



# Northeastern University Undergraduate Admissions

## Frequently Asked Questions – NU London

Congratulations! You have been offered the opportunity to join the inaugural class at Northeastern University London (NU London). Students admitted to NU London will have the unique and exciting opportunity to study simultaneously for two globally recognized degrees – a U.K. bachelor’s degree awarded by Northeastern University London, and a U.S. bachelor’s degree awarded by Northeastern University. Responses to select frequently asked questions are provided below. You can also direct any unanswered questions to the NU London admissions team at [admissions@nulondon.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nulondon.ac.uk).

## Double Degree Program & Advantages

All students admitted to Northeastern University London have been admitted into the **Double Degree Program**, which provides students with the following advantages:

- Two globally recognized degrees, one in the United Kingdom from Northeastern University London, and one in the United States from Northeastern University, providing students with a competitive advantage in the global workforce.
- Opportunity to spend up to 18 months overseas, either on Northeastern’s campuses in Boston or Oakland, or at a wide range of other global destinations via NU’s Dialogues of Civilizations program.
- Depending on whether you choose to spend your final year in the United Kingdom or the United States, students may be eligible for Post Study Work Visas in the United Kingdom or Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the United States.

<p>How is the double degree program structured?</p>	<p>Students in the double degree program can choose either the standard 4-year program or an accelerated 3-year program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In either program, students will spend the first 3 years studying primarily at Northeastern University London, although students will have the opportunity to study overseas on Northeastern’s campus in either Boston or Oakland during the second semester in their second year.</li><li>• Students in the 4-year program can choose to spend their entire fourth year studying either at Northeastern’s campus in Boston or Oakland.</li><li>• Students in the 3-year accelerated program will fulfill the additional academic requirements by completing courses each summer either on Northeastern’s campus in Boston or Oakland, or at a wide range of other global destinations via NU’s Dialogues of Civilizations program.</li></ul>
<p>What major was I admitted into?</p>	<p>Your NU London major is indicated on your decision letter which you can access through your Application Status Check portal.</p>



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<p>Will I receive two degrees upon successfully completing the program?</p>	<p>Yes! You will receive your U.S. bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in the United States, and your U.K. bachelor's degree from Northeastern University London.</p>
<p>How can I complete my first bachelor's degree in only 3 years?</p>	<p>In many countries around the world, bachelor's degree seeking programs are only 3 years.</p> <p>What is the difference between a 3 year and a 4-year program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most universities outside of the United States do not require students to complete general education requirements, or liberal arts courses (before declaring your major).</li> <li>• Degrees in the United Kingdom are more focused. As opposed to spending your first year completing general education requirements, students in the United Kingdom will choose their major before starting university and will dive right into their major in their first year. In many instances, students U.K. degree programs can complete more courses in their major (when compared to students in U.S. degree programs).</li> <li>• U.K. degree seeking program typically place greater emphasis on independent study and research than degree programs in the United States. Students are expected to take more responsibility for their own education, which can help students develop important skills such as self-discipline, time management, and self-motivation.</li> </ul>
<p>Can I transfer to the Boston campus?</p>	<p>Very few students are permitted to transfer from NU London to NU Boston, and transfer is only permitted for very rare and unique circumstances. Any student who accepts an offer to join the NU London community should anticipate being on the London campus for all but 18 months during either the 4-year program or the 3-year accelerated program.</p>
<p>How much is the enrollment deposit for NU London?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st enrollment deposit: \$1,200 by May 1</li> <li>• 2nd enrollment deposit: \$2,500 by June 1 (required for all students who must obtain a U.K. student visa in order to study at NU London)</li> <li>• Please note: NU London will not issue your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), which is required for your U.K. student visa, until we receive your second enrollment deposit.</li> </ul>



