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Academic Advising

Will students work with advisors based in Oakland or Boston?

Two advisors for fall-entry freshmen for all majors and combined majors offered on the Oakland campus will provide general support in-person, and link students back to Boston for major-specific advising as needed. There will also be two additional shared services advisors on campus in Oakland to advise Global Scholars students. These advisors will work in person with
student at a general academic support level, and then connect students to their Boston-based academic advisor for degree-level advising as needed.

**Academics**

**Can Northeastern University Oakland Early Decision students take NU Accelerate courses?**
Yes.

**Are the degree programs at Mills College at Northeastern University accredited? Who is the accrediting body?**

Yes, the degree programs offered on the Oakland campus are accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education and compliant with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the state of California.

**Will Northeastern University Oakland students be able to take courses at other institutions in the Bay Area for credit?**

There is not a current plan for articulations or credit sharing with area institutions.

**Is the advanced standing credit policy the same for all Northeastern campuses?**

Yes, Northeastern's advanced standing credit policy can be reviewed [here](#).

**Will all courses be taught by Northeastern faculty or will graduate students teach some courses?**

Doctoral students may teach a handful of foundational courses. Most courses will be taught by full time and part time Northeastern faculty.

**Approximately what proportion of classes on the Oakland campus will be taught by full-time or tenure-track faculty compared to adjunct faculty?**

In addition to the many existing Mills College full time and tenured faculty already teaching on campus, Northeastern colleges will be hiring full time faculty to fulfill teaching needs in Oakland for the coming academic year. As Northeastern brings on more faculty, the long-term goal is to have most courses taught by full-time faculty, with a small number of course sections taught by part time faculty.

**What is the current student to faculty ratio for the fall 2022 - spring 2023 academic year?**
The fall 2022 – spring 2023 student to faculty ratio on the Oakland campus aligns with standard university ratios, although with a higher proportion of sections that have nineteen or under students.

What is the anticipated student to faculty ratio for the fall 2023 - spring 2024 academic year?

The student to faculty ratio for the coming academic year is anticipated to be similar to the 15:1 ratio of the Boston campus.

What is the current average class size? Is it anticipated that this will change for students beginning their studies in Oakland in fall 2023?

The average class size for Northeastern students studying on the Oakland campus is similar to Boston courses, most classes have nineteen students or under. The average class size for continuing students is around six. Next year, class sizes will be similar to the Boston campus.

What is a typical course load for a full-time student?

Between 16-19 credits.

Can students take more courses than a typical course load if they wish to do so?

Yes, students in Oakland follow the same course registration policies as students in Boston.

Will summer semester courses be offered?

A selection of summer courses will be offered to support Oakland degree-seeking students’ progress. If a Plan of Study calls for summer courses, they will be offered in Oakland.

Admissions

If I apply Early Decision to Northeastern and receive admission to the Oakland campus, will my admission still be binding?

Early Decision applicants will not be bound to an enrollment program if they are admitted into a program that was not their first-choice preference—their admission would be non-binding.

If I say in my Northeastern application that I am not interested in studying at a particular campus, does that mean it eliminates any possibility of being admitted to a program on that campus?
No, students will be considered for all Northeastern programs, but the Admissions Committee will prioritize programs that students have indicated a preference for when determining admissions decisions.

Can I defer my enrollment to an Oakland-based degree program?

Admitted students can request an enrollment deferral through their application status check page or by e-mailing deferadmission@northeastern.edu prior to July 1st. Students may only defer their enrollment for one year. Northeastern University Oakland does not offer the option to defer for a single semester. International citizens who are required to complete conscripted service may request deferred enrollment for more than one year and the Admissions Committee will review these requests on a case-by-case basis. Students will be required to pay a $1,000 deposit to confirm their enrollment deferral once the deferral is approved.

Athletics

What athletics and fitness programming are offered on the Oakland campus?

Currently, the Oakland campus has the following club sports: golf, ultimate frisbee, swimming, climbing, tennis, and lacrosse. In addition to club sports, students are also able to participate in the following intramural sports: badminton, basketball, chess, ping pong, soccer, and open gym volleyball. Students also have access to group fitness classes; offerings change monthly and include, but are not limited to: spin, yoga, Pilates, self-defense, Capoeira, and bootcamp. The Oakland campus will not have any NCAA intercollegiate teams.

Are there any plans to offer additional club or intramural teams starting in fall 2023 or within the next one to two years?

Club and intramural offerings will be driven by student interest. The University has structures in place to quickly launch teams according to demand. This fall new club teams were launched for the following sports: tennis, ultimate frisbee, climbing, golf, lacrosse, and swimming. Intramural sports have included soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and ping-pong. Additional sports will be offered based on student interest.

Do Northeastern University Oakland club teams compete against other college club teams?

Currently, club swimming is the only team that has engaged in outside competition for the current academic year, competing in a Masters meet. As official club seasons begin competition in the spring, there will more opportunities for intercollegiate competition if numbers allow. Specifically, for club teams we are looking to compete against local club teams such as University of California Berkeley, Santa Clara University, University of California Santa Cruz, and San Francisco State University. As club sports are established with four-year members, competitive opportunities will expand.
Do Northeastern University Oakland club teams have a specific division or league membership?

