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# Welcome to Northwestern University in Qatar

The fields of communication and journalism offer you a chance to develop your unique voice, point of view and an expert level of insight on the subjects that drive your interest. These majors offer a range of powerful career opportunities once achieved, and holding a distinctive degree from Northwestern University emboldens your future further—when you join and lead the ranks of decision makers who shape the future.

Built on a distinguished legacy spanning back more than 150 years, Northwestern offers an exceptional experience—engaging courses, internships and interaction with elite faculty push students to the next level. Through study at the Qatar campus, students partake in a program mirroring that at the home campus with the added benefit of spending each day in one of the most future-forward cities in the world today.

With just three graduating classes, we have seen alumni accepted to some of the highest-ranking graduate schools in the world and placed in a wide range of influential media positions in government ministries, media companies, film companies, airlines, medical centers and many others—you will find more details as you peruse this book.

This is just the start. We stand on the commanding heights of a very exciting time, as we approach the opening of our new facility and make more and more connections with impact, through instruction, research, outreach and proactive engagement with Qatar, the region and the world. These connections ensure your practical experience in the field, and your participation sets you on a strong trajectory to build your legacy—as well as that of a world-renowned university and nation state.



As you explore the following pages about our programs and life at NU-Q, know that we hope you will connect with us as we warmly welcome your questions and inquiries.

Everette E. Dennis  
Dean and CEO  
Northwestern University in Qatar

## Connect With the Center of Now

Hind Al-Ansari, Class of 2014, Citizenship: Qatar

Success Story: [Attending Harvard Graduate School, Middle Eastern Studies](#)



“The variety of classes NU-Q offers is just right. They touch upon a range of topics, and if you feel inclined toward one specific topic then you’re always going to have the option to continue with it—whether it’s politics, film or many others... even public relations—there’s a lot of diversity.”

You can build on what you learn here because it gives you a strong foundation. I don’t think any other program gives you this foundation plus so many options to develop your career.

At NU-Q, it’s more about how you understand the context of topics you are presented with, and you get to explore more of your intellectual side. ”

**R**anked in the top 25 universities worldwide by the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* and 12 in the US by *US News and World Report*, Northwestern is the most prestigious school in Education City. Its partnership with Qatar Foundation in Education City, illustrates the nation's commitment to offering students a world-class education as well as an internationally renowned degree—identical to that at the home campus—that supports a strong position in society.

High-quality, well-delivered information is a basic expectation in college, but an excellent university also anticipates the need for students to develop their individual strengths—promoting confidence as well as skills and knowledge. The curriculum and course selections available to NU-Q students provide a flexible framework, helping them develop a range of skills as they work toward their highest potentials.

Beyond that, the faculty and staff at NU-Q demonstrate consistent and strong support to students at every stage of their academic careers. The proof is in the placement and, so far, NU-Q graduates have demonstrated their readiness for prestigious positions in the corporate world, as well as acceptance into highly competitive graduate school programs.

**Graduate schools that have accepted NU-Q alumni include:**

- Cambridge University
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- King's College, University of London
- Loyola Marymount University
- McGill University
- Northwestern University
- New York University
- University College London



# Your Life, Your Career

**Sara Al Saadi, Class of 2012, Citizenship: Qatar**

Success Story: **Third Secretary, Office Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

“I was chosen for my current position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs communication department because of my education at NU-Q. This August, I will move to Washington DC, and work at the embassy there.”

**B**eyond leading to a strong career, degrees in media offer students the chance to engage with the world around them in a critical way, so as to analyze information with skill and gain confidence as they communicate more and more effectively. Clear, well-informed communication is a strong foundation for a range of public relations and diplomatic fields—including broadcasting, magazine writing, editing, social media management, documentary production, filmmaking, screenwriting, online news writing, media research, sports, business and newspaper reporting, and many more, covering a range of sectors from science to engineering to fashion to economics and politics.

#### **Companies where NU-Q alumni now work include:**

- Al Jazeera Networks
- Al Rayyan Television
- Amiri Diwan
- Doha Film Institute
- Hamad Hospital
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Information and Communications Technology
- Qatar 2022
- Qatar Airways
- Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority
- Qatar Foundation
- Qatar Media Corporation
- Qatar Museum Authority
- Qatar TV
- Ras Gas
- Sidra Medical and Research Center
- Total Energy and Petroleum

Northwestern has over 200,000 alumni with a tradition of excellence for generations, including statesmen and women, leaders of institutions ranging from business and law to media and sports and a supreme court justice.

Within media, few schools in the world can boast alumni who have led major media companies, virtually every media organization and platform from newspapers and magazines to television networks, advertising agencies, public relations firms and especially digital media enterprises.

