

Moving to Boston, Massachusetts

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Transitioning to life in a new city can seem intimidating—but it doesn't have to be! Here at Northeastern University, our goal is to help you prepare to take advantage of all that Boston has to offer. Our campus is nestled in the heart of the city and provides a vibrant cultural, historical, and social environment for students and professionals.

Where Will I Live While Studying Here?

Northeastern University's [Office of Global Services](#) provides in-depth information on housing options available to graduate students.

Graduate students interested in off-campus housing will find that rent will be your largest expense when living in Boston. The University Housing and Residential Life's [Your Guide to Living Off Campus](#) covers useful topics for off-campus apartment rentals.

There are many neighborhoods close to our campus that hold historical significance, offer rich cultural experiences, and are affordable for our students. Below are some Boston neighborhoods where many of our students choose to live:

Back Bay

- Located 1 mile from campus, 15-20 minute walk or 10-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - Visit or study at the Boston Public Library
 - Enjoy shops and restaurants on Newbury Street
 - Visit the Skywalk Observatory or enjoy shops and restaurants at the Prudential Center
 - Visit the Boston Public Garden

Downtown

- Located 1 mile from campus, 15-20 minute walk or 10-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - See a play or concert in the Theater District
 - Enjoy shops and restaurants in the Financial District
 - Plan travel through South Station or North Station Amtrak train terminals

Fenway/Kenmore

- Located 1 mile from campus, 15-20 minute walk or 10-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - Enjoy a baseball game at Fenway Park
 - Enjoy walking or running by the Charles River, or learn to sail on the river in the summer
 - Visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
 - Visit the Museum of Fine Arts

Jamaica Plain


- Located 2 miles from campus, 35-minute walk or 15-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - Visit the original J.P. Lick's Ice Cream shop
 - Visit the Franklin Park Zoo
 - Sail on Jamaica Pond or go for a run or walk around it
 - Visit the Arnold Arboretum

Mission Hill

- Located 1 to 1.5 miles from campus, 20-minute walk or 10-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - Enjoy the shops and restaurants at the Brigham Circle shopping center
 - Visit Fitzgerald Park

South End

- Located 1 mile from campus, 15-20 minute walk or 10-minute subway ride
- Things to do:
 - Enjoy a show the Boston Ballet
 - Visit the Boston Center for the Arts
 - Enjoy fresh foods and local art at the SoWa Open Market



A view of Boston over the Charles River,
just 15 minutes from campus.

What is the Food Like in Boston?

Boston is famous for its clam chowder, fresh seafood, cranberries, and baked beans—but the city also offers an abundance of world cuisine, including Chinese, Ethiopian, French, Indian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Boston's North End neighborhood is known for its authentic Italian food and desserts. And you will find many traditional and modern Chinese, Cantonese, and Taiwanese restaurants in Boston's Chinatown neighborhood.

The city is home to some of the world's elite chefs, but also has many casual restaurants. There are options for every budget: you can dine at a restaurant, bring home take-out food, or eat on campus. There are a number of university dining spots that serve breakfast, lunch, dinner, fast food, coffee, and snacks. If you like to cook at home, try one of Boston's supermarkets, ethnic food shops, or farmer's markets.

Will I Be Safe on Campus? In the City?

Boston is a safe city although there is occasional crime, as in all populated urban areas.

The men and women of the [Northeastern University Police Department](#) are dedicated to maintaining the campus as a safe and pleasant place in which to live, work, and study. Check out these [General Safety Tips](#).

How Will I Get Around the City?

Boston is a great city for walking and biking. The benefit of living in an urban setting is the easy access to major attractions using Boston's bus and subway system called the T, short for MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority). Check mbta.com for detailed information on fares and schedules.

A monthly pass gives you unlimited access to subway and local bus routes.

As the home to Logan International Airport, North Station, and South Station—some of the nation's busiest train stations—Boston is well situated for all of your travels.

If you have more questions or want additional resources, contact us at +1-617-373-6993 or gradcertificates@northeastern.edu.

Are you ready to make your move to Boston?