Welcome to Northeastern – SF Bay Area!

In this booklet you’ll find the information you need to get oriented and ready for classes at both Silicon Valley and San Francisco campuses. Everything from orientations, advising, and building access will be covered in the following pages. Let’s get started!

A NOTE FROM OUR DEAN

Hillary Mickell, Dean and Regional CEO.

We’re excited to have you!

Welcome to Northeastern University’s San Francisco Bay Area Regional campuses, both in the heart of Silicon Valley (San Jose, CA) and downtown San Francisco. Our mission is to provide you with the education and experience you need to move ahead in your career and bring new value to your workplace and our community. The Campus Guide is a toolbox to help answer many of the questions you may have and point you to resources and services that are often needed. Our priority is to offer you a quality educational experience and great service. Do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on our team to help in any way.

Sincerely,

Hillary Mickell

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Depending on your program you might have heard from your advisor and you might have already registered for courses. If you haven’t DON’T worry. You will be notified by an academic advisor for how and when to register.

Start thinking about what you need to do at home before moving to San Francisco or the Silicon Valley. Consider making an appointment with your primary care provider, dentist and eye doctor before you leave so you have as much time as possible to find providers in Bay Area if you need to.

It’s a good idea to check your Northeastern email regularly. If you don’t plan to log in at least a few times a week you should consider forwarding your email to one you check most often.

The final schedule for your orientation is usually posted to the New Student Webpage in July or early August. If you haven’t made plans for traveling to SF Bay Area, now is the time to think about when to arrive. You may want to give yourself a few days to get settled before your courses start.

If you haven’t started looking for a place to live, July and August are good times to start looking. Check out our pages on Relocating to Silicon Valley and Relocating to San Francisco for resources on looking for housing, public transportation, driving, obtaining a California ID and more.

Have you started packing yet? The high temperatures for the San Francisco Bay Area in the winter can average from the mid-50s to the low-60s, while the winter low average temperatures tend to be in the mid-40s. We must also note that the rain chances are much higher in the winter months compared to those of the warmer seasons, so keep this in mind as you pack for your trip.

Keep an eye out for your first tuition bill which usually is emailed out this time for semester students, and a little later for quarter students.

Carefully review the email Student Services sends regarding the Northeastern University Student Health Plan (NUSHP) and your health insurance requirements.

Do you have enough of your prescriptions to get you through the start of your program? Finding a provider in a new city can take time. Be prepared.

If you are entering the US on an F-1 visa, keep a close eye out for communication from the Office of Global Services 30 days prior to the start of your term regarding important information on how to make your entry into the United States as smooth as possible!

Orientation approaches! Be sure you have completed your online orientation, which can be found on Canvas or through myNortheastern. Then join us for our Welcome Weeks receptions and activities to get to know other new students.

Review your classes to note when your first class is. The academic calendar list the first day a class may start, but depending on your class schedule it may not be for a few days.
We have two campus locations in the Bay Area, the San Francisco Campus and the Silicon Valley Campus. When we list event locations, we will typically write the campus location then follow it with the room number and name.

**San Francisco**
- 600 California Street
- San Francisco, CA 94108
- Campus: 20th Floor
- Parking Garages (SF)
  - Parking Near 600 California St.
  - St. Mary’s Square at 433 Kearny Street
  - 550 Kearny Street

**Silicon Valley**
- 4 North 2nd Street
- San Jose, CA 95113
- Campus: 9th & 10th Floor
- Parking Garage (SV)
  - 95 North 3rd Street Garage
  - 25 S. 3rd Street Garage

Access to the **San Francisco campus** requires keycards from WeWork, issued to students at the start of each program and collected at the end. WeWork does not issue day cards or temporary cards if forgotten.

The **San Jose Downtown** campus access via elevators is only allowed with your access badge. If you forget your access badge, students can check in at the reception desk to for a temporary badge.

Public Transportation Access
The Clipper Card is your transportation access card for 23 public transportation options in the Bay Area. Be sure to get your Clipper Card for seamless travel access.

In San Francisco, the major public transportation options include the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), MUNI, and CalTrain.

In Silicon Valley, major public transportation options include BART, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and CalTrain.

View a full list of transportation options where your Clipper Card works.

