Yalla Wildcats!

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Welcome Wildcats!

I'm so excited for this new year. New class, new experiences, new beginnings! University is your chance to explore different paths and expand your horizons. This is your first step into the future. You can take this as a chance to reinvent yourself or develop who you already are.

As you embark on this expedition of education I would like to tell you a few things:

Be curious, be inquisitive and be open to new opportunities. There’s a quote the 2015 senior class speaker, Najwa Al Thani, said at graduation, “a curious mind is more powerful than anything.” So don’t be afraid to try new things. Venture into untrekked territories of your mind and develop yourself! Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Say yes to doing new things.

Join a student organization, attend events so you get to meet fellow Wildcats or other Education City members, and get as much out of your college experience as possible. Get to know your professors. Some of them might end up influencing your life in ways you cannot imagine, and help you realize your full potential, not just as a student but as a person.

You will experience first hand how loving and generous NU-Q is as a community. We might be small, but we have a big heart. I’ve long heard people say that your high school friends will stay with you forever. I don’t think I fully agree with that. I found my greatest friendships here and my most cherished comrades. Don’t be afraid to say hi to your fellow classmates, even the upperclassmen. You’ll be surprised at how friendly we are regardless of how we might seem.

So what I’m saying is that these can be the best four years of your life. Each one of you has a dream or a plan or a vague inkling of what they want to do in their tenure here. Northwestern is your place to begin that journey. I wish you all the best and I can’t wait to meet everyone.

Good luck on the next best four years of your lives!

Najla Al Khulaifi
NU-Q SU President
Find out how to play a part in a range of exciting events and activities at the annual org fair held at the HBKU Student Center. August 27 from 6:00-10:00pm.

Join HBKU’s Orange Life team for their critical dialogue events over coffee with great conversations at the Student Center’s Gloria Jeans.

Unwind from a stressful week of classes with friends at the HBKU Student Center Majlis.

Learn how to lead with integrity in an annual six-day intensive leadership institute.

International Fest is an annual HBKU Student Center tradition that takes place each fall. It provides the opportunity for students to showcase their cultures in a variety of ways as we highlight the diversity that exists in Education City. Celebrate cultures from around the globe with a lineup of performances and incredibly diverse representation at booths that are set up.

The hottest event of the year - literally! Form teams of four members (must include at least one student from Texas A&M at Qatar) and find out what it takes to be crowned the ultimate chili master.

A collaboration between Texas A&M’s Student Engineers’ Council (SEC) and Northwestern University’s NUQSU, Boo is a Halloween themed event held for students all over Education City at the end of October. Don’t miss out on BOO V.

Join CMU-Q Tartans in their annual carnival-themed event held out on the Green Spine.

Keep an eye out for sports and rec tournaments at the Recreation Center, Awsaj, and Student Center.

A coalition of stand-up comedians living in Qatar, SUCQ promotes stand-up comedy in the region by supporting and developing up and coming comedians and hosting regular events, often showcased at HBKU Student Center’s Black Box Theatre.

NU-Q’s annual weeklong celebration of school spirit produced and hosted by NU-Q Student Union (NUQSU), with events like Purple Fest, Dodgeball, Zumbathon, Dare Night, and Media Awards.

RePlay is an HBKU film society that focuses on spreading awareness for film appreciation. Keep an eye out for screenings at the HBKU Student Center cinema.

The Takreem Awards are an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of student leaders, student organizations, and student affairs staff exemplifying excellence all around Education City.

The Bibliophiles, NU-Q’s Literary Society open to all of Education City, present an annual slam poetry night. Join for an evening of verse (in multiple languages) featuring members of the EC community, along with a themed dinner.

The much awaited talent competition between NU-Q Wildcats and CMU-Q Tartans, held on the Green Spine. Groups must register and audition to compete.

Want to dance, sing, act, or showcase your talents? Coffeehouse is Education City’s annual open talent show and dinner brought to you by the Medical Student Executive Council of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar.

HBKU sponsored annual service-learning trip open to all members of Education City that takes place over spring break. Participation in NYASB is contingent upon an application and interview process, as well as a series of pre-departure meetings.

Enjoy and celebrate Qatari culture at QND festivities all around Education City, hosted by HBKU and the branch campuses.

Education City celebrates active and healthy lifestyles by hosting football, bowling, table tennis, basketball and volleyball tournaments during Qatar National Sports Day in February.

