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Welcome to Northwestern University in Qatar. Our new home in Doha’s Education City is an inspiring, state-of-the-art monument to the power of education—one of the largest, most innovative campuses for media and communication in the world.

Welcome to Northwestern courses and faculty. Welcome to hands-on experience, interdisciplinary research, and a community dedicated to civil discourse, reasoned debate, and creative, collaborative solutions.

Welcome to a transformative experience. Welcome to the future. We’ll build it together.
You’ve worked at a number of top universities. What’s exciting about NU-Q?
There is no school like it anywhere in the world. At the dawn of the 21st century, in a country on the move, in an optimistic, innovative hub called Education City, we’re inventing new ways to engage with the world. We’re rooted in the best practices of the liberal arts—and we’re on the frontier of media studies. That’s exciting new educational territory.

What kind of student is drawn to NU-Q?
Motivated. Capable. Socially conscious. Proud of their community. Eager to be part of a student body that is diverse in background, creed and credo. What’s interesting is that the university and its students have grown up together. Our research gets more ambitious, our work gets more exciting, and we’re identifying more problems—local and global—and taking a leadership role in solving them. And students are right there with us.

What’s the relationship between NU-Q and Northwestern in Evanston?
We benefit from the strengths of an internationally renowned university while capitalizing on our own local connections to media organizations, government ministries, and communities here in Doha. Our students can use Evanston—just north of Chicago—as a home base for exploring a new culture. And they know that in Doha or Evanston, they’re working with world-class faculty, high-caliber students, and cutting-edge resources.

What’s the value of an NU-Q degree?
Let’s talk about short-term and long-term value. Students see immediate results from their education. At international conferences, they present papers so sophisticated they’re often mistaken for graduate students. About a third of our seniors go on to attend graduate or professional school—and they’re accepted at the world’s finest universities. When Oxford, Harvard, Cambridge, and Columbia welcome our students, that speaks volumes.

And in the long term?
In the long term, an NU-Q degree opens doors. Media is the central nervous system of any society, and it plays a huge role in public affairs—increasingly so in the Middle East. Our programs translate to prestigious careers in numerous fields, from business to law to public service. And in the bigger picture, we’re creating a public resource: smart, sophisticated, solutions-oriented citizens who bring new ideas and new energy to their communities, in Qatar and beyond. That’s more than education—it’s transformation.
Welcome to a world-class academic experience

You’ll work in small classes—our student to faculty ratio is 8 to 1—in a stunning, leading-edge facility. You’ll work with the most advanced resources: video production studios, a multimedia newsroom, a research library and academic resource center, a unique media museum—the first of its kind in the Middle East. You’ll learn through experience, in internships, residencies, research projects, and hands-on coursework. You’ll be ready to build the future.
Welcome
to a new way of seeing the world

Our two degree programs—in journalism and communication—are grounded in the liberal arts, an approach to education that develops critical thinking, creative problem-solving, reasoning and logic, speech and writing. You'll discover connections across disciplines and cultures, from political science to history, from religion to economics. You'll become the kind of leader that the world most needs: flexible, collaborative, globally aware, uniquely able to bring people together to find inspired, practical solutions.
Welcome to a global community

We’re part of Education City, a global gathering place for artists and scientists, entrepreneurs and educators, researchers and innovators. Around 40 nationalities are represented in our student body, and nearly everyone speaks more than two languages. You’ll be part of a campus where students run a wide range of clubs and organizations. You’ll be part of a community that regularly comes together for social, athletic, and cultural events. You’ll belong to a culture that welcomes new ideas, new perspectives, and new ways of working together.
Welcome to an academic home in America

Northwestern's home campus in Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chicago, is your home too. Our Evanston Exchange program sends students from Doha to Evanston, and from Evanston to Doha. In Evanston you'll find 8,300 undergraduate and 13,200 graduate students from around the world, thousands of courses, and a spectacular 240-acre campus on Lake Michigan, steps from a lively downtown, and a subway ride to the heart of Chicago, one of the world's great cities.
We teach and train students who go on to become leaders in a wide variety of fields: media and technology, business and finance, health care and government service. Our graduates enroll in the world's top graduate and professional schools; win awards for further scholarship and global experience; take positions at high profile companies and organizations like Qatar Airways, Al Jazeera, beIN Sports, Yahoo News, Associated Press, and the Peace Corps.
NU-Q from A–Z
A selective alphabetical list of our programs, resources, and facilities

Academic Travel
Education happens everywhere—so our academic programs support experience outside the classroom. Our journalism program takes students on international reporting trips, where they see firsthand how media organizations work in different parts of the world, from Turkey to Switzerland to Italy and beyond. Our communication program gives students experience on film sets and in editing rooms in Los Angeles, Chicago, and more. Our Global Media Experience allows students to visit major media organizations in New York City, meeting established professionals and exploring potential career paths.

