

London Scholars Admissions FAQ

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Program Overview

What is the London Scholars program?

The London Scholars program is a yearlong program exclusively for first-year students to access the global network campus of Northeastern University London. Students admitted into the London Scholars program experience a journey together as a cohort, spending the entirety of their first year at NU London.

During their second year and beyond, London Scholars students matriculate to and graduate from Northeastern's Boston campus and may participate in further global offerings such as study abroad, dialogues of civilizations, and co-op. London Scholars students are still able to graduate in four years.

For more information, please visit the London Scholars website: londonscholars.northeastern.edu.

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

The London Scholars program (formerly NU Bound) began in 2017. Since then, it has evolved through various models to provide students an opportunity to take advantage of the power of place-based learning, connect with their peers in an intimate manner due to the small cohort model, and be inspired by global campus communities. This version of the London Scholars program embarked on its first year in Fall 2023. We expect to enroll approximately 450 students through the London Scholars program for the Fall 2024 – Spring 2025 school year!

London Scholars are pre-matriculated—what does that mean?

A pre-matriculated student has been accepted to Northeastern University with a conditional path toward matriculation. Pre-matriculated students can take courses and earn credits at either network campuses or partner institutions before transitioning to the Boston campus after their first year in the London Scholars program.

Do my London Scholars grades apply to my Northeastern transcript?

The final grades from the London Scholars program are officially recorded in the students' Northeastern University academic records. These grades are reflected on

students' Northeastern transcripts and in their degree audits as standard letter grades (not Pass/Fail or Transfer) and are included in the calculation of students' overall GPA at Northeastern University.

How many students participate in London Scholars?

In 2024-2025, approximately 500-550 students will take part in the London Scholars program.

Can I be considered for a different Northeastern Global Network Program?

No, given the size and competitive nature of Northeastern's application pool, all decisions are final.

What are the dates for arrival?

The site arrival dates will be announced in late spring/early summer. The London Scholars program website will be updated with this information. Deposited London Scholars students will be contacted via their Northeastern email post-May 1 with more information on how to sign up for the program's group flight—this is not mandatory, but a great option to travel with your new London Scholars peers. Students who do not participate in the group flight will receive a credit.

Students typically pack up their belongings and go home during the holiday break. NU London will survey students after arrival to inquire if students need to stay over the holiday break due to VISAs, etc.

What is the calendar for the program?

The London Scholars website will be updated after May 1.

How do London Scholars students applying for a visa to the UK get their documents?

Information on Visas will be provided to students after May 1 through several emails and webinars hosted by our Visa team.

Can London Scholars students receive Northeastern merit scholarships?

Students who are admitted to the London Scholars program are considered for merit scholarships while their application is reviewed for admission. If a student is eligible for a merit-based scholarship, they are notified at the time of admission via their application status check portal. If no mention is made, no scholarship was awarded.

Can external scholarships be used during London Scholars?

External scholarship organizations may have differing requirements in order for students to qualify for their award(s). We would encourage that students reach out to the external scholarship organization to confirm if they can use it during London Scholars prior to their matriculation to Boston. Students who have questions about specific outside scholarships they are eligible for should contact Student Financial Services.

Can London Scholars receive need-based financial aid?

Students in London Scholars who apply for financial aid are initially considered for need-based Northeastern funding only. Students who qualify for other aid opportunities, including federal and state grants, loans, and work-study funds, can use those additional sources of funding beginning in the fall of their second year of study. Learn more at the <u>student financial services website</u>.

Student Life

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, a Halloween Party, and a visit to the British Museum. Students can also join organizations and societies through the **Northeastern University London Student**

<u>Union</u>, which is a great opportunity to interact with other students. You may view NU London societies here: <u>Societies | NCHSU (nusu.org.uk)</u>

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.

Am I able to live at home and commute to campus?

The London Scholars program is a residential program, and it is required that students live in campus-provided housing during the duration of the program. As a first-year program, these live-in opportunities will be structured, and there will be live-in staff who are available 24/7 through various modes to ensure that London Scholars students are supported in their personal and professional journeys.