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FOR MORE NEWS ABOUT EVENTS AROUND EC, READ TOTALLY THURSDAYS EVERY WEEK.
1. **Hometown:** Great Wyrley, Staffordshire, England  
2. **Favorite Book:** Hmm. Almost everything I read is for work, but I love legal fiction too.  
3. **Favorite TV Show:** Top Chef  
4. **Favorite Vacation Spot:** South Africa  
5. **Favorite Food:** Homemade macaroni and cheese (not the Kraft junk)  
6. **Hobbies:** Running, traveling, watching Major League Baseball, playing cards/games.  
7. **How long in Doha:** 1720 days, or 4 years, 8 months and 16 days as of 21st April 2015.  
8. **Advice:** Listen more, talk less. You learn a lot more if you pay attention to what others have to say.  
9. **Why do you love being a professor:** Because I get paid to stay in school and keep learning!  
10. **Favorite Course:** Pretty much anything about law.

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**Class of 2016 Journalism**

1. **Hometown:** Karachi, Pakistan  
2. **Favorite event held by NU-Q:** Not really an event, but I’m going to say that my favorite experience has been the journalism residency.  
3. **Favorite movie:** Jack the Ripper, directed by David Wickes and featuring a youngish Michael Caine.  
4. **Favorite class offered at NU-Q:** A tie between History and Memory with Christopher Sparshott and Statistics with Justin Martin.  
5. **Dream Job:** Zoologist or Conservationist.  
6. **Pet peeves:** People who complain about science and math, people who stomp on ants, and illogical, bad writing.  
7. **Word of advice for incoming freshmen:** A gentle reminder to journalism freshmen that your time at NU-Q all boils down to ten weeks in your junior year. This isn’t an exaggeration - every bit of your NU-Q academic experience will count towards where you go on residency, what you do there, and where your career will go afterward. So, know what you’d like to do, and use that goal to make the most of your time.

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**Senior User Support Specialist, IT**

1. **Hometown:** St. Louis, MO  
2. **Favorite Book:** Hmm. Almost everything I read is for work, but I love legal fiction too.  
3. **Favorite TV Show:** Top Chef  
4. **Favorite travel destination:** Home, wherever that is at the time.  
5. **Favorite food:** Anything really. I love Asian food and Sunday roast in equal measure. I am still a student at heart and frequently cook all the leftovers in the fridge.  
6. **Hobbies:** Football, flying, cycling, squash, photography, architecture, cooking, construction of and flying kites, creating art in any form, and reading.  
7. **How long in Doha:** Since August 2014  
8. **Advice:** Listen more, talk less. You learn a lot more if you pay attention to what others have to say.  
9. **Why do you love being a professor:** Because I get paid to stay in school and keep learning!  
10. **Favorite Course:** Pretty much anything about law.

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**Associate Professor in Residence**

1. **Hometown:** St. Louis, MO  
2. **Favorite Book:** Hmm. Almost everything I read is for work, but I love legal fiction too.  
3. **Favorite TV Show:** Top Chef  
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Do I want to squeeze all of my classes into 2 days or spread them out over 3 days?
This is a personal choice, BUT scheduling class back-to-back may impair learning. Allow time in between classes to process and absorb the information you just learned. Take time to edit your notes, meet with your instructor, study with a friend, work on homework, or review the material. This will help move information from short-term to long-term memory.

What is a General Education/Distribution course?
These courses are often referred to as Liberal Arts courses and consist of Math, English, Social Science and Humanities.

What does an ELECTIVE mean?
Any time you see the word elective in your program, this means you have a choice. Some program faculty will limit these choices to certain options, and others will not. If the choices are not restricted, you may use the Fall 2015 Timetable Course Information Sheet to help guide you.
[http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/docs/courses/2015-fall-timetable.pdf](http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/docs/courses/2015-fall-timetable.pdf)

What is a PREREQUISITE?
Prerequisites are courses that must be taken before another course, usually in order to be better prepared and eligible for said advanced course.

What does a typical FIRST-YEAR fall semester course plan look like?
Communications:
- ENGL 103-1
- INTERDIS 201
- MIT 220
- Distribution or elective

Journalism:
- ENG 103-1
- INTERDIS 201
- Distribution or elective
- Distribution or elective

Is it possible to graduate EARLY?
Yes, you can graduate early if you take summer classes and/or take 5 courses each fall and spring semester (if you’re a transfer, this question is a gamechanger).