Alumni Network
One of Northwestern’s most valuable, powerful resources: a global network of tens of thousands of active, accomplished alumni. They’re accessible online, through the Our Northwestern digital community; and in person, through on-campus panels and workshops, and annual events like the Northwestern Alumni Gulf Summit.

Athletics
We believe in an active, balanced education. Students have access to Education City’s extensive athletics facilities, including a skate park, running track, and basketball, football, and volleyball courts. NU-Q also fields competitive women’s and men’s basketball and football teams.

Advanced Online Storytelling
An example of a course on the cutting edge. Students conduct research, fieldwork, and interviews on a topic that matters to them (recent example: Qatar’s national diabetes crisis). Then they develop multimedia presentations using the latest technology. The course also prepares students for a junior-year residency in strategic communication or journalism, when they spend 10 weeks working at a professional media organization.

Business Administration
NU-Q students can apply to the Business Administration sequence at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q), one of our neighbors in Education City. Admitted students take six courses at CMU-Q, starting with foundational work in accounting, economics, and management, leading to electives in a range of topics, from entrepreneurship to globalization.

Certificate in Strategic Communication
A hands-on program that broadens the scope of our journalism major. Students gain practical experience in marketing, public relations, advertising, corporate communication, and digital communication—excellent preparation for work at a wide range of organizations, businesses, and government agencies.

Clubs and Organizations
Our students run, start, and join a growing list of clubs and organizations, some of which are open to all Education City students. Clubs are the heart of campus life—an ongoing source of intellectual, social, and leadership opportunities.

A sample of student clubs:
Best Buddies
Bibliophiles
Debate Club
Music Society
Not Another Film Club
NU-Q Student Union
Peace Squad
Society of Professional Journalists
Cross-registration
One of the many benefits of life in Education City: the ability to take courses at six world-class universities: Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Northwestern University.

Culture Club
A popular student organization that uses art—filmmaking, dance, and more—to bring together the Northwestern, Education City, and Qatari communities.

The Daily Q
A student-produced digital news site featuring reporting about university and local events, investigative and multimedia features, and more.

Degrees
We offer two degrees: a B.S. in communication and a B.S. in journalism. Both are unique to Northwestern, featuring a curriculum developed by expert faculty, hands-on experience in the field, and a critical, broad-minded exploration of timeless questions and contemporary problems, in the Middle East and around the world.

A sample of courses in our communication program:
Alternative Media in the Middle East
Global Media
Media Construction and Communication
National Cinema: Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa
TV Role Models for Arab Youth

A sample of courses in our journalism program:
Broadcast Production
Case Studies in Public Relations
Integrated Marketing Communications
Journalism in the Digital Age
Magazine and Feature Writing

Diversity
We want our students to be ready to work across cultures, in communities around the world. The student population of Education City comes from 60 countries; students at NU-Q come from 40 nationalities spanning the globe.

Doha
Qatar’s capital is an exhilarating, evolving, international city. It’s home to a breathtaking coastline, the I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art, the Souq Waqif, and the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. It’s a cosmopolitan center for education, culture, and finance; it’s also a hub for many of the region’s major media operations, from Al Jazeera to the Doha Film Institute. Not surprisingly, many NU-Q graduates decide to stay in Doha, helping to build the city’s bright future.

Education City
An “academic oasis” in Doha, home to dozens of cultural and scientific institutions and university campuses. A forward-looking, cross-disciplinary neighborhood where students, faculty, and professionals collaborate, share resources, forge lifelong relationships, and explore a dizzying variety of subjects.

