



NU Accelerate Course Selection Recommendation Guide

Welcome to the NU Accelerate Early Decision (ED) Course Selection Recommendation Guide, your primary tool in selecting your NU Accelerate course preferences!

NU Accelerate courses, selected specifically for ED students, provide students the opportunity to earn credits that can contribute toward graduation--through required coursework for a major or minor, requirements within the core curriculum, or elective credit. Students interested in taking NU Accelerate courses will not receive individualized advising regarding course selection. This document serves as your guide in identifying your Accelerate course preferences for the Summer 2023 terms. 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. Summer 2023 Course Offerings for NU Accelerate Early Decision Students

Full Summer Term Dates May 8 – August 17

Summer 1 Term Dates May 8 – June 27 (condensed term: 7.5 weeks in length)

Summer 2 Term Dates July 3 – August 22 (condensed term: 7.5 weeks in length)

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

- *A required accompanying seminar or recitation does not “count” as one of your two NU Accelerate courses.*
- *A spring term course dropped by January 30 does not “count” as one of your two NU Accelerate courses.*
- *A spring term course withdrawn after January 30 does count as one of your two NU Accelerate courses.*

Course Code	Name	Term(s) Offered
ACCT 1201	Financial Accounting and Reporting	Summer 2
ARCH 1310	Buildings and Cities, A Global History	Summer 1 and Summer 2
BUSN 1101	Introduction to Business	Summer 1 and Summer 2
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	Summer 1
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	Summer 1 and Summer 2
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	Summer 1 and Summer 2
ENGW 1111	First Year Writing	Full Summer
ENTR 2301	Innovation!	Summer 1 and Summer 2
HIST 1215	Origins of Today	Summer 2
HIST 2211	World Since 1945	Summer 1
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today’s News	Summer 1
MUSC 1001	Music for Everyday Life	Summer 2
PHIL 1102	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues	Summer 1 and Summer 2
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System	Summer 1 and Summer 2
PHTH 1270/AFRS 1270**	Introduction to Global Health	Summer 2
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	Summer 1

**** Introduction to Global Health is cross-listed, meaning it is one course but appears in the Northeastern University course catalog under two academic subject areas: PHTH (Public Health) and AFRS (African Studies).**

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

NU Accelerate Dates

- March 6: Deadline to Complete Enrollment Indicator on App Status Check
 - If you indicated interest in Spring Term you still need to indicate interest in Summer Term to be eligible
 - There is just one deadline—March 6—for indicating interest in any or all Summer Terms.
- Monday, March 13 at 12:00 a.m. EDT: Registration opens for NU Accelerate
- Wednesday, May 3: NU Accelerate Kick-Off virtual event (required for Summer 1 and Full Summer enrolling students; Summer 2 students are welcome to register as well)
- Thursday, June 29: NU Accelerate Kick-Off recorded virtual event – will be emailed

Term Dates as published by the [University Registrar Calendar](#)

Key Dates- Full Summer Term

- May 8: Full Summer courses begin
- May 16: Last day to add a course for Full Summer
- May 28: Last day to drop a course without a W for Full Summer
- August 13: Last day to drop a Full Summer course with a W
- August 17: Last day of final exams for Full Summer

Key Dates- Summer 1 Term

- May 8: Summer 1 courses begin
- May 10: Last day to add a course for Summer 1
- May 21: Last day to drop a course without a W for Summer 1
- June 25: Last day to drop a Summer 1 course with a W
- June 27: Last day of final exams for Summer 1

Key Dates- Summer 2 Term

- July 3: Summer 2 courses begin
- July 6: Last day to add a course for Summer 2
- July 17: Last day to drop a course without a W
- August 20: Last day to drop a Summer 2 course with a W
- August 22: Last day of final exams for Summer 2

**NU Accelerate follows the add/drop calendar as determined by the university's Registrar office.*

- *Dropping a course before the deadline means that the course title and credits will not appear on your pre-matriculation transcript.*
- *Withdrawing from a course means that the course title, credits and a "W," for withdrawal, will appear on your pre-matriculation transcript.*

- *Students are responsible for processing their drops and withdrawals via the Student Hub.*
- *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 Summer terms, 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 March 13.

- 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 2022-2023 academic year and may change.
- 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 Baccaauréat: To learn more about other types of advanced credit accepted by Northeastern University please visit the [Transfer Credit](#) webpage.

- 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:** section VI of this guide has a detailed chart with information and recommendations for the Summer Term courses.

✓ **Step 3: View the Virtual Event “Introduction to NU Accelerate”**

Key Date: February 28 at 6:00 p.m. EST- live and recorded

Hear 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 view a recording of the event.

