

Global Experience

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Northeastern University is committed to global experience as an important dimension of learning. To foster this, it maintains the Global Experience Office (https://geo.northeastern.edu/#_ga=2139690122728901001656302736-9651647341649440467), which has developed a variety of programs tailored to the interests and needs of Northeastern students. Global experiences provide students with opportunities to deepen their knowledge of the world and their chosen field of study, develop intercultural sensitivity, utilize and strengthen foreign language skills, and explore global career options. Many Northeastern students participate in multiple global experiences during their time at the university. Northeastern encourages students to engage with the GEO as early as possible—global experiences are within reach for all students, with careful planning and collaboration.

Global Learning

While studying abroad in a Northeastern-sponsored program, Northeastern students maintain full-time status and earn Northeastern credits. Upon completion of a program, grades are calculated in the student's grade-point average. To participate in GEO programs, students should be in good academic and disciplinary standing and have no registration-blocking holds. Study-abroad programs require a GPA of at least 2.500. Some programs may have additional eligibility criteria. Students must also meet the requirements of the host institution abroad. Full information and application deadlines are posted on the GEO website (<https://geo.northeastern.edu>).

Types of Programs

Northeastern offers different types of study-abroad programs, with multiple options within each type. This robust program portfolio contains global experiences for any major on campus. Students are able to participate in multiple programs during their time at Northeastern.

1. **Study abroad.** Northeastern offers a rich array of study-abroad programs during semester and summer terms. Students join a partner institution for a semester or summer, where they attend classes, participate in student activities, and organize their extracurricular schedules just as they would on campus at Northeastern. Some examples include University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia; Technion: Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel; Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina; London School of Economics in England, United Kingdom; and the University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan. In addition to regular coursework while on global experiences, students can also incorporate:
 - **Research.** Students may opt to engage in a research project while studying abroad. In most cases, the study-abroad program organizes small group seminars and field trips that are designed to help students learn about their international environment and focus on a research topic. Students spend three to four weeks toward the end of the semester working on their individual projects. Examples of projects could be studying tropical biology in Costa Rica, history and culture in Vietnam, or oceanography while sailing in the Atlantic/Pacific cruise track of the SEA Semester Program.
 - **Internship.** Internship programs offer a combination of classes and related work experience for which students earn academic credit. Examples of internships students have held in the past include accounting at Morningstar in Sydney, Australia, as well as internships in various European parliaments such as Brussels, London, and Dublin.
2. **Semester in.** Drawing on its network of regional and international campuses, Northeastern offers a set of signature programs, which contextualize, enrich, and enhance student learning. The Semester in program is currently offered at Northeastern campuses in San Francisco and London. The GEO continues to expand programs throughout the Northeastern network, which includes campuses in Charlotte, North Carolina; London, UK; Portland, Maine; San Francisco, California; San Jose, California; Seattle, Washington; Toronto, Ontario; and Vancouver, Canada.
3. **Dialogue of Civilizations.** The Dialogue of Civilizations are faculty-led study-abroad programs that build upon and enhance students' academic studies and training. DOC programs allow students to engage with course content in different national, cultural, political, and social contexts. The programs foster meaningful conversations between Northeastern students and people around the world, including their peers.
4. **Global Engagement Program.** The Global Engagement Program is an invitation-only program offered to select high-talent students in specific academic disciplines. GEP provides these students a truly interdisciplinary global undergraduate experience by creating a learning environment that spans multiple cultures and continents. Students begin their experience at NCH at Northeastern in London and continue to move between Northeastern's Boston campus, global network, and global partners over four years. Each year and experience is associated with a particular theme connected to the development of a global mindset.
5. **Global Quest.** Global Quest is a Northeastern student's first opportunity to study abroad. This full-year experience begins with a fall semester on the Boston campus, where students live with their cohort and engage in programming to prepare for studying abroad. In the spring semester, Global Quest students study abroad with members of their cohort in a select location based on their major.
6. **Specialized entry programs.** Specialized entry programs are unique programs through which students can matriculate into Northeastern. These include programs such as N.U.*in*, NU Bound, and NU Immerse. More information about these programs is available on the Specialized Entry Programs website (<https://www.northeastern.edu/admissions/academics/specialized-entry/>).

Visit the GEO website (<https://geo.northeastern.edu>) to see a complete list of program options and descriptions.

Embedded Global Programs

Embedded programming incorporates global experiences into courses taught at Northeastern's Boston campus and provides students with the opportunity to spend 7 to 10 days in a global setting to further punctuate and underscore the subject matter in a meaningful way.

Global Co-op

The Global Cooperative Education Program provides opportunities for Northeastern students to participate in co-ops on all seven continents with international and multinational employers, U.S. employers doing business abroad, and other international organizations. Students may apply for existing positions or work with a co-op counselor to develop their own. All majors are welcome to apply. International students participating in co-op abroad must consult with the Office of Global Services in advance of departure to ensure reentry to the United States in proper nonimmigrant visa status. The Presidential Global Scholars Program (<https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/applying-for-aid/undergraduate/types-of-aid/scholarships/presidential-global-scholars-program/>) provides financial support for international co-op.

Engage with GEO

The GEO offers many opportunities for students to explore global programs and learn more about the possibilities.

Social media platforms: Students can engage with GEO through social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Students are welcome to participate in preparatory webinars, join staff and alumni Q & A, and envision their experience through dynamic photo, video, and written recollections of student experiences.

GEO events (<https://www.northeastern.edu/geo/events/>): GEO offers a range of events throughout the year to help students answer questions and concerns about the study-abroad experience, from the application logistics of a specific program, to navigating questions of identity while abroad. Please refer to the GEO events calendar on the GEO website for the list of upcoming fairs, workshops, and info sessions.

Meet with Global Experience peer advisors (<https://www.northeastern.edu/geo/contact/>): As GEO program alumni, Global Experience peer advisors provide the unique lens of recent global program participation. They help students navigate the variety of available programs and refine their goals for the experience. Peer advisors are available to meet with students during office hours, without an appointment needed.

Meet with Global Experience advisors (<https://www.northeastern.edu/geo/contact/>): Global Experience advisors provide expertise and assistance to students from the moment students are ready to select programs, to their return from the experience. Global Experience advisors meet with students by appointment and advise by global region. The list of Global Experience advisors and the different regions that they advise is available on the GEO website.

After choosing a program, students should consult with their departmental or college advisors. International students must also consult with the OGS (<http://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/>) to determine if an updated I-20 for reentry may be needed. Note that studying abroad in a student's final semester may result in a delay in graduation due to calendar discrepancies across institutions.