to successfully matriculate into the full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate program to which the student initially applied, what program requirements must be met?

- 3.0 GPA in academic coursework
- 3.0 GPA in English coursework
- For the fall term, earn a C or better in all courses
- For the spring term, earn a B- or better in all courses

How many students complete the program and matriculate to Northeastern in their 2nd year?

In 2022, 92% of NU Immerse students successfully completed the program with an average 3.6 GPA.

Once students complete the program, do they need to then apply as a transfer student?

No. Students who successfully complete the program requirements will be admitted to the undergraduate day program directly upon completion of the program—there is no additional application required.

What if an NU Immerse student do not meet the minimum academic requirements?

Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements can work with their advisor to apply to other institutions or determine what their next steps will be after completing the NU Immerse program.

Will NU Immerse appear on the official Northeastern transcript?

The Program name will not be indicated on the transcript. Courses completed during the NU Immerse Program will appear on the official Northeastern University transcript as transfer credits.

Will NU Immerse appear on the official Northeastern diploma?

No. Students who graduate from Northeastern University's Undergraduate day program after completing the NU Immerse Program will receive the same diploma as all other students.

Transition to Full-Time Student

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Are students be able to enroll in courses on Northeastern's Boston campus in either Summer I or Summer II, once they've completed NU Immerse?

No. However, students are encouraged to work with their advisor, and future college advisor to find classes at institutions in their home country which will be transferrable to their program. This meeting usually happens in the Spring semester during the NU Immerse Program.

Can students transfer into the undergraduate degree program following the first semester of the NU Immerse program?

No. The NU Immerse program is one year in length and students must successfully complete all program requirements in order to matriculate to the undergraduate day program in their second year of study.

Academic and Program Details

What is the average class size of the NU Immerse program?

The NU Immerse program provides smaller class sizes for more interaction with our faculty. English language classes are approximately 15 students and content courses are approximately 25 students.

What type of academic support does the program offer?

Every student has an academic advisor who supports their educational goals throughout the NU Immerse program. All of our faculty make time for students throughout their time in the program to provide additional support. Students can make use of one-on-one tutoring through the International Tutoring Center and peer tutoring in all math and economics courses. Students may also take advantage of group programming through the Global Student Success office.

Are students able to change their major before they begin NU Immerse? Can students change their major during the program?

Students can submit a request to change their major via their Application Status Check portal AFTER consulting with their NU Immerse academic advisor. All major change requests submitted during the program must be pre-approved by an NU Immerse academic advisor. There will be a deadline in the spring semester of their program after which students will be locked into a major until they begin their

fall semester as fully matriculated students at Northeastern. Once they have matriculated, they can discuss further major changes with their academic advisor in their home college.

Can students transfer in any advanced credits from AP exams, IB exams, or any other international matriculation exams which are recognized by Northeastern University?

Yes. Northeastern will accept up to 32 advanced test credits towards a student's degree. Students can learn more about advanced standing credits from any Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or other international matriculation examinations [here](#). All advanced credits will be processed after the successful completion of the NU Immerse program and matriculation to the university and will be applied to the remainder of their time at Northeastern. Advanced credits cannot be applied to the coursework a student undertakes during the NU Immerse program.

Are students able to participate in co-op during their first year?

No. All students at Northeastern must wait until their second year to begin co-op. NU Immerse students can take their co-op introduction course in the second semester of their sophomore year and begin their first co-op on the July-December co-op cycle entering their third year at Northeastern.

Does Northeastern provide housing during NU Immerse?

