

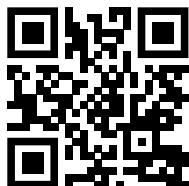


Build Your Future on a Strong Foundation

Foundation Year is an innovative first-year college program for students from Boston. The program integrates a rigorous first-year curriculum with college success resources in an environment where students can thrive and seamlessly transition to the Northeastern University community. Students who successfully complete Foundation Year's academic progression standards will continue their degree in one of Northeastern's seven undergraduate colleges.

Program Format

Foundation Year is a three-semester program that allows students to earn academic credit during the fall, spring, and summer terms of their first year. During the year, students benefit from academic and college success resources and support systems to maximize their academic and campus experience.



Have Questions?

We've got answers. Contact us at foundationyear@northeastern.edu or scan the QR code to learn how Foundation Year can help you launch your college journey.

Eligibility

- › Be a Boston resident for at least one year before applying.
- › Graduate from a Boston public, charter, private, or METCO school.
- › Complete the HiSET® exam or obtain a GED.
- › Meet Northeastern's admissions criteria.



Maximize Your Potential With a Solid Foundation

Your Cohort. Your Community.

Foundation Year utilizes a cohort model, allowing you to take classes taught by dedicated Foundation Year faculty in an intimate classroom setting that features small group sizes, personalized attention, and high interaction.

Support Every Step of the Way

Our faculty and advisors are committed to helping you make your first year of college a success with personal, academic, and social support.

Make the Most of Your Credits

As a Foundation Year student, you'll take courses that meet core, major-specific, and elective requirements at Northeastern. These credits will transfer if you continue with your undergraduate degree at Northeastern after completing the Foundation Year program.

Studying After Your Foundation Year

After successfully completing Foundation Year, you can continue your degree at one of the seven undergraduate colleges at Northeastern's Boston campus or pursue a degree in our College of Professional Studies. Students who do not meet the academic progression standards—or prefer not to continue at Northeastern—may apply to transfer to external institutions.

How to Apply

Apply to Northeastern by the January 1 application deadline using the Common Application or Coalition Application. Eligible students may nominate themselves for Foundation Year within their Application Status Check portal. School professionals may also nominate students via their online nominator portal.

Visit admissions.northeastern.edu/foundation-year to learn more.

“Completing Foundation Year has been instrumental in beginning my postsecondary journey, building the smooth transition to university life, and attaining my full potential through a challenging academic program and supportive cohort.”

—DIEGO TELLEZ VARGAS,
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION '27

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