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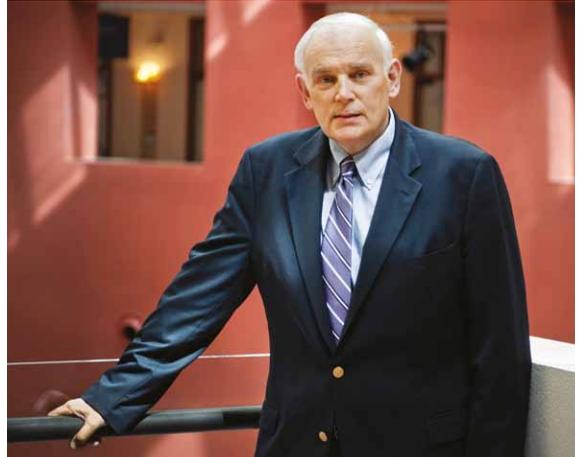


# Welcome to Northwestern University in Qatar

If you are looking for a gateway to some of the most exciting and important careers in the digital age, Northwestern University in Qatar may be the right choice for you. We are a school of communication and journalism with a strong foundation in the liberal arts. That's just the beginning of the story. Our students and graduates are poised to navigate change and meet modern challenges. Some major in communication (media industries and technology) and others in journalism (news media and strategic communication), but they are all ready for careers and advanced education in these and other fields.

NU-Q graduates have taken positions in news and public affairs with Al Jazeera, Qatar TV, documentary film production companies, magazine groups and digital media, among others. Some of our alumni are using their communication capacities in government, cultural institutions, health care, sports and other institutions where the strategies and skills learned at NU-Q set them apart.

Many students choose advanced study before entering the work force. They have been accepted to graduate schools at some of the world's most prestigious institutions: Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Dartmouth, London School of Economics, New York University, McGill University, Annenberg University of Southern California, UCLA and our own prestigious US home campus, Northwestern University, still the highest ranked of any of the schools in Education City. They have studied in wide ranging areas from digital media and strategic communication to film studies, Middle East studies, law and business. No door is closed to a Northwestern graduate.



Through college experience at NU-Q, you will encounter world class instruction by eminent and experienced faculty, a chance to get hands-on media and communication experience using exceptional technology and equipment, as well as learn to research and engage in professional outreach. You will have access to many travel opportunities, home campus residencies and media residences in some of the world's most important media and communication organizations. You will meet a flow of professional visitors and students from other institutions, all in support of your career.

NU-Q is a one of a kind university that offers both the theoretical and the practical—a truly rich education and professional preparation. As you will see in this view book, journalism and communication are fields where both men and women succeed—and have long track records of achievement internationally.

We welcome your questions and hope you will consider NU-Q and the exciting future it offers. You will find our leadership, faculty, staff, students and alumni most welcoming.

*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: [Pursuing Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University](#)



“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 any others—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. ”

