

Global Scholars Admissions FAQ

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Program Overview

What is Global Scholars?

Global Scholars is a yearlong program exclusively for first-year students to access Northeastern's global campus network. Students admitted to Global Scholars experience a journey together as a cohort, spending a semester at Northeastern University London and a semester at Northeastern University Oakland in the first year.

Students' starting locations are assigned based on major compatibility, age, capacity, among other requirements. During their second year and beyond, Global Scholars students study on and graduate from Northeastern's Boston campus and also may participate in further global offerings such as study abroad semesters.

For more information, please visit the Global Scholars website: <https://globalscholars.northeastern.edu>

How long has the Global Scholars program been part of Northeastern?

The Global Scholars program (formerly NU Bound) began in 2017. Since then, it has evolved through various models to provide students an opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired by multiple campus communities. In 2022-2023 approximately 700 students are currently part of the program in London and Oakland.

How many students participate in Global Scholars?

In 2023-2024 approximately 850 students will take part in the Global Scholars program, split evenly between NU London and NU Oakland each semester.

Which campus do students start on?

Students' starting locations are assigned based on major compatibility, age, and location capacity, among other requirements. These assignments are available mid-Spring 2023 for students admitted to the program for Fall 2023. Every Global Scholars student spends one semester at NU London and one semester at NU Oakland.

What is the cost of the Global Scholars program?

The estimated cost for all Global Scholars Program locations for the 2023-2024 academic year is \$81,472. Please note that this estimate is subject to Board of Trustee approval. This cost includes \$31,196 for tuition and a \$9,540 program fee per semester. This fee is for the 2023-2024 academic year with the Global Scholars Program. In Fall 2024, students will pay Northeastern Boston campus tuition, which will be posted on the [Student Financial Services website](#).

Can Global Scholars students receive Northeastern merit scholarships?

Yes. All applicants to Northeastern are considered for competitive merit scholarships. Students who are awarded merit scholarships will receive their scholarship award along with their letter of admission.

Can external scholarships be used during Global Scholars?

Yes. External scholarship awards may be applied to the cost of Global Scholars. Please note that Global Scholars is a pre-matriculated program and not eligible for U.S. federal financial aid.

Student Life

What is the student experience like in Oakland?

Located in the San Francisco Bay area, Mills College, now called Northeastern University Oakland, leverages a legacy in equity, social justice, and leadership by women and nonbinary people and tradition of diverse and inclusive global experiential learning and research. We encourage you to read more about our Oakland campus here: oakland.northeastern.edu

During their time in Oakland, Students will experience overnight excursions and multiple day trips as part of the program. Northeastern University Oakland staff collaborate to plan weekly, free, or low-cost activities. Past activity examples include a Civil Rights walking tour of Oakland, trip to Muir Woods National Monument, and a LGBTQ guided walking tour in San Francisco.

Between the Alameda County (AC) Transit system, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), MUNI system in San Francisco, and Northeastern University Oakland shuttles, students can get around quickly to all the local sites in the Bay Area. All students will have an AC transit pass loaded onto a Clipper Card. Students can use the Clipper card free on AC transit buses. While navigating all the transit options and bus system may be an initial adjustment, you will quickly adapt and learn the routes. Northeastern University Oakland shuttles will travel to local retail shops, restaurants, including BART stations.

What is the student experience like in London?

Northeastern University London is situated in Devon House in St Katharine Docks, a vibrant and dynamic quarter in central London. Located just a few minutes' walk from the Tower of London, one of the UK's most iconic heritage sites, and Tower Bridge, one of the most instantly recognizable structures in the world, St Katharine Docks is steeped in the history of London and the River Thames upon which the city was founded.

In the past, students have participated in many different types of activities including a Welcome Tea, Halloween Party, and visit to the British Museum. Students can also join organizations and societies through the [Northeastern University London Student Union](#), which is a great opportunity to interact with other students.

The public transportation system is the easiest and most efficient way to get around London. While navigating the Tube and bus system may be an initial adjustment, you will quickly adapt and learn the routes. Metro passes are called "Oyster Cards" in London and provide access to both the London Underground and the public bus system.

Where do students live while in London?

Students in London will reside at one of two student accommodation buildings: Chapter Spitalfields or IQ Aldgate. For more details on housing and amenities in London please visit globalscholars.northeastern.edu/.

Chapter Spitalfields is located close to Shoreditch and Hoxton and a five-minute walk to grocery stores, shops, and the famous Spitalfields Market. It is approximately one mile away from the Northeastern University London campus at St. Katharine Docks. The area is served by several tube, rail, and bus lines. Chapter Spitalfields offers studio apartments, 2-bedroom apartments, and 4-bedroom apartments. All bedrooms are single occupancy.

