purple prep

The startup guide for Northwestern University's Class of 2018
Dear Northwestern student,

(Doesn’t that have a nice ring to it?)

The months of comparing schools, writing applications, and visiting campuses are over. The waiting for a “yes, you’re in” is over. You are in! And, needless to say, we think that a good choice was made—by both Northwestern and you.

Because there’s still more to do before you get here, we designed Purple Prep to serve as a one-stop source of information on matters that will need your attention over the summer, such as the following:

- Choices in on-campus housing, and how to apply for your spot
- Submission of health and immunization records
- Health insurance requirements
- Online placement exams and skills assessments
- Your school’s unique academic prerequisites for fall
- Financial matters, including paying fall-quarter tuition
- Your connection to Northwestern’s computer network
- Optional programs before Wildcat Welcome

Urging you to read Purple Prep thoroughly and as soon as you receive it probably isn’t necessary—we’re sure you’re excited to take your first steps as a Wildcat! Updates, supplements, and any revisions to Purple Prep over the summer will be included in another vital information source: the Office of New Student and Family Programs’ monthly e-newsletter, March to the Arch. And our website—www.northwestern.edu/orientation—is a clearinghouse for most everything the class of 2018 and new Wildcat families need to know.

The Office of New Student and Family Programs is planning an exciting week of activities for Wildcat Welcome, which starts on September 15. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Go ’Cats!

Patricia F. Hilbert, Director
Office of New Student and Family Programs
Master checklist

◆ Only for students in University-owned housing  ◆ Only for international students

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<td>☑ If you missed the 5/1 housing prepayment deadline, go to <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments/new">www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments/new</a> for information or call 847-467-4663.</td>
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<td>☑ Apply for 9PAY tuition and fee installment plan (optional; first payment due 7/1).</td>
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<td>☑ If participating, apply to your choice of pre–Wildcat Welcome programs (optional).</td>
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<td>☑ Use RoomSync to choose a roommate to include on your housing contract (optional).</td>
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<td>☑ Submit completed housing contract online at <a href="https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu">https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Get to know how CAESAR works (strongly recommended).</td>
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<td>☑ Mail immunization records and required form.</td>
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<td>☑ Mail final high school transcript.</td>
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<td>☑ Complete your school-specific requirements:</td>
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<td>See your school’s pages</td>
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<td>☑ Complete Agent of Change (Essential NU requirement).</td>
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<td>☑ Upload I-20/DS-2019 request on CAESAR.</td>
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<td>☑ Submit photo for WildCARD (strongly recommended).</td>
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<td>☑ Complete health insurance Coverage Selection Form (not applicable to international students).</td>
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<td>8/1 ideally, 10/1 at latest</td>
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<td>☑ Add parent/guardian access to student account in CAESAR (strongly recommended).</td>
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<td>8/8 (for August billing cycle)</td>
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<td>☑ Verify billing preferences and address in CAESAR.</td>
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*International students may have to apply for an I-20 or DS-2019 document to obtain an F-1 or J-1 student visa. As outlined on http://tinyurl.com/NUI20DS2019Req, use your NetID and password to upload an I-20/DS-2019 request on CAESAR. Once it is issued, the document may be used to acquire a student visa from a US embassy or consulate. Contact Northwestern’s International Office at intadmit@northwestern.edu if you have questions.
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<td>☐ If receiving aid, complete loan applications and start following aid-related to-do list in CAESAR.</td>
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<td>☐ Register for International Student Orientation.</td>
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<td>☐ Request in-room landline telephone service (optional).</td>
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<td>☐ Pay fall tuition and fees.</td>
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<td>☐ Complete AlcoholEdu (Essential NU requirement).</td>
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<td>☐ Follow NUIT’s guidelines for computer buying and setup; install antivirus software and review University policies on responsible technology use.</td>
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<td>☐ Connect mobile devices to the NU Network and download the Northwestern Mobile application suite.</td>
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<td>☐ Attend 9/12–15 International Student Orientation.</td>
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<td>☐ Read the One Book One Northwestern selection. (Students receive free copy by mail around 7/31.)</td>
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<td>☐ Time any shipments of belongings to arrive on campus 9/12 or later.</td>
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<td>No deliveries before 9/12</td>
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<td>☐ Participate in all eight days of Wildcat Welcome!</td>
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<td>☐ If eligible, register with Services for Students with Disabilities.</td>
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<td>☐ Register for fall-quarter classes.</td>
<td>Your school’s pages, 44</td>
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<td>☐ Complete request form if changing meal plans.</td>
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**ALL EMAIL FROM NORTHWESTERN**

All email—from your school, academic and peer advisers, the Office of New Student and Family Programs, etc.—is sent to one address only: your @u.northwestern.edu account. You are responsible for receiving, reading, and responding to all messages in a timely manner, so check for new mail every day!