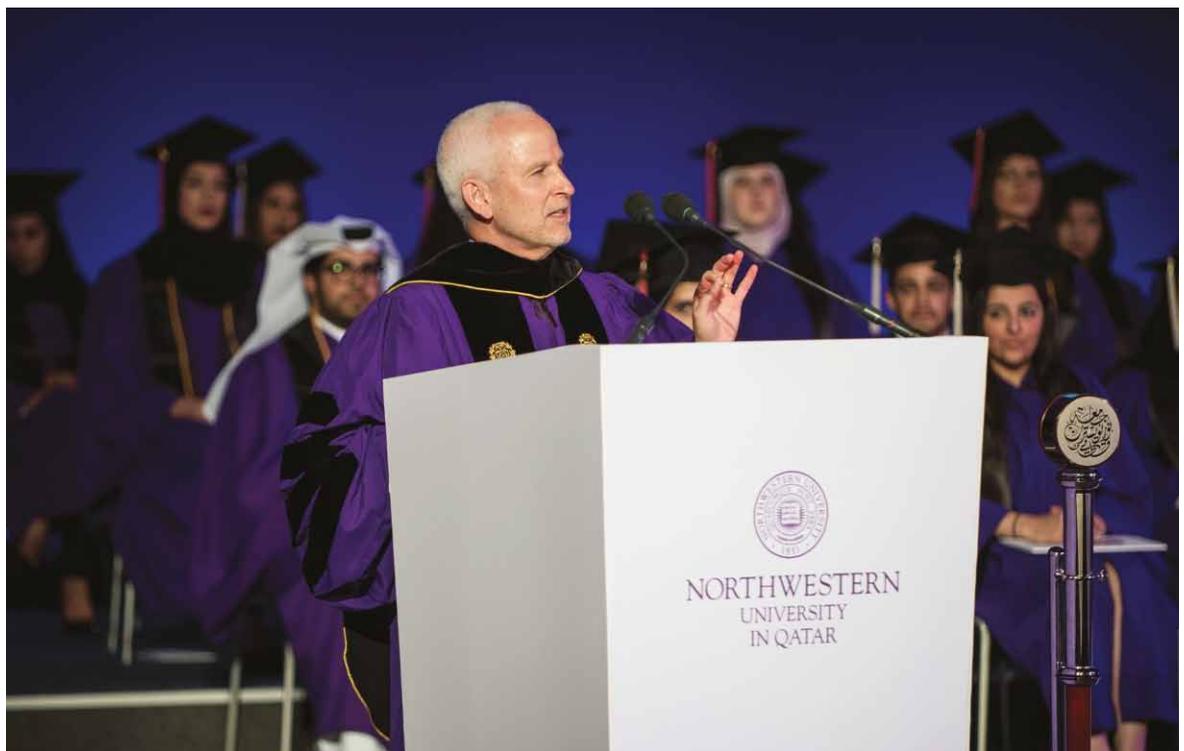
**R**anked in the top 25 universities worldwide by the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* and 12th in the US by *US News and World Report*, Northwestern is a distinguished school in Education City. Its partnership with Qatar Foundation illustrates the nation's commitment to offering students a world-class education as well as an internationally renowned degree—identical to that of 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 to develop a range of skills and 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
- London School of Economics
- McGill University
- Northwestern University
- New York University
- University of Oxford
- University College London
- University of Southern California
- USC Annenberg



# Your Life, Your Career

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

Success Story: **Third Secretary, The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, DC**

“I was chosen for my current position because of my education at NU-Q. I previously worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar and have now relocated to the Qatari embassy in Washington, DC.”

**B**eyond leading to a strong career, degrees in media offer students the chance to engage with the world in a critical way, so as to analyze information and gain confidence as they communicate 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, covering sectors like science, engineering, fashion, economics and politics.

## Organizations that employ

### NU-Q alumni include:

- Al Jazeera Networks
- Al Rayyan Television
- Amiri Diwan
- Doha Film Institute
- Embassy of the State of Qatar, Washington DC
- Hamad Medical Corporation
- 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 in business, law, media and sports, as well as a supreme court justice.

Within media, few schools in the world can boast alumni who have led major companies and virtually every media organization.

Northwestern University graduates are equipped to tackle the field of new communications and can be found in every corner of the working world. They are leaders 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.

**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.”



**Shannon Farhoud, Class of 2012, Citizenship: Canada**

Success Story: **Assistant Producer, Qatar Television**

“NU-Q has been a great base for a career in TV. When I started my degree I didn’t know what I wanted to do, but as I took different courses I realized how much I enjoy broadcast journalism. NU-Q gave me such a broad base of knowledge—I learned everything from planning to post-production—that I was very comfortable stepping into my first job in TV.”

## Connect With Your Future—A Future of Success

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

Success Story: **Best Picture Award 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, 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 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 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, including medicine, engineering, business and politics. The diversity and strength of each program gives students the opportunity to study a variety of subjects under professors who are leaders in their fields.