Currently, club teams do not have an official division or league.

**Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education**

What is the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) Enrollment Agreement and will a be required to sign an enrollment agreement as a student on the Oakland campus?

In the State of California, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) requires all new incoming students to review and sign an enrollment agreement with Northeastern University at the onset of their academic program. This agreement outlines educational program details and the student’s rights.

How often will I need to sign a new BPPE Enrollment Agreement?

Students will only need to sign this form once during their academic program, unless they change degree programs—at which time, they would be required to sign an updated agreement.

**Campus Life**

Is the social experience on the Oakland campus different for students that began studying at Mills before the merger compared with new Northeastern students studying on the Oakland campus? Do these groups interact on campus?

Many continuing Mills students live off-campus and therefore engage differently with social activities. All students who live in university housing, along with some commuter students, attend the same campus events and social activities. Additionally, the Center for Student Leadership, Equity, and Excellence and Campus Sports and Rec programs, along with excursions, and other events include all students. There is intentional programming to bring all students together such as mixers and large campus events.

Are students on the Oakland campus able to attend events hosted on the Boston campus virtually?

For major events in Boston, a virtual attendance option or a similar program is often offered. For example, each fall the Center for Student Involvement hosts a Homecoming Headliner comedy act. This year, the event was livestreamed in Oakland. Additionally, there are campus specific events on both campuses for Homecoming. This year, convocation was livestreamed.
with an in-person celebratory lunch on campus, but there will be a campus-specific commencement.

**Which student support services will be available on-site in Oakland and which will be available by connecting to existing resources based on the Boston campus?**

There are specific support services dedicated on-site in Oakland. Information can be found [here](#). Students can also access Boston based services/support such as WeCare, FIND@Northeastern.

**How many clubs and organizations currently exist on the Oakland campus? Can students in Oakland join clubs based in Boston if they convene virtually?**

There are currently 25 clubs and organizations on the Oakland campus. Closer collaboration with Boston-based clubs is planned for the coming academic year, but it is not a guaranteed that students studying on the Oakland campus will be able to participate in all clubs in based in Boston. Eligibility for participation in specific Boston-based clubs can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As the first class of Northeastern University Oakland students will begin their studies on campus in the fall 2023 semester, these students will have a significant influence over the development of new clubs and the continuation of existing clubs.

**Is there an admitted student group for students who will start in degree programs in Oakland for the fall 2023 semester?**

Closer to Orientation, we will invite students to join an online group. Additionally, many students join groups on various social media platforms.

**Is it possible to connect with a current student studying on the Oakland campus?**

Yes! We have students who work in the Admissions office who would be great resources. If you’d like to connect with a current Northeastern University Oakland student or continuing Mills College student, please reach out to millscollegeadmissions@northeastern.edu.

**Co-op**

**Will students in Oakland have access to all of the same co-op positions / employers as students in Boston?**

Yes, Oakland students will have access to the same co-op opportunities and employers as students studying on the Boston campus.
Will students be able to complete three co-ops in Oakland with a five-year graduation timeline?

Yes.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

What goals does Northeastern have for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within the inaugural cohort of degree-seeking students on the Oakland campus?

Northeastern University Oakland is working to build DEI committees composed of faculty, staff, and students. These committee will work on a three-year DEI strategic plan, which will include student enrollment goals, in addition to many other topics.

Will the DEI goals outlined for the Boston campus also be goals for the Oakland campus? If no, is there a separate plan outlined to ensure that DEI is a priority on the Oakland campus?

Each Northeastern campus will have its own goals around DEI that will broadly align with the goals in Boston, but each campus has the ability to prioritize issues that are more relevant to their respective communities.

**Global Experiences & Study Abroad**

When will I degree-seeking students on the Oakland campus first have the opportunity to study abroad?

Degree-seeking students that begin in the fall 2023 semester can apply to global experience offerings through GEO on the same timelines and through the same process as Boston-based students. Programs are offered in the summer I, summer II, full summer, spring, and fall terms. The incoming Fall 2023 cohort of matriculated/combined major students should be able to participate in Northeastern Dialogues as early as summer of 2024. The earliest they could spend a semester abroad would be in their 2nd year.

What study abroad options will be available to Oakland degree-seeking students?

Degree-seeking students in Oakland can apply for the following programs through GEO: traditional study abroad, Dialogues of Civilization, Semester In, and embedded spring programs (where students enroll in a spring course on Oakland campus and travel over spring break with the faculty member). Specific embedded programs may or may not be offered depending on Oakland faculty interest and departmental approvals.
When will I Global Scholars students on the Oakland campus first have the opportunity to study abroad?

Global Scholars students can apply to attend a Dialogue of Civilization program as early as summer 2024. That application cycle will open in November 2023.

**Mental Health & Wellness**

**How accessible are health and counseling services on campus?**

Students can call Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) during business hours and let the front desk know that they are interested in scheduling an appointment with a counselor who will talk with them about their concerns, provide support, and assist students in connecting with ongoing resources.

