Hello Wildcats!! 13 weeks and counting!

In the coming months, continued careful planning will ensure your transition to NU-Q is a smooth and enjoyable one. Use your Student Portal and the Summer Transition Series to track important dates and deadlines, and to coordinate any special arrangements you wish to make. Don’t wait to get started! Begin your preparations now.

At this point you should be well aware of these deadlines, but we want to remind you of several upcoming tasks you should begin immediately if you have not yet done so. International students, you must submit your visa application form, blood type certificate, passport, and travel information in order to secure a Qatar permanent entry visa. For all students, during the months of May and June, you will want to focus on completing your health insurance forms (StudentCare and Hamad*) and getting those immunization records done (*if you already have a Hamad card, we only need a copy). Immunizations take time, so get started now! We would hate for you to get locked out of course registration in August. If you are interested in living on-campus, it is a must that you submit your Housing Interest Form. We also have to know if you don’t want your picture taken. Or perhaps you want to be featured on future NU-Q publications. Either way, we need to know, so please submit your Media Release Form! All documents may be completed and submitted via further instructions on the Student Portal.

Look through the following pages as we provide even more info on Education City and life at NU-Q. Your Peer Advisers (PAs) are your greatest resource, and these are some truly fantastic students excited to welcome you to university – use them! The New Student Programs (NSP) team is also here to answer any of your questions; do not hesitate to contact us, and keep connecting with us through social media (join the Class of 2019 Facebook group, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @NUQWildcats).

We cannot wait to welcome you to NU-Q!

Katie Hyon
New Student Programs & First-Year Experience
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**IMMEDIATE ACTION: Activate your NetID and Northwestern email account ASAP using the format: FirstNameLastName2019@u.northwestern.edu**
Congratulations!

We are so happy to have you join our NU-Q family, and couldn’t be more excited to meet you! The summer before we came to NU-Q was probably the most restless summer we have ever experienced. We couldn’t wait to get to university, and August couldn’t come fast enough. With that feeling in mind, all of us in Team NSP 2015 are trying to make sure that you feel like a part of NU-Q even before you get here. We have a line-up of Google Hangouts, Q&A sessions, social media activities, and of course, PA emails, to keep you connected to NU-Q. So, please join us this summer on social media, make sure to check your email, and stay up-to-date with everything on our end!

With guidance from our amazing adviser, Katie Hyon, and our nine wonderful Peer Advisers (PAs), we are going to show you the NU-Q way of doing things. And of course, our creative Media Specialists are hard at work making fun and informative videos to help you get a sense of life as a Wildcat.

At NU-Q, not only are we passionate, dedicated, and motivated to succeed, but we also know how to have a good time! And we can’t wait for you to join us in that journey. In case you didn’t know already, we like to wear a LOT of purple, we eat a lot (seriously, we do), and then burn off the calories cheering for our teams during games. Most importantly, we are Wildcats 24/7!

O-Week can be long, but it’s a time for you to make friendships, wonderful memories, and get your bearings at NU-Q. We’re also going to make sure you have a good time before classes start. Personally, our orientations were one of the reasons we signed up for NSP. Trust us, we welcomed the chance to just let go and be crazy! You really don’t want to miss out on orientation. We have so many fun activities and sessions that are important for your next four years at NU-Q.

You can depend on your PA to make sure you have a good time, so make sure you check your emails and reply to them regularly. We love hearing from you!

We hope you’re as excited for O-Week ’15 as we are. We can’t wait to welcome you to your new home!

Go ‘Cats!

Maryam Al-Thani and Wajeeha Malik
NSP 2015 Co-Chairs aka Coco Uno & Coco Dos
International Student Guidance

Selamat datang! Kia ora! Ahlan wa sahlan! Bienvenido! Welcome to NU-Q! My name is Kristal Sawatzke and I am the International Experience Coordinator of the Student Affairs team at NU-Q. I will be your go-to person to help you navigate this whole immigration thing. Entry visa? Resident permit? Exit visa? Come again?! It might all feel a bit confusing or overwhelming at times, but we do our best to make the process as simple as possible for you! As an international student, you are going to hear from me. A lot. But you’ll also get emails from loads of other faculty and staff around campus and it might start to feel like message overload. To help manage your inbox woes, my best piece of advice is to stick to the 3-D method. The way I see it, when you are going through your emails, you have three options:

1) **Do it.** Right then and there. Reply to the email if there is a question or a need for a response. It takes less than 30 seconds to attach a copy of your passport or answer a question or RSVP. So you don’t forget to take care of it later, just do it. Reply immediately. Added bonus? Faculty and staff will LOVE the fact that you’re so responsive and you’ll develop a positive reputation. Don’t be that person who needs 837 reminders to do something.