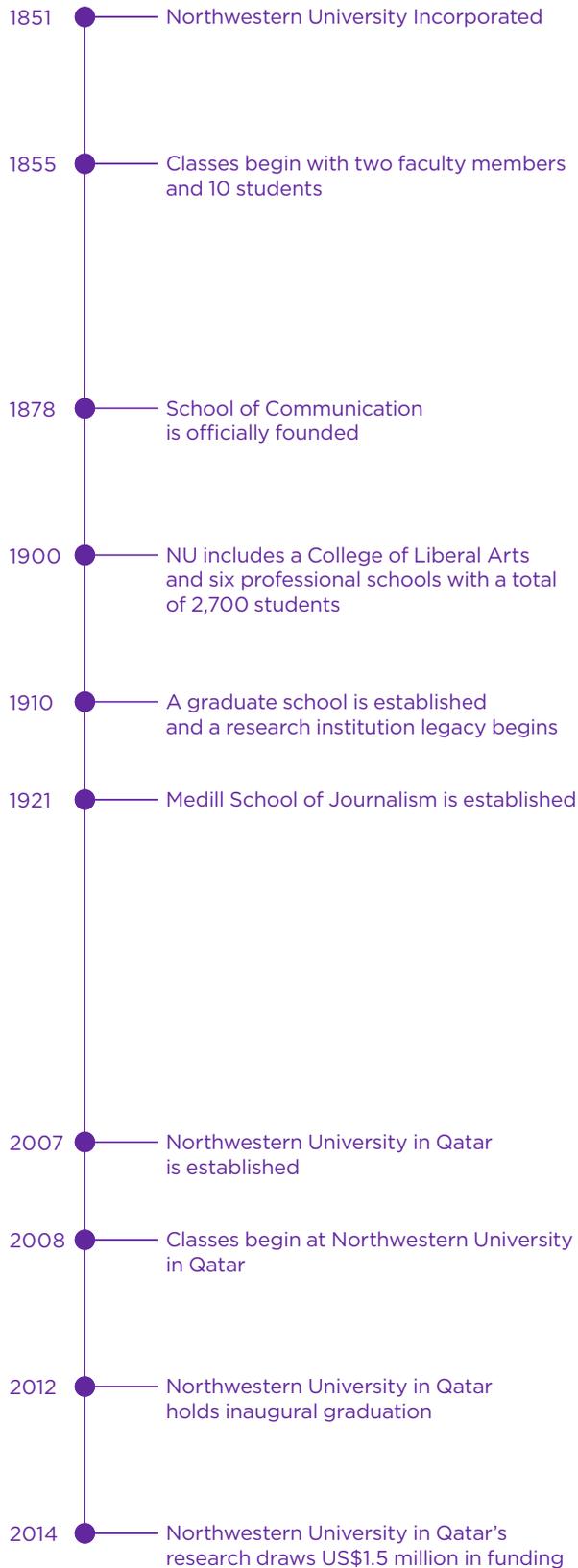
Qatar Foundation’s vision doesn’t end with education. Students have access to more than thirty research, educational and cultural organizations, including Qatar Science and Technology Park, Al Shaqab, Baeram TV and Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies. The partnership with Qatar Foundation makes studying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

**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 previous three years, five awards were presented to NU-Q alumni: Dana Atrach (2013), Yara Bader Al-Darwish and Sara Abdulaziz Al-Derham (2014), Marium Saeed and Ibrahim AlHashmi (2015).**

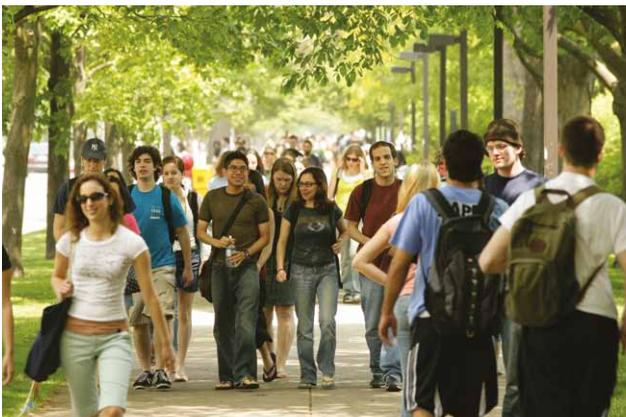
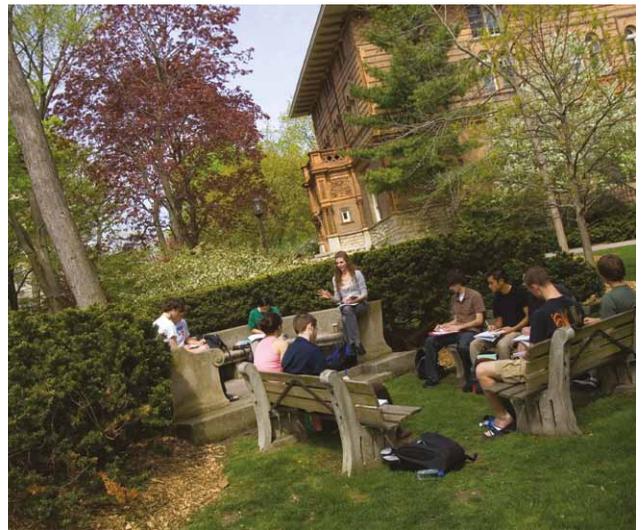


# A Tradition of Excellence



Achievement 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.



## New Building—New Horizons



**N**U-Q offers all of the facilities and equipment media pros around the world use, as well as the resources you would expect of a world-class university. We are set to relocate to a remarkable structure, our permanent home, scheduled for completion in 2016. 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 and view media.

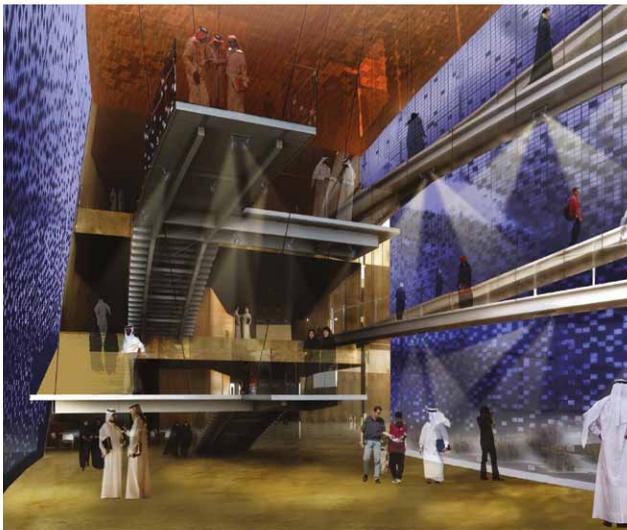
### Building Features:

- 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 in the Heart of the Middle East

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

The degree programs of communication and journalism offer a range of options to the prospective student, with courses mirroring the content and quality at its top-ranked home campus. 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 contributes 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 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 academics, directors, executive producers, consultants, researchers, authors, international reporters, newspaper editors, magazine editors and screenwriters. 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 with a low 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 sister institutions like Carnegie Mellon, Weill Cornell Medical College, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Texas A&M and Virginia Commonwealth, students have access to five other outstanding universities 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: [Alumni, 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 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 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
- Audience Analysis
- 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**

Success Story: **Documentary Filmmaker and UREP Grant Research Assistant**



## 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 shape 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:

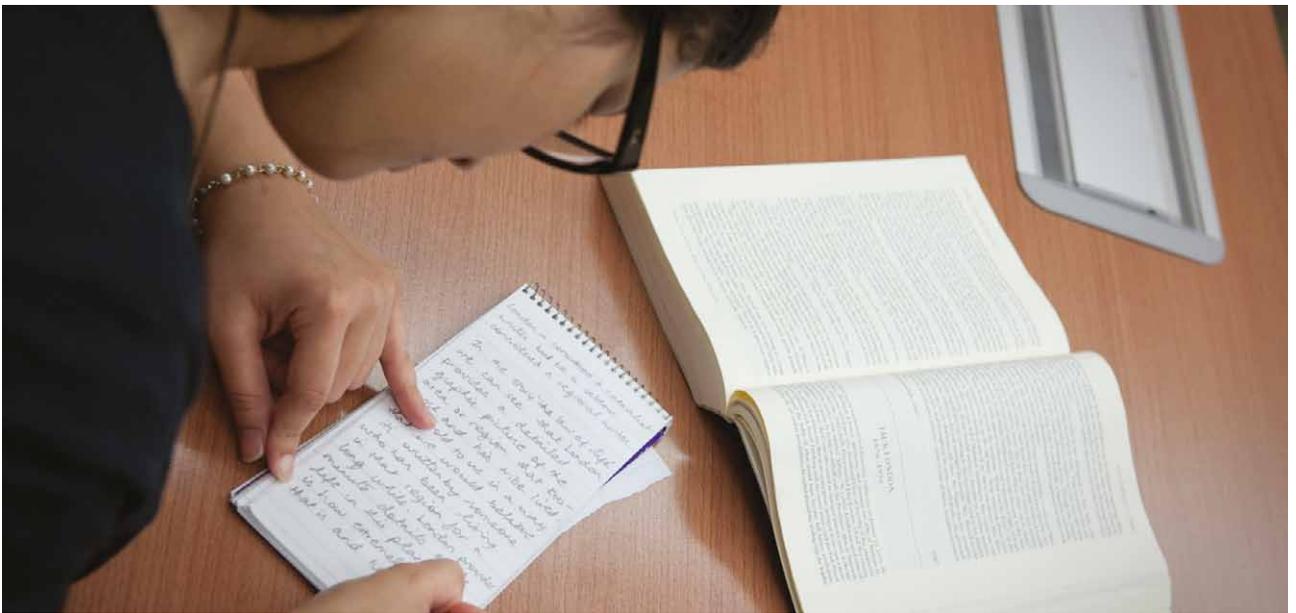
- Advanced Online Storytelling
- Statistics
- Media Law and Ethics
- Magazine and Feature Writing
- Broadcast Production and Presentation
- Public Relations Strategies and Writing
- Introduction to 21st Century Media



“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**

Success Story: [Radio Producer, QF Radio](#)



## 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 learn about 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.

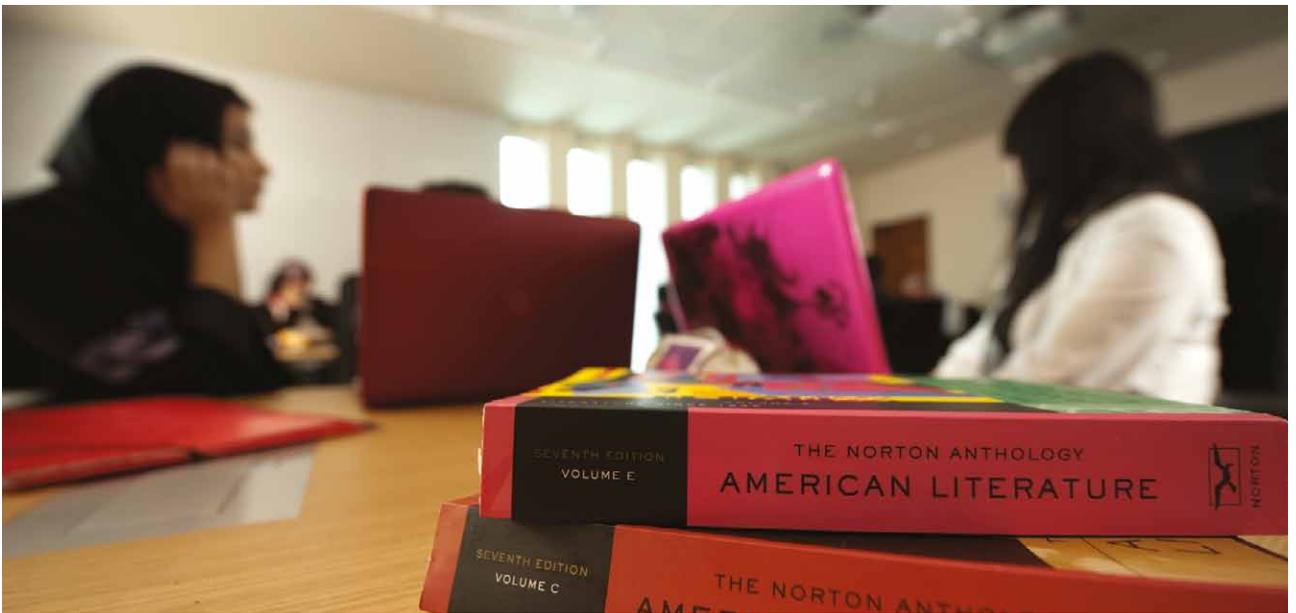
### Course examples:

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



“Northwestern University in Qatar offers a top-ranked communication program and I knew it would open up a world of opportunities. With an array of liberal arts courses and the support of my professors, I have developed a newfound passion for sports studies.”