What do I need to know about Residential Life?

When it comes to student life and the residential experience, as mentioned previously, our student accommodations vary by location.

Every site will have 24/7 professional on-site staff available for day-to-day logistics of the program, community building, connecting students with the Northeastern community, and assisting students in case of illness or emergency.

Will students get a Thanksgiving break in London?

Yes, students are given time off during the Thanksgiving holiday. They are able to travel home but should be aware that missing any class could impact their visa and ability to study abroad. Students are expected to plan their travel with this information.

How do I apply for housing and choose my preference?

The Housing preference form will be released over the summer. The London Scholars Program finalizes roommate assignments in early August, using information related to living habits from the student-submitted housing preference form. Please note that students do not share bedrooms in London but may share apartments.

Where do students live while in London?

NU London does not have traditional on-campus housing. Students in London will reside at student accommodation buildings licensed by the institution. All buildings offer apartment-style housing and may have the following features.

Students may have access to building amenities, which may include:

- Dedicated lounge and study space, both with panoramic views across London
- Ground Floor Coffee Bar
- Courtyard
- Auditorium
- Karaoke Rooms
- Games Area
- Gym and Studio
- Cinema Room

- Social spaces throughout the ground floor
- Laundry Room
- Private meeting rooms for residents to utilize for study groups
- 24/7 On-Site Team
- Postal Service
- Social Events.

When will I know my housing arrangements?

Students will be informed of their housing arrangements over the summer.

How are roommates assigned?

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Could I remain at NU London for the duration of my degree?

Some London Scholars may have the option to complete their degree at NU London. Students should discuss with their advisor during the course of the program.

What is the meal plan for the London Scholars program students?

When in London, residential buildings will have a full kitchen in each student apartment. It is expected that London Scholar program students cook their own meals. This is typical for a UK college experience.

What to pack/bring?

It is important to note that the apartments in London are not large. They are similar to a typical metropolitan studio-sized space. We encourage students to bring only **two** large suitcases. This will allow for the student to be mobile upon arrival – traveling from the airport- and allow for the student to purchase particular items that are needed upon arrival. We ask students to limit bringing many items because they will be traveling between each semester until they arrive in Boston in the Fall of their second year. A detailed list of items can be found **here**.

Can I travel during weekends or school breaks in the UK or other countries? If not, why? If so, what is your recommendation for support?

Students studying the London Scholars program in London can undertake tourist activities outside of class time. It is very important for students to ensure their intended travel does not impact their studies, as this can impact their visa and ability to study in London. If a student wishes to travel outside of the UK, it is their responsibility to gain the necessary visas to enter the country they are traveling to. Northeastern University London is not able to provide advice to students regarding visas for other countries. Many countries have visa information on their governmental websites, and it is important that students access this information to understand the visa requirements for their destination country prior to traveling there.

Can I travel to other European countries post-program?

Once students have completed their London Scholars program in London, they are free to travel to Europe. Students need to ensure that they have the correct visas to enter the European countries that they are traveling to. It is students' responsibility to obtain visa(s) and adhere to the visa rules and requirements before and while traveling in European countries. Students should check visa requirements on the countries' governmental website or the <u>Schengen Visa website</u> if they are only traveling to EU countries that belong to the Schengen Area.

Can I hold a job while in the London Scholars program?

Students who are studying the London Scholars program at Northeastern University London on a Student Visa are entitled to work in the UK. This entitlement is restricted to a maximum of 20 hours per week during the semester and full-time during the semester break and includes both paid and voluntary work. Students' work must not interfere with their studies.

Visa students are not allowed to engage in business activities (including selfemployment) or work as a professional sportsperson or entertainer. Working over your entitled weekly hours or working when you do not have working rights in the UK is illegal and can result in your visa being curtailed.

How does Northeastern ensure safety in London?

Students are asked to be vigilant when traveling through London, whether that is walking or on public transportation. All university-sponsored residences will require that students have their personal ID card to enter the building. All university-sponsored residences will have proctors at the entrance.

