



NU Accelerate Course Selection Guide

Welcome to the NU Accelerate Early Decision (ED) Course Selection Guide, your primary tool in identifying 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 2024 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 2024 Term Dates, Format and Time Commitment

Term Dates

NU Accelerate courses will run during the following summer terms:

Full Summer Term: May 6 – August 15

Summer 1 Term: May 6 – June 25 (condensed term: 7.5 weeks in length)

Summer 2 Term: July 1 – August 20 (condensed term: 7.5 weeks in length)

Format

NU Accelerate courses are online and asynchronous. There is no set date and time to log on live with the faculty member. Students will access their NU Accelerate coursework (recorded lectures, online materials) via Canvas.

Time Commitment

Full Summer courses run for 15 weeks. For each 4-credit course, students can expect to spend, on average, 8 hours per week on coursework.

Summer 1 and Summer 2 courses run for 7.5 weeks. For each 4-credit course, students can expect to spend, on average, 16 hours per week on coursework. Summer 1 and Summer 2 are condensed terms, meaning the content is delivered in half the time, making the weekly time commitment greater.

II. Course Credit and Transcript

Your NU Accelerate courses are undergraduate courses that will be transcribed on your **undergraduate transcript** with its full title, course code, credits and grade earned. Grade(s) earned will factor into your cumulative undergraduate GPA. Please note that NU Accelerate courses are not pass/fail.

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 or withdraw from a course.

III. Important Dates

NU Accelerate Dates

- February 29: Deadline to Complete Intent to Enroll in App Status Check
- Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 a.m. EDT: Registration opens for NU Accelerate
- Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. EDT: 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 27: NU Accelerate Kick-Off recorded virtual event – will be emailed

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

Full Summer Term

- May 6: Full Summer courses begin
- May 14: Last day to add a course
- May 26: Last day to drop a course without a W
- August 11: Last day to drop a course with a W
- August 15: Last day of final exams

Summer 1 Term

- May 6: Summer 1 courses begin
- May 8: Last day to add a course
- May 19: Last day to drop a course without a W
- June 23: Last day to drop a course with a W
- June 25: Last day of final exams

Summer 2 Term

- July 1: Summer 2 courses begin
- July 3: Last day to add a course
- July 15: Last day to drop a course without a W
- August 18: Last day to drop a course with a W
- August 20: Last day of final exams

**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 undergraduate transcript. There is no letter grade or impact on undergraduate GPA.
- ***Withdrawing*** from a course means that the course title, credits and a "W," for withdrawal, will appear on your undergraduate transcript. There is no letter grade or impact on undergraduate GPA.
- *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.

- a. **Required courses for your major:** The chart below shows which NU Accelerate courses are requirements for certain majors. You may also visit the [undergraduate course catalog](#) to click on your college and academic program to view your full list of major requirements. Please note the course catalog reflects requirements for the 2023-2024 academic year and may change for future years.
- b. **Your anticipated advanced credit:** (AP, IB, dual enrollment or other college-level courses): Consider what advanced credit courses you have completed or will complete during your senior year. Below are Northeastern University's policies on advanced credit:
 - ◆ **Advanced Placement:** Northeastern accepts scores of 4 or 5 for credit. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours. Use the [Advanced Placement Guide](#) for more information.
 - ◆ **International Baccalaureate:** Northeastern accepts scores of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level exams only. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours.
 - ◆ **Dual enrollment or college courses:** If you have taken a dual enrollment or other college-level course for transfer credit to Northeastern, use the [Transfer Equivalency Database](#). Enter the course information to see if it has been evaluated for Northeastern transfer credit. If it has not and you would like it to be evaluated, send an email with the course syllabus to admissions@northeastern.edu for evaluation.
 - ◆ **Other Advanced credit, such as French Baccalauréat:** To learn more about other types of advanced credit accepted by Northeastern University please review the [Transfer Credit Policy](#) document.
- c. **NUpath attributes:** As described below in **Section V** of this guide, you will need to fulfill NUpath attributes in order to graduate and will do so through transfer credit, electives, and requirements for major, minor, and concentration. NU Accelerate is an opportunity to complete some of these requirements as well.
- d. **NU Accelerate Courses:** Section VI of this guide has a detailed chart with information and recommendations for the Summer Term courses.

