

Foundation Year

An innovative first-year program, Foundation Year offers students from the City of Boston an opportunity to start their journey at Northeastern University in a small cohort-based program in the College of Professional Studies. Launched in 2009, Foundation Year features rigorous academics, scaffolded supports, and access to a plethora of resources on the Boston campus. Foundation Year students can earn up to 32 credits during the year that transfer toward their major and/or general education requirements at one of the undergraduate colleges at Northeastern.

Upon completion of the program, students who meet the progression standards can seamlessly transition to their destination college at Northeastern where they pursue their intended major. Students who don't meet the progression standards and/or want to continue their education elsewhere are supported by the Foundation Year advisors to transfer to a program that is a good match for them. The progression standards that Foundation Year students have to meet in order to continue at one of the undergraduate colleges at Northeastern include:

- Cumulative grade-point average of 3.000
- Course grades of C or better in the fall term
- Course grades of B– or better in the spring and summer terms

Application

To be considered for Foundation Year, students must be:

- Boston residents
- High school graduates or students holding GED/HiSET completion certificates
- Motivated and willing to work hard to achieve their goals and earn a college degree

PROCESS

1. Submit an application to Northeastern (<https://admissions.northeastern.edu/application-information/how-to-apply/>) using the Common Application or the Coalition Application.
2. Submit required materials (<https://admissions.northeastern.edu/application-information/how-to-apply/>).
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS Profile (<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>) online.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Program Requirements

Designed with the student in mind, Foundation Year's intensive curriculum includes courses in English, sociology, mathematics, and history. Students can also focus their studies by choosing from electives in business, science, or liberal arts. Foundation Year students can earn up to 32 semester hours of credit—equivalent to one year of college credits.

To help facilitate learning, Foundation Year provides all students with textbooks and laptops to use for the entire school year.

Complete all courses below unless otherwise indicated.

CORE COURSES

Note: Students are placed into math courses based on proficiency.

Code	Title	Hours
CDV 0220	The College Experience 1 (noncredit course)	0
CDV 0225	The College Experience 2 (noncredit course)	0
CMN 2310	Professional Speaking	3
ENG 1107	College Writing 2	3
ENG 1108	Lab for ENG 1107	1
Complete two of the following:		6
MTH 1105	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning: Practical Math	
MTH 1200	Precalculus	
MTH 2100	Calculus 1	
MTH 2300	Business Statistics	

ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Hours
Liberal Arts Course Track		
PHL 1100	Social and Political Philosophy	

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POL 1120	International Relations
POL 1200	Comparative Politics
POL 1300	American Government
PSY 1100	Foundations of Psychology
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 1230	Race and Ethnicity
SOC 2240	Death and Dying
Science Course Track	
BIO 1100 and BIO 1101	Principles of Biology 1 and Lab for BIO 1100
BIO 1200 and BIO 1201	Principles of Biology 2 and Lab for BIO 1200
CHM 1100 and CHM 1101	General Chemistry 1 and Lab for CHM 1100
CHM 1200 and CHM 1201	General Chemistry 2 and Lab for CHM 1200
Business Course Track	
ECN 1100	Principles of Microeconomics
ECN 1200	Principles of Macroeconomics
FIN 1200	Managing Your Personal Finances