IQ Aldgate is a student accommodation property located close to Aldgate and Aldgate East stations. IQ Aldgate is a five-minute walk to grocery stores, shops, a thriving neighborhood and, approximately one mile from the Northeastern University London campus at St. Katharine Docks. The area is served by several tube, rail, and bus lines. Students will live in a range of studios complete with personal kitchenettes (sink, hob, microwave), their own bathroom, and a small double bed with improved storage.

Where do students live while in Oakland?

Global Scholars students will reside together on the Northeastern University Oakland Campus in one of the following [residence halls](#) (subject to change): Ege Hall, White Hall, Reinhardt Hall, Orchard Meadow, or Warren Olney. These traditional style residence halls offer single and double bedrooms with shared bathrooms and living spaces. The Global Scholars Program finalizes roommate assignments in early August, using information related to living habits from the student-submitted housing preference form.

How are roommates assigned?

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Academics

Who teaches Global Scholars classes?

Courses in the Global Scholars program are taught by faculty members at the NU London and NU Oakland campuses. Occasionally, a visiting professor from the NU Boston campus may teach a Global Scholars course in either London or Oakland.

Are classes in-person or virtual?

All classes during the Global Scholars program are taught in-person and students are required to meet a minimum attendance requirement throughout the program.

How big are the classes in this program?

A benefit of the Global Scholars program is the smaller cohort model of 300-400 students which allows for closer connections between students and faculty. Classes at Northeastern range from approximately 8 students to 100+ students in larger lectures. The average class size is 26 students and 60% of classes have fewer than 30 students.

How do courses taken during Global Scholars compare to courses in Boston?

Courses taken during Global Scholars align with the first-year curriculum taught at Northeastern's Boston campus while also integrating cultural learning opportunities. The courses a student will take during the year will keep them on track for their intended major of study. In addition to taking courses

required for a student's major, Global Scholars courses also count toward [NUpath](#), our institution-wide general education requirements for students in all majors. 2023-2024 course lists will be available on the Global Scholars website later this spring.

Global Scholars students may be able to select alternate courses if they receive advanced credits from AP, IB, or other international examinations. Please note that not all first-year courses at Northeastern will be offered at each location. Because all degree plans are unique, please keep in mind that your individual plan may be different than other Northeastern students.

How many credits will I earn towards my degree?

Students will receive a full year of transferable credit throughout Global Scholars provided they receive a "D-" or better. Courses taken during Global Scholars will appear on a student's Northeastern Boston transcript as transfer credit and will count towards their graduation requirements.

Please note, students will earn actual letter grades in their courses but their GPA during the program will not follow them or impact their Northeastern University GPA. Students who continue on to apply for graduate studies will need to submit their original transcript with letter grades from their Global Scholars year as well as their Northeastern transcript. As always, we encourage students to perform to the best of their ability while members of the program.

Can I bring in credit from high school?

Yes. Results from AP exams, IB exams, and other international examinations may enable students to receive advanced credits once they matriculate to the Boston campus in their second year.

Can I graduate in four years if I participate in Global Scholars?

Yes. Global Scholars students can graduate in four years if they prioritize this timeline. A student's timeline to graduation may be altered if they change their major and will also depend on whether the student completes one, two, or three co-ops. Students who have advanced standing credit, take summer classes, or carry a larger credit load during one or more terms are very likely to finish in four years in most majors. As with all students, a larger focus on experiential learning opportunities may lengthen a student's overall time at Northeastern.

Transition to Boston

What are the requirements to matriculate to Boston?

All students who complete the Global Scholars program will automatically matriculate to the Boston campus for their second year without any additional application or transfer process. To successfully complete the program, students must meet minimum class attendance requirements and abide by the Northeastern Student Code of Conduct at all times. All passing grades earned during Global Scholars (D- or above) will be accepted for transfer credit on the Boston campus.

What is the transition to the Boston campus like?

Upon successful completion of Global Scholars, students will matriculate to the Boston campus to continue their studies in their second year. They will be invited to attend orientation and receive

ongoing support as they transition into academic and social life in Boston. Students from the 2023-2024 Global Scholars cohort may opt-in to university-sponsored housing in their second year, or they may live off campus in apartments around campus. Their experiences with Global Scholars will allow them to apply a unique global perspective in the classroom and beyond.

Do Global Scholars students have guaranteed housing in Boston in their second year?

2023-2024 Global Scholars students are guaranteed University-sponsored housing in their second year and will be able to opt into housing by a given deadline in Spring 2024. However, students are not required to live in University-sponsored housing in their second year.

Can students still go on co-op after completing Global Scholars?

Yes. Students who complete Global Scholars are on track to participate in co-op. A typical path for a Northeastern student, regardless of their first-year program, is to take Northeastern's co-op preparation course in the Spring of their second year and complete their first co-op in the Summer/Fall of their third year.

When submitting their resumes to potential employers, Global Scholars students typically report their Boston campus GPA from the Fall of their second year, or they may also include further details about their coursework taken during Global Scholars on their resume. The global perspective and maturity built during Global Scholars provides a unique advantage and skillset that makes students competitive in the job market.