Can I CROSS-REGISTER?
NU-Q students may cross-register for courses at other U.S. universities in Education City. Permission to cross-register is granted by Academic Affairs, which assists in the cross-registration process. Students should meet with their academic adviser to discuss cross-registration policies. Cross-registration courses do not count in the determination of the overall GPA.
**Reading the Timetable**

**Course Information Sheet**

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1. **CAESAR#** = Course Reference Number
2. **Course Prefix, number & title** = Course Abbreviation and Number (numbers >300 are upper level, numbers <300 are lower level)
3. **Section** = A division of a course for instruction. A course may be taught in one or more sections or classes, depending on enrollment in the course.
4. **Name of Instructor** = Name of the professor who will be teaching the course
5. **Days** = Days the course meets U/T = Sunday and Tuesday, M/W = Monday and Wednesday, R= Thursday
6. **Times** = start and end time of course
7. **CAP** = the total number of students permitted to enroll into the course that semester
8. **Open To** = the type of students who can take the course based on student’s major (journalism/communication) and class standing (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
9. **Course Prereq & Consent Required** = Prerequisite; a requirement that must be satisfied before enrolling in a particular course
1. The Timetable and Course Information Sheet are both great tools, but are not always up-to-date. This is when using CAESAR is important. CAESAR will tell you everything you can find in the schedule, PLUS …
   a. If there are still seats, and if so, how many
   b. Who is teaching the course (once posted)
   c. What room the course meets in (once posted)
   d. What the course is about and if there are prerequisites (as well as what those prerequisites are)

2. To access CAESAR for the purpose of viewing courses visit http://www.northwestern.edu/caesar/
3. Click on Search for Classes located under the Class Search and Catalogs heading
4. Enter the following information in the search criteria
5. Use your Net ID and Password to login
   a. Term – 2015 fall
   b. Course Career – Qatar Undergraduate
   c. Then click Search

>> Meeting Your Academic Adviser

Feel free to prepare a draft schedule prior to your advising appointment. You will need a blank weekly calendar.

Submit your AP/IB/A-Levels exam scores. If you do not have them yet, submit your exam scores and original transcripts to NU-Q as soon as you receive them. You can receive college credit for courses you mastered in high school.

AP scores
NU-Q Student Records office will need you to provide them with a screen shot of your AP request receipt that shows a code of 1565 on it. After this is provided, Student Records will follow up with the Registrar at NU-E (Northwestern University in Evanston) to confirm that they received the AP scores. Finally, Student Records will then be able to record your AP credit on your transcript. Therefore, you are requesting to have your AP scores mailed to NU-E, and the code is 1565.

IB & A-Levels
NU-Q Student Records will need you to provide them directly with your official diploma and transcript.
For more questions about academic advising, contact Michelle Telafici at m-telafici@northwestern.edu or Nadiyah El-Amin at nadiyah.el-amin@northwestern.edu.
The College Transition: TIPS FOR A HEALTHY FIRST YEAR!

Here at NU-Q, Counseling and Wellness (CW) wants to keep you healthy so that you can be the best you can be! CW provides high quality crisis intervention, counseling, consultation, educational outreach programs, referrals, services for students with disabilities, and promotes the overall public health of the campus community by collecting your immunization records and ensuring all students are compliant with our health insurance policy. Our website is a great place to retrieve information about exercise classes and facilities, stress management, and academic/personal counseling. Take some time to visit our website http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/life-nu-q/counseling-wellness/index.html so you will be informed about how to stay healthy this year!

CW offers you a supportive environment through counseling and health promotion activities – we hope that you will take advantage of our upcoming Wellness Wednesday programs and maybe even sign up for Walktober!

As you transition to university life, you might consider these lifestyle behaviors to be well:
1. Find time for daily exercise
2. Make healthy food choices
3. Have balance in your life
4. Avoid tobacco and drugs

Just remember it is normal to feel excited and apprehensive at the same time as August nears. No matter what you are expecting, you will experience challenges you did not anticipate, and that is okay!

So here is my advice to you: ----->

“ 1. Expect the unexpected.
2. Enjoy surprises. Get involved!
3. Join a new group.
4. Keep looking for the right friends.
5. Manage your stress. Work out!
6. Attend every class.
7. Make mistakes and learn from them.
8. Communicate your feelings openly.
10. Look for adventure.
11. Life changes produce stress.
12. CW is here to help!”

