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Academic Advising

When do students begin to plan their fall course schedules?

Oakland Academic Advising will reach out to incoming first-year students over the summer to begin planning fall course schedules. This process begins with the completion of a pre-advising survey that requests feedback on anticipated advanced standing credits that students will transfer towards their Northeastern program. Students will receive the pre-advising survey in mid-May and should complete the survey by July 1st. If students have not completed a survey or

did not receive a survey, they should reach out to Advising for assistance at oaklandadvising@northeastern.edu.

Do students have an opportunity to make schedule adjustments?

Yes, students will receive a preliminary schedule over the summer and have an opportunity to share feedback on their schedule with an advisor. Students will be able to work with advisors to ensure that they will complete coursework that accounts for any advanced standing credits they expect to transfer towards their degree program at Northeastern.

Do students work with advisors based in Oakland or Boston?

First-year and Global Scholars students studying in Oakland will work with one of four academic advisors for all majors and combined majors offered on the Oakland campus. These advisors provide general support in-person, and link students back to Boston for major-specific advising as needed.

What resources will students have if they know in their first year in Oakland that they wish to pursue a major not offered at the Oakland campus?

If a student knows that they are interested in pursuing a program not offered in Oakland while studying in Oakland, their academic advisor will work with them to make course recommendations that will allow them to make progress towards the major they will pursue in Boston from their second year onwards during their first year in Oakland.

Can students change their major to a program not offered in Oakland?

While studying in Oakland, students will only be able to study in majors offered through the Oakland campus or the Discover Oakland program. Students who transition to Boston for their second year of study will be able to request a major change to a major not offered in Oakland prior to their transition to the Boston campus in the late spring or early summer.

Academics

What courses will be offered on the Oakland campus for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters?

Course offerings for the 2024 – 2025 academic year have not been determined yet, but examples of current course offerings can be found [here](#).

Are all classes offered in-person?

Yes, all classes are taught in person.

Can Northeastern University Oakland complete their full degree in the Bay Area?

Yes, students admitted to a degree program in Oakland will be able to complete their full degree through the Oakland campus or transition to Boston after their first year to complete their degree through the Boston campus.

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

Yes.

Are the degree programs at Northeastern University Oakland 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 currently a 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?

Most courses are taught by full-time faculty. In addition to the full-time and tenured faculty already teaching on campus, Northeastern colleges will continue to hire full-time faculty to teach in Oakland.

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

The fall 2023 – spring 2024 student to faculty ratio on the Oakland campus is aligned with the Boston campus, although with a higher proportion of course sections that have nineteen or fewer students.

What is the anticipated student to faculty ratio for the fall 2024 - spring 2025 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 2024?

The average class size for Northeastern students studying on the Oakland campus is similar to courses taught on the Boston campus, most classes have nineteen students or fewer.

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 may be offered to support Oakland degree-seeking students' progress if a Plan of Study calls for summer courses. This will be determined by the home college of each degree program.

Is the academic calendar in Oakland the same as the Boston campus?

Yes, with the exception of state-specific holidays, the schedules are the same. The academic calendar can be reviewed [here](#).

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 a student applies with Oakland or 'Any' campus / program as their first preference, then their decision will be binding if they are admitted to the Oakland campus.

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 are 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 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. Students approved for deferred admission will have the same opportunity to transfer to Boston after their first year of study on the Oakland campus.

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 2024 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? [\[OBJ\]](#)

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? [\[OBJ\]](#)

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 students' rights.

How often will I need to sign a new BPPE Enrollment Agreement? [\[OBJ\]](#)

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.

What is the STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FUND (STRF) Fee?

The State of California created the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic losses suffered by students in educational programs who are California residents or are enrolled in a residency program attending certain schools regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

What is the amount of the STRF assessment?

Each qualifying institution must collect an assessment of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This fee may change depending on the BPPE fund balance.

Note: This fee is mandatory and cannot be waived.

Is it mandatory to sign and what is the penalty for not signing?

All students are required to sign an enrollment agreement by the State law of California. This requirement is for any student who resides in the state of California and/or is taking courses in the state. This is mandatory per California and can't be waived.

Is it mandatory to sign even if a student intends to transition to the Boston campus after their first year in Oakland?

Yes, it will still be mandatory to sign the enrollment agreement, even if students intend to transition to the Boston campus beginning in the fall 2025 semester.

What if I have questions about the financial charges in the Enrollment Agreement?

In certain cases, specific information fields are completed with estimated information. In these cases, please note that student financial services advisors are available to discuss your individual circumstances. Admitted students who have questions about their enrollment agreement may contact Student Financial Services via the [SFS Service portal](#). Note: Students will need to use their university credentials to log in.

