SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Additional information is available from involved departments and the Center for Academic Services, 1 Meserve Hall.

The availability of all special programs is contingent on meeting minimum enrollment numbers and, when an outside institution is involved, continued affiliation of that institution with the University. Overseas study programs are open to qualified middlers, juniors, and seniors with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.000 or higher.

Transfer Program with Professional Schools
When approved for this transfer program, a preprofessional student may reduce by one year the time normally required for obtaining both the undergraduate and professional degrees. Students who have completed at least three-fourths of the work required for a baccalaureate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences and who are accepted into an approved professional school of dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, osteopathy, or veterinary medicine will be eligible for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree at the end of their second year in a professional school. At least two-thirds of the work for the baccalaureate degree must be earned in residence at Northeastern, and all other College of Arts and Sciences requirements must be fulfilled. The residence requirement must be completed prior to entering the professional school.

Northeastern University–Hebrew College Partnership
A cooperative relationship between Northeastern University and Hebrew College allows cross-registration and concurrent library privileges at both institutions, as well as an integrated five-year program through which students can earn a BA from Northeastern and an MA or MJEd from Hebrew College. For more information contact the Jewish studies program at 617.373.7045 or www.northeastern.edu/jewishstudies/.

Marine Science
The Three Seas Program (formerly East/West Marine Biology).
The Three Seas Program allows advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students in biology and related areas to spend a year of field study in three diverse marine environments.

The program begins in the fall at Northeastern University’s Marine Science Center in Nahant, twelve miles from the main campus. In January, students travel to the South Pacific to study tropical biology at UC Berkeley’s Gump Marine Station on the island of Moorea, French Polynesia, located ten miles from Tahiti. The final segment of the program is conducted at the University of Washington’s Friday Harbor Laboratories on San Juan Island, located approximately 70 miles north of Seattle and part of an archipelago that lies between the mainland and Vancouver Island. For more information, contact Sal Genovese at 781.581.7370, extension 311 or visit the Three Seas Program Web site at www.threeseas.neu.edu.

Marine Science Center Summer Program in Marine Biology.
The summer program allows students to participate in intensive courses at the Marine Science Center (MSC). Students conduct independent research at the MSC laboratory throughout the year. Graduate students from other universities are encouraged to use the laboratory and field sites for thesis research.

Massachusetts Bay Marine Studies Consortium. Northeastern University students may take classes at the Massachusetts Bay Marine Studies Consortium. The consortium’s course offerings are interdisciplinary and seek to bridge academic disciplines and current concerns in the marine world. For more information, contact the marine studies program director, Professor Peter S. Rosen, at 617.373.4380.

Sea Education Association. SEA Semester is an interdisciplinary program focusing on the sea in which students undertake course work ashore followed by a practical component at sea. The program combines intensive research in the areas of oceanography, maritime studies, and nautical science with hands-on experience aboard a traditional sailing ship. Piloting, celestial navigation, and practical seamanship are learned together with oceanographic sampling techniques and marine laboratory procedures during a six-week voyage on a ship sailing either on the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans. Critical thinking, problem-solving, team-building, and leadership skills are emphasized throughout the program. Some cruises focus on specialized topics including oceans and climate, Caribbean studies, or Polynesian studies. Through our affiliation with the Sea Education Association, SEA Semester courses earn Northeastern credit. The program is appropriate for students in biology, environmental and physical sciences, environmental studies, American studies, and most other areas within the liberal arts and sciences. For more information, contact the marine studies program director, Professor Peter S. Rosen, at 617.373.4380.

The Center for the Arts
The Center for the Arts provides enrichment to the University and the surrounding community through arts presentation. A variety of main stage and artist-in-residency programs serve to support and develop the arts as a vital and integral component of the Northeastern community. With the academic arts departments, the center provides opportunity and support to enable students to become knowledgeable and active participants in the arts. The center presents and produces multicultural arts programs that serve the on-campus community as well as the general public.