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<p>How do I submit my NU London enrollment deposit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Log into your Application Status Check.</li><li>• Locate the Required Admitted Student Checklist Items.</li><li>• Before you can submit your enrollment deposit, you will need to complete the Terms of Enrollment.</li><li>• Once completed, you will find a new requirement on the checklist.</li><li>• Select “Submit London 1st Deposit.”</li><li>• Once you click “Submit Payment,” you will receive a confirmation email with instruction on submitting your enrollment deposit.</li></ul>
<p>What is Northeastern University London?</p>	<p>Founded in 2012, Northeastern University London is an English university that teaches undergraduate, master's, and postgraduate degrees to students from around the world. NU London, formerly New College of the Humanities, has been a part of the Northeastern global campus network since 2019. In addition to teaching full-term students English degree programmes, NU London welcomed Northeastern students on a range of study abroad programmes. NU London offers a broad liberal arts-inspired curriculum guided by highly personalized teaching and support. The university delivers the caliber of teaching, wealth of resources, and support services that you expect from part of the Northeastern family, with a distinctly English flavour.</p>

## Academics & Advising

<p>Does NU London have a core curriculum?</p>	<p>No. Degrees in the United Kingdom are typically more focused than degrees in the United States, which is why most bachelor's degrees in the United Kingdom are 3 years, and not 4 years.</p>
<p>Can I change my major?</p>	<p>Depends. Students who have been admitted to NU London, but who have not yet deposited can request a major change by emailing the NU London admissions team at <a href="mailto:admissions@nulondon.ac.uk">admissions@nulondon.ac.uk</a>. Majors will only be updated after the admissions team determines whether you've met the necessary entry requirements for the new major.</p> <p>Once you've received your student visa, however, you are no longer permitted to change your major. Changing your major at that point would require you to leave the United Kingdom, return to your home country, and submit a new student visa application.</p>



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What is the average class size at NU London?	Lectures are usually fewer than 40 students. Smaller seminars and tutorials also form part of the teaching schedule for many courses.
What is tutorial?	A tutorial is an interactive small group teaching methodology which usually requires individual or group preparation for a presentation or discussion on a piece of formative academic work.
How many courses do students take each semester at NU London?	Each semester, students will enroll in 4 courses, or 8 courses in total per academic year. Each course is 15 credits, which is equivalent to 4 credits in the United States.
Can I receive any advanced standing transfer credit from dual enrollment courses, AP exams, IB exams, or A-Level exams?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Universities in the United Kingdom do not typically award any advanced standing credit for dual enrollment courses, AP exams, IB exams, or A-Level exams.</li><li>• When students begin their fourth year in the United States, any prior credit will be evaluated for applicability towards the remaining degree requirements. While dual enrollment courses, AP exams, IB exams, and A-Level exams will all be considered for advanced standing credit, credits typically satisfy only first-year requirements, and not advanced courses being taken by students in their 4th year.</li></ul>
When does the fall semester begin and end? When does the spring semester begin and end?	NU London follows a semester system which generally aligns with the NU Boston academic calendar. For the actual academic calendar, please click <a href="#">here</a> .

## Housing & Residential Life

Where do students live?	Student accommodation is located in central London and is only a 20-minute walk from campus.
Are student guaranteed housing for all 3-4 years?	No. Accommodation in London is guaranteed for the first year of study, providing you confirm your accommodation by the deadline set and communicated to you. Most students in London choose to spend their second and third year in private rental accommodations with fellow students.
When will I receive my housing assignment?	Early August 2023.