What are the dates for orientation?

• Orientation/Welcome Week: August 31-September 8, 2024

What are some of the welcome activities in week 1, London?

Follow the Instagram account <u>@nuglobal.ldn</u> to browse and learn more about past welcome activities and more.

Academics

Who teaches London Scholars classes?

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

Are classes in-person or virtual?

A majority of classes during the London Scholars program are taught in-person and students are required to meet a minimum attendance requirement throughout the program while in London.

How big are the classes in this program?

A benefit of the London Scholars program is the smaller cohort model of 450-525 students per campus, which allows for closer connections between students and faculty. Classes at Northeastern can range from 10 students in smaller classes 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 London Scholars compare to courses in Boston?

Courses taken during London Scholars align with the first-year curriculum taught at Northeastern's Boston campus while 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, London Scholars courses also count toward NUpath, our institution-wide general education requirements for students in all majors. 2024-2025 courses are available on the London Scholars website over the summer, and students will receive their Fall 2024 schedules from their academic advisor over the summer as well.

London 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 credit throughout London Scholars provided they receive a "D-" or better. Students will have one transcript for their entire undergraduate Northeastern experience, and the grades earned during the London Scholars program will count toward their ultimate Northeastern graduation requirements and GPA upon graduation.

How will grades from London Scholars be reflected on my final Northeastern University transcript?

The grades students earn as a London Scholars Program member will be directly applied to their Northeastern University official transcript. Students are encouraged to do their best during their year in London Scholars because the letter grades they earn will be reflected on their Northeastern transcript and the grades will count towards their Northeastern University GPA.

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 London Scholars?

Yes. London 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 – this is consistent with all Northeastern student experiences regardless of what program the student starts with. 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.

Do we need to bring our own textbooks, or can we get them on-site?

While in London, we recommend that you wait until arriving on location to purchase the necessary books. Required textbooks will be listed in the course syllabi you receive during the first week of classes. It is generally a good idea to review the syllabus for a class prior to buying any materials. You can purchase books from Northeastern University – London at the start of the term from the bookseller on campus or order them online. If you need a calculator, double-check with your instructor or syllabus to be sure you select the correct model.

How will my London Scholars academic experience compare to my peers not in the program?

As a London Scholars student taking courses at our Global Network campus, you will be on track with other Northeastern Students, despite what campus they start on. You will have the same ability to complete co-op and graduate in four years- should this be your intended plan. With any student, the planning of your courses and scheduling of the experiential opportunities will dictate your time here at Northeastern.

What type of classes am I taking during the London Scholars program?

London Scholars, similar to all first-year students at Northeastern and regardless of entry program, typically take one or two major courses per semester in their first year, with the rest of their schedule fulfilling NUpath, elective, and/or Global Inquiry requirements. Please note that each student's academic experience is unique, and course schedules will vary from student to student.

What are the culture course requirements for London Scholars?

Students can take at least one Global Inquiry Course in London.

How are learning differences managed for London Scholars?

Students should contact the **Disability Resource Center (DRC)** by emailing **drc@northeastern.edu** to provide appropriate documentation.

Course Registration

Students are given information on how to register for courses in early summer online. You will have the opportunity to meet virtually with an academic advisor to review your course registration. Academic Advisors will consider all applicable credits and design a schedule based on what puts students onto the best path forward. You will receive your class schedule in the summer or before you arrive on campus.

As a London Scholars student, can I change my major?

Yes, London Scholars students are able to change their major before, during, and after the program. Students will receive email updates throughout the program announcing Major Change Windows. Students are encouraged to speak with their advisor to discuss the change of major before completing the request in their Application Status Check.

When will I be able to meet with my advisor?

All students are provided access to an academic advisor. Students will receive information on how to arrange meetings with them after they deposit over the summer

Will the London Scholars curriculum allow me to participate in the major of my choice?