Patti Collins, Counselor
Health & Wellness
Immunization 101:

1. You should have already submitted your StudentCare insurance application (takes 3 minutes to complete) and your Immunization and Tuberculosis Screening Certificate is due July 31, 2015. Also due at that time is your completed and signed National Health Card Application (if you do not currently reside in Qatar) OR front and back copy of your valid Qatar national health card (Hamad Health Card if you currently reside in Qatar).

2. Regarding the immunization and TB screening certificate, you will be able to complete page one on your own, but you will need to make an appointment with your physician to discuss the status of your immunizations and to complete pages two and three. After you and your physician have completed the Certificate and it is signed and stamped by your physician, please upload it to the Student Portal (former ABP dual-enrolls, please submit your hardcopies directly to us in the office).

3. As you may have heard on our Google Hangout Live Session on June 8, getting the documentation can be a timely process, so start now if you haven’t already (especially if you are missing some immunizations, as some require a series of vaccinations)!! Most of you have probably had all the required immunizations as a child (with the exception of the vaccination for Meningitis) so it will just be a matter of documenting and getting any missing immunizations which the doctor recommends so you can be in compliance with our policy. Please be mindful that you are also required to have a recent TB screening (not older than August 2014). Testing for TB infection is easy and painless - it involves either a skin test or blood test.

4. If you require assistance as you complete the required items, please contact patricia.collins@northwestern.edu.
"Because you lived in China for so long, you’re not interested in Korean history," said my elementary school teacher in Korea, interrupting my daydream. In retrospect that seems incredibly unfair, but then again, I was daydreaming. Fast forward a few years and I remember learning about how the Philippines was conquered by Spain for 333 years in my Philippine Middle School in Oman. Those three repeated digits are the only piece of memory I have from that history class. Since then, you could say that I’ve never found my interest piqued towards history courses, never voluntarily choosing to take them, or in all honesty, finding a need for them.

Then came the day I stood in front of intellectual collegiate peers from Cornell, Georgetown, Carnegie Mellon and Northwestern, who were judging my ability to debate on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It was my first time participating in a debate competition. As a first semester freshman, I was terrified. Was I debating on the same level as my Pakistani friends who had been on debate teams since middle school? No. Did I have enough knowledge in politics, current events, science, and history to come up with reasonable arguments? Not really.

**THROW DHOW’N**

**"NO FAVORITISM ALLOWED FOR KNOWLEDGE"**

--- BY JUEUN CHOI

People have always told me that college is all about stepping out of your comfort zone. So here I was, arguing about an unfamiliar topic that had been introduced to me 15 minutes prior. My heart was racing, my eyes wandering; I blabbered political terms my debate partner asked me to use. A girl from Georgetown then raised her hand to question my argument. They told me ignoring questions showed lack of confidence, so I accepted the challenge. After she posed her question, I experienced the longest five seconds of silence in my life. “I don’t know,” I then declared. Everyone laughed and she smiled in victory.

The humiliation I experienced during this first debate competition led me to take a U.S. history course in the spring semester. History, the subject that I was never interested in, became a new land to conquer. The hundreds of different answers I could have given my opponent in that moment gave me the motivation to expand my knowledge and finally piqued my interest in history. This was not an overnight realization, nor is it an immediate achievement I can master. The struggle continues as I currently have a ten-page history paper to write in two days. But the endless opportunities provided by NU-Q make me a better student every day, and the challenges are definitely worth the nerves. So get out of your comfort zone, try new things, and who knows, you might find an interest you never knew you had, or even one that you used to think you hated.
“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
The studio feels like home, and you subconsciously buy purple stuff...

“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The fun, quirky students, cool events, and awesome classes!

“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
To take more internships!

“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Oh my! ACTING with Ann Woodworth! Definitely.

“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
So many! From all-nighters with friends to events and NSP, I can’t really choose!
- Maryam Al-Thani -

“Your friends refuse to go to the movies with you because you ‘overanalyze’ the films.

“What do you love about NU-Q?”
Individualized interactions between faculty/staff and students.

“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
More information about scholarship and financial aid policies.

“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Basic Acting/Screenwriting

“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Engage Chicago!!
- Urooj Kamran Azmi -

“You’re walking around Education City hunting for interviews while holding a camera and an audio recorder.

“What do you love about NU-Q?”
I love our plentiful travel opportunities, the inspirational professors who are extremely wise and organized, and free food!