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### Student Life

When is orientation?	Orientation begins on September 4th.
Will orientation be held virtually or in-person?	Welcome Week will take during the week before classes begin. Orientation is held in-person, on-campus and around London. Orientation includes opportunities to socialize and prepare for your studies. Sessions will also focus on student health, wellbeing, and safety. Attendance is mandatory, and you will receive more information throughout the summer before you start your degree.
When is move-in day for the fall semester?	Move-in day is Saturday, September 2nd.
When I graduate, will I be included in the Northeastern alumni community?	Absolutely! You will join an alumni association which includes over 300,000 alumni who live in 180+ countries.
How accessible are health and counseling services on campus? Are there staff on-site for emergencies?	NU London has its own on-campus and online support services. You can find out about Student Support Service on the ground in London <a href="#">here</a> . If you choose to live in NU London's recommended accommodation, the University has staff living on-site to support students.
Does NU London offer co-op?	Yes. Students will have the opportunity to participate in co-op and internships in London. Students who continue for the fourth year in the United States can participate in co-op but participating would delay their graduation.
Is it possible to connect with a current NU London student?	Yes. You can connect with current students here: <a href="https://www.nulondon.ac.uk/buddies/">https://www.nulondon.ac.uk/buddies/</a>

### Campus Life

I know London is an amazing city, but why is London an amazing student for students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Few cities rival London. Considered a global city, London serves as a hub for finance, trade, and culture, making London an amazing and dynamic place to be a student.</li><li>• Home to numerous museums, galleries, theatres, and historical sites which will allow you to be immersed in the arts, history, and culture of the city.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>London is also a major center for business, finance, and technology. A wealth of opportunities exists, allowing students to network and make connections which will prepare you for careers after graduation.</li> </ul>
Do students get any perks/benefits/discounts with retailers/vendors/businesses in London?	<a href="#">Here</a> is a list of local discounts in the area immediately surrounding the NU London campus. Students can apply for an NUS <a href="#">TOTEM</a> Card which gives them a wide range of discounts.
How accessible is public transportation?	Very! NU London's campus is a 5–10-minute walk away from the Tower Hill tube station (Circle and District lines on the London Underground), and a 17-minute walk away from Aldgate tube station (on the Circle and Metropolitan lines). NU London is an 18-minute walk away from the nearest national railway station. The River Boat is a 500 m walk away, and the area is well served by several major bus routes.
How many undergraduate students are currently enrolled at NU London? How many postgraduate students are currently enrolled at NU London?	Beginning in September 2023, we expect to welcome between 350-400 undergraduate students, and 350-400 postgraduate students. An additional 700 students will study in London through the Global Scholars Program in the 2023-2024 academic year, with roughly 350 in both the fall and spring semesters.
Where is NU London's campus? Is the neighborhood safe?	NU London is in St Katharine Docks (SKD) which is located next to Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. SKD is a pedestrianized marina and community in the heart of London. While SKD is generally considered a very safe area, all students who study in major cities –like London, Boston, or Oakland – are always advised to be aware of their surroundings, and use well-lit and populated routes, and when possible, avoid walking alone at night.

## Costs, Financial Aid, and Scholarships

Who is considered a Home student?	A Home student refers to any student who is permitted to pay lower university fees than any overseas students. In general, a Home student includes any British or Irish citizen who have been “ordinarily resident” in the United Kingdom for three years prior to the start of university. For additional details and exceptions, please visit the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) website, <a href="#">here</a> .
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<p>What is the estimated cost of attendance?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuition and fees:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For Home students: £9,250 per year (see <a href="#">here</a>)</li><li>○ For overseas students, including U.S. Citizens, studying Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Politics &amp; Data Science, Politics &amp; International Relations, and Philosophy &amp; Computer Science: £21,000 per year (see <a href="#">here</a>)</li><li>○ For overseas students, including U.S. Citizens, studying Business, Data Science, and Computer Science &amp; Business: £25,000 per year (see <a href="#">here</a>)</li></ul></li><li>• Student accommodation: £18,500 for the first year (estimated)</li><li>• All students who require a student visa must have at least £1,334 set aside for personal expenses, per month for at least 9 months. In total, students will need to demonstrate at least £12,006 to cover any personal expenses.</li><li>• Please note: Students who begin their NU London degree in September 2023 will continue to pay NU London tuition even during their 4th year in either Boston or Oakland.</li></ul>
<p>Are scholarships, grants or loans available for students?</p>	<p>Students who were admitted in the double degree program, regardless of citizenship, are considered for the Achievement Scholarship, which ranges from \$2,500 per year to \$7,000 per year but does not cover the full cost of attendance. Merit scholarships are competitive awards, however, and only awarded to 10-15% of the incoming class.</p> <p>Home students are eligible for additional support which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligible students can apply for a bursary, which can be used to help with your tuition, student accommodation, or even living costs. NU London awards bursaries on a yearly basis with funds disbursed in three payments throughout the academic year. For more information, see <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• Student loans to assist with tuition are available for students pursuing their first undergraduate degree. For more information, you should contact the appropriate agency based on your residency:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ See <a href="#">here</a> for England.</li><li>○ See <a href="#">here</a> for Northern Ireland.</li><li>○ See <a href="#">here</a> for Scotland.</li><li>○ See <a href="#">here</a> for Wales.</li></ul></li></ul>