The London Scholars program supports the flexibility to participate in the major of your choice. You have the option to change your major during the program; however, official changes are limited to designated times throughout the year. It's important to note that some majors at Northeastern may not be compatible with the London Scholars program. Additionally, we carefully plan the sequencing of certain majors to align with fall and spring semesters, which could impact your ability to change majors. If you're uncertain about your choice of major or need information on majors incompatible with the program, or if you have questions about sequencing, please reach out to Dr. Sarah Kennedy at **s.kennedy@northeastern.edu**

As a London Scholars student, can I participate in Pre-Med?

Yes, London Scholars students are able to participate in pre-med.

- Global Handout, Co-op Webpage/Workshop, Pathways handouts, Events
 page
- Please feel free to broadly share the PMPH <u>New Students webpage</u> and encourage your advising team to <u>subscribe</u> to PMPH's monthly newsletter.
- To connect with a student's individual PreHealth Advisor, PMPH caseloads and contact information can be found <u>here</u>.

Are there any summer classes students need to take this summer?

No, there are no summer classes. While you will have some Orientation modules to complete virtually with information to come following May 1, we hope that you all enjoy a relaxing summer.

Difference in Academics in London

Moderation:

Once assignments have been graded by a faculty, a sample of assignments are passed on to another faculty who checks that the grading has been done in a fair and reliable way. If the second faculty finds some issues, a discussion will take place between both faculty members to find a fair resolution.

The whole grading process can take up to 28 calendar days before the graded assignment is returned to students.

Late penalties:

If a student submits from one millisecond to 48 hours late, they get late penalties, their assignment is capped at 40 (D-).

Anonymity:

Anonymity is taken seriously; students should not write their names on their assignments (including on the file name), as it can lead to a 0 on the assignment.

Taking all assessments to pass:

Students need to attempt all assignments in a course in order to pass the course. If they have a non-submission on a course without an approved extension, they will fail the course in the first instance and be invited to re-sits to take the assignments they didn't submit. Re-sit assignments are capped at 40 (D-) unless an extension has been approved.

Extensions are centralized:

To receive an extension for an assignment, students need to fill out an extenuating circumstance form and provide evidence of their circumstances. The circumstance needs to be serious and unforeseen for the extension to be considered by the Registry office. A panel meets every Wednesday to consider the application. A seven-day extension can be granted or a deferral for the re-sit period if the circumstance is quite serious. In the latter case, students will be able to take the assignment during the re-sit period, and the assignment will not be capped (contrary to normal re-sits due to failing a course).

Academic accommodations (Learning Support Plan):

Students with an approved Learning Support Plan (LSP) can get classroom and assessment adjustments. Students need to be actors of their LSPs and request extra time for coursework (essays) with Registry and with faculty for in-class assessments (presentations, quizzes) and portfolios.

Re-sits:

Re-sits are typical in the UK, they are an opportunity to make up for failed courses. If a student fails a course (due to low grade or due to non-submissions), they are invited to re-sit the assignments they failed, but assignments will be capped at 40 (D-). Re-sits usually take place a few weeks after the semester has ended. This means that if students have re-sits, the semester doesn't end right away, and students need to be available for the re-sit period.

Support:

Students will be supported throughout their time in London. The grading system will be explained in more detail once they are in London. Academic Advisors and the Associate Director for Mobility will accompany students in London and ensure they have all the tools they need to navigate the system.

Transition to Boston

What are the requirements to matriculate to Boston?

All students who complete the London Scholars program will automatically matriculate to the Boston campus for their second year without any additional application or transfer process. To complete the program, students must meet minimum class attendance requirements, receive a D- or higher, and abide by the Northeastern Student Code of Conduct.

What is the transition to the Boston campus like?

Upon successful completion of London Scholars, students will matriculate to the Boston campus to continue their studies in their second year. Their experiences with London Scholars will allow them to apply a unique global perspective in the classroom and beyond.

Students will be invited to attend Husky 101 orientation and receive ongoing support as they transition into academic and social life in Boston. All university staff make a very conscious effort to ensure our students are integrating into each aspect of the Northeastern community.