“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
Having just finished freshman year, I wish I had known the importance of productivity when I had free time and was more relaxed. Now that I really am busy, building the habit of efficiency feels integral to succeed in my academic life. I also wish I had known that I shouldn’t join clubs and events just because friends and nice people ask me to. Think carefully before you join because you don’t want to end up quitting everything because you can’t handle it.

“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
I loved studying Anthropology with Professor Tanya Kane because it was so colorful and cultural.

“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
The NU-Q 2015 Service Learning Trip to Zambia was the best trip I’ve ever taken in my life.
- Jueun Choi -

“Your Know You’re a NU-Q Student When…”
There’s free food every other day.

“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The people.

“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
I should not take morning classes.

“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Visual Journalism.

“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Playing in the Qatar University Football League with the mixed NU-Q men’s team.
- Omar Al Ansari -

“You Know You’re an NU-Q Student When…”
You break out in song whenever you’re at a sports game.

“What do you love about NU-Q?”
The strong sense of community.

“Things I wish I had known as a First Year…”
You will always have time to do things, you just need to learn how to make that time. Don’t be lazy or panic, it’ll all be okay. Learn to prioritize!

“What is the most interesting class you’ve taken at NU-Q?”
Analyzing Media Texts with Scott Curtis.

“What’s your favorite NU-Q memory?”
Sitting in the student lounge and listening to everyone talk really loudly while laughing.
- Aisha Javaid -

YOU KNOW
YOU ARE AN
NU-Q STUDENT
WHEN...
First Year Struggles

Struggle #1: Balancing work and play.

Struggle #2: Picking courses

Maybe if I could take this elective, I'll get Thursdays off.

Struggle #3: Dressing for uni.

Shabby chic or so stylish!?
The Weber Arch, or more commonly known as “The Arch” is the gateway to Northwestern University, welcoming people to the heart of the Evanston campus. It is not only a famous landmark on campus, where student activities, protests, bake-sales and events happen, but it is also known for “March through the Arch,” a kick-off event for new students to be symbolically welcomed to the Northwestern family. In recent years, the “March from the Arch” tradition has also emerged, a ceremonial walk taken by seniors during Senior Week signifying their departure from campus out into the world.

The Arch

Dillo Day/Mayfest and A&O

Mayfest and A&O are Northwestern’s largest student-run production companies, providing the campus with tons of fun activities and events throughout the year. Mayfest hosts Northwestern’s annual Dillo Day, the school’s single-largest event. During the full-day event, students enjoy hanging out at off-campus get-togethers or visiting the “Dillo Village,” which includes food trucks, face-painting and hookah on the shores of Lake Michigan, as they listen to world class musical acts. All members of the Northwestern community come together to celebrate the end of the school year and enjoy the beginning of summer. Past musical acts have included Outcast, Walk the Moon, Nelly, The Roots, and the Wailers.

A&O is another production group that provides NU students with entertainment year round. They put on at least four concerts annually, with acts including Kanye West, Ludacris, Snoop Dog and Bruce Springsteen. But, they do more than just put on concerts. A&O helps bring speakers and comedians to campus, such as James Franco, Kenan Thompson, Oprah Winfrey, Hilary Clinton and Jay Leno. They also show weekly films, put on film festivals, and host outdoor movie screenings.

The Rock

Gifted to the school by the graduating class of 1902, this famous landmark used to be a purple, quartzite drinking fountain. However, sometime in the 1930s, the pipes burst, rendering the fountain useless. Ever since then, students have been painting “the Rock.” The origins of painting the Rock are hazy, but legend has it that in the 1920s or ’30s a group of freshmen vandalized the Rock. The next day the upperclassman woke up to find their fountain covered in paint, and made the freshmen clean it with toothbrushes. When these same freshman became seniors, they decided to paint the Rock again, this time painting the reasons they loved Northwestern.

Whatever the truth behind this tradition, it remains one of Northwestern students’ most beloved activities. People paint the Rock for all kinds of reasons, advertising student groups and school activities, promoting visitors to campus, and even for personal reasons like marriage proposals. It is rumored that there is more than a foot of paint on it today! There is also a live feed, called the Rock cam that live streams activities at the Rock, so Wildcats all around the world can see what is happening on campus. NU-Q has created its own tradition of painting the Rock when NU-Q Student Ambassadors visit each May.
1. Ask ahead: If you’re confused about packing guidelines, housing fees or anything else prior to your arrival on campus, ask! The New Student Programs team will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

2. Get your bearings: Become familiar with the most important rules within the first week – where to pay your housing fee, how to use your room access key, where to pay for dinner, where to study, etc.