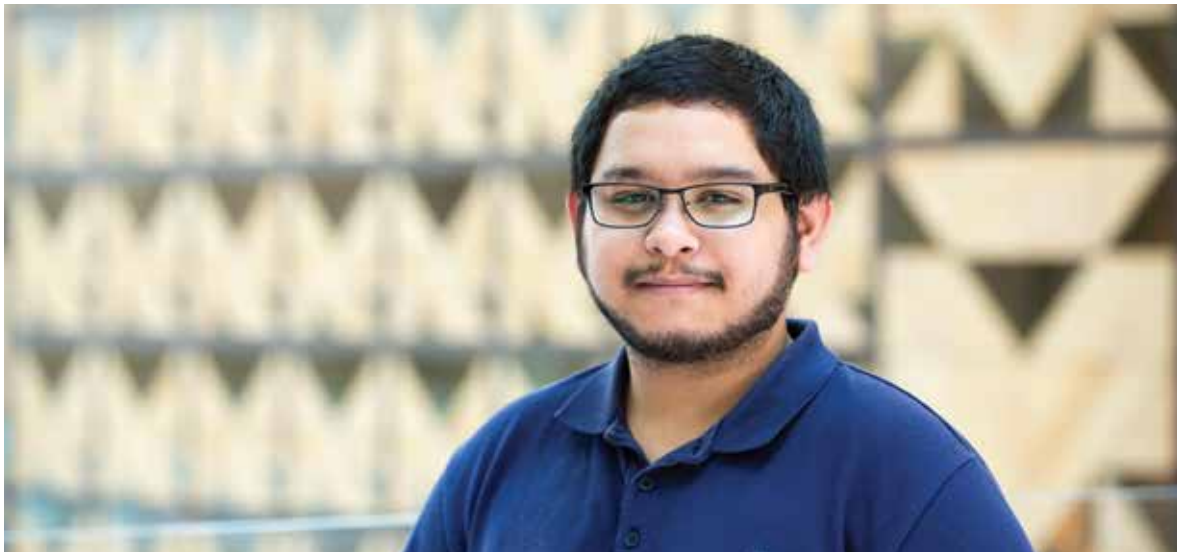
NU graduates stand on the commanding heights of new communications and can be found in every corner of the working world—in positions from entry level to the executive suites and boardrooms. They are doers of the highest caliber having won Nobel Prizes, Pulitzer Prizes and virtually every award and honor imaginable. This is the alumni family into which NU-Q graduates enter as educated men and women.



**Jassim Kunji, Class of 2013, Citizenship: Qatar**

Success Story: **Producer, Al Jazeera English**

“The education here at NU-Q has provided me with top-class skills that have allowed me to excel in my job at Al Jazeera English and to challenge the dominant regional and global perspective with my own point of view.”



**Ismaeel Naar, Class of 2013, Citizenship: Bahrain**

Success Story: **Online Journalist, Al Jazeera English**

“At NU-Q, you have the advantage of working with professors who have been in the business of teaching and journalism for 30-plus years. Journalism is a craft. You have to develop it.”

## Connect With Your Future—A Future of Success

Amal Al-Muftah, Class of 2018, Citizenship: Qatar

Success Story: **Best Picture Awards for “Al-Hammali”, Thimun Film Festival**



“ Qatar is a great location in that it’s a country that’s developing, and now people are looking for individuals that have been taught here. Part of the reason I decided to stay here—instead of going to London or the US—is because, in the future, people are going to say ‘oh she studied in Qatar.’ It’s nice for the reputation of the country.

It’s important for not just Qataris but all people living here to learn how to express themselves, because currently people are not necessarily viewing the Arab world as a bad place, but there are some misconceptions. We don’t blame anyone—that’s just what is being shown.

If you make a film you can give a new perspective to people from other countries and other parts of society. So it’s a nice way to make people aware of what is going on around them to give them a sense of reality and to correct false perceptions. ”

## Why Qatar



**A**mong the fast-developing countries in the Gulf, Qatar stands out as an example of setting high, sustainable standards to empower future generations with the best education possible. It's an exciting time to attend university here—a time when society is challenged to evolve constantly; a time when everything you learn and every contribution you make shapes the future of a country and its impact on the world.

Doha has emerged in the last 10 years as a center for business, culture and education. The city continues to draw increasingly talented people from around the world who have fueled the nation's astonishing growth and are helping to shape its future.

The city serves as the headquarters for major news and media operations, including Al Jazeera and the Doha Film Institute. It is home to newspapers, magazines, internet start-ups and a burgeoning film industry—all seeking just the sort of bright, talented professionals that NU-Q produces.

## Education City



**Q**atar Foundation’s (QF) Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) system in Education City is one of the most exciting educational collaborations in the world today, connecting the visionary state of Qatar with the “best in class” programs of highly regarded universities from around the world. Indeed, one of NU-Q’s great assets is its partnership with Qatar Foundation and its connection to other top-ranked university programs through HBKU.

This configuration of partnerships allows Northwestern students to access the great minds and resources of five other outstanding universities. Each school brings an expertise in a specific academic discipline—ranging from medicine to engineering to business to politics. The diversity and strength of each of these programs gives students in any one program the opportunity to study a variety of subjects under professors who are leaders in their fields.