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<p>Are U.S. Citizens who study at NU London eligible for federal student financial aid?</p>	<p>No. NU London is a foreign institution and wholly owned subsidiary of Northeastern University and is not eligible to participate in FSA programs. Students enrolled in NU London in a UK degree program are not eligible for Federal Direct Loans, the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program, or the Federal Work-Study program. In addition, students enrolled in the NU London Double Degree program are not eligible for FSA during their fourth year of study in the U.S. to obtain the U.S. bachelor's degree component of the double degree.</p>
<p>Are U.S. citizens who study at NU London eligible for private student loan funding from a U.S.-based lender?</p>	<p>Students should check with individual private lenders, since the lender may require that the institution be listed on the U.S. Department of Education's list of <a href="#">International Schools That Participate in the Federal Student Loan Programs</a> to provide funding. Currently, NU London does not participate in FSA programs.</p>
<p>Are NU London students eligible for Northeastern's National Scholarship?</p>	<p>National Recognition Scholars (National African-American, National Hispanic, National Indigenous, and National Rural/Small Town) in NU London are eligible for Northeastern's National Scholarship. Unfortunately, due to program restrictions, National Merit Finalists in NU London are not eligible for the National Scholarship.</p>
<p>May a U.S. citizen use a 529 college savings plan to pay for NU London?</p>	<p>A 529 college savings plan is a U.S. state-sponsored investment plan that enables saving money for a beneficiary and payment for education expenses. 529 plan funds may only be used for qualified expenses at any college or university eligible to participate in FSA administered by the U.S. Department of Education's list of <a href="#">International Schools That Participate in the Federal Student Loan Programs</a>. Since NU London is not eligible to participate in FSA programs, 529 plan providers will not issue direct payments to NU London. An account owner may be able to request a refund from the plan to pay for qualified educational expenses. Students should consult with a tax advisor regarding claiming any allowable tax benefits.</p>
<p>How do I pay my tuition?</p>	<p>Students and families can either pay by academic year, by semester, or monthly. To arrange your payment schedule, please contact <a href="mailto:finance@nulondon.ac.uk">finance@nulondon.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>If you anticipate making payments from outside of the United Kingdom, or wish to use your credit card, you might want to consider making payments through NU London's Transfermate platform. Transfermate will permit you to make payments in your own currency while ensuring NU London receives the correct</p>



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	amount in Pounds Sterling (GBP). If you plan to use Transfermate, please contact <a href="mailto:finance@nulondon.ac.uk">finance@nulondon.ac.uk</a> as we will need to create your account in advance.
Can I work or hold a part-time job on or off-campus to make additional spending money to cover any personal expenses?	Yes, students are permitted to hold a part-time job to earn additional spending money. Students studying in the United Kingdom on a student visa may work up to 20 hours per week during the semester, or full-time during university breaks.
What percent of graduates are employed following graduation?	94% are either employed or completing further study within 15 months after graduation.