✓ **Step 4: Review the Course Selection Recommendation Guide and the Course Registration Guide**

Key Date: Released to enrolling NU Accelerate students beginning March 8

This Guide as well as the Course Registration Guide 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 5: Registration Begins for NU Accelerate Summer Terms**

Key Date: March 13

Registration will open for NU Accelerate students on March 13 at 12:00 a.m. EDT. Students are responsible for logging into the Student Hub and registering for NU Accelerate courses they wish to take in the Summer 1, Full Summer and Summer 2 Terms. For detailed instructions please refer to the Course Registration Guide.

✓ **Step 6: Attend NU Accelerate Kick-Off Virtual Event**

Key Dates: May 3 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (hosted live, recorded and emailed) and June 29 (recorded and emailed)

Save the Date for the NU Accelerate Kick-Off virtual event to help prepare you for your academic journey in the Summer Term.

- ✓ **Step 7: Begin coursework for the Summer Terms!**
Key Date: May 8 for Summer 1 and Full Summer
Key Date: July 3 for Summer 2

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.

NUpath: 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.

Following are the NUpath attributes required for graduation: Below are the NUpath attributes required for graduation. Note that for the attributes with the asterisk, students may use transfer credit and NU Accelerate courses to fulfill up to five attributes; the remaining attributes would need to be fulfilled during the student’s degree program.

- 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 this chart 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 March 13. We recommend being prepared with preferences as well as alternates in the event your top preferences reach enrollment capacity.

Summer 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	D'Amore-McKim School of Business (DMSB) majors Any major combined with Business Music Industry majors	---
ARCH 1310	Buildings and Cities, A Global History	IC/DD	Architecture Studio Art Civil Engineering and Architectural Studies Environmental Engineering and Landscape Architecture	---
BUSN 1101	Introduction to Business	Not applicable	D'Amore-McKim BS Business Administration majors – strongly encouraged (BS International Business and Combined majors with Business should not take this course)	---
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	SI/ER	Communication Studies All Communication Studies 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 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) Civil Engineering (choose between ECON 1115 or 1116) Khoury: Computer Science & Business, Data Science & Economics, Cybersecurity & Economics Music Industry	AP Microeconomics IB Microeconomics

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:
ENGW 1111	First Year Writing	WF	All majors <i>As noted in the section below, 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 2023 or Summer 2023 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
ENTR 2301	Innovation!	EI	Encouraged for BS International Business majors	---
HIST 1215	Origins of Today	IC/DD	---	---
HIST 2211	World Since 1945	SI/DD	Environmental Science and International Affairs combined major	---
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	SI/DD	Journalism All majors combined with Journalism	---
MUSC 1001	Music in Everyday Life	EI/IC	All Music majors	---
PHIL 1102	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues	SI/ER	--	---
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System	SI	Health Science All Health Science combined majors Public Health	---
PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health	SI	One of a few courses that can be used as a requirement for Health Science majors and Public Health majors	---
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	ND/SI	All Bouvé majors including combined majors <i>with the exception of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BS)</i> Behavioral Neuroscience Linguistics Psychology All Psychology combined majors Khoury majors combined with Behav. Neuroscience	IB Psychology HL AP Psychology

Additional information for particular colleges/programs can be found on the following pages.

Additional Notes for Consideration:

For specific colleges and programs, including N.U.in and Global Scholars (page 10)

- **Bouvé College of Health Science Students:** Please note that Pharmacy students need NUpath Interpreting Culture (IC) and Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation (EI).

Pharmaceutical Sciences students need NUpath Interpreting Culture (IC), Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation (EI), Engaging Difference and Diversity (DD), and Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI). Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology students need NUpath Interpreting Culture (IC). Public Health students need NUpath Employing 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 BS International Business students: ENGW 1111 (either Spring Term or Summer Term), 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. If you are considering BUSN 1101, please note that this is a good exploratory course which will help you get a sense of what it is like to be a business major. Please note, it does not fulfill a major requirement for the BS Business Administration major. It will, however, fulfill a requirement for the business minor as a general business elective.
- **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.

Guidance for N.U.in and Global Scholars Students

- **N.U.in Students:**
 - The N.U.in Team strongly discourages the following courses for N.U.in students: ECON 1115, ECON 1116 and PSYC 1101*
 - PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1270: recommended for Public Health majors
 - ENGW 1111: recommended for Scotland students only; all other N.U.in students are discouraged to enroll in this course
 - BUSN 1101: recommended for DSMB majors
 - ACCT 1201: recommended for DMSB majors and any Business combined major
 - COMM 1101: recommended for any major
- **Global Scholars Students:**
 - The Global Scholars team strongly discourages the following courses for Global Scholars students: ECON 1115, ECON 1116, PSYC 1101*, ACCT 1201
 - PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1270: recommended for Public Health majors
 - BUSN 1101: recommended for DSMB majors

- ARCH 1310: recommended for COE majors, especially Architecture combined majors

*The College of Science emphasizes that taking PSYC 1101 through NU Accelerate would be very restricting for its N.U.in and Global Scholars students based on the curriculum planned for Fall 2023.

Contact Us!

A reminder that the NU Accelerate Team is ready to assist you with your questions at nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu.