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Accreditation. Northeastern University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Delivery of Services. Northeastern University assumes no liability for delay or failure to provide educational or other services or facilities due to causes beyond its reasonable control. Causes include, without limitation, power failure, fire, strikes by University employees or others, damage by natural elements, and acts of public authorities. The University will, however, exert reasonable efforts, when it judges them to be appropriate, to provide comparable services, facilities, or performance; but its inability or failure to do so shall not subject the University to liability.

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Northeastern University will endeavor to make available to its students a fine education and a stimulating and congenial environment. However, the quality and rate of progress of an individual's academic career and professional advancement upon completion of a degree or program are largely dependent on his or her own abilities, commitment, and effort. In many professions and occupations, there are also requirements imposed by federal and state statutes and regulatory agencies for certification or entry into a particular field. These requirements may change while a student is enrolled in a program and may vary from state to state or country to country. Although the University stands ready to help its students find out about requirements and changes in them, it is the student's responsibility to initiate the inquiry.

Tuition Default Policy. In cases where the student defaults on his/her tuition, the student shall be liable for the outstanding tuition and all reasonable associated collection costs incurred by the University, including attorneys' fees.

Emergency Closing of the University. Northeastern University has made arrangements to notify students, faculty, and staff by radio and television when it becomes necessary to cancel classes because of extremely inclement weather. AM stations WBZ (1030), WILD (1090), and WRKO (680), and FM stations WBUR (90.9) and WFNX (101.7) are the radio stations authorized to announce the University's decision to close. Television stations WBZ-TV4, WCVB-TV5, and WHDH-TV7 will also report cancellations. Since instructional television courses originate from live or broadcast facilities at the University, neither the classes nor the courier service operates when the University is closed. Please listen to the radio or television to determine whether the University will be closed.

If a storm occurs at night, the announcement of University closing is given to the radio stations at approximately 6 AM. Classes are generally canceled for that entire day and evening at all campus locations unless stated otherwise. When a storm begins late in the day, cancellations of evening classes may be announced. This announcement is usually made between 2 and 3 PM.

Equal Opportunity Policy. Northeastern University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, or veteran status in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. In addition, Northeastern University will not condone any form of sexual harassment. Handbooks containing the University's nondiscrimination policies and its grievance procedures are available in the Office of Affirmative Action, 424 Columbus Place. Inquiries regarding the University's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to:

Donnie Perkins
Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity
424 Columbus Place
Northeastern University
Boston, Massachusetts 02115
617.373.2133

Inquiries concerning the application of nondiscrimination policies may also be referred to the Regional Director, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, J.W. McCormack Building, Post Office Court House, Room 222, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-4557.

Disability Resource Center. The Disability Resource Center provides a variety of disability-related services and accommodations to Northeastern University's students and employees with disabilities.

Northeastern University's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are coordinated by the dean and director of the Disability Resource Center. Persons requiring information regarding the Disability Resource Center should contact Dean G. Ruth Bork at 617.373.2675 (voice) or 617.373.2730 (TTY).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Northeastern University permits its students to inspect their records wherever appropriate and to challenge specific parts of them when they feel it is necessary to do so. Specific details of the law as it applies to Northeastern are printed in the *Undergraduate and Graduate Student Handbook* and are distributed annually at registration for the University's colleges and graduate schools.

Persistence Rates under the Student Right-to-Know Act. In the fall of 2003, the persistence rate for students who entered in the fall 2002 cohort was 87.7 percent.

Mission Statement. Northeastern University is dedicated to providing a diverse student population with an academic program and a course of professional preparation of the highest quality. The University values equally knowledge for its own sake, knowledge as a means to success in the workplace, and knowledge as a cornerstone of personal achievement and satisfaction. As a private, urban university, Northeastern is determined to maintain its reputation as a friend to the city of Boston and a partner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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