2) **Date-stamp it.** We get it, you have a busy schedule and maybe you need a bit of time to reply. That, or perhaps the deadline isn’t for a week and you don’t need to worry about it just yet. If you decide not to respond immediately, then put a reminder on your calendar (or phone) to take care of business later. If we need something from you, we will tell you when we need it by. Take note. Jot down the date. And please don’t be late. (Hey, that rhymed!)

3) **Delete it.** Sometimes emails are more “FYI” and don’t always need a response. Perhaps there’s an upcoming event or maybe it’s a reminder for class. Once you have thoroughly read through the message and determined you don’t need to do anything with the email, get rid of it. Or archive it in a folder or label for future reference. Maintaining a neat and clean inbox will help you to keep tabs on everything. All of that said? Your first assignment as an incoming international student of the Class of 2019 is to upload all of the required documents to your Student Portal by the May 21st deadline. Without each of those pieces of information, we won’t be able to get started on your entry visa. Which means you can’t study in Qatar. It’s that simple. So, now that you’ve read this you have a choice to make with regard to getting started on the immigration process. You can either do it now or you can date-stamp it for May 21st, but don’t you dare delete it :) We are so excited about the incoming class and absolutely can’t wait to meet you! If you have any questions, concerns, or need something from me, please don’t hesitate to email kristal.sawatzke@northwestern.edu.
Quinton Sprull
Major: Communications
1. Hometown: Manila, Philippines
2. Favorite movie: The Last Samurai and Bourne trilogy
3. Favorite travel destination: Santorini, NYC, and London
4. Favorite food: My home cooked spaghetti sauce =)
5. Hobbies: Mountain biking and motorcycle touring
6. How long in Doha: Since September 2014
7. Biggest challenge of your job: Complying to every demand promptly and fairly
8. Favorite part of working with students at NU-Q: Being able to help students with their projects
9. Advice for first-year/new students: TLC for the equipment
10. Fun fact about yourself: I have 8 dogs, two cats, and some fish.

Manager of Budget and Student Finance
Sarhan Khan
1. Hometown: Chicago, IL
3. Favorite travel destination: Paris, France
4. Favorite food: Pizza
5. Hobbies: Singing, making people feel better
6. How long in Doha: 3 years
7. Biggest challenge of your job: Getting you to pay your bills on time!
8. Favorite part of working with students at NU-Q: They are all wonderful, creative, kind, and curious. I absolutely love working with our students.
9. Advice for first-year/new students: Keep calm, stay focused, have fun, take time to reflect, and learn from every experience.
10. Fun fact about yourself: I started my university career as a journalist.

Production Equipment Specialist
Chito Almacen
1. Hometown: Manila, Philippines
2. Favorite movie: The Last Samurai and Bourne trilogy
3. Favorite travel destination: Santorini, NYC, and London
4. Favorite food: My home cooked spaghetti sauce =)
5. Hobbies: Mountain biking and motorcycle touring
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FUN with MAPS!

Legend
- Purple: NU-Q Buildings
- Peach: Other Buildings
- Green: Green Education
- Yellow: Residential Halls
- Orange: Student Services
- Red: Parking
- Blue: Other
- Grey: Roads

North

To the Pearl and Kataras
To Landmark & Ezdan Malls
To Fish Market, West Bay, Corniche, MIA and Souq Waqif
To Aspire and Villaggio
To Gate 5 (To Shefi Rd)
To Gate 5 (To Shefi Rd)
To Mathaf

To Lulu Express
NU-Q
The university you are about to attend; we hope you know this one by now

TA
Teacher’s Assistant

RA
Research Assistant

THE FORUM
The large auditorium room on the 3rd floor, Rm. 3035; i.e., “My next class is at the Forum”

THE CAGE
The place where we pick up equipment and check out edit suites at the Studio

EDUCATION CITY (EC)
Geographic location of where most of your days will be spent the next four years