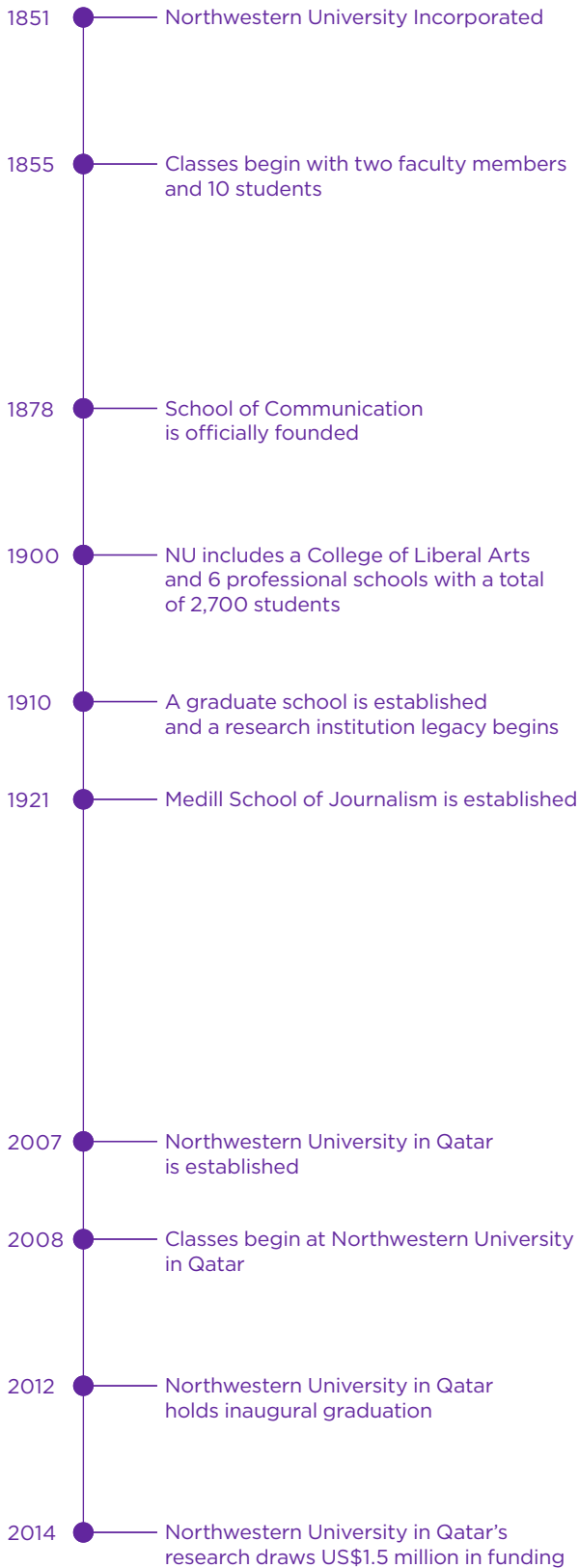
Qatar Foundation’s vision doesn’t end with education. Through QF, students have access to more than 30 other research, educational and cultural organizations, including Qatar Science and Technology Park, Al Shaqab, Baeram TV and Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies. The partnership with Qatar Foundation makes studying at NU-Q an opportunity that cannot be replicated anywhere else in the world.

**Each year, HBKU honors students from partner universities with President’s Awards, signaling academic excellence and commitment to the wider community.**

**Success Story: Over the two previous years, three awards were presented to NU-Q Alumni, Dana Atrach (2013), Yara Bader Al-Darwish and Sara Abdulaziz Al-Derham (2014)**



## A Tradition of Excellence



Excellence has been Northwestern University's goal since its inception, when the founders envisioned a university "of the highest order of excellence." Today, the university enjoys a position as one of the country's leading universities, hosting 12 academic divisions, including business, engineering, law, music, medicine, education, journalism and communication, located on two lakefront campuses in Evanston and Chicago and a new campus in Doha.

The university's vision of excellence now extends far beyond the old Northwest Territory through the accomplishments of its alumni, distinguished faculty and highly selective student body drawn from the US and around the world.



## New Building—New Horizons



**N**U-Q offers all of the facilities and equipment media pros around the world use and all of the resources you would expect of a world-class university. We are set on relocating to the remarkable structure that is now a part of the Education City skyline—our permanent home, scheduled for completion in 2015. The new building—including a cutting-edge media gallery space—has been designed by highly-regarded architect Antoine Predock.

NU-Q’s new facility is designed to encourage informal faculty-student and student-student interactions. Among many noteworthy attributes, it will feature multimedia “nodes” equipped with video screens and informal presentation areas. The largest of these areas will contain a video wall students can use to present or view media.

### Building Features:

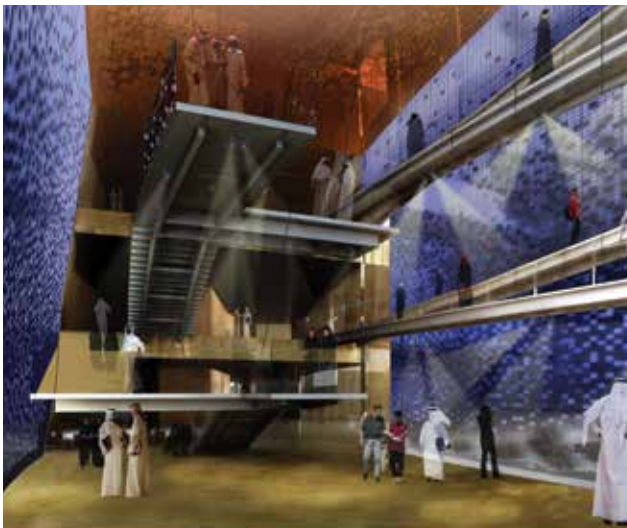
- Four Video Production Studios
- Two 150-Person Lecture Halls
- Black Box Theater
- Two-Studio Radio Station
- Multi-media Newsroom
- Research Library containing Electronic, Print and DVD Materials
- Student Lounge and Activity Spaces

**Omar Al Ansari, Class of 2017,  
Citizenship: Bahrain**

Success Story: **Academic Bridge Program,  
Alumnus**

“By studying here you will be shaping Qatar’s future. I would recommend NU-Q because of the classes, the opportunity to travel and the access to state-of-the-art equipment.”





## A US Degree With a Unique Edge

**N**orthwestern University in Qatar offers students a unique opportunity to attain a degree from a top-ranked US university while learning to analyze and communicate a range of experiences from a highly-dynamic environment, undergoing rapid development. Each day, students attend class in a country that is holding on to its traditions while embracing modernity and in the process of swiftly and intently developing every one of its sectors.

Through both degree programs—communication or journalism—NU-Q offers a range of options to the prospective student, with courses mirroring those at its top-ranked home campus in terms of content and quality. These degrees not only develop students' ability to convey messages in a sophisticated and strategically effective way, but also involve a strong foundation of liberal arts coursework, which is essential to all media fields. Indeed, an understanding of history, politics, economics, logic, anthropology and other topics contribute to one's broad understanding, and encourage the kind of critical thinking that lifts graduates into a leadership position wherever they apply themselves professionally.

The information offered through NU-Q programs is the most advanced available, based on the research, experience and insights of our distinguished faculty. Caring and engaged, NU-Q professors and lecturers have attained success in their fields. They're well versed in the challenges and triumphs that make the fields of journalism and communication so rewarding. Among our faculty are those with years of experience as directors, executive producers, consultants, researchers, authors, international reporters, newspaper editors, magazine editors, screenwriters and more. They share a

common strength in their ability to inspire, engage and challenge students to strive toward excellence in their academic career and media projects. Further, students at NU-Q enjoy strong ties and personalized guidance due to the lower student-teacher ratio. Here, professors know students by name, and this, in itself, is a great source of support and opportunity.

Through NU-Q's collaboration with such sister institutions as Carnegie Mellon, Weill Cornell, Georgetown, Texas A&M and Virginia Commonwealth, students also have access five other outstanding universities, all located within Education City.

**Hazar Eskandar, Class of 2014, Citizenship: Syria**

Success Story: [Pursuing an MFA at Loyola Marymount Graduate School](#)

“As a student you come into university and you think you know what you’ll do right after graduation.’ But actually, you realize that you can do so many things with your life, and you can become so much greater than you are expected to be.”



**Penny Yi Wang, Class of 2014 Citizenship: China**

Success Story: [Attending Northwestern’s Medill Graduate School of Journalism](#)

“It’s important for journalists to know everything. You have to know about politics, you have to know about science and math and economics in case you need to cover those, and it’s very important to know history because those are useful facts to know.”

# Communication

**N**U-Q students receive their degrees from Northwestern's renowned School of Communication.

The communication curriculum is broad and the career opportunities are endless.

Students gain an impressive sense of the industry through communication courses such as media history, research and theory, as well as hands-on learning in creative media arts such as script writing, cinematography, film production and animation. Students also take a broad range of electives that prepare them to move quickly into management or creative roles after they graduate.

School of Communication alumni have found success both in front of the camera and behind the scenes in television, radio and film. They create content, manage digital information, develop websites and analyze the impact of new media. They pursue advanced degrees in the communication sciences and distinguish themselves in education and research.

#### Course examples:

- Exploring Global Media
- Theories of Persuasion
- Communication, Technology and Society
- The Technique and Art of Editing for Film
- Research Methods
- Documentary Film: History and Criticism
- Designing for the Internet



“We are all influenced by media. Whether we accept it or not, we are. And being a content producer and a leader in the media world, we choose what people think, we choose what people see and we choose what goes on the news and what doesn't go on news... we are influencing whether people accept it or not.

If you in any way want to influence the lives of people around the world, I think NU-Q's programs, both journalism and communication, are going to equip you with the best knowledge to do that.”

**Syed Owais Ali, Class of 2016, Communication, Citizenship: Pakistan**



## Journalism

**N**U-Q students receive their degrees from Northwestern's top-rated Medill School of Journalism.

With a degree in journalism, you have the opportunity to change the world.

Students gain hands-on experience as writers and editors from their first year in the program. They interact closely with professors, many with decades of experience in the world's leading newsrooms. Through experience and a strong curriculum, students gain the foundational skills in research and writing, and an understanding of how their insights shape the future of media.

Medill alumni have won Pulitzers and Emmys and covered the biggest stories in the world since the first class graduated more than 85 years ago. They influence society as reporters, editors, producers, corporate communicators and public relations professionals, and they often pursue advanced degrees in fields such as business, public policy and law.

### Course examples:

- Advanced Online Storytelling
- Visual Journalism
- Media Law and Ethics
- Magazine and Feature Writing
- Broadcast Production and Presentation
- Public Relations Strategies and Writing
- Introduction to 21st Century Media



“I feel I got a lot from my residency but couldn't have done that without the experience I had at NU-Q—overall, learning how to learn. The entire experience teaches you so much, just by being here in Qatar. You become informed about a lot of things that people in the US are not aware of or informed about.”

**Jaimee Haddad, Class of 2015, Journalism, Citizenship: United States**



## Liberal Arts

**A** rigorous, broad curriculum is essential to creativity and effective leadership.

History, economics, political science, religious studies, literature, biology and statistics—these are just a few examples from the liberal arts and sciences foundation, a hallmark of an elite Northwestern education. We include courses relevant to the region, helping prepare students for roles in the region's fast-growing media industries or anywhere else in the world.

Our graduates will, of course, have the superb professional skills expected of holders of Northwestern degrees—skills that are

necessary to launch successful and influential careers. In addition, we ensure our students are broadly educated in areas beyond their specialties. They have the flexibility of mind and capacity for critical thinking and clear expression that are characteristic of a truly educated person.

**Course examples:**

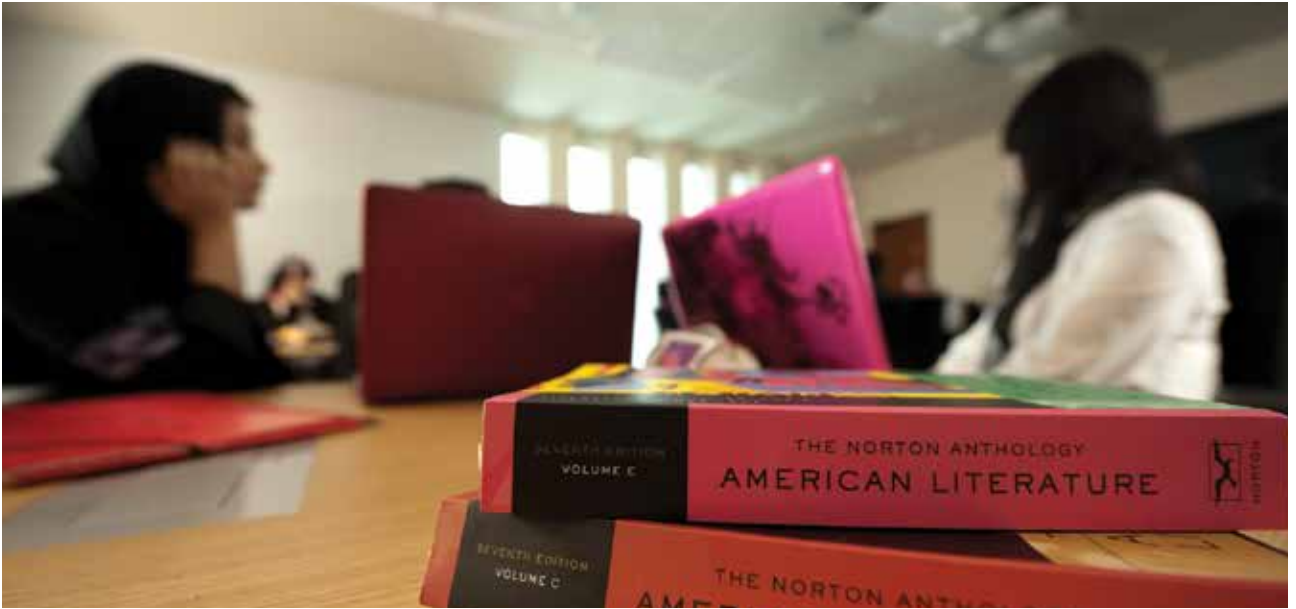
- Arabic for Media
- Principles of Economics
- Introduction to Drama
- History of the Modern Middle East
- History of Modern Europe
- Medieval Muslim Empires
- English Studies in African Literature



“I would say it gives you a different perspective and the ability to see life as it is, not just how it's portrayed in the media. You actually see it play out in front of you. It gives you more information and it's not generic, it's very different than attending a university where there are millions of students all having the same experience.”

**Afnan Basyouny Hassan, Class of 2017, Journalism, Citizenship: Egypt**





## Certificates and Minors— Interdisciplinary Programs

**B**y virtue of location and collaboration with other top-ranked US university programs in Education City, Northwestern University in Qatar offers both a certificate in Middle East studies, and in collaboration with Georgetown School of Foreign Service in Qatar, a minor in media and politics.

The certificate offers students the opportunity to specialize and pursue their particular interests with a focus on regional studies. The minor capitalizes on the strengths of both universities to provide students with an enhanced understanding of the role of mass communication in political, diplomatic and policy-making processes, as well as the role of politics in the shaping of mass media products and policies. It also enables students to understand better how politicians, diplomats and policy makers influence, and are themselves influenced by, the media in its myriad forms and formats. It introduces students to the public and political implications of the ideas that the mass media generate.

### **Certificate in Middle East Studies**

The Middle East is a dynamic region influenced by a rich mixture of extraordinary cultural inheritance and 21st century forces in which journalism and communication are central. Working as an interdisciplinary alliance, NU-Q faculty from the liberal arts, communication and journalism programs develop and supervise the school's Certificate in Middle East Studies, to provide students with an academic foundation sensitive to the importance of the region's contributions and challenges. The four-course certificate attracts individuals from each of NU-Q's programs, as well as from other Education City campuses, as it delivers a competitive edge of contextual understanding and knowledge that goes well beyond the headlines.

### **Minor in Media and Politics**

The Minor in Media and Politics is offered jointly by and Northwestern University in Qatar and The Georgetown School of Foreign Service in Qatar. It capitalizes on the strengths of both universities to provide students with an enhanced understanding of the role of mass communication in political, diplomatic and policy-making processes, as well as the role of politics in the shaping of mass media products and policies. It also introduces students to the ideological and political implications of the representations that the mass media generate. Students are required to take three courses in government and politics at Georgetown SFS-Q and three courses in media studies at NU-Q.

## Connect to the Latest Insights: Undergraduates and Research

**N**orthwestern University in Qatar has begun to make a name for itself in terms of local and regional research, findings of which inform the wider world about media use, communication and social phenomena in the Middle East.

The university has received strong support from the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) to carry out unprecedented projects that offer the first glimpses into trends and behaviors of local populations. Students engage directly in this research. Although many say they didn't expect to be so involved, they say it was essential to their college experience and left them feeling confident and more insightful about the world around them.

The university recently secured an Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP) grant to study engagement and empowerment among Qatari women.

The US\$150,000 award supports student participation in all stages of this project, from proposal writing to results analysis and the creation of dynamic presentations, including a documentary to share findings with the public.

This project is based on a finding from a previous NU-Q lead UREP project on enhancing research across cultures. Last year, NU-Q secured a UREP to guide students through research around digital literacy for Arabic-speaking internet users.

In QNRF's most recent National Priorities Research Program grant cycle, NU-Q secured two awards—totally US\$1.5 million—supporting the advancement of innovation strategies around mobile media (US\$700,000), as well as continued study of regional media use (US\$850,000). Previous studies along these lines can be found at [mideastmedia.org](http://mideastmedia.org).



“As part of an anthropology course, I wrote a research paper on how Tumblr is its own online society. So it's like the followers are a community and then there are tribe leaders... it's like a status thing depending on how many followers you have. And it's a totally different world than the real world. There are Tumblr-famous people—who are they and why did they do that and what kind of life are they living?”

**Hazar Eskandar, Class of 2014,  
Citizenship: Syria**

## Life at NU-Q—Connect to the World

**A**n NU-Q education involves not only outstanding academics, but also the opportunity to expand one's horizons socially, culturally and athletically.

Students lead full and ambitious lives between classes, participating in a wide range of activities. Sometimes the goal is to enjoy life, but often these endeavors take on more meaning and make a real difference for the student and the wider world. Some of the programs on offer include:

### Residency

Journalism juniors spend ten weeks working in a professional organization somewhere around the world. Assignments have ranged from National Geographic and Al Jazeera English in Washington D.C. to WGN-TV and Content That Works in Chicago

### Academic Trips

The journalism program involves international reporting trips that help students learn about how media organizations work in countries around the world. Previous trips have included Turkey, Switzerland, Italy and the United States.

### Service Learning and Leadership

Students learn leadership and service on campus everyday through academic and extracurricular activities, but they also have the chance to grow as people, chart unknown territories, listen to untold stories, turn strangers into friends, and further their understanding of how the world works on international trips. These trips are an opportunity for the students to apply their skills in ways that help local and global communities. Previous trips have included Tanzania, Brazil and Tunisia.

### Evanston Exchange

Students can apply to spend a semester on the Evanston campus, take classes for full credit and, of course, learn more about Northwestern history and culture, live in the United States and explore the city of Chicago.

### Engage Chicago

This immersive summer field study program is designed to give students a powerful learning experience in this dynamic city.

### Student Services

Beginning life at a new school is an exciting time and NU-Q offers a wide range of services to help students adjust to university life and achieve their academic goals, including:

- Wildcat Welcome
- Academic Advising
- Health and Wellness
- International Student Services
- Writing Center
- Career Development
- Education City Recreation Centers
- On Campus Life

### NU-Q Athletics

- Women's Basketball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Football
- Men's Football

### NU-Q Clubs and Organizations

- Student Union
- Best Buddies
- Bibliophiles
- Culture Club
- Daily Q
- Film Society
- International Student Association
- Just Play!
- Music Society
- Purple Project
- Society of Professional Journalists





## HBKU Housing and Residence Life

**T**o experience convenience and community, students may opt to stay in Education City housing managed by Qatar Foundation. The one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartment-style units offer an opportunity to live among peers, create lasting friendships, as well as gain independence in a safe and inspiring setting.

Housing is of an exceptionally high standard. Students can easily prepare their own food or eat on campus in the Student Center, coffee shops or dining halls.

### **A few notable features of the leading-edge living quarters include:**

- LEED Platinum Certified state-of-the-art residence halls
- 16% Renewable energy of which 13% is solar and 3% is wind
- ADA compliant
- Common areas, including public majlis
- Study rooms
- Lounge areas
- Studios, one- and two-bedroom units
- Electronic access to bedrooms
- Private bathroom
- Electronic whiteboard
- Television
- Wired and wireless internet
- Communal laundry facilities (currently free)
- Rooms supplied with bedding

### **HBKU Student Center**

Unwind, make friends and expand your horizons as you enjoy facilities to help you balance out your busy student life, including:

- Art gallery, hosting professional artists, shows and workshops
- State-of-the-art cinema
- Black box theatre—for live performances
- Sculpture garden
- Bowling center and arcade
- TV lounge
- Games room—billiards, table tennis and foosball
- Two full-size multi-purpose (basketball, volleyball, badminton and football) indoor courts.

# Admissions—A Step Towards Your Future

**O**ur final admission decisions take a number of different factors into account. There is no formula—no mechanical combination of test scores and grades that guarantees admissions. We consider an applicant's entire application, from personal essays to teachers' letters and test scores.

## Admissions Standards

The Admissions Office seeks to attract and enroll a student body with strong academic records demonstrating high ability, a variety of talents, ideas, experiences and backgrounds to contribute and enrich the student experience at NU-Q.

Because we receive more qualified applicants than we can admit, the admissions committee is faced with making very difficult decisions. Admitted students must demonstrate clear evidence that they can succeed in challenging academic programs. The most widely reliable variable of success is a strong academic performance at secondary school level.

## Secondary School Preparation

The secondary school record is the most important part of the admission process. We are looking for the strength and rigor of your curriculum, as well as your overall performance. The admission committee does take into consideration classes taken at the accelerated level as well as Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate.

## Recommended Curriculum

- English: 4 full-year courses
- Foreign or native language: a minimum of 2 full-year courses of one foreign language; or 4 full-year courses in your native language
- History and social science: a minimum of 2 full-year courses

- Laboratory Science: a minimum of 2 full-year courses
- Mathematics: a minimum of 3 full-year courses
- Additional subjects: 1–3 full-year courses in the academic areas listed above

## Standardize Testing

NU-Q requires results from either the SAT or ACT Plus Writing. We also highly encourage, but do not require the SAT II Subject Tests.

For many students, English is not their primary language. As the curriculum requires a sophisticated command of spoken and written English, the most competitive students who sit for TOEFL or IELTS will have very strong test scores.

## Credit for Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate and other Exams

Northwestern awards credit in nearly all areas for Advanced Placement (AP) examination scores of «5» and for International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level examination results of «5» or higher. In addition, results of the Baccalaureate, A-levels and other university entrance examinations will be evaluated on an individual basis for the possible award of up to one full year of academic credit.

## Other Factors Determining Admissions Decisions

The admissions committee reviews each application carefully. Seeking information beyond school transcripts and test scores; we take into account your involvement outside the classroom as profiled in an activity chart, and read your essays to get a better sense of your interests, thought processes and writing ability. Recommendations from secondary school teachers and counselors add additional perspective to your achievements.



# NU-Q by the Numbers

**200**  
Students  
Enrolled

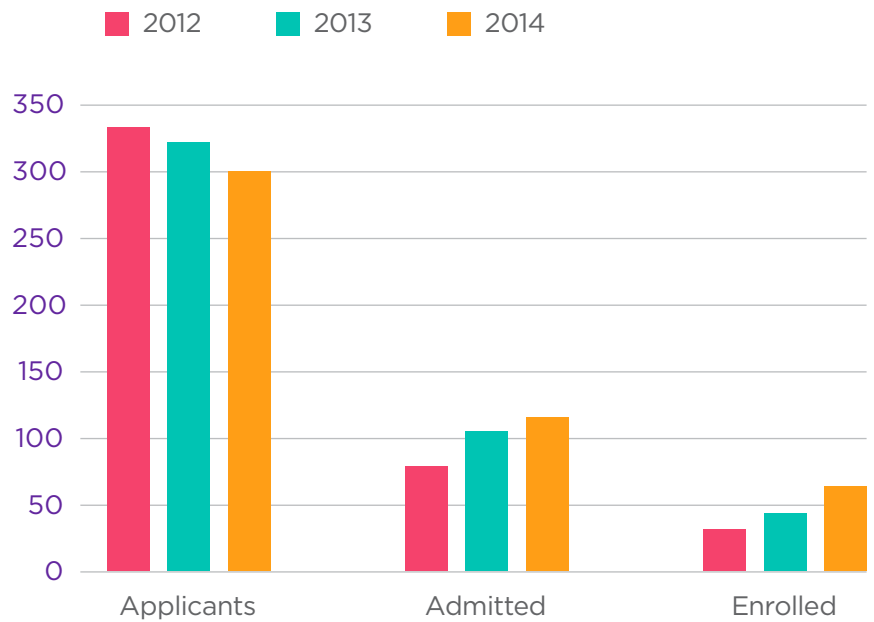
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Nationalities