**HEADS UP!**

Northwestern will not be alerting you to approaching or missed deadlines this summer. Please rely on your own trusted method to keep track of all your due dates.
School-specific checklists

Additional over-the-summer action items are required by your school, as noted below.

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<td>☑ Explore Weinberg’s website for new students: <a href="wcas.nu/the-first-year">wcas.nu/the-first-year</a></td>
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<td>☑ Join Weinberg’s Class of 2018 private Facebook group (link to be emailed).</td>
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<td>☑ Complete your undergraduate dossier. Go to <a href="wcas.nu/the-first-year">wcas.nu/the-first-year</a> to get started—the sooner, the better.</td>
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<td>☑ Complete online placement exams and skills assessments as required. (Your results form part of your undergraduate dossier, so don’t delay.)</td>
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<td>☑ Write and submit your essay on academic integrity. (Required before you can submit your Top-Ten List of first-year seminar preferences; the prompt is in your dossier.)</td>
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<td>☑ Rough out a possible fall-quarter schedule and record it in your dossier. (Required before you can submit your Top-Ten List of first-year seminar preferences.)</td>
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<td>☑ Submit your Top-Ten List of first-year seminar preferences.</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION (pages 26–27)</strong></td>
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<td>☑ Explore the SoC website for new students: <a href="www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome">www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome</a></td>
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<td>☑ Complete online placement exams and skills assessments as appropriate.</td>
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<td>☑ Once you have your placement/assessment results, complete the survey via a link at <a href="www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome">www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Check your Northwestern email account for messages from department advisers.</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY (pages 28–29)</strong></td>
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<td>☑ Explore the website for new SESP students: <a href="www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome">www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Join the SESP new student Facebook group (link to be emailed).</td>
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<td>☑ Participate in SESP’s optional 8/13 webchat. (RSVP required by noon on 8/12.)</td>
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<td>☑ Complete the survey at <a href="www.surveymonkey.com/s/IncomingSESPStudentFall2014">www.surveymonkey.com/s/IncomingSESPStudentFall2014</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Complete any online placement exams and skills assessments as appropriate.</td>
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<td>EXPLORE THE WEBSITE FOR NEW MEAS STUDENTS: [website]</td>
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<td>COMPLETE THE MATH PLACEMENT EXAM.</td>
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<td>COMPLETE ANY OTHER ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAMS AS APPROPRIATE.</td>
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<td>APPLY TO TRANSFER ANY COLLEGE COURSE CREDIT (EXCLUDING AP/IB).</td>
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<td>PURCHASE MATLAB SOFTWARE.</td>
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| MEDILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA, INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (PAGES 33–34) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| EXPLORE MEDILL’S STUDENT LIFE WEBSITE: [website]                             | 8/1             |
| COMPLETE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND OTHER ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS AS APPROPRIATE. | 8/1             |
| GO TO [website] FOR TECHNOLOGY TOOL PURCHASING GUIDELINES.                    | 8/31            |

| HENRY AND LEIGH BIENEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC (PAGES 35–36)                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| TAKE ANY ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAMS IN NONMUSIC SUBJECTS AS APPROPRIATE.          | 8/1             |
| WATCH FOR AND READ THE BIENEN SCHOOL’S MID-JULY EMAIL FOR NEW STUDENTS.      |                 |
| JOIN THE BIENEN SCHOOL’S FACEBOOK GROUP (SEARCH FOR BIENEN SCHOOL STUDENT AFFAIRS). |                 |

**CONSIDERING AN INTERSCHOOL TRANSFER?**

*If you would like to change your admission from one Northwestern school to another, please write to the dean of undergraduate admission before July 1. Requests are considered individually, and decisions are contingent on the availability of openings in the school into which transfer is desired.*
Hail, CAESAR!

GET COMFORTABLE WITH CAESAR—SERIOUSLY!