✓ **Step 3: Attend the Virtual Event "Introduction to NU Accelerate"**

Key Date: February 26 at 6:00 p.m. EDT- 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.

Register via App Status Check

A recording will be emailed to students and will also be posted to the website.

- ✓ **Step 4: Complete the Intent to Enroll form in your Application Status Check**
Key Date: February 20 – February 29 at 11:59 p.m. EDT
 Visit your Application Status Check in your portal to indicate your intent to enroll in the Summer Term.

- ✓ **Step 5: Review this Course Selection Guide (this guide!)**
Key Date: Now – March 13
 These documents will assist you in deciding on your preferred and alternate courses. We recommend having alternate courses selected in case your top choice(s) have reached enrollment capacity. Please note that your top course preferences are not guaranteed.

- ✓ **Step 6: Registration Begins for NU Accelerate 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, which will be posted to our website and emailed to students in early March.

- ✓ **Step 7: Attend NU Accelerate Kick-Off Virtual Event**
Key Dates: April 22 (6:00 p.m. EDT) and June 29 (pre-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 8: Begin coursework for the Summer Terms!**
Key Date: May 6 for Summer 1 and Full Summer
Key Date: July 1 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:

- 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

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	Term(s) Offered	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	Summer 1 Summer 2	None	D'Amore-McKim School of Business (DMSB) majors Any major combined with Business Music Industry majors	---
ARCH 1310/ 1311*	Buildings and Cities, A Global History	Summer 1 Summer 2	IC and DD	Architecture Studio Art Civil Engineering and Architectural Studies Environmental Engineering and Landscape Architecture	---
BUSN 1101	Introduction to Business	Summer 1	Not applicable	BS Business Administration majors only (BS International Business majors and Combined majors with Business should not take this course)	---
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	Summer 1 Summer 2	SI and ER	Communication Studies All Communication Studies combined majors	---
CS 1800/ 1802*	Discrete Structures	Summer 2	FQ	All Khoury majors All Khoury combined majors All Computer Engineering majors	---

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ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	Summer 2	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	Summer 1	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
ENGW 1111	First Year Writing	Full Summer	WF	All majors <i>General Studies Program students will take this course as part of their program, so it is not recommended that they take it in the Summer 2024 terms.</i>	IB English A Language and Literature HL IB English A Literature HL AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition French Baccalaureate Language and Literature
HIST 1215	Origins of Today	Summer 2	IC and DD	---	---
HIST 2211	World Since 1945	Summer 1	SI and DD	Environmental Science and International Affairs combined major	---

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INTB 1203	International Business and Global Social Responsibility	Summer 1 Summer 2	ER and IC	BS Business Administration majors only (BS International Business majors and Combined majors with Business should not take this course)	---
MATH 1231	Calculus 1 for Business/ Economics	Full Summer	FQ	All DMSB majors* Economics (choice between 1341 or 1231) *Strongly encouraged but not required for BSIB and IAIB majors	IB Mathematics HL Calculus AB or BC Advanced Placement French Baccalaureate Mathematics, Maths, or Mathematiques
MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science/ Engineering	Full Summer	FQ	All Engineering majors All Engineering combined majors All Khoury majors All Khoury combined majors except CS and Design All COS majors except for the following: Environmental Studies, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, & Linguistics Health Science (satisfies MATH 1241 req) All Health Science combined majors (satisfies MATH req) Nursing (satisfies MATH req) Pharmacy (satisfies MATH 1245 req) Pharmaceutical Sciences (satisfies MATH 1245 req) Economics (choice between 1341 or 1231) Architecture (five-year program) (satisfies MATH 1241 requirement)	IB Mathematics HL Calculus AB or BC Advanced Placement French Baccalaureate Mathematics, Maths, or Mathematiques
MUSC 1001	Music in Everyday Life	Summer 2	EI and IC	All Music majors	---
PHIL 1102	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues	Summer 1 Summer 2	SI and ER	--	---
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System	Summer 1 Summer 2	SI	Health Science All Health Science combined majors Public Health	---
PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health	Summer 1 Summer 2	SI	One of a few courses that can be used as a requirement for Health Science majors and Public Health majors	---