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 are 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 guaranteed that students studying on the Oakland campus will be able to participate in all clubs based in Boston. Eligibility for participation in specific Boston-based clubs can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As the first degree-seeking 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.

What are students' favorite things to do on campus?

Students enjoy hanging out or studying at the Tea Shop, playing intramural sports with friends, attending campus-wide events, concerts, and movie nights, swimming at the campus pool and playing tennis on the court. There are also a number of clubs and organizations that students participate in throughout the semester.

What do weekends look like on the Oakland campus?

There are a range of activities on campus over the weekends, including concerts and other events, as well as movie nights and food trucks. There are also standing basketball and soccer games that any student can join. The University also provides off-campus excursions for students. Last year students took group trips to Yosemite National Park to hike, Lake Tahoe to Ski, and Marin County to go horseback riding..

What dining options are available on campus?

Our campus dining options feature local ingredients, authentic flavors, and farm-fresh produce (including some harvested from the Mills community farm). Guests can enjoy all-you-care-to-eat dining at Founders Commons, featuring a variety of rotating menu items including vegan and vegetarian options, a fresh salad bar, and traditional student favorites. The Tea Shop features a café market-style experience with a coffee bar, made-to-order deli, and a changing selection of hot entrées. At Café Suzie, students can stop in for grab-and-go snacks and beverages, grocery items, and school pride merchandise. Students can also order in advance at campus vendors through the GrubHub app or use one of the kiosks to order when visiting our dining facilities.

Are students able to have cars on campus and park on campus?

Yes, residential parking permits are available to students.

How can students learn more about student life in Oakland?

Follow us on social channels! @millscollege and @nuadmissions on Instagram.

What is the main difference between the Oakland and Boston campuses?

Boston and Oakland students have similar learning opportunities, though currently the selection of full majors on the Oakland campus is much smaller than the Boston campus. Students on both campuses are able to take part in research, co-op, service, and global opportunities. The main differences between the campuses would be that the Oakland campus has a smaller number of students, which gives it a tight-knit family feel. Additionally, the Oakland campus is

also very focused on experiential entrepreneurship and is of course in close proximity to Silicon Valley, San Francisco, and many scenic outdoor destinations. Lastly, the weather in Oakland is warmer year-round.

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 oaklandadmissions@northeastern.edu.

Campus Safety

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.

How safe is campus?

The Oakland campus is very safe. The campus entrance is gated and anyone who enters must do so through the main gate and be approved by security. Additionally, we have campus security throughout campus and students are welcome to call the security hotline if they feel unsafe or would like to be escorted anywhere on campus if they have an evening class or feel uncomfortable for any reason.

What is done to keep the campus safe?

The campus is fenced, with one main access point monitored by Public Safety. The Public Safety team on location operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and serves the entire campus community. The team responds to emergencies, but also provides support services to the campus population, such as escorts to vehicles or residence halls after dark. Northeastern University utilizes the NU Alert Emergency Notification System for communicating emergency notifications, timely warnings, and other types of information to the Northeastern community.

Is it safe to travel off campus?

Feelings about safety are very personal and individual. It is important to be alert and aware of your surroundings regardless of where you are, and our campus and the surrounding area are no exception. There are many things to do and see in the city of Oakland. Students can utilize the SafeZone app when off campus, which connects users 24/7 to local emergency services (i.e., 911), as well as contacting the Oakland campus Public Safety office by phone. There are many art galleries, museums, music venues, restaurants, independent businesses, maker spaces, community-based organizations, and cultural centers around the city, and these provide opportunities for students to learn about and experience the vibrant life of Oakland.

Are there safe ways to get around the city?

Students can explore Oakland in a variety of ways, but there is also a transportation service that brings students from campus to select areas within Oakland for shopping, dining, gyms, banking, and other amenities.

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.

Discover Oakland

What is Discover Oakland?

Discover Oakland is a one-year series of courses, activities, and dedicated advising provided to support students who have not yet selected a major and want to better understand their options.

What does advising look like for students in the Discover Oakland Program?

Discover Oakland provides dedicated advising to undecided students. These advisors help with scheduling to ensure that students are completing courses that will apply to their intended major and on track with their graduation timeline. The Advising Team is trained to help guide undecided students and have experience with the curricula for each of the majors offered in Oakland. The advising team in Oakland maintains regular meetings with the advising unit in each of the colleges to provide additional support for undecided students.

What types of programming will be available to support Discover Oakland students?

Throughout the year, dedicated programming will be provided for undecided students to explore the majors offered at the Oakland campus, to meet with faculty and current students in the majors, and to learn about the opportunities for industry-related programming. Discover Oakland students will be encouraged to participate in all programming offered on campus and regional partnerships.

How long will students be in the Discover Oakland program?