- On-Campus Housing Support: We are pleased to be able to offer students who complete the London Scholars Program the opportunity to reside in university housing during their second year when they arrive in Boston. Interested students will have the opportunity to declare their intention to reside in university housing during the Spring 2025 term. This opportunity does not represent a mandatory requirement, as students can still decide to live in off-campus housing in the local area if they choose. Please note that university housing for all students—including students completing London Scholars Program—can take the form of traditional campus residence halls, leased apartments, or leased hotel spaces in the area around campus.
- **Course registration**: In the Spring '25 your home college advisor will help you select your courses for your second year in Boston.
- Husky 101 orientation: Orientation occurs in the summer before your second year, supporting your transition to the Boston campus. Once you arrive in Boston after spending your first year at our Global Network campus—there will be coordinated efforts to continue to keep you engaged in campus life. Within the first few days on campus in Boston, you will be invited to attend the largest Campus Involvement fair- Fall Fest, where over 400+ student organizations will be present.

Do London Scholars students have guaranteed housing in their second year?

Yes, Guaranteed housing so long as they meet required deadlines. Housing on campus is not required for London Scholar students in their second year. London Scholars are allowed to live off campus in their second year, should they choose. The university has resources that can support students with off-campus housing support.

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

Yes. Students who complete London Scholars are on track to participate in co-op. All Northeastern Students, regardless of starting program, must take Northeastern's co-op

preparation course in their second year and complete their first co-op as early as the fall semester of their third year at Northeastern. The global perspective and maturity built during London Scholars provide a unique advantage and skillset that makes students competitive in the job market.

How is the transition to Boston after starting in London?

The program will host many webinars and on-ground community forums to ensure that students are aware of the deadlines and timelines associated with transitioning between campuses and countries.

Health and Safety

Are London Scholars students able to use university-sponsored health insurance?

Due to the fact London Scholars students are pre-matriculated, they are not eligible for Northeastern sponsored health insurance. London Scholars students must maintain personal health insurance that is valid in your home country and abroad. You may be covered under a domestic health insurance plan with international coverage or a supplemental international health insurance carrier. You are strongly encouraged to check with your current insurance carrier to see what kind of coverage is offered abroad.

Northeastern University maintains coverage to respond to costs associated with accidents and emergency/urgent illnesses. This is not health insurance. For more details on this policy, please visit the <u>international travel insurance website</u>. Students requiring medical care while in London should contact the International Assistance Hotline at +1.857.214.5332 (US) +44 20 3467 1773 (U.K.) Students in need of emergency assistance while in London should call 999 (U.K.) or 112(pan-European).

Next Steps

Once you've decided to participate in the London Scholars Program, you will want to **submit your enrollment deposit** of \$1,200 through your Northeastern University **Application Status Check.** You may check your deposit deadline in your decision

letter. Please check the Northeastern University Acceptance letter if you are unsure of the binding nature of your admission decision.

Along with submitting your deposit, you'll also want to complete **Enrollment paperwork** and Visa application requirements, if necessary, for your site location. If you do not already have a valid passport for 6 months past the end of the Spring 2025 semester, please work to begin the process of applying or renewing as soon as possible. If you need to apply for a passport, there have previously been some delays, so we recommend doing this **ASAP**.

Students heading to London first should expect to have to complete additional immigration paperwork—step-by-step visa guides will be available soon, and students will start the visa process in May/June.

Stay in Touch

We know that over the next couple of months you will be working toward making your decision to commit to your next academic journey, and we are here to support you in your decision-making process.

If you have questions specific to your admission decision, please contact the **Office of Admissions** at <u>londonscholarsadmissions@northeastern.edu</u> or **613-373-2200**.

For programmatic questions, please contact **londonscholars@northeastern.edu**. You will be assigned a ticket via Service Now, a customer service platform. This will allow you to track your inquiry.

If you have questions regarding financing the program, please contact Student Financial Services at sfs@northeastern.edu or 617-373-3190.