The two-year, comprehensive Bookbinding program teaches students how to make, restore, and preserve books and other printed treasures.

During the first year, you’ll learn the history and development of this traditional craft, as well as develop a host of necessary skills. You’ll make a variety of historical and modern binding structures, boxes, and other protective enclosures. The repair of cloth and paper bindings will supplement your understanding of the way books function and break down.

Toward the end of the first year and throughout the second year you will create and repair leather bindings. During your second year, you’ll have the opportunity to choose additional projects that reflect your personal career goals in conservation, fine binding, or other areas of the field. Additional learning takes place outside of the classroom—through exhibits, conferences, and field trips to binderies, historic collections, private studios, and conservation labs.

Our Bookbinding graduates work in a wide variety of careers in binderies and conservation labs. Some employers of students and graduates have included:

— Universities such as Harvard, Columbia, Michigan State, Indiana University, Duke, Texas A&M, UCLA, and UC Berkeley
— US National Archives and Records Administration
— Federal Emergency Management Agency
— Boston Athenaeum
— National Park Service
— Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
— Boston Public Library
— Huntington Library
— Rare Book School
— Winterthur / University of Delaware

Learn more about NBSS and our Bookbinding program, including student life, career options, tuition costs, admissions requirements, and more.

nbss.edu/bookbinding.
STUDENT LIFE & CAREER SERVICES

We provide a supportive and stimulating learning environment for those seeking a career in fine craftsmanship. Outside of the classroom, students attend social events, career workshops, a business preparation course, and public lectures that enhance their hands-on instruction. Our alumni are also well-connected to the School, offering students both mentorship and employment opportunities.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Our students are hard-working, patient, and determined to excel in a rigorous environment. They value fine craftsmanship and the satisfaction of learning a traditional trade. We welcome applications throughout the year, with the class start for Bookbinding occurring each September.

Financial aid, scholarships, and veterans benefits are available to qualified students. To learn more and apply, visit nbss.edu/financialaid.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE A VISIT?

Contact Rob O’Dwyer, Director of Admissions, at 617.227.0155 x111 or admissions@nbss.edu.

ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING

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