**Mohammed Buhmaid, Class of 2015, Communication, Citizenship: Qatar**  
 Success Story: [Pursuing Master’s degree at New York University](#)



## Certificates and Minors— Interdisciplinary Programs

**B**y virtue of its location near other top-ranked US universities 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 draws 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 cultural history and 21st century forces. 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 in the region's contributions and challenges. The four-course certificate attracts individuals from both NU-Q and other Education City campuses, as it delivers a competitive edge of contextual understanding and knowledge that goes beyond the headlines.

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

The Minor in Media and Politics is offered jointly by Northwestern University in Qatar and Georgetown School of Foreign Service in Qatar. The minor introduces students to the ideological and political implications of the representations generated by mass media. Students are required to take three courses in government and politics at Georgetown SFS-Q and three courses in media studies at Northwestern University in Qatar.

## Connect to the Latest Insights: Undergraduates and Research

**N**orthwestern University in Qatar is making a name for itself in local and regional research, helping to 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) for projects that offer the first glimpses into trends and behaviors of local populations. Students engage directly in this research, saying it was essential to their college experience and they are now more confident and insightful about the world around them.

More than 40 research projects are presently underway at NU-Q. Students learn to take their curiosity about developments in society and create probing research questions, study these questions systematically and interpret the answer. Many students have published and presented their research.

Many of our research questions at NU-Q address three major topical areas: media/communication and their users in MENA countries; women and media/communication in MENA countries; and journalism and media. Previous studies along these lines can be found at [mideastmedia.org](http://mideastmedia.org).

Numerous grants have helped to conduct larger research projects, for instance: surveys of media and communication use in eight countries; a study about how competently Qataris use the Internet; research into how women can be convinced to do more sports; questions about young men's reckless driving behavior; and inquiry into what women's gatherings ("majlis") mean for the discussion of public affairs.

“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. Some of the programs on offer include:

### Residency

Journalism juniors spend ten weeks working in a professional organization somewhere around the world. Assignments have included *Financial Times*, *National Geographic*, *Huffington Post*, Grayling Public Relations, Qatar Foundation International and *Vogue*.

### Academic Trips

This program is open to NU-Q students and assists them with learning about how organizations work in other countries. Previous trips have included Turkey, Switzerland, Italy, United Kingdom 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, Tunisia and Zambia.

### Evanston Exchange

Students can apply to spend a semester on the Evanston campus, take classes for full credit, learn more about Northwestern history and culture 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 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

### 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
- The Daily Q
- Film Society
- International Student Association
- Just Play!
- Music Society
- Purple Project
- Society of Professional Journalists
- Studio 20Q





## HBKU Housing and Residence Life

**F**or 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 with 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

### **HBKU Student Center**

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

- Art gallery that hosts 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 with billiards, table tennis and foosball
- Two full-size multi-purpose indoor courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton and football

# Admissions—A Step Towards Your Future

Our 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 admission. 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 difficult decisions. 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 the 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 admissions 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 a 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