Students will be in the program no longer than one academic year. Our goal is to help you become part of the Northeastern University Oakland community and select a major in your first year of study.

How do students get scheduled for classes?

During the summer, advisors will send students a survey to fill out that will help identify their areas of interest and any AP, IB, A-level, or transfer credit they will bring to Northeastern University Oakland. Based on their answers to that survey, they will be scheduled in classes that will help them narrow their major selection down during the fall semester. In the fall of their first year, their advisor will work with them to schedule spring classes and finalize their choice of major by the end of the spring semester.

What kind of support will students receive to help them choose a major?

With the support of their academic advisor, students will develop a personalized plan to help them select a major. Their plan will include attendance at campus events, a speaker series, visits to businesses in the community, and conversations with faculty.

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 committees will work on a three-year DEI Action Plan, in addition to many other topics.

Will the DEI goals outlined for the Boston campus also be goals for the Oakland campus? If not, 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

Can students on the Oakland campus participate in the same global experiences as Boston students?

Yes. Students on both campuses have access to the same selection of global experience programs, such as [Study Abroad](#) and [Dialogues of Civilization](#). Eligibility requirements and application processes vary by program type and are the same regardless of your campus location.

What support for global experiences is available to students on the Oakland campus?

The [Global Experience Office](#) (GEO) offers in-person advising (drop-in and by appointment), virtual advising, as well as in-person programming and events, to students located on the Oakland campus.

International Students

What actions do students need to take to begin their studies as an international student?

International Students will need to work with the [Office of Global Services](#) (OGS) to move forward with clarifying the intent on how they plan to study in the U.S. Students planning to study on an F-1 student visa will need to apply for an I-20 to complete this process. This process can be outlined from this link [here](#).

When will students receive their I-20 after submitting a request?

Northeastern's Office of Global Services will process and issue I-20s as quickly as possible once they've received the e-form request. They ensure that the request documentation is complete and accurate submissions will help ensure that it is processed in a timely fashion from the date of submission. If you have questions about the I-20 process, you can connect with the Office of Global Services through their [self-service portal](#).

Will international students need to update their I-20 if they are transitioning to the Boston campus after their first year in Oakland?

Students will need to update their I-20, but this is a relatively straightforward process called an intercampus transfer that Northeastern's Office of Global Services will support students with.

Mental Health & Wellness

How accessible are health and counseling services on campus?

Students can call Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 510-430-2111 during business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM PT) 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. Students can also visit the Cowell building to schedule a CAPS appointment with the front desk.

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 in Cowell. Students can also visit CAPS during business hours to schedule appointments. CAPS Business Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PT, 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. The course of treatment and the process of connecting to referrals may vary depending on different clinical situations. Brief therapy with on-campus CAPS counselors and unlimited therapy through Find@Northeastern is available as well. Additional services offered: support group services, outreach and workshops, resource referral services, and 24/7 mental health support available through Find@Northeastern.

Northeastern University Oakland

How many students are on campus currently (NU students + Mills continuing students)?

As of the fall 2023 semester, 1,037 students: 800 first year undergraduate students, 119 first-year graduate students, and 136 continuing Mills students across undergraduate and graduate programs.

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 2024 - spring 2025 academic year we anticipate that there will approximately 400 degree-seeking NU Oakland students, approximately 475 Global Scholars students (each semester), approximately 150 new Northeastern graduate students, and approximately 50 Mills continuing students.

How many graduate programs will be offered in the fall 2024 semester?

Nine 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, COS MS Bioinformatics, CSSH MPA Public Administration, MC MA Early Childhood Education, CPS MPS Analytics, DMSB MS Management (Entrepreneurship), and Khoury MS Computer Science Align.

Oakland

How easy is it to get around Oakland and other parts of the Bay Area?

It's quite easy for students to get to San Francisco or Berkeley from campus. Students are provided with a [Clipper Card](#) which allows them to access public transit that can take them to different areas around the Bay via bus or the BART. Students will need to load funds onto the card in order to access BART and Muni. There is also a campus shuttle that takes students to designated locations around the city.

What is the area around campus like?

The area around campus is a residential community but offers easy access to commercial districts in downtown Oakland, Piedmont, Temescal, Rockridge, Berkeley, and San Francisco via public transit, with a transit stop just outside of the campus gate. Additionally, the Laurel district is a 15–20-minute walk from the center of campus and features many shops and restaurants.

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?

Many retailers and vendors in the Bay Area offer student discounts.

Orientation

Will orientation be held virtually or in-person?

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

When will orientation be held?

Orientation will be held immediately prior to the start of the fall semester, exact dates will be shared over the summer.

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?

Building off of long-standing and newly emerging partnerships, Northeastern faculty and campus leadership have developed courses, co-curricular activities, and regional learning experiences that integrate directly into diverse areas of the curriculum. Students have numerous options to participate in experiential learning through project-based courses and service-learning opportunities that engage with local partners and communities.