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Full-time  
Faculty

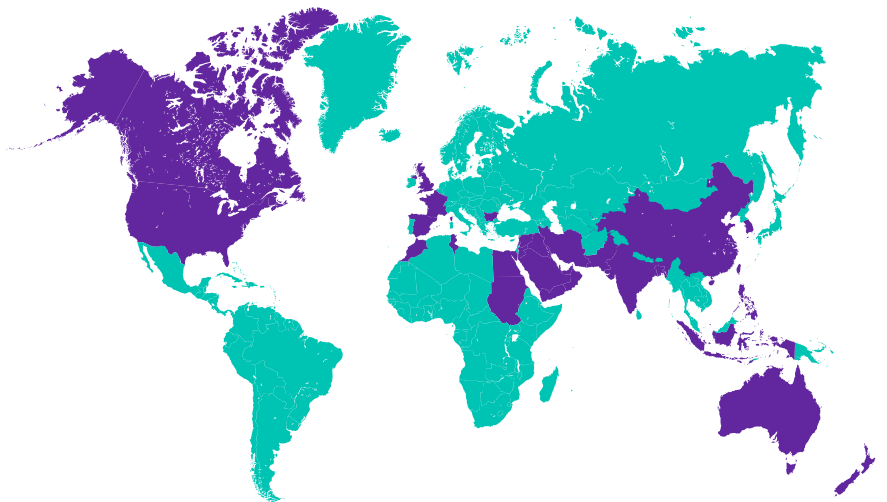
**39%**  
Class of 2018  
Acceptance  
Rate

**308**  
Class of 2018  
Applicants

## Admissions Numbers



## Student Nationalities



Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Egypt, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yemen

## Financing Opportunities

A college education is a smart investment that opens up a world of possibilities for your future. Partnered with Qatar Foundation, Northwestern University in Qatar helps applicants identify the best options for financing their education.

### Tuition and Fees

As is the case with each university in Education City, NU-Q charges the same fees as its home campus in the United States.

2014–2015 Academic year costs:  
US\$48,404.00

Additional expenses such as housing:  
US\$4,857.00

### Merit Scholarships—Incoming Students

Qatar Foundation and Northwestern University offer a limited number of highly competitive scholarships for students of exceptional scholastic achievement. These awards typically cover up to 50% of NU-Q tuition costs. Students are automatically evaluated during the admissions process and no application is required. Grantees will be informed of any awards in their acceptance letter from the University.

### U.S. Federal Aid

U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents may be eligible for the following U.S. federal aid: Federal Direct Stafford; ParentPLUS Loan; PELL Grant. Interested students should complete the FAFSA application online. More details on these funds and their application processes can be found on Northwestern's financial aid webpage.

### HEI Sponsorship

Qatari nationals may be eligible for sponsorship under the Higher Education Institute, which may fund a significant portion of tuition and certain fees. Northwestern is one of only two universities that are internationally recognized as a “Tamim bin Hamad” university. This qualifies Northwestern students for additional HEI incentives and opportunities. For more information, visit the HEI Advising and Career Development Office in person or online at [www.english.education.gov.qa](http://www.english.education.gov.qa).

### HBKU Need-based Financial Aid

Through the Hamad Bin Khalifa Financial Aid Program, Qatar Foundation offers interest-free, need-based loans to assist students in financing their education. Students are responsible for repayment and upon graduation may pay a percentage of their salary until the loan is repaid or, alternatively, repay the loan through service with a Qatar Foundation-approved employer for a maximum of six years.

### Other Sponsorship

Students may seek sponsorship from government agencies in Qatar such as Qatar Petroleum, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs or their corporate partners such as Shell Oil, Al Jazeera or Maersk. Eligibility criteria and sponsorship terms are set by the individual organizations. It is the responsibility of students and their families to identify and arrange this type of sponsorship. A good starting point: review the programs or benefits offered by the employer of a parent or other family member.

### **Intergovernmental Agreements**

Qatar Foundation has bilateral agreements in place with countries that have agreed to offer financial aid to their citizens who attend an Education City institutions. Countries with bilateral agreements have included Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Contact HBKU Financial Aid Office to inquire about current programs.

### **Payment Plans**

Students may enroll in payment plans that will allow for payment to be made in three or four separate installments each semester. Tuition payment plans also are available through Qatar Foundation and may be a good option for families that require additional flexibility to pay the expected family contribution.

### **Children of Qatari Mothers**

When other options have been exhausted, students who are children of Qatari mothers may be eligible for specially designated sponsorship opportunities.

### **Bank Loans**

Students of all nationalities may consider loans from banks when other options do not fully cover all costs. Visit your bank and inquire about student loan rates and repayment terms.

### **Student Employment**

Full-time students may supplement other tuition financing with part-time work on campus. Jobs typically start at 25 QAR per hour, which may cover small expenses such as transportation or fees. For more information visit: [www.tech4work.com](http://www.tech4work.com)

### **NU-Q Student Financial Services**

[www.qatar.northwestern.edu/admissions/financial-aid/index.html](http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/admissions/financial-aid/index.html)

[studentfinance@qatar.northwestern.edu](mailto:studentfinance@qatar.northwestern.edu)

Tel: +974 4454 5205

### **HBKU Financial Aid Office**

[www.hbku.edu.qa/en/DynamicPages/index/105/FinancialAid](http://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/DynamicPages/index/105/FinancialAid)

[fao@qf.org.qa](mailto:fao@qf.org.qa)

Tel: +974 4454 0400

### **FAFSA**

<https://fafsa.ed.gov>



## Admissions Contact Information

To start your application and view the requirements visit:

*[www.qatar.northwestern.edu/admissions](http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/admissions)*

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