HBKU
Hamad Bin Khalifa University; the university system of EC

QF
Qatar Foundation

CMU-Q
Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

WCMC-Q
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (or just Cornell)

TAMU-Q
Texas A&M University at Qatar (or just A&M, NEVER Texas)

GU-Q OR SFS-Q
Georgetown School of Foreign Service Qatar

VCU-Q
Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

LAS
Liberal Arts and Sciences Building

ABP
Academic Bridge Program, located in the LAS building

SC
The Student Center; many meetings and events will be held here

FA
Financial Aid department, found in Porta Cabin 4

QA
Qatar Academy, K-12 school

CEREMONIAL COURT
Where Kanye filmed a music video

GREEN SPINE
The large grass field between the parking lot and buildings

MATHAF
The museum of modern art, on the outskirts of the EC campus

LULU
The nearest grocery store to EC, the ResHalls provide buses there and back

REC CENTER
Gym, swimming pool, QNB, spa, Qatar Airways, Ooredoo, and Vodafone

QFIS
Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies

UGC
University College London, grad school, 3rd floor of GU-Q

HEC PARIS
European business grad school, not located on campus

HRL
Housing and Residence Life

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR (CDA)
Ever heard of an RA? They take care of you in the ResHalls

RCC
The main reception area at the ResHalls; i.e., “Hey! Let’s meet at the RCC in five

RESIDENCE HALLS COUNCIL (RHC)
Student-run org; they handle community events, voice student concerns, etc

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS (FNL)
Social event organized by CDA’s, 2x a month, free food + games + new people to meet

MIA
Museum of Islamic Art, and the corresponding park on the Corniche

KARAK
A sweetened chai tea that’s served all over Doha, possibly the life-blood of EC students

KATARA
The cultural village, more posh and artsy than the souq

ASPIRE
The torch tower area, sports arenas, stadiums, a really nice park with a hill

HEC PARIS
European business grad school, not located on campus

VILLAGGIO/CITY CENTER/EZDAN/LANDMARK/GULF
Malls (we have lots of malls)

TEA TIME
The place to get karak, other snacks, we spend a lot of time driving to and from here

THE PEARL
Upscale restaurants, shops, a place to walk around in the evenings

DOHA SPEAK
A mix of English, Arabic, Hindi/Urdu, below are the most commonly used words

HABIBI
An Arab term of endearment

KHALAS
Arabic for “Finished. Done. It’s over”

YAKHI
Simply put: BRO

YAANI
The Arab equivalent of the English “like” thrown into every sentence

THEEKE/ACHA
Hindi/Urdu slang words for okay, “good”

INSHA’ALLAH
“God-willing.” Also used almost in every sentence, i.e., “I will finish this paper, Insha’Allah”
Try to think of Northwestern as a giant Pokémon game. Except that instead of running through the Viridian Forest, you’re running through the upper floor of Carnegie Mellon University (I am told our building will be finished by the end of 2015). Instead of the Pewter Gym, you’re in Professor Sparshott’s history survey course and the final boss is the research paper and MLA citation. Instead of level three Zubats and Bidoofs, you are battling end-level Mewtwos and Arceus.

The latter is not a joke. As part of Northwestern’s approach in Qatar, you will be learning from THE VERY BEST. The teachers and staff are nigh on terrifying in their respective curriculum vitae.

Professor Mary Dedinsky was the first female editor of the Chicago Tribune. Professor Tracy Vaughn is the pre-eminent scholar of Harlem Renaissance literature. Professor John Downing has a Wikipedia page about him.

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**THROW DHOW’N**

By NICHOLAS WONG

The difference, I can assure you, between your orientation self and freshman proper self is substantial. Allow me a moment of clairvoyance and say, “yes, we’ve all been there.” We have all been in awkward social situations where everyone is a stranger and you have to dig deep, real deep, to find that extrovert-forward part of yourself to talk to others. Orientation will be like that. The first days of the semester will be like that. You will enter class, take the seat closest to the door or furthest away from the other kid who’s already in class, always wary not to invade someone else’s personal space. Then class will fill up and you’ll mutter, “I don’t know anyone” under your breath.

That quiet Pakistani girl with the big backpack that looks like it’s from a 90s yard sale? She’s going to become one of your best friends here. And you’ll find out she’s a skilled photographer and has godlike time management. That Qatari girl with the nice purse and painful-looking shoes? She’s totally into Game of Thrones and is already an award winning filmmaker. That 29 year old Asian guy who looks like he should be in an episode of “To Catch a Predator”? He’s a fellow student and your orientation peer advisor.

