

Information for International Students

Office of Global Services

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The Office of Global Services provides immigration advice and support services to over 20,000 international students and scholars enrolled throughout our global university system.

OGS enhances the educational experience of international students and scholars at Northeastern University by cultivating a supportive and inclusive community that fosters academic success and promotes personal growth. Through personalized comprehensive advising and dynamic programming, we empower students and scholars with understanding the regulatory complexities of maintaining their student/scholar status and connect them to resources to successfully navigate, adapt to, and excel in their new academic and cultural environments.

OGS provides stability in an ever-evolving regulatory climate, and we work collaboratively with campus partners toward positive outcomes for students and scholars within this framework. OGS advocates for international student and scholar interests and needs, not only within the larger university community but also at the local, regional, and national levels throughout our campus network.

OGS provides **immigration advising services** to assist international students in understanding the benefits and restrictions of being an international student, as governed by the federal immigration regulations set forth by the country of the student's study location within the Northeastern global university system. OGS advises students on the complexities of immigration compliance and interfaces with various government agencies. OGS is also responsible for monitoring student academic progress and maintaining institutional compliance through mandatory governmental reporting.

During **international student orientation**, international students will receive an overview of the immigration compliance requirements along with information and resources to support academic success, student life, campus safety, and cultural adjustment. OGS serves as a home away from home for all international students and offers a wide array of **programs and services** to assist international students with their cultural adjustment, academic success, and professional growth.

During every required academic term, international students must maintain **full-time status and appropriate on-ground presence** at Northeastern to comply with federal immigration regulations. Timely registration for full-time, on-ground courses is especially important so that international students may remain in compliance with Northeastern's governmental reporting requirements. For study permit holders in Canada, full-time registration is required to maintain work and postgraduation benefits. For F-1/J-1 students in the United States, full-time status and appropriate on-ground presence is required to maintain eligibility for all associated benefits of F-1/J-1 status. For those on student visas in the United Kingdom, students must adhere to the conditions of their student visa and fully comply with Northeastern's Academic Engagement Monitoring Policy.

Because understanding federal regulations is complex and often nuanced, international students should consult with OGS if they have questions about their individual status.

OGS—UNITED STATES ([HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.NORTHEASTERN.EDU/OGS/](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/))

Information for international students and scholars attending Northeastern in the United States including I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) issuance, visa processing, general guidelines for maintaining status, postgraduation benefits, orientation, events and programs, and support services. F-1 and J-1 students are encouraged to regularly review the guidelines on maintaining status (<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/understanding-visa-requirements/guidelines-on-maintaining-status/>).

OGS—CANADA ([HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.NORTHEASTERN.EDU/OGS/STUDENT-SUPPORT/GLOBAL-CAMPUSES/CANADA/](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/student-support/global-campuses/canada/))

Information for international students attending the Northeastern program in Canada including study permit compliance and extension, work eligibility, co-op work permit application, Post-Graduation Work Permit application, general guidelines, and support services.

OGS—UNITED KINGDOM ([HTTPS://WWW.NULONDON.AC.UK/ADMISSIONS/VISAS/](https://www.nulondon.ac.uk/admissions/visas/))

Information for international students attending the Northeastern program in the United Kingdom including information about Certificate of Acceptance for Studies issuance, UK student visa application processes, enrollment requirements, attendance guidelines, work regulations, poststudy work programs, and other important information regarding study requirements.