



NU Accelerate Early Decision Course Selection Recommendation Guide

Welcome to the NU Accelerate Early Decision (ED) Course Selection Recommendation Guide!

These NU Accelerate courses, selected specifically for ED students, will provide you the opportunity to earn credits that can contribute to your graduation--through required coursework for your major or minor, requirements within the core curriculum, or elective credit. Students interested in taking NU Accelerate students will not receive individualized advising regarding course selection. This document serves as your guide in identifying your Accelerate course preferences for the Spring 2021 term. In this guide you'll find information about the NU Accelerate courses offered, as well as Northeastern University core curriculum and advanced credit policy information.

In addition to the considerations in the recommendation guide, we strongly urge you to consider your own schedule and your ability to commit to rigorous online, asynchronous coursework during your senior year, as well as your personal academic interests. Our goal is to make this an exciting and enlightening first step into your academic experience as a Husky!

As always, send any questions to nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
The NU Accelerate Team

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I. Spring 2021 Course Offerings for NU Accelerate Early Decision Students

Spring Term Dates January 19 – April 30

*Enroll in up to four courses **total** between the Spring and Summer Terms*

Course Code	Name
BUSN 1101	Introduction to Business
INTB 1203	International Business & Social Responsibility
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System
CS 1800/2*	Discrete Structures
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics
ENGW 1111	First Year Writing
ARCH 1310	Buildings and Cities, A Global History
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News
MATH 1341	Calculus I for Science/Engineering
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology

**CS 1802 is an accompanying required seminar and is 1 credit hour, making CS 1800/2 five (5) credits in total. Students who enroll in the maximum of four courses, including CS 1800/2, will earn up to 17 credits with the scholarship.*

Project-based learning courses

NU Accelerate students have the opportunity to select **one** of the following courses that are centered on problem and project-based learning. These courses are learner-centered, inquiry-based approaches designed to foster deep, engaged learning. In these courses, learners work in small groups to develop solutions to complex, real-world problems. Courses are taught by Northeastern University PhD students in conjunction with Northeastern University faculty.

Students can select a maximum of one (1) project-based learning course for the NU Accelerate scholarship. Each course is four (4) credits and has NUpath attribute. For further details please see the chart on Page 6 of this document.

Course Code	Name
INPR 1500	Racism and Inequality in the United States
INPR 1500	Bacterial Antibiotic Resistance
INPR 1500	Sustainable Fisheries Management

II. Your course credit and transcript

Your NU Accelerate courses will appear with grades on a pre-matriculant transcript. Once you matriculate as a fulltime student, the courses in which you earn a C or better will show as transfer credit on your undergraduate transcript, showing the course name and credit earned (note: the letter grade will not appear). As both documents are official university transcripts, you will need to include them both as requested when applying to medical school, law school or other graduate programs.

If you receive a grade lower than a C or a W (for withdrawal), the course will not carry over to your undergraduate transcript, but it will remain on your pre-matriculant transcript, which you would need to produce for graduate school applications as mentioned above. We encourage you to carefully consider the time commitment of the course(s), your own senior year obligations, and other personal factors as you choose NU Accelerate coursework and approach the deadlines to drop a course or withdrawal from a course without a W.

III. Important Dates

Key Date	Action
<i>Now – December 18</i>	Fall 2021 Admits to Complete Enrollment Indicator on App Status Check
<i>Now – January 4</i>	N.U.in 2021 Admits to Complete Enrollment Indicator on App Status Check
<i>December 15</i>	Digital Event! Have your questions answered by NU Accelerate staff
<i>December 21</i>	Course Preference Form Released to Students
<i>January 5</i>	Course Preference Form Due for all students
<i>January 14</i>	Receive an email with your class schedule information
<i>January 15</i>	NU Accelerate Kick-Off
<i>January 19</i>	Spring Term classes begin
<i>January 27</i>	Last day to add a course*
<i>February 8</i>	Last day to drop a course without a “W”*

**NU Accelerate follows the add/drop calendar as determined by the university’s Registrar office. January 27 is the last day for students to add a course for the Spring Term. February 8 is the last day for students to drop a course without a “W,” for withdrawal, on their transcript. Beginning February 9 if a student drops a course, that course title will remain on the transcript with a “W.” There are no extensions for these dates.*

IV. Step by Step Guide for Course Preference Selection

Follow these steps for selecting and submitting your NU Accelerate course preferences:

✓ **Step 1: Personal Considerations**

Key Date: Start now!

In selecting courses for the spring, we urge you to consider such factors as your senior year course load, advanced credit you may have received already, any travel plans or other personal commitments that would impact your ability to complete coursework. You should also consider that online, asynchronous coursework is a distinctive learning modality and is typically best suited for strong, independent learners. NU Accelerate is meant to be a positive experience for students rather than a burden or source of stress during your senior year of high school. Make sure to consider your high school commitments as this should be your priority prior to graduating high school.

✓ **Step 2: Weigh the following academic considerations**

Key Date: Start now! We urge you to reach out with your questions as soon as possible and before December 23. The university is closed for the winter holiday December 24-January 3.