These people will become your posse, your entourage. Your pokemon team. Collect them. **GOTTA CATCH EM ALL!**
“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
You begin being comfortable in purple...
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
I love the community that ultimately brings all our awesome facilities and events to life.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
I wish I had known not to buy/bring perfectly fitted pants and expecting to fit in them throughout the year.
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Media & Society. Not a popular class, but most challenging so far.
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Purple Fest. I was part of NUQ-SU. Getting to see the events unfold after all that planning was an incredible feeling.
--- Zaki Hussain ---

“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
More than half of your wardrobe is purple and you can draw a perfect Wildcat paw with your eyes closed.
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The close-knit community and the feeling of being part of something new and exciting.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
Know your strengths and weaknesses, and buy a giant alarm clock if you’re a heavy sleeper.
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Tough question. Basic Acting comes to mind. YOU MUST TAKE A CLASS WITH ANN WOODWORTH!
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Being a PA in 2014, and GME trip to NYC and Dubai.
--- Wajeeha Malik ---

“You know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
You’re asked for advice on cameras and find yourself often having a late dinner at the studio.
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
I love that we have a strong school spirit and that we have the chance to know anyone, whether they be student, professor, or staff member.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
a) Taking on other responsibilities does not take up all of your time and makes the university experience much more rewarding.
b) You can say no.
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
American Pop Culture with Professor Christopher Sparshott. Learning about American culture was hugely rewarding. Also, taking a class with one of the funniest and wittiest professors at NU-Q is always bound to be interesting.
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
My favorite NU-Q memory was in Enterprise Reporting sophomore year: I was working on a final video project with my best friend, and we were covering a group of men who had made a volleyball court within the ruins of a demolished building. Weeks into our project, we realized that our story did not have any kind of resolution. We went back to the court to find a closing angle, and discovered that the lot where they played had been closed by a large construction company. Needless to say, we got our angle. Working on this story was a great learning experience.
--- Paulo Fugen ---

“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
You have your first catered buffet meal in a hallway where you maybe didn’t attend the whole event.
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The teacher to student ratio. And the free food.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
Sign up for everything you are interested in. Don’t tell yourself, “there’s always next semester.” Get a head start on clubs and student involvement.
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Passing and the Performance of Identity in American Culture with Professor Tracy Vaughn.
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Drinking karak at Bandar by the Museum of Islamic Art with the dudes.
--- Nicholas Wong ---

“You know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
Every meeting turns into a food fest.
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The thing I love most is how loving this community is here and the amazing facilities we have.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
There’s more to university than studying. Don’t just worry about getting the grade, loosen up and get to know the people around you!
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Theories of Persuasion with Professor Susan Dun.
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Go Wild Week 2015!!
--- Najla Al Khulaifi ---

“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
You stay at the Studio until 3am procrastinating.
“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The amazing equipment that we can use to film with.
“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
I’m stuck here for four years, bleeding purple, whether I like it or not. Embrace the purple!
“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Acting class! It’s the class where I’ve changed and learned the most.
“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Acting like popcorn, a ruby, fire, and many more in Acting class.
--- Jemina Legaspi ---

“YOU KNOW YOU’RE AN NU-Q STUDENT WHEN…”

--- Zaki Hussain ---

--- Wajeeha Malik ---

--- Paulo Fugen ---

--- Nicholas Wong ---

--- Najla Al Khulaifi ---

--- Jemina Legaspi ---
Google Hangout Live (GHL) Sessions are a part of the Summer Transition Series (STS) ‘15. Join the GHLs to learn more about NU-Q and how to get ready for college. The six sessions offered will cover topics critical to incoming students.

- International Student Google Hangout Live Session
  - May 21st, 2015

- Academic Advising Google Hangout Live Session
  - May 25th, 2015

- Money Matters Google Hangout Live Session
  - June 1st, 2015

- Health & Wellness Google Hangout Live Session
  - June 8th, 2015

- Academic Advising 2.0 Google Hangout Live Session
  - July 13th, 2015

- Student Life Google Hangout Live Session
  - July 27th, 2015

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Doha Time

Mark your calendars and do NOT miss out!