

Academic Insights at the Northeastern University London Campus

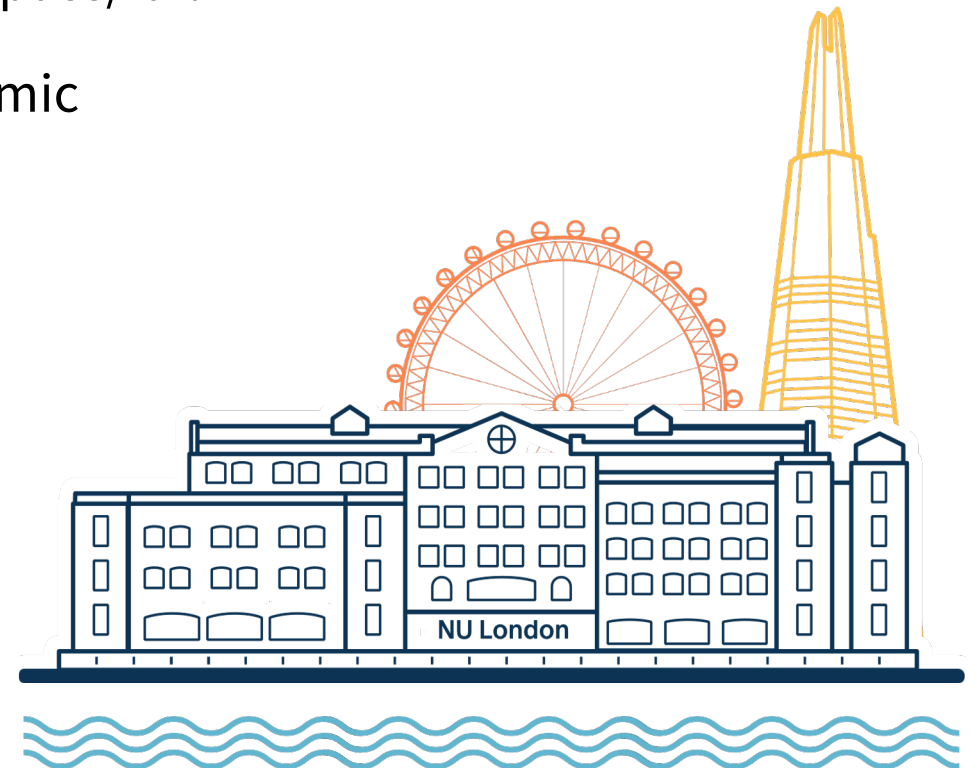
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Key Points

- All courses will be listed on the NU transcript with letter grades and they count into overall GPA; they are not pass/fail
- Students will stay on track for their major and academic compatibility
- Students will be supported throughout their journey