NU Immerse students will live in off-campus accommodations. One of our most popular off-campus options for Immerse students is LightView Apartments, a university affiliated student apartment complex with a wide range of amenities. Completed in September 2019, LightView offers students state-of-the-art housing at a prime location for Northeastern students. LightView offers a variety of apartment styles for 12-month leases beginning in September. Information about LightView can be found on the [American Campus website](#). Photographs, a full list of amenities, and competitive pricing details for each apartment style are included. In LightView, building-wide programming is provided by Community Assistants, who are current Northeastern students, and NU Immerse students living in LightView will have additional programming specific to their needs. NU Immerse Boston students may also opt to secure their own housing outside of university affiliated properties, and we would encourage students to use resources from Off Campus Housing and Support Services if students choose this option. LightView does not require that students be 18 years old to move-in, however, if they are not 18 at the time of signing the lease, they will need to have their parent (family member) who is their co-signer/guarantor sign the lease contract. The student's name will be on the contract, but the guarantor will sign the contract. In addition, the Guarantor will be expected to provide annual salary/income and photo ID. The student would be required to have their visa and I-20 to confirm finances. Since there wouldn't be any SSNs, there would not be a credit check. LightView would confirm financial eligibility similar to Boston area realtors (salary should be 3x annual rental cost). If you have any questions about off-campus housing as an under 18 student, please contact nuimmerseadmissions@northeastern.edu.

Are students able to graduate in 4 years? Are students be behind schedule if they first participate in NU Immerse?

Most NU Immerse students will be able to graduate in 4 years if they wish to prioritize a four-year graduation timeline. Students who have advanced standing credit or students who take summer classes or heavier loads during a term or two are very likely to finish in four years. Some students who study in programs in colleges such as Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Khoury College of Computer Sciences

may extend their time to graduating beyond 4 years. A student's timeline to graduation will also depend on whether the student wants to do 1, 2, or 3 co-ops, or if they choose to study abroad in a later semester. As with students who begin in the undergraduate day program directly, a larger focus on experiential learning opportunities may lengthen a student's overall timeline to graduation. ^[OBJ]

Do students gain any academic credits from the NU Immerse program?

NU Immerse Boston students can earn between 20-24 credit which will transfer fully to their program of study.

What courses do NU Immerse students complete while enrolled in the program program?

Please reference our course offerings indicated on the [program website](#) for potential course options for the Boston-based program.

Student Life

Can NU Immerse students join clubs and organization / use university resources?

Students can join most clubs and organizations on campus. They have access to all university resources including the International Tutoring Center, Global Student Success, and Peer Tutoring for math and economics classes.

What other extracurricular activities does the program offer?

In addition to having access to all campus activities and clubs, NU Immerse students will have the chance to participate in NU Immerse events such as trips to the New England Aquarium, skating on the Frog Pond, a field trip to Plymouth Plantation, ski trips, hockey and basketball games, and trips to local museums in Boston.

Next Steps and Additional Questions

How can students confirm their enrollment for NU Immerse?

To confirm enrollment, students need to submit their \$600 enrollment deposit via their [Application Status Check](#) by May 1.

Can NU Immerse students defer their enrollment?

No. We do not permit students who were offered admission through NU Immerse to defer their enrollment.

Can students choose to defer their acceptance for a year due to concerns about COVID-19?

No, our expectation is that the programs will be able to operate as planned for the fall 2023 - spring 2024 school year. If students are unable to participate in the program due to a personal circumstance related to COVID-19, the Admissions Committee will review their requests on a case-by-case basis.

Where do students learn about any federal student loans, or institutional need-based or merit-based grants and scholarships?

All admitted students are evaluated for merit-based scholarships, and all decisions about merit-based grants and scholarships are final. Unfortunately, with such a deep and talented applicant pool, we are unable to provide each admitted student with a merit-based scholarship.

U.S. Citizen, U.S. Dual Citizen, or U.S. Permanent Resident can apply for need-based financial aid by submitting the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS Profile](#) to Northeastern. Students can review their award letter in their [Application Status Check](#).

Please note, international students are not eligible for need-based financial aid. US Citizens & Permanent Residents are not eligible for federal financial aid during their year in NU Immerse as it is a pre-matriculated student program, and therefore they are selected with financial fit in mind alongside academic and personal fit. US Citizens & Permanent Residents may apply for need-based institutional and federal financial aid once they matriculate to Northeastern in their second year.