CAESAR is Northwestern’s student portal. Because it’s used for just about everything from applying for housing and paying tuition to registering for classes and getting your grades, familiarity with how it works is a priceless asset. Important information for fully utilizing the system is at www.ses.northwestern.edu/student_help.htm. Test-drive CAESAR today!

Go to www.northwestern.edu/caesar

1 Click the CAESAR logo or the Home link to access your CAESAR home page. Later this summer, as Wildcat Welcome approaches, the look of your home page will change as more menus and links become available. In the future, these will enable you to register for classes, search final-exam schedules, view your University transcript, and manage other key information.

2 The Student Financial Services menu contains details about University charges, payment options, your financial aid, and steps to handle money matters online (see pages 13–14). Go to www.northwestern.edu/sfs/online_services/caesar_howto.html for step-by-step instructions.

3 The “Health Coverage Plan” link will become available by July 1. See pages 16–17 for insurance-related information.

4 The Personal Profile menu allows you to add “guest” users (usually a parent or guardian; see page 13) and view and update your user preferences this summer. Eventually you will be able to update mailing addresses via this menu.

5 Click “Search for Classes” to browse through fall-quarter course offerings. See www.ses.northwestern.edu/documentation/SC_Class_Search_Tip_Sheet_v9.pdf for helpful how-tos on searching for classes.
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On-campus housing

HOUSING OPTIONS
University-owned housing provides more than a place to live. Professional staff, resident assistants (RAs), and residential leaders work together to create vibrant social communities where residents' rights and responsibilities are honored and academic interests are supported. Residents of each building elect a governing body that plans events and activities. Residence halls, residential colleges, and residential communities accommodate from 25 to nearly 600 students, with options that include coed, single-sex, first-year-only, and mixed-class living arrangements. Please visit www.northwestern.edu/living/options/undergraduate-housing/index.html.

Residence halls
Residence halls have a strong tradition of self-governance through student hall governments and RA-sponsored programs. Students with diverse interests, drawn from all schools and departments at the University, thrive in the residence hall setting. If you are looking for a small community, a large community, or something in between, there’s a residence hall that will feel like home to you. First-year students have the opportunity to participate in hall leadership shortly after arrival.

Residential colleges
Open to all undergraduates regardless of major, each of Northwestern’s 11 residential colleges is structured around one or more themes—such as science, business, or the arts—that shape its academic and social programming throughout the year. Residents explore their common interests and meet for meals with their college’s master (a faculty member), and colleges may also have affiliated faculty, staff, or visiting scholars who serve as fellows. Ranging in size from three dozen to 300 students, residential colleges provide smaller, supportive communities within the University where students with similar interests create a special undergraduate experience.

Residential communities
Students may opt to live in one of two residential communities that offer opportunities to interact with faculty members in a shared living environment. Each has live-in faculty members who work with RAs and government officers to create a supportive academic and social community for about 350 students. Elder Residential Community is home to many first-year students, and Allison Residential Community is home to a mix of upperclass and first-year students.
HOUSING PREPAYMENT  New students must submit their nonrefundable $200 housing prepayment before they can access the online housing contract. The housing prepayment was due May 1, and instructions were emailed to new students by the Office of Undergraduate Admission; if you missed the deadline, go to the Residential Services website at www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments/new for more information.

HOUSING CONTRACT  After your housing prepayment has been made, the next step is to fill out and submit the online housing contract.

For access to the housing contract, use your NetID and password to log in at https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu. The deadline for submitting the contract is June 2 at 5 p.m. (CST). You may modify your contract anytime prior to officially submitting it. By submitting the contract, you agree to abide by Northwestern’s Residence and Board Contract Rules and Regulations, posted on the Residential Services website under “Policies.”

Choice of Roommate  You have several options for completing the roommate section of the housing contract:

- If you already have a roommate in mind, request him or her by name on the contract. Your intended roommate must do the same—that is, request you—on his or her contract. You’ll need to devise and specify a roommate pull-in pass-code at https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu to enable Residential Services to honor the request and expedite your room selection.
- If you haven’t identified a roommate yet but would like to choose one, the RoomSync app can help you to “use the power of Facebook to find your ideal roommate.” (A Facebook account is required to use RoomSync, but using RoomSync is optional; please see the next page.) To start your roommate search, go to apps.facebook.com/roomsync and use the access code provided by Residential Services in a mid-May email message. Once you have identified and successfully “synced” with a roommate, the roommate’s name is automatically uploaded to your housing contract. You’ll need to devise and specify a roommate

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMPUS  For guidance on preparing your packing checklist, see www.northwestern.edu/living/students/things-to-bring.html.