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 2024-2025 academic year is \$87,061 (USD). This cost includes \$65,441 for tuition and fees, \$12,500 for housing, and \$9,120 for food for a total of \$87,061 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 depends 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.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus, will they keep the same financial aid package they were offered for the Oakland campus?

Students will be able to keep any Northeastern funding. Northeastern merit and need-based aid will remain in place regardless of campus location, subject to all other terms and conditions for

the respective fund. Federal and state funding are subject to annual review using results from annual submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Determination of eligibility for most federal and state funds is independent of campus location.

If a student is receiving the Cal Grant and transitions to the Boston campus, will they be able to use Cal Grant funding to study at the Boston campus?

No, students will not be able to utilize Cal Grant funding at the Boston campus. If students receiving Cal Grant funds wish to transition to the Boston campus, they should work with our Student Financial Services Office to understand how the campus transition will impact their overall financial aid award.

Transition to Boston Campus

What is the policy for transition to the Boston campus?

Northeastern University Oakland undergraduate students are eligible to transition to the Boston campus after their first year of study. Students that begin in the Discover Oakland Program (undecided) will need to declare a major prior to transitioning to the Boston campus.

Does your major impact your ability to transition to the Boston campus?

No, students will be able to transition to the Boston campus in their second year of study regardless of their major. However, students in the Discover Oakland Program (undecided) will need to declare a major prior to transitioning to the Boston campus.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus and is interested in a major not offered in Oakland, will they need to apply for that major?

If a student wishes to change their major to a program not offered in Oakland, they will need to submit a major change request prior to transitioning to the Boston campus.

Is there a limit to how many students will be allowed to transfer to the Boston campus for their second year?

No.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus, will they be guaranteed university housing for their second year in Boston?

Students who choose to transition to the Boston campus for their second year will be guaranteed one year of university housing in Boston for their second year. University housing in Boston for students in their third year and beyond is limited and on a space available basis, this is true for all students studying in Boston regardless of their academic program or admissions offer. These students live in a mix of university and off-campus housing in Boston or participate in co-op, study abroad, or learning opportunities outside of Boston.

What supports are available to help students find housing in their third year in Boston and beyond?

Students are able to submit a housing application for their third year in Boston and beyond. Additional details are available [here](#). Additionally, our [Office of Off Campus Engagement and Support](#) can assist students with finding housing in the city of Boston.

If a student wants to transition to the Boston campus after studying in Oakland for two years, are they able to do so?

Yes, but they will not be guaranteed university housing for their third year of study (first year in Boston) in this case.

Can students choose to live off campus in their second year in Boston?

Yes, if a student decides that they would prefer to live off campus in their second year in Boston they will not be restricted to university housing.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus, will they be considered a transfer student?

Students that transition to the Boston campus are transferring campuses within Northeastern University. Your academic program (assuming you are not changing majors), and grades will remain the same and all classes will be on a single academic transcript. Some experiences, such as orientation to the Boston campus, may be more similar to that of a traditional transfer student as compared to a student who is starting college for the first time on a new campus.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus, will they complete their degree on that campus for the remaining three years?

Yes, if a student transitions to the Boston campus, they should expect to complete their degree through that campus.

If a student transitions to the Boston campus, will they still be able to graduate in four years?

Yes, however, a student's timeline to graduation may depend on a number of factors, including, but not limited to how many advanced standing credits they transfer to Northeastern, how many experiential learning opportunities they wish to pursue, and whether or not they change their major over the course of their program of study.

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

When will the housing application become available?

Students will gain access to the housing application sometime in July.

When is the move-in date for the fall semester?

The move-in date for the fall semester has not yet been determined, but will be shared over the summer.

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

Undergraduates who enter as first-year students in Oakland through fall admission will live in university housing during their first and second years, unless a global experience or co-op experience takes them outside of the city of Oakland. Students who continue their studies in Oakland for the remainder of their program and who meet annual housing application and deposit deadlines will have guaranteed university housing in Oakland for four years.

Will students live in Living Learning Communities during their first year in Oakland?

Yes, all first-year students participate in a Living Learning Community (LLC). An LLC brings students together around a theme. LLCs connect your residential experience with academic life

supported by various co-curricular events and activities throughout the year. LLC themes for the fall 2024 – spring 2025 semesters have not been determined yet, but for the fall 2023 – spring 2024 academic year, the LLC themes were Health and Wellbeing; Technology, Ethics and Creativity; and Food Sustainability. Students will receive communication in spring 2023 when they can express their LLC preferences, which will inform housing placement.

What are the dorms like?

Students can learn more about residence life and dorms on campus [here](#).