3. Find a friend: Find someone who lives in your hall during orientation week. This way you won’t feel all alone if an emergency arises. This could be someone from your university, or someone you chat with during the HBKU orientation.

4. Get to know the right people: Become familiar with the housing liaison from your university, the Community Development Advisor (CDA) for your floor, and the front desk assistants. These are the people who will come to your aid when you need them.

5. Don’t say no to social events: Attend Friday Night Lights, Floor Meetings, and other residence hall events. These help you make friends and learn more about the community.

6. Become involved: Involve yourself in the Residence Hall Association to stay up-to-date. You’ll also get to interact with people from other universities.
Wildcat Packing List

So you’re in the process of packing in preparation for university (and for many of you, this is probably your first time living away from home), and may be struggling with deciding what to pack, how much to pack, and how to avoid the tendency to over-pack. Well, you’re in luck! We present you with our very own purple packing guide on what you’ll need and don’t need to pack. Hang in there. You’re well on your way to Education City!

What items are already provided to me

If you are living in a single Residence Hall room (students new to EC), the following is already available in your room:
1. A large TV screen
2. Small room refrigerator
3. Desk and desk chair
4. Cisco room telephone
5. Shelving and closet space
6. En suite bathroom
7. 1 towel
8. Hair Dryer
9. Trashcan
10. Bedding (sheets, comforter, 1 pillow)
11. One adaptor

*NU-Q provides you with a brand new MacBookPro laptop on loan, so you don’t need to bring your own computer (unless you’re prone to technological mishaps! Then it’s good to have a back-up).

What should I pack then

1. Shower shoes / flip-flops
2. Alarm clock
3. Backpack/bag for school
4. All electronics and your corresponding chargers (check voltage!)
5. Clothes (highly advisable to be able to go 2 weeks without having to do laundry and it does get cold here, especially in the air conditioning)
6. Got purple clothing or accessories? Pack it!
7. Formal, semi-formal, business casual clothing (you’ll need them here! A lot of students also wear national dress for semi-formal and formal events. There are also a number of silly costume dress-up opportunities for themed events – yes, like you’re 5 again. Got a pirate hat, plastic sword and eye patch? Might come in handy!)
8. Culturally appropriate attire: cover shoulders and knees
9. Shoes
10. Umbrella (it really does rain sometimes!)
11. Room décor: posters, photos, knick-knacks, extra pillows, comfort items...whatever will make your personal space feel like home!
12. Your favorite DVDs
13. Any toiletries or sundries from home that you cannot live without and may not be able to buy here in Qatar
14. Medicine, extra contacts, electronic toothbrush heads, etc.

*Note: if you want to ship something – it’ll probably be more expensive to do so, depending on where you’re coming from, so it’s often easier just to buy it here

What you can buy here to save some packing space

1. Fused power strips
2. Additional adaptors and converters
3. HDMI cable to connect your laptop to your TV
4. 1 terabyte external hard-drive (or larger, haha you’ll need these! We’re a media school, remember?)
5. More towels (you may ultimately want to have at least 2 bath towels, plus face and hand towels)
6. School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.)
7. Basic cleaning supplies
8. Laundry supplies
9. Hangers
10. Paper products (bowls, plates), plasticware, etc. (or non-paper products if you’re going to be environmentally friendly and wash real silverware and plates/bowls/cups)
11. Basic First Aid kit
12. Toiletries

*All of the ResHalls in both complexes have full facility laundry rooms (free to use!) with washers, dryers, and irons. The Residence Hall complexes also all have central air.

For more information about housing, visit

http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu/life/housing/index.html
Number of students in the Class of 2019: 74
Acceptance rate of the Class of 2019: 38%
Applicants to the Class of 2019: 323
Number of NU-Q students enrolled: 251

Nationalities of Students at NU-Q:
- Germany
- Algeria
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Honduras
- Nigeria
- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Singapore
- Sudan
- Iran
- Oman
- United Kingdom
- Iraq
- Canada
- Australia
- Qatar
- Korea
- Morocco
- New Zealand
- Tunisia
- United States
- Palestine
- Spain
- India
- France
- Syria
- Jordan
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Lebanon
- Bangladesh
- Bulgaria
- China
- Saudi Arabia
- Indonesia
- Yemen
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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!

Miss a session? You can watch recorded broadcasts on our NU-Q NSP YouTube channel! Check the Class of 2019 Facebook group for direct links to the GHLs.