SHIPPING ITEMS IN ADVANCE  Residential Services has partnered with University and Student Services’ Ship to School program to offer a cost-effective, convenient, and reliable way to ship personal items directly to your student residence before move-in day. Go to www.universityandstudentservices.com/northwesternuniversity.html for details. Please note that Residential Services will not accept package deliveries before September 12. Please visit www.northwestern.edu/living/services/mail for full guidelines.
Room Selection
From **late June through July 21**, students self-select their rooms according to priority numbers assigned by Residential Services. Please keep in mind that when assigning these numbers, Residential Services gives preference to students who indicate their confirmed roommate on their housing contracts. Early or Regular Decision status is not a factor in housing decisions.

Note that some students change their plans and decide not to enter Northwestern, resulting in partially assigned rooms. Should your room be affected, you’ll be notified by email that you have been assigned a new roommate, which may entail relocating to a different room and/or building.

For more information on the housing application and selection process, go to [www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments/new](http://www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments/new). If you have any questions, please contact Residential Services at 847-467-4663 (7-HOME) or freshman-housing@northwestern.edu.

IN-ROOM LANDLINE OPTION
In-room landline telephone service is available by special request only. Refer to the Student Telephone Quick Reference Guide at [www.it.northwestern.edu/rts/teleqr.html](http://www.it.northwestern.edu/rts/teleqr.html) for answers to questions about service features and costs. For more information or to sign up for service by the **September 1** fall-quarter deadline, email housing@northwestern.edu.

MOVE-IN DAY
All students will check in, receive their room keys, and begin moving into their residences at specified times between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on **September 15**. **It is not an option to move in earlier.** (Only international students and others in mandatory programs are permitted to do so.) Students arriving on campus directly from the airport—without a car to unload, with hand luggage only—may move in anytime after 8 a.m.

Move-in permit
Because parking near student residences is extremely limited, the University issues time-specific unloading/move-in permits for use on move-in day. You may check in and park/unload your car only at the time issued on your permit.

A late-summer issue of the **March to the Arch** e-newsletter will include instructions for signing up for a move-in permit online, specifying your preferred unloading time, and printing out the permit. On move-in day the printout must be displayed on the dashboard while your vehicle is parked, and you must move your car by the end of your unloading time. Longer-term parking will be available in designated lots on campus.
MEAL PLANS

Three meal plan options are available. All include Wildcat Points to use at restaurants and cafés on campus. The Weekly 14 meal plan comes standard with your housing contract.

Weekly 13 Plan
- 13 meals per week each quarter
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your WildCARD)
- Unused meals expire each week, and the plan resets to 13 on Sundays.

Weekly 14 Plan
- 14 meals per week each quarter
- Up to 3 of each week’s 14 meals are “equivalency meals,” which may be used like cash at retail dining locations on campus anytime during the week.
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your WildCARD)
- Unused meals expire each week, and the plan resets to 14 on Sundays.

Unlimited Plan
- As much breakfast, lunch, and dinner as you want
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your WildCARD)
- Unlimited entry at all dining halls, including late nights at Foster-Walker Complex

Note that additional meal plans are available for qualifying students and students not living on campus.

Go to www.dining.northwestern.edu for complete information—including all meal plan rates; dining hall, restaurant, and café locations and hours; menus, nutrition information, and more. You may also send questions to dining@northwestern.edu or call 847-491-2020.

You may change your plan only once per quarter by submitting a Meal Plan Change Form on the website or in person at the University Food Services Office at 600 Haven Street. Fall quarter’s deadline for changing meal plans is October 3.

Dining halls can accommodate students requesting vegan, vegetarian, kosher, or halal meals. Information about nutrients and allergens is displayed in the halls. Any student with questions about food—such as gluten-free or other special diets—may contact the on-campus registered dietitian, Justin Heaton, at diet-food@northwestern.edu.

Meal plan access
After receiving your WildCARD (or temporary card) at your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center (see page 12), you may start using the dining halls as soon they officially open—with lunch—on move-in day.
WildCARD

The WildCARD is the official identification card for every student, faculty member, and staff member at Northwestern. Safe, convenient, and easy to use, WildCARD lets you do all of the following and more:

- Access your meal plan.
- Check out library materials and use the University Library system to pay for copier and printer use.
- Ride campus shuttles and use campus athletic facilities for free.
- Get free or discounted admission to sports events, concerts, plays, films, and lectures on campus.
- Add Cat Cash to your card and use it instead of cash at convenience stores and laundry facilities on campus.
- Get WildCARD Advantage discounts at local businesses.
- Link it to a U.S. Bank® account to use it as an ATM/debit card.

