

Academic Insights at the Northeastern University London Campus

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Meet the Global Experience Academics Team

London Scholars

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



Your Studies

4 courses

1 major-related course
1 major-related or elective course
1 Global Inquiry course
1 writing course (unless AP out)

Each course = 4 US credits
/ 15 UK credits

A typical classroom

30 students per class
(note: some lectures can have up to 80 students)

Most courses are mixed between London Scholars and NU London UG Degree students

Interactive teaching styles

A typical week

2 x 1.5 hours per course, plus labs & recitations for some courses

Experiential learning: site visits (class time, evening, self-guided), guest lectures

Office hours with faculty

Independent study: 2 hours for every class hour.

The campus environment

Campus etiquette and student conduct

Student Hub and café quiet areas

Your NU London Platforms

Canvas:

- Weekly material, syllabi, assessment briefs and deadlines
- Faculty announcements
- Assignment submission portals

Seats:

- For attendance
 - Attendance Monitoring, Visa Compliance & Student Engagement: Ensuring NU London students meet attendance requirements to maintain visa status while promoting active participation in academic and extracurricular activities to enhance their learning experience and well-being.

CELCAT:

- Your individual timetable
- Office hours
- Events

Quercus:

- For final grades

TargetConnect:

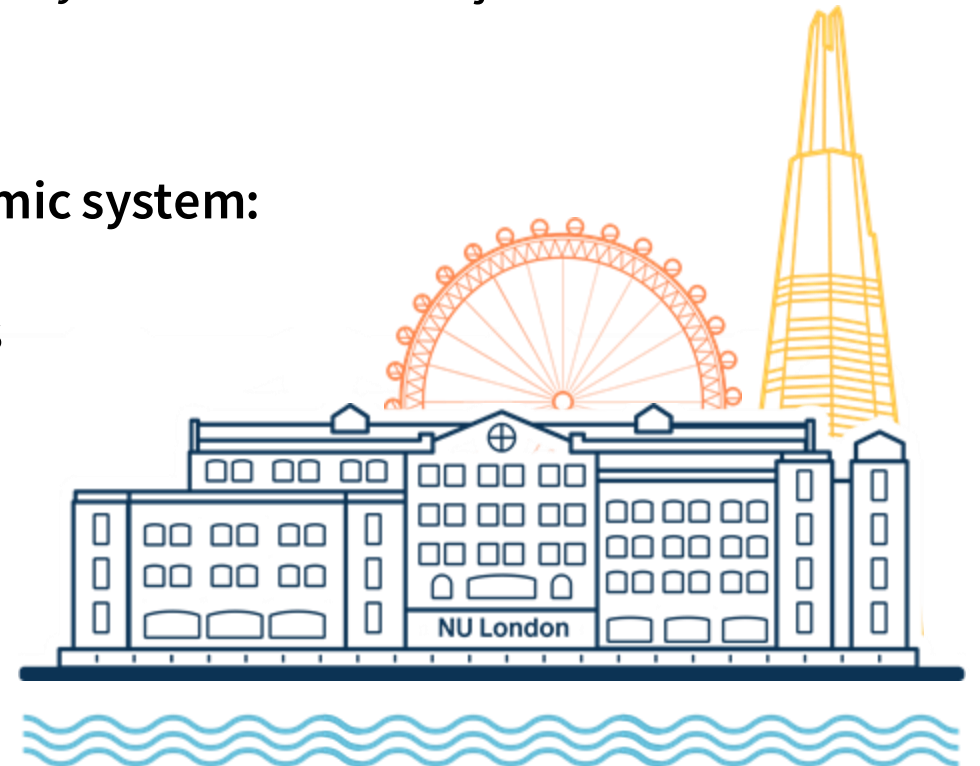
- For Academic Support and Student Support appointments

Academic System

The academic programme is integrated with the Northeastern University 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 on formal assessments is longer (up to 28 calendar days).

Extensions are centralised and requested with the Registry office, not professors. An application with evidence must be submitted. Your academic advisors can help you with this.

Late penalties are strict and centrally applied by the Registry Office.

Anonymity is important (do not write your names on any formal 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 (similar to homework in the US) 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 deadlines.

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 familiarise 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 Global Experience Programmes**
- 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.

Academic Support

Academic Advisors – General academic support and advising for course selections

Specific Learning Differences (SpLD) Advisors – Specialized support for neurodiverse (i.e. ADHD, dyslexia, autism) students

English and Academic Writing Advisor – Writing support and guidance through one-to-one sessions and workshops

Mathematics Tutors – Math tutoring and support through one-to-one sessions





Academic Support: Reminders and FAQs

- Mandatory Academic Workshop during Welcome Week
 - Great chance to connect with students in your college, meet your Advisor, and ask all your academic questions
 - Dates: 1 – 7 Sep*
- [Add/Drop Period](#)
 - Dates: 8 – 16 Sep* (First and Second Week of Classes)
 - Students must book an appointment to submit an Add/Drop request
- [Course Withdrawal Policy](#)
 - Can withdraw from a course with a W
 - Dates: 22 Sep – 5 Dec* (Last Day of Teaching)
- Official Course Registration & Timetable
- Check your Husky Email Daily!
- Class attendance is **MANDATORY**

*dates/ schedules are subject to change



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