

# 2025-2026 NU Immerse Program Frequently Asked Questions

## Overview

### **What is NU Immerse?**

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

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

### **How large is the NU Immerse cohort?**

The Fall 2024 NU Immerse cohort is comprised of approximately 150 students representing 17 different countries. In Fall 2025 we expect approximately 200 students in the cohort.

## Admission to Program

### **Why are students admitted to NU Immerse? Why are students not offered direct admission for Fall 2025?**

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

### **Why are U.S. Citizens (or those who went to high school in the United States) admitted into an English language immersion program?**

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

### **Are students able to be put on the waitlist for another program, such as Fall 2025 direct entry, or Spring 2026?**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Matriculation Standards**

**What requirements must be met for students to successfully matriculate into the full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate program to which they initially applied?**

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

**How many students complete the program and matriculate to Northeastern in their second year?**

In 2024, approximately 90% of NU Immerse students successfully completed the program with an average 3.6 GPA.

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

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

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

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

**Will NU Immerse appear on the official Northeastern transcript?**

The program name will not be indicated on the transcript. Courses completed during the NU Immerse Program will appear on students' official Northeastern University undergraduate transcript as transfer credits from the College of Professional Studies.

**Will NU Immerse appear on the official Northeastern diploma?**

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

## **Transition to Full-Time Student**

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

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

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

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

## **Academic and Program Details**

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

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

**What type of academic support does the program offer?**

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

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

Students can submit a request to change their major via their Application Status Check portal before the start of the program. Any major changes during the program must go through the NU Immerse academic advisor. There will be a deadline of April 1st in the spring semester of their program after which students will be locked into a major until they begin their fall semester as fully matriculated students at Northeastern. Once they have matriculated, they can discuss further major changes with their academic advisor in their home college.

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

Yes. Northeastern will accept up to 32 advanced test credits towards a student's degree. Students can learn more about advanced standing credits from any Advanced Placement (AP), International

Baccalaureate (IB) or other international matriculation examinations [here](#). All advanced credits will be processed after the successful completion of the NU Immerse program and matriculation to the university and will be applied to the remainder of their time at Northeastern. Advanced credits cannot be applied to the coursework a student undertakes during the NU Immerse program.

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

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

**Does Northeastern provide housing during NU Immerse?**

University-sponsored housing is guaranteed but not required for NU Immerse students during their year in the program. Students may choose to live in university-sponsored housing or may choose to secure their own accommodation outside of university-affiliated properties. In this case, we would encourage students to use resources offered by Northeastern's Off Campus Engagement and Support office.

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

Most NU Immerse students will be able to graduate in 4 years. Students who have advanced standing credit or students who take summer classes or heavier loads during a term or two are very likely to finish in four years without requiring summer terms. Some students in colleges such as Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Khoury College of Computer Sciences may extend their time to graduating beyond 4 years. A student's timeline to graduation will also depend on the number of co-ops they pursue. As with students who begin in the undergraduate day program directly, a larger focus on experiential learning opportunities may lengthen a student's overall timeline to graduation. [08]

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

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

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

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

## **Student Life**

**Can NU Immerse students join clubs and organizations and use university resources?**

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

**What other extracurricular activities does the program offer?**

In addition to having access to all campus activities and clubs, NU Immerse students will have the chance to participate in NU Immerse events such as trips to the New England Aquarium, skating on the

Frog Pond, a field trip to Plymouth Plantation, ski trips, hockey and basketball games, and trips to local museums in Boston.

## **Next Steps and Additional Questions**

### **How can students confirm their enrollment for NU Immerse?**

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

### **Can NU Immerse students defer their enrollment?**

No. We do not permit students who are admitted through NU Immerse to defer their enrollment.

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

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

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

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