Learn more about WildCARD at www.northwestern.edu/uservices/wildcard/new-students.html.

GETTING YOUR WILDCARD

Before the August 1 deadline, upload your photo via the WildCARD website—www.northwestern.edu/uservices/wildcard/get_a_card/photo-submission.html—so that your WildCARD can be ready for pickup when you arrive on campus—the preferred method for all incoming students. On move-in day, just bring a driver’s license, state ID, current passport, or other government-issued photo ID to your assigned Welcome Center to get your WildCARD.

The WildCARD Office, located on Norris University Center’s underground level, offers expanded hours during Wildcat Welcome (below). You may also visit the office to get your WildCARD if you’re in Evanston on September 12 or before.

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CAT CASH

One way to add convenience to your on-campus spending habits is to load your WildCARD with Cat Cash. The amount you load is charged to either your student account in CAESAR or a credit card, and it takes just $25 to get started. Because you can use Cat Cash wherever it’s accepted on campus—to buy snacks or meals or do laundry, for example—the WildCARD in your pocket can be just as good as cash—even better, in fact! Get full details at www.dining.northwestern.edu.

SUBMIT YOUR WILDCARD PHOTO BY AUGUST 1

What works best?

- A recent photo
- In color
- Plain white background
- Bright, even lighting
- Centered, frontal view of full face
- Eyes open and visible
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No-nos:

- Hats, sunglasses, or other items obscuring your eyes or face
- Other people or objects in the photo
- Inappropriate facial expressions or hand gestures
- Senior portraits or high school yearbook photos

A picture-perfect Wildcat
BANKING WITH YOUR WILDCARD

U.S. Bank® has the only bank branch and ATMs on campus, and it’s the only bank that can be linked to your WildCARD. By having a U.S. Bank checking account, you can avoid paying ATM fees on campus and take advantage of U.S. Bank’s many convenient banking services.

During Wildcat Welcome, U.S. Bank staff on campus will be available to open accounts or assist you with any questions. Interested students are welcome to apply for an account online at www.usbank.com/northwestern. From this website you can also print a U.S. Bank checking account application to complete and bring with you to campus.

U.S. Bank branches are conveniently located at Norris University Center on the Evanston campus (847-475-3025) and at 360 North Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago (312-345-2030).

Money matters

YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

Your student account is the means by which you are billed for what you owe Northwestern, including tuition costs, room and board charges, and fees and fines. Information in addition to what follows is available on the Student Financial Services website—www.northwestern.edu/sfs—or by contacting the Student Financial Services Center/Office of Student Accounts, located at 555 Clark Street on the Evanston campus, phone 847-491-5224, email studentaccounts-ev@northwestern.edu.

ACCOUNT ACCESS PERMISSIONS

Federal privacy law requires that Northwestern not share information in a student’s account without his or her permission. It is strongly recommended that students give guest access to one or both parents/guardian(s). A student gives permission by adding each person to the “Guest Center” in CAESAR: Log in with your NetID and password at www.northwestern.edu/caesar > “Main Menu” > “Manage Guest Access” > “Add Guest.” Permission may be given to authorize your guest to do any of the following:

- View real-time daily account updates (“View My Account”), view monthly tuition bills, make secure online payments (“View and/or Pay Tuition Bill”), and apply for the optional 9PAY installment plan and make 9PAY payments.
- View or print a 1098-T statement.
- Submit housing prepayment via the “Make Deposit (Housing/Tuition)” option. This option may be used only before the first regular monthly bill is received. It confirms that a newly admitted student intends to reside in University housing and applies the nonrefundable $200 housing prepayment to the student’s account.

The process of adding a guest includes creating an authorization phrase. The guest will use this phrase (on the phone, for example) when speaking with Student Accounts staff, who may then share specific information about the student’s account.

The guest is emailed a GuestID (generated by CAESAR), but the case-sensitive password also needed to log in to CAESAR must come from the student. A guest uses the GuestID and password to log in to CAESAR at www.northwestern.edu/caesar > “Home” > “Main Menu” > “Guest Center” and selects from the preauthorized choices. See www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/guest_access.html for more information.