## Standardized 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

**177**  
Students Enrolled

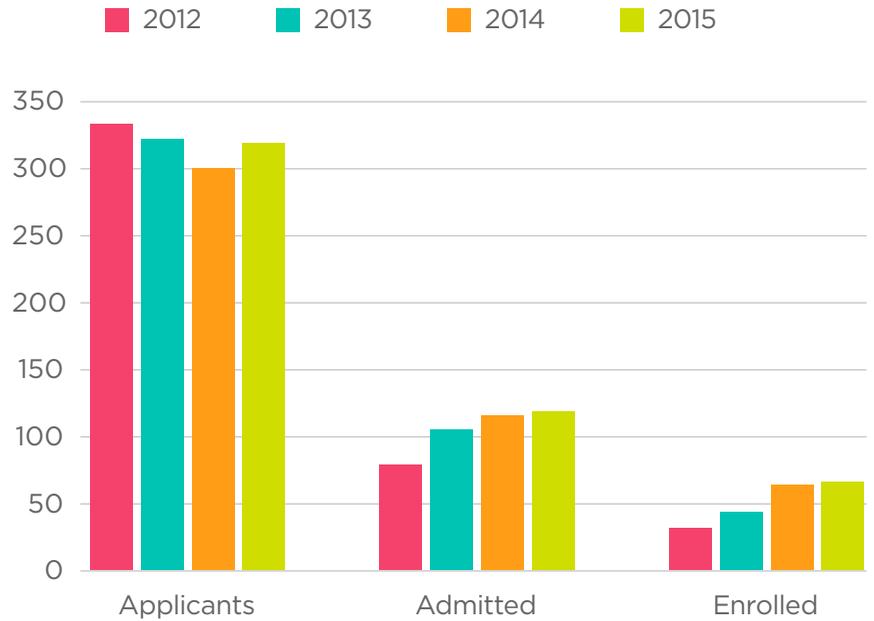
**28**  
Nationalities

**30**  
Full-time Faculty

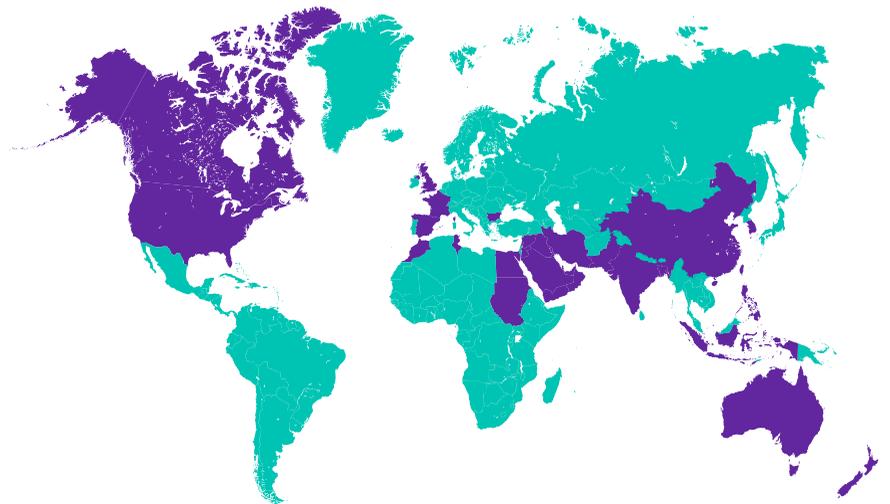
**34%**  
Class of 2019  
Acceptance Rate

**323**  
Class of 2019  
Applicants

## Admissions Numbers



## Student Nationalities



Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, 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 your future. Partnered with Qatar Foundation, Northwestern University in Qatar helps applicants identify the best options for financing their education.

### Tuition and Fees

As with other universities in Education City, NU-Q charges the same fees as its home campus in the United States.

2015–2016 Academic year costs:  
US\$50,290.00

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.

### US Federal Aid

US citizens and US permanent residents may be eligible for the following US federal aid: Federal Direct Stafford; ParentPLUS Loan; and 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 web page.

### 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. Please note HBKU Financial Aid does not cover the full cost of attendance.

### 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 institution. 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 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**

[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)

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### **HBKU Online Financial Aid Application**

<https://fas.qf.org.qa>

### **FAFSA**

<https://fafsa.ed.gov>

# Application Requirements

- NU-Q only accepts online application through The Common Application:  
*www.commonapp.org*
- Personal essay and writing supplements
- Official secondary school transcripts
- High school counselor and teacher recommendations
- Standardized test scores:  
SAT or ACT  
TOEFL or IELTS
- Official post-secondary transcripts (Transfer applicants)
- Registrar's report (Transfer applicants)
- Non-refundable application fee (\$75)
- Interviews are not required but are highly recommended.

## Application Submission Deadline

February 1

## For further information, please visit:

*www.qatar.northwestern.edu/admissions/required-materials/index.html*



## 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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