**CAMPUS ACCESS**

**COVID-19 Checklist & Vaccinations**
Northeastern is instituting new testing requirements that will apply for the summer of 2021. Campus facilities will continue to closely monitor local, state and federal guidance and policies set by Northeastern.

- **Fully vaccinated individuals** are no longer required to participate in regular COVID-19 testing. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.
- **Unvaccinated individuals** who regularly come to campus (one or more times per week) will be required to test every 7 days and continue to complete the Daily Wellness Check.

These testing requirements may be revised, and we will continue to update the community on testing requirements as we determine the protocols that best promote our campus health and safety.

Please also check the regional Campus Access Protocol page for frequently asked questions specific to the San Francisco and Silicon Valley campuses.

**How to get your Husky ID**
All students will be required to carry their student ID card (Husky Card) while on campus. Please follow the below instructions to obtain your Husky Card.

All new students must complete the Husky ID Card form by August 20, 2021 to receive their Husky ID.

You can request the card if you are a current, admitted graduate student, staff or faculty and have a valid NU ID number. There is a $25 fee for a replacement Husky ID card.

If you encounter any issues or have any questions, please contact: Valerie Cruz at v.cruz@northeastern.edu.
There are a variety of ways to get involved on campus. You can find common interests with other students through Student Interest Groups (SIGs). Focus on leadership and professional development through other co-curricular programs. There’s also Global Learner Support who organizes many fun, regional outings and activities to help introduce Bay Area culture. Career Services is available to help advise on your career path and hosts events that help connect students to employers. Maybe you’ll be interested in becoming a Student Ambassador and help student events and programs around campus?

To learn more about student involvement, programs and events, and to get connected with university resources, our Student Services team is ready to help!

Global Learner Support
GLS provides high-quality language, cultural, academic, and career support through tutoring, workshops, cultural programming, Communication in Tech, English for Academic Communication courses, and cultural exchange programs.

Student Services for San Francisco and Silicon Valley:
Director of Student Services: Jackie Li, jac.li@northeastern.edu
Assistant Director of Student Services: Hing Potter, h.potter@northeastern.edu
Regional Wellness Student Support Specialist: Brielle Buechler, b.buechler@northeastern.edu

International students should also communicate with the Office of Global Services for any questions regarding immigration status.

Office of Global Services
International Student Advisor: Giscard Dimanche, g.dimanche@northeastern.edu
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

There are three orientation types: Campus, College, and International. You should check your Northeastern email and the New Student Section of our website for the specific date and times of your orientations. All orientations are online.

Campus Orientation
Campus Orientation will familiarize you with the SF Bay Area campuses. All students are expected to complete the online Canvas orientation. You’ll learn of our expectations, campus safety, and all resources available to you as a Northeastern SFBA student. This orientation opens July 12, 2021.

College Orientation
Each college has its own, college-specific orientation. Topics covered relate directly to your academics, such as advising and program expectations.

International Orientation
The international orientation is run by the Office of Global Services to introduce international students to life and academics in the US. OGS will also cover important policies and procedures for students on specific visas.

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HOUSING IN THE SF BAY AREA

As graduate students, you are expected to find your own housing off-campus. All our campuses are well-connected by regional transit to many different neighborhoods.

Looking For An Apartment
Wondering what neighborhood to live in? Looking for a roommate? Check out Off Campus Housing and Support Services to learn some of the first steps to finding your next apartment.

Yammer
Join the Off Campus Yammer Community with over 10,000 members! Communities at Northeastern is a virtual platform connect with one another and the university community, anywhere.

Quick Tips for Housing
Here are helpful quick tips to be mindful of when renting.
1) Avoid Scams: Be cautious when completing transactions with others, especially before arriving to the Bay Area.
2) Understand Your Lease: Do not sign a lease unless you have fully read and understood it. Start by check out the Lease Genius webpage.
3) Know Your Budget: In many places, you are responsible for utilities like internet, water, electricity, garbage, ane more. Know what fits within your monthly Budget.
Be sure to check your email over the summer for the most up to date information on campus operations, hours and campus access protocols.

Please email all questions to Hing Potter, Assistant Director of Student Services at: h.potter@northeastern.edu.