**Are there Northeastern staff on-site for emergencies? If yes, what hours are they available?**

Urgent same-day appointments can also be scheduled by contacting the front desk. Students can also visit CAPS during business hours to schedule appointments. CAPS Business Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Are students offered general counseling services or referrals to mental health professionals for long-term care?**

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides short term therapy, and can support students in connecting to Find@NU which includes access to 24/7 urgent mental health support and referrals for unlimited therapy.

**What level of support does Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offer students?**

Clinical considerations and scope of practice are used within the short-term model to support students. Course of treatment and the process of connecting to referrals may vary depending on different clinical situations, but brief therapy with on-campus counselors is offered and unlimited therapy through Find@Northeastern is available as well. Additional services offered: crisis support group services, outreach and workshops to connect students to other resources, and after-hours crisis support (available by calling (510) 430-2111 and selecting the crisis support option).

**Northeastern University Oakland**

**How many students are on campus currently (NU students + Mills continuing students)?**
As of the fall 2022 semester, 692 students: 230 Mills continuing students, across undergraduate and graduate programs, 221 NUin students, and 241 NU Bound students.

**How many students are anticipated to be on campus for the fall 2023 - spring 2024 academic year (NU students + Mills continuing students)?**

For the fall 2023 - spring 2024 academic year we anticipate that there will approximately 300 degree-seeking NU Oakland students, approximately 350 Global Scholars students, approximately 600 new Northeastern graduate students, and approximately 100 Mills continuing students.

**How many graduate programs will be offered in the fall 2023 semester?**

Six programs will be offered for the fall 2023 semester in the following areas: CAMD MS Game Science and Design, COE MS Information Systems and Bridge, COS MS Biotech, CPS MPS Analytics, DMSB MS Management (Entrepreneurship), and Khoury MS Computer Science Align.

**Oakland**

**What type of campus safety measures are in place on the Oakland campus?**

Northeastern Universities Oakland campus has an off-campus safety shuttle. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) operates on campus 24/7 and is able to provide students with an escort to any location on campus. During orientation, information is provided to students with off-campus and on-campus safety resources. Students also utilize the Safezone application, which offers direct access to 911 and DPS. Additionally, the Oakland campus features a RAVE emergency alert system.

**What public transit options are available to students living on campus?**

Public transit is available directly adjacent to the campus main gate. There is an AC Transit bus stop located outside the front gates of the campus, as well as a commuter bus line which will take students all the way to San Francisco.

**Do students get any student perks or benefits when studying on the Oakland campus?**

The University provides all students with an AC Transit EasyPass to ride public transportation, and many retailers and vendors in the Bay Area offer student discounts.

**Orientation**

**Will orientation be held virtually or in-person?**

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Orientation will be held in person, with virtual resources available.

**When will orientation be held?**

We are finalizing details and dates and will share once more information is available.

**Research**

**What will research opportunities look like on the Oakland campus?**

In light of the July 2022 merger between Mills College and Northeastern University, ongoing research on the Oakland campus is limited, but faculty research and research opportunities for students will be expanded in the coming years. The University is currently working to identify priority research areas for the Oakland campus.

**Service Learning**

**How will Northeastern University Oakland students interact with the East Bay community?**

The Office of the Provost will begin fostering partnerships and building course-related service-learning opportunities for the fall 2023 semester in early 2023.

**Student Financial Services**

**What is the annual tuition cost for students in degree programs in Oakland?**

The estimated cost for Northeastern University Oakland for the 2023-2024 academic year is $81,472 (USD). This cost includes $62,392 for tuition and fees, $10,610 for housing, and $8,470 for food for a total of $81,472 across the fall and spring terms. Please note that this program fee is an estimate that is subject to Board of Trustee approval.

**What percentage of Northeastern University Oakland students will be receiving need-based financial aid?**

Northeastern meets full demonstrated need for all admitted aid eligible students. The exact percentage of incoming students receiving need-based aid will depend on the need profile of admitted applicants, as is the case for all programs and locations.

**Are students required to pay an enrollment deposit?**

Yes, students will need to pay an enrollment deposit in order to confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission. The enrollment deposit will be $600 or $950 for international students (the...
additional cost covers the international student fee). This process will be the same as our process for students joining programs on the Boston campus.

**When will I receive my first bill?**

Students will typically receive their first tuition bill in July.

**Undocumented Students**

**Will undocumented students studying on the Northeastern University Oakland campus be able to participate in co-op?**

Yes, but they will require work authorization.

**University Housing**

**Will degree-seeking students studying on the Oakland campus live in Living Learning Communities (LLCs) during the fall 2023 - spring 2024 academic year?**

Yes, students will be able to choose from LLCs focused on some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today: Food Security; Technology, Ethics, and Creativity; and Health and Wellness.

**What housing options will be guaranteed for degree-seeking students on the Oakland campus?**

Degree-seeking students on the Oakland campus are guaranteed University Housing during their first year of study.