- a. **Required courses for your major:** The chart below shows which NU Accelerate courses are requirements for certain majors. You may also visit the [undergraduate course catalog](#) to click on your college and academic program to view your full list of major requirements. Please note the course catalog reflects requirements for the 2020-2021 academic year and may change.
- b. **Your anticipated advanced credit:** (AP, IB, dual enrollment or other college-level courses): Consider what advanced credit courses you have completed or will complete during your senior year. Below are Northeastern's policies on advanced credit:
 - ◆ **Advanced Placement:** Northeastern accepts scores of 4 or 5 for credit. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours.
 - ◆ **International Baccalaureate:** Northeastern accepts scores of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level exams only. 32 semester hours of exam-based advanced credit may count toward total program hours.
 - ◆ **Dual enrollment or college courses:** If you have taken a dual enrollment or other college-level course for transfer credit to Northeastern, use the [Transfer Equivalency Database](#). Enter the course information to see if it has been evaluated for Northeastern transfer credit. If it has not and you would like it to be evaluated, send an email with the course syllabus to admissions@northeastern.edu for evaluation.

- ◆ Other Advanced credit, such as French Baccalauréat: To learn more about other types of advanced credit accepted by Northeastern University please review the [Transfer Credit Policy](#) document.
 - c. **Additional information emailed from NU Accelerate:** Students admitted to the following programs will receive an email by December 15 with key information specific to their majors or program: NUin, Khoury College of Computer Sciences students, Bouvé College of Health Science students, General Studies Program students.
 - d. **NUpath attributes:** As described below in **section V** of this guide, you will need to fulfill NUpath attributes in order to graduate and will do so through transfer credit, electives, and requirements for major, minor, and concentration. NU Accelerate is an opportunity to complete some of these requirements as well.
 - e. **NU Accelerate Course Information and Recommendations chart:** Page 5 of this guide has a detailed chart with information and recommendations for the Spring Term courses.
- ✓ **Step 3: Attend Digital Event “Introduction to NU Accelerate”**
Key Date: December 15 at 6:00p.m. EST
 Hear from Heather Streets-Salter, Associate Vice Chancellor, as well as Liz Quinn and Alice Smith from the Accelerate team about the NU Accelerate opportunity for Early Decision enrolling students. They will discuss the coursework available, review details of the online academic experience, as well as key dates to keep in mind. There will be time for a live Q&A, so come prepared with questions! Find the link to register on your Application Status Check.
 - ✓ **Step 4: Indicate your intent to enroll in your Application Status Check**
Key Date: December 18 at 11:59p.m. EST for students admitted for Fall 2021
Key Date: January 4 at 11:59p.m. EST for students admitted to the NUin Program
 Visit your Application Status Check in your portal to indicate your intent to enroll in the Spring Term. Please note this is for Spring Term only and you will indicate interest in Summer Term at a later date.)
 - ✓ **Step 5: Receive and Submit your Course Preference Form**
Key Date: Course Preference Form will be emailed to students who intend to enroll beginning December 21. You must complete Step Four in order to receive the form.
Key Date: Course Preference Form must be submitted by January 5 at 11:59p.m. EST
 Beginning December 21 students who indicate their intent to enroll in Spring Term coursework in their Application Status Check will receive the Course Preference Form. This form will collect the following information: number of courses you prefer to take, ranked order of your preferred courses, and anticipated advanced credit information.

This information will be used for section planning purposes. Your course preferences are not guaranteed.

✓ **Step 6: Receive confirmation of your class schedule**

Key Date: January 14

By January 14 you will receive an email confirming your class schedule is ready to be viewed in Canvas, the learning platform for NU Accelerate coursework.

✓ **Step 7: Attend NU Accelerate Kick-Off**

Key Date: January 15

Save the Date for the NU Accelerate Kick-Off program to help prepare you for your academic journey in the Spring Term.

✓ **Step 8: Begin coursework for the Spring Term!**

Key Date: January 19

Spring Term begins

NU Accelerate Courses Information and Recommendations

Use the chart below to assist you in determining your course preferences. As a reminder, the Course Preference Form will be sent to students beginning December 21, and the deadline to submit is January 5.

Spring Term Offerings

Course Code	Name	NUPath Attributes	Required for the Following Major(s)	Not recommended for students anticipating credit for:
BUSN 1101	Introduction to Business	Not applicable	BSBA majors only (BSIB and Combined majors with Business should not take this course)	---
INTB 1203	International Business & Social Responsibility	IC/ER	BSBA majors only (BSIB majors should not take this course) Data Science and Business Health Science and Business International Affairs * International Affairs combined majors* <i>*INTB 1203 can be applied toward these majors but it is not the only course that fulfills the requirement</i>	---
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System	SI	Health Science All Health Science combined majors	---
CS 1800/2	Discrete Structures	FQ	All Khoury majors All Khoury combined majors	---