If the guest loses or forgets the password, the student can reset it in CAESAR using the “Guest Center” menu. The guest may also reset the password or retrieve a forgotten GuestID by going to the CAESAR login page and clicking “I am the parent or guardian of a student” > “Proceed to Reset Your Password.”

BILLS AND PAYMENTS

It is advisable to set your bill-delivery preferences and authorize any guest payers before fall tuition and fees are due. See www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/about.html for information about bill-delivery methods.

You should verify your billing address and preferences by August 8 to meet the deadline for the August billing cycle. Log in to CAESAR with your NetID and password and go to “Home” > “View and/or Pay Tuition Bill” > “User Preferences.”

QuikPAY®—Northwestern’s preferred method of billing—allows you to view, print, and securely pay your tuition bill online. You may request that your bill also be sent by US mail by changing your QuikPAY user preferences. Regardless of the method of bill delivery, payments may be made online or by mail.

By mid-August you will be notified via your Northwestern email address that your tuition has been billed for the fall quarter. If you have selected paper billing, the bill will be mailed to the permanent address listed in CAESAR at “Home.”
Actual room and board charges will vary by room assignment and meal plan and may include additional charges for social dues. *Any difference between estimated charges and credits and actual charges may be paid upon receipt of each quarter’s tuition and fees invoice.*

For complete 9PAY application instructions, see [www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/9PAY](http://www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/9PAY).

**FINANCIAL AID**

Northwestern offers financial assistance to students on the basis of need. The Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid’s website at [undergradaid.northwestern.edu](http://undergradaid.northwestern.edu) provides an overview of the application process, a list of frequently asked questions, a college-cost calculator, and other resources.

Staff will be in email contact with students during the summer regarding their loan applications and information needed to finalize awards. All students applying for aid should check their CAESAR accounts regularly. Anticipated aid will be reflected on the August invoice.

If you have questions about how your financial aid affects your bill, or if you wish to explore the possibility of financial aid and would like information beyond that provided on the website, please call 847-491-7400 or send an email to undergradaid@u.northwestern.edu.

Note that if you are eligible for Federal Work-Study employment, you are required to provide proof of identification, such as a US passport, Social Security card, or birth certificate, at the time of hire.

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Your health

IMMUNIZATIONS AND OTHER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
As a Northwestern student, you are required by Illinois law and Northwestern regulations to show proof of immunizations and to complete an Admission Health Record form. No physical exam is required.

All incoming undergraduates are required to complete the Admission Health Record for Non-Healthcare Students. (This requirement is not related to insurance coverage.) To review the health requirements and access the form, go to the Health Service website at www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/default.aspx and click on “Entrance Health Requirements.” (For most students these are one-time-only requirements; exceptions include students who go on to a graduate or professional program at Northwestern.) All information requested is kept confidential and is for Health Service use only; it can neither be released without the student’s written consent nor be used to discriminate, deny healthcare, or affect admission status.

The Admission Health Record form and proof of immunizations should be mailed on or before July 1 to the address shown on the form. Students completing series vaccinations and those receiving Health Service notification of deficiencies will be allowed more time. Students who do not rectify all deficiencies within the first 30 days after classes begin will be unable to register for, drop, or add courses until compliant and will be assessed a nonrefundable $100 late fee.

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Please make copies of your completed records and bring them to campus for your reference.

If you have questions about health requirements, see the FAQs on the Health Service website. If you still have questions, call 847-491-2117 or 847-491-2203.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Northwestern University and the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities work to provide a learning and community environment that affords students with disabilities full participation, equal access, and reasonable accommodation.

It is the responsibility of the student to register with SSD in order to qualify for reasonable accommodations. If you have a disability—whether a physical disability or a diagnosed psychological condition—that may qualify you for services or accommodations, please contact SSD at 847-467-5530 and learn more at www.northwestern.edu/disability. If you have a disability but have not registered with SSD, you are not entitled to services or accommodations.

An incoming student with a verified disability who requires additional time to complete a placement exam this summer (see pages 22–23) should register with SSD before taking the exam.

If you received disability-related services in high school and decide to try taking Northwestern courses without any accommodations or services, SSD advises you to provide confirmation of your disability nevertheless. That way, SSD can easily provide services if accommodations are needed later.

To be considered an active student registered with SSD and entitled to accommodations or services, you must complete the following steps:