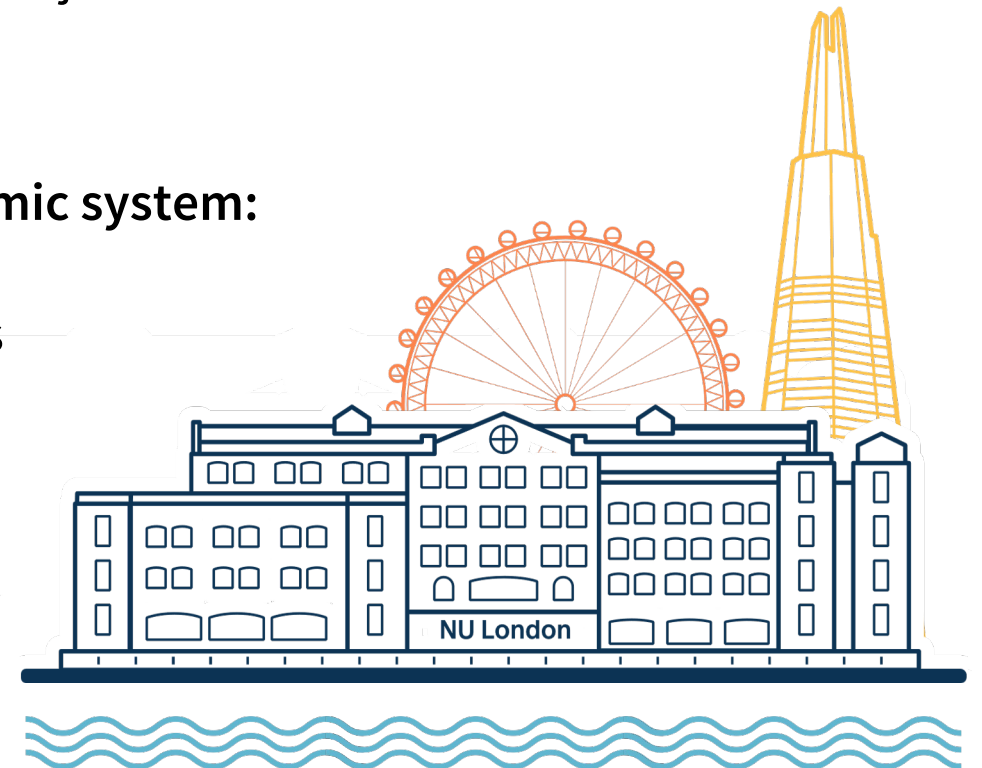


Academic System

The academic programme is integrated with the Northeastern Boston curriculum. However, courses are accredited in the UK which means Northeastern University London follows UK HE regulations. This means that you will need to adjust to new academic systems and to some differences.

Skills that you will gain from studying in a different academic system:

- Adaptability and Agility
- Resilience
- Independent and Critical Mind
- Intercultural Awareness
- Flexibility
- Self Confidence
- Internationalisation



Key Differences Between the UK and US Systems



THE GRADING SYSTEM

Fewer assessments: Typically 2-to-4 big assignments per semester

The turnaround time to get grade and feedback is longer (28 calendar days).

Extensions are centralised and requested with the Registry office, not professors. An application with evidence must be submitted.

Late penalties are strict and centrally applied by Registry Office.

Anonymity is important (do not write your names on any assignment pages or file titles).

You must attempt all assignments.

Resits are offered as a makeup opportunity.

Attendance is mandatory and recorded in all classes.

REASONING

It encourages you to be active and independent in your study plan. You have opportunities to complete formative assessments to gauge your level throughout the semester

It is due to the UK moderation system whereby another faculty looks at the grades to ensure it has been graded in a fair, reliable, and unbiased way.

It is to ensure that all extension requests are considered equally and granted fairly

It pushes you to be organised and meet deadline

It is to ensure that the grading is unbiased

It is to ensure that all Learning Outcomes have been met.

Resits are typical in the UK and a great opportunity to ensure all courses are passed

It is to ensure you are not falling behind with your studies

NU London Grading Scheme

These are the only grades you can receive for individual assignments, but your final grades for each course can fall in between these.

EXAMPLE:

Midterm Exam (50%) = **65**
 Final Exam (50%) = **72**
 Final Grade = **69**
 (68.5 rounded up)

1st Class	Upper Second Class	Lower Second Class	Third Class	Fail
100	68	58	48	35
90	65	55	45	20
85	62	52	42	10
82				5
78				0
75				
72				

Grade Conversion Chart

London Grade	NU Letter Grade	GPA
70-100	A	4.000
65-69	A-	3.667
60-64	B+	3.333
55-59	B	3.000
50-54	B-	2.667
47-49	C+	2.333
44-46	C	2.000
43	C-	1.667
42	D+	1.333
41	D	1.000
40	D-	0.667
0-39	F (Fail)	0.000



REMEMBER:

All your grades will factor into your Northeastern GPA. It is not a Pass/Fail or a credit transfer system.

Adjusting to a New Academic Culture

HOW TO ADJUST QUICKLY:

- Make sure to familiarize yourself with the documentations shared with you before you arrive in London and do your own research.
- Once you are in London, make sure you know who your key points of contact are to ask them questions: **Academic Advisors & Associate Director for Mobility**
- Make sure you know your support system: **Residence Life Coordinators & Wellbeing Coordinators**
- Don't be afraid to ask questions to your professors! Office hours are a great way to clarify any academic problems you have.