Course Code	Name	NUPath Attributes	Required for the Following Major(s)	Not recommended for students anticipating credit for:
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	SI/AD	BSBA majors only (BSIB majors should not take this course) Environmental Studies Economics All Economics combined majors International Affairs Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Health Science and Business Khoury majors combined with DMSB or Economics	AP Macroeconomics IB Macroeconomics
ENGW1111	First Year Writing	WF	All majors <i>As noted above, General Studies Program students will take this course as part of their program, so it is not recommended that they take it in the Spring 2021 or Summer 2021 terms.</i>	IB English A Language and Literature HL IB English A Literature HL AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition French Baccalaureate Language and Literature
ARCH 1310	Buildings and Cities, A Global History	IC/DD	Architecture Studio Art	---
COMM 1101	Intro to Communication Studies	SI/ER	Communication Studies All Communication Studies combined majors	---
JRNL1150	Understanding Today's News	SI/DD	Journalism All majors combined with Journalism	---
MATH 1341	Calculus I for Science/Engineering	FQ	All DMSB majors Health Science All Health Science combined majors Nursing All Engineering majors All Engineering combined majors All Khoury majors All Khoury combined majors except CS and Design All COS majors except for the following: <i>Biology, Cell & Molecular Biology, Environmental Studies, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Linguistics</i>	IB Mathematics HL Calculus AB or BC Advanced Placement French Baccalaureate Mathematics, Maths, or Mathematiques
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	ND/SI	All Bouvé majors including combined majors Behavioral Neuroscience Linguistics Psychology All Psychology combined majors Khoury majors combined with Behav. Neuroscience	IB Psychology HL AP Psychology

Project-based Learning Courses

As referenced in Page 2 of this guide, students may take a maximum of one (1) course as part of the NU Accelerate scholarship. Project-based learning courses are four (4) credit hours and contain NUpath attributes that can contribute toward graduation. For course descriptions please visit the [NU Accelerate website](#) to view the Spring 2021 Course Catalog.

Course Code	Name	NUpath Attributes	Required for the Following Major(s)
INPR 1500	Racism and Racial Inequality in the United States	DD	Not applicable
INPR 1500	Bacterial Antibiotic Resistance	ND	Not applicable
INPR 1500	Sustainable Fisheries	ND	Not applicable

V. NUpath: The Core Curriculum at Northeastern University

Northeastern’s academic core curriculum, known as [NUpath](#), is built around essential, broad-based knowledge and skills—such as understanding societies and analyzing data—integrated with specific content areas and disciplines. It offers students the flexibility to integrate core learning into their individual educational journeys.

What You Need to Know

Students must fulfill NUpath requirements through transfer credit, elective courses and required courses in your major, minor or concentration. In order to complete a Northeastern bachelor’s degree all students must complete the NUpath requirements (in the bulleted list below) through major, minor, concentration, or elective courses. Many majors have course requirements that will allow you to fulfill a number—or even all — of your NUpath attributes.

Below are the NUpath attributes required for graduation:

- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World (ND)
- Interpreting Culture (IC)
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
- Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI)
- Analyzing and Using Data (AD)
- Engaging Difference and Diversity (DD)
- Employing Ethical Reasoning (ER)
- Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation (EI)
- Writing in the First Year (WF)
- Advanced Writing in the Disciplines (WD)
- Writing Intensive in the Major (WI)
- Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience (EX)
- Demonstrating Through and Action in a Capstone (CE)

VI. Looking Ahead to the Summer 2021 Terms

The course catalog for NU Accelerate Summer Term courses will be finalized in early 2021. For your planning purposes we anticipate offering the 16 courses below.

<i>Course Code</i>	<i>Name*</i>
<i>ECON 1116</i>	Principles of Microeconomics
<i>ECON 1115</i>	Principles of Macroeconomics
<i>PHTH 1260</i>	The American Healthcare System
<i>CS 1800/2</i>	Discrete Structures
<i>ENTR 2301</i>	Innovation!
<i>ENGW1111</i>	First Year Writing
<i>HIST 2211</i>	World Since 1945
<i>HIST 1215</i>	Origins of Today
<i>ARCH 1310</i>	Buildings and Cities, A Global History
<i>COMM 1101</i>	Introduction to Communication Studies
<i>THTR 1101</i>	Introduction to Theater
<i>MATH 1231</i>	Calculus I for Business/Economics
<i>MATH 1341</i>	Calculus I for Science/Engineering
<i>PSYC 1101</i>	Foundations of Psychology
<i>ACCT 1201</i>	Financial Accounting and Reporting
<i>PHIL 1102</i>	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues

*Courses are currently subject to change and will be finalized when the course catalog for NU Accelerate Summer Term is published. Note that the majority of courses will be offered either in Summer 1 or Summer 2; a limited number of courses will be offered both in Summer 1 and Summer 2, and First Year Writing will be offered in Full Summer.

Note that Summer 1 and Summer 2 are condensed terms. Courses are delivered in a 7.5 week format but contain the same number of credits and content, making for an intense academic experience.

Contact Us!

A reminder that the NU Accelerate Team is ready to assist you with your questions at nuaccelerate@northeastern.edu.