Evanston Exchange
Northwestern’s home campus is in Evanston, Illinois, a lively, diverse city on the shore of Lake Michigan, just north of Chicago. Our Evanston Exchange program allows students from NU-Q to spend a semester at the Evanston campus, taking courses for full credit, working with students and faculty in a different setting, and exploring the region’s outstanding cultural, professional, and social opportunities. And Evanston students can spend a semester at NU-Q, bringing new ideas and energy to our Doha campus.

Faculty
They come from every corner of the globe. They bring years of professional experience in their field, they oversee distinguished research programs. But their most important work is to help NU-Q students flourish as critical thinkers and problem-solvers, as leaders, investigators, and global citizens.

Graduate school
Many of our graduates choose to pursue graduate or professional degrees, often at some of the world’s premier institutions. Recent graduate school acceptances include Cambridge University, Columbia University, Harvard University, the London School of Economics, McGill University, Northwestern University, and Oxford University. Our staff of career advisers offers support at every stage of the application process—exams, personal statements, letters of recommendation, and more.

HBKU Student Center
NU-Q students have full access to Education City’s social hub, the Hamad Bin Khalifa University Student Center. It’s home to restaurants, film screenings, live performances in a black box theater, a sculpture garden, a games room, and full-size, indoor, multi-purpose (basketball, volleyball, badminton, and football) courts. Most of all, it’s home to a community of smart, ambitious, fascinating people from around the world.
Minor in Media and Politics
Offered jointly by NU-Q and the Georgetown University School in Qatar, this program challenges students to examine how politics and mass media influence each other—and how those influences play out in policymaking, diplomacy, and public participation.

Minor in Middle East Studies
Designed and supervised by NU-Q faculty, this interdisciplinary minor gives students a deep knowledge of the region’s history and culture, its political landscape, and economic challenges. The program works across disciplines and campuses; eligible courses are offered at all of Education City’s institutions.

Housing
Many NU-Q students choose to live in Education City’s modern, LEED Platinum-Certified, ADA-compliant residence halls, managed by the Qatar Foundation. We offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartment-style units with private bathrooms, plus access to study rooms, public majlis, televisions, laundry facilities, and wireless internet.

Internships
We encourage students to complete at least one internship—a critical way to gain on-the-job experience, leadership skills, and industry connections that can lead to employment after graduation. The staff in our Career Services office can help you find internship opportunities in Qatar, in the region, or beyond.

Journalism and Strategic Communication Residency
A required component of our B.S. in journalism and strategic communication major, this 10-week, hands-on, for-credit program prepares students for success in today’s—and tomorrow’s—media environment. Students join the staff at one of our partner organizations (recent examples: Huffington Post, FleishmanHillard, Al Jazeera) and perform meaningful, substantive work under the mentorship of an experienced colleague. Students have published pieces in venerable organizations like The New York Times, USA Today, The Washington Post, and National Geographic.

Prestigious Fellowships
Every year, we prepare students to apply for competitive, prestigious scholarships that support research, scholarship, and professional experience after graduation. Over the past decade, Northwestern has ranked among the top Fulbright-producing research institutions in the country. A recent example: James (Zach) Hollo, Class of 2015, joined the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, pursued a master’s degree in international affairs at National Chengchi University, and has written about how Taiwan’s democratization affected its relationship with mainland China.

Qatar Foundation
Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, the Qatar Foundation was created to enhance the quality and accessibility of education for the Qatari people. With an eye to developing leaders who will steer the country’s destiny, the Foundation focuses on education, research and science, and community development. The Foundation’s partnerships with NU-Q and Education City’s other universities support Qatar’s path to a “knowledge economy” while providing students with numerous opportunities to conduct sophisticated research, study with accomplished faculty, and interact with an even bigger and more diverse cohort of peers.
Research
As a campus of one of the world’s great research universities, we encourage the pursuit of new knowledge across disciplines and around the world. NU-Q researchers have won almost $3 million in grants from the Qatar National Research Fund to support innovative faculty and student research through the National Priorities Research Program and our Undergraduate Research Experience Program—which often leads to publication and presentations at conferences around the world.

Service Learning
We’re a private university with a commitment to the public good. NU-Q students join local civic engagement projects, take international service trips, and start their own initiatives. One recent example: a Spring Break trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where students worked with Habitat for Humanity to build and renovate climate-resilient homes for local families.

Student Services
We’re committed to the development—intellectual and physical, social and spiritual—of every student. From your first hour on campus to the last moment of graduation, you can take advantage of a wide range of services: academic advising, health and wellness counseling, technological support, career development, and our Writing Center.

Study Abroad
Global experience is one of the core principles of an NU-Q education. Students can participate in another school’s study abroad program during the summer months. A first step in any study abroad plan: working with an academic adviser to consider foreign language preparation, financial support, and fulfillment of graduation requirements.

Studio 20Q
A student-run organization that has become a hub for Doha’s filmmaking community. Studio 20Q offers filmmaking workshops, brings professional filmmakers to network with NU-Q students, and provides grants for student films, a number of which have screened at prestigious festivals and won multiple awards.

Wildcat Welcome
A week-long student orientation before the start of fall term. First-year and transfer students meet new classmates, professors, and other mentors who will help shape their NU-Q experience inside and outside the classroom. Every student joins a peer-advising group (called a “pride”—because we’re the Wildcats!) that stays together throughout the year, providing support, connections, and friendship.
Admissions

Admission to Northwestern University in Qatar is highly selective. Students with high ability and a demonstrated interest in global engagement and citizenship are encouraged to apply. Personal essays and teachers’ recommendations, in addition to grades and test scores, will help provide a well-rounded picture of each potential NU-Q student.

Secondary School Preparation
Students come to Northwestern from around the world and a broad range of secondary school and university experiences. The admission committee looks favorably on accelerated, Advanced Placement, honors, International Baccalaureate and/or dual enrollment courses. Every secondary school, university or college is unique in its level of competitiveness and in the range of courses offered. No national system or institution is at a particular advantage or disadvantage.

Standardized Tests
While NU-Q does not have absolute minimums for standardized test scores—applicants are considered based on a number of factors—the most competitive applicants will have strong scores on the ACT and SAT tests. We also recommend that applicants sit for SAT II Subject Tests. Because the NU-Q curriculum requires mastery of the English language, applicants who are not native English speakers should also sit for the TOEFL or IELTS test.

Campus visit
We welcome you to visit our campus and encourage you to meet with us. Personal interviews are not required but can often help prospective students gauge whether NU-Q is the right fit.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Northwestern University in Qatar charges students and families the same fees as its home campus in the United States. Academic costs for the 2018-2019 academic year are US $55,712, with additional expenses, such as housing and materials, totaling about $4,860 per academic year.

In concert with the Qatar Foundation, NU-Q offers a variety of options to help finance your education, including both merit and need-based scholarships:

Merit Scholarships
Northwestern University offers a number of merit-based scholarships—for truly accomplished students. Students are automatically evaluated during the admissions process. Grantees will be informed of any scholarships in their acceptance letter from the University.

Need-Based Awards
Students can apply for supplemental need-based awards through NU-Q. To be considered, interested students must complete the CSS profile and apply for HBKU Financial Aid and U.S. Federal Aid. U.S. citizens and permanent residents (green-card holders) may be eligible for additional loans or grants; to be considered, students must complete the FAFSA application online.

Student Employment
Full-time students can work part-time—up to 20 hours per week—on campus to help pay expenses. NU-Q students can also seek employment in residence halls and the student center, as teaching assistants, research and department assistants, and more.

More details on the programs described above and their application processes can be found on our website: my.qatar.northwestern.edu/finance
Northwestern University in Qatar
At a Glance

| NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN STUDENT BODY: | 39 |
| NUMBER OF NU-Q FACULTY: | 36 |
| STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO: | 8:1 |
| COURSES (OFFERED AT NU-Q DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18): | 103 |
| MINORS: MIDDLE EAST STUDIES AND MEDIA AND POLITICS |
| CERTIFICATE: STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION |
| NUMBER OF COMPANIES TAKING PART IN THE EDUCATION CITY CAREER FAIR: | 98 |
| FOUNDOING (EVANSTON): | 1851 |
| FOUNDOING (DOHA): | 2008 |
| STUDENTS: | 291 |
| NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR: | 24 |
| PERCENTAGE OF NU-Q GRADUATES WHO PURSUE ADVANCED DEGREES AFTER GRADUATION: | 35% |

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