It's normal to go through a period of transition when studying at the university level compared to high school or when studying in a different country.



On the Way to Academic Success in London

- Read all emails and documentations sent to you.
- Share your concerns and questions with the London team (advisors, Associate Director, professors) early on so that solutions can be found.
- Make the most of formative opportunities: Make sure to complete homework, preparations, formative exercises, and to ask for feedback, as it will help you gauge your progress in between summative assessments.
- Use London as your classroom: You will be in one of the most vibrant cities in the world. Make the most of it by drawing connections between your courses and the city.
- Develop your network: In London, you will share classes with students from different programs. This is a great opportunity to engage with students from different backgrounds.
- Use this time in a different academic system to find your own studying style.



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Agenda

Academics and Student Support

Faculty and Courses

In the Classroom

Transitioning Between Campuses

Global Scholars Academics

Grades

- All courses are Northeastern undergraduate courses
- These will be listed on your transcript
- You will receive letter grades for your courses, and they will be factored into your overall GPA

Courses

- The Global Scholars curriculum provides a curated curriculum that will allow you to complete first-year courses towards your major and NUpath requirements

Faculty

- Your faculty are employees of Northeastern University

Student Support

- Undergraduate Academic Advising in Oakland
- On-campus resources
- Virtual resources



Academic Advising and Student Support Resources

- Advisors work with students on scheduling, navigating academics, and proactive student support
 - Point-of-service model
 - Drop-ins, scheduled appointments and emails
 - Give referrals to support on campus
- Writing and Tutoring Center for in-person tutoring
- Peer Tutoring on Knack – virtual tutoring
- Office of Health and Wellness
- Student Health Center
- Counselling and Psychological Services
- Find@Northeastern
- WeCare

Faculty and Courses

- Your Faculty and Teaching Assistants (TAs)
- Canvas
- Course Syllabi



Working with Your Faculty and Teaching Assistants

- Faculty and Teaching Assistants can be a students' best resource in a classroom
 - Faculty and Teaching Assistants will hold office hours and study sessions to help guide students through the semester
- Assessments will vary from class to class
 - These will occur throughout the semester and all factor into your overall grade
- Faculty will notify you (and advising) if you show signs of struggle in class
 - Always approach your faculty with questions on absences, grades, late assignments and assistance with studying and assignments, along with other student support

Canvas and Course Syllabi

- Canvas
 - All courses will appear in canvas, and include announcements and course syllabi and can also include an overview on grading, submission for assignments and virtual discussions
 - Always refer to Canvas and your Northeastern University email for updates on your classes
- Course Syllabi
 - All courses will have a course syllabus, which will include information about the course, faculty and TA office hours, an outline of course content and assignments, and grading and a rubric
 - This is a map of what your semester will look like in your courses
 - Always ask your professor if you have any questions about the syllabus or assignments

In the Classroom

- Attendance and Participation
- Quizzes, Homework and Papers
- Expectations of students and professors



In the Classroom

- Grades are made up of a number of elements, including attendance, class participation, quizzes, exams, papers, group projects and presentations
 - Grading is cumulative and will take all of these elements as part of your grade
 - Always refer to your syllabus for attendance policies, assignments and grading
- The classroom is a forum for learning, sharing ideas and asking questions
 - Missing class and assignments will negatively impact your overall grade
 - Professors will give feedback in a timely manner for future assignments

Transitioning Between Campuses



Global and London Scholars : Exciting Transitions!

- The Global Scholars program is an exciting opportunity to experience Northeastern's global undergraduate campuses
 - Students will have advisors that they work with in London and Oakland in their fall and spring semesters
 - Site-specific advisors will work with you in your current semester and as you register for future semesters
- Transitioning from the Global or London Scholars program to the Boston campus
 - Working with Boston-based advisors in your spring semester
 - Summer Orientation and getting acclimated to the Boston campus
 - Becoming familiar with your academic college and major through seminars, workshops and other opportunities



Thank you.