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POLS 1150	American Government	Summer 1	SI	Political Science majors Political Science combined majors Politics Philosophy & Economics (PPE) – POLS 1150 is one of two classes that can meet a requirement	AP United States Government & Politics
POLS 1160	International Relations	Summer 1 Summer 2	SI	International Affairs majors Political Science majors Political Science combined majors Politics, Philosophy, Economics (PPE)	---
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	Summer 1	ND and SI	All Bouvé majors including combined majors Behavioral Neuroscience Linguistics Psychology All Psychology combined majors Khoury majors combined with Behav. Neuroscience	IB Psychology HL AP Psychology

** This course has an accompanying recitation or seminar which does not count toward the maximum two NU Accelerate courses a student can take. Please see the [Summer Course Catalog](#) for more information.*

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

Additional Notes for Consideration:

*For certain colleges and programs, including **N.U.in and Global Scholars***

- **Bouvé College of Health Science Students:** Please note that Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students need the following NUPath not covered by their curriculum: Interpreting Culture (IC), Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation (EI), Societies and Institutions (SI) and Differences and Diversity (DD). 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.
- **College of Science Students:** Courses required for College of Science majors will fulfill a variety of NUPath requirements, so we recommend that students refer to this [NUPath requirements Not Met by Major sheet](#), to ensure students are prioritizing NUPath requirements they will not fulfill via major courses.

- **D'Amore-McKim School of Business BSIB Students:** Please note that the following courses are recommended for BS International Business students: ENGW 1111, a course with the NUpath attribute ND, a course with the NUpath attribute DD.
- **Explore Program Students:** Explore students can connect with the Explore Program to discuss course options by emailing explore@northeastern.edu. **Generally, we recommend that you take courses which fulfill requirements in majors of interest to you.** 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. However, it does not fulfill a major requirement for the BS Business Administration major for students who switch in after the first semester. Regarding NUpath: since the major you ultimately choose will determine the NUpath you will need through elective coursework, we do not offer specific NUpath recommendations for Explore students other than ENGW 1111. Should space be available in ENGW 1111 and you are not transferring credit in for it already, ENGW 1111 is a recommended course.
- **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 that 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.
- **N.U.in Students:**
 - The N.U.in Team strongly discourages the following courses for N.U.in students: ECON 1116, MATH 1231, PSYC 1101, CS 1800/02
 - PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1270: recommended for Public Health majors
 - ENGW 1111 or MATH 1341: recommended for Scotland students only; all other N.U.in students are discouraged to enroll in these courses
 - BUSN 1101: recommended for DMSB (BSBA) majors
 - ACCT 1201: recommended for DMSB majors and any Business combined major
 - ARTF 1122/1123: recommended for CAMD majors and any Art combined major (not recommended for students anticipating advanced credit for AP 2D Design)
 - ARCH 1310: do not take if choosing site location of Ireland (UCD)
 - COMM 1101: recommended for any major
- **Global Scholars / London Scholars Students:**
 - The following courses are discouraged due to the planned fall curriculum: ECON 1116, MATH 1231, PSYC 1101, CS 1800/02, ACCT 1201
 - PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1270: recommended for Public Health majors
 - BUSN 1101: recommended for DMSB (BSBA) majors
 - ARCH 1310: recommended for COE majors, especially Architecture combined majors
 - COMM 1101: recommended for any major

Contact Us!

A reminder that the NU Accelerate Team is ready to assist you with your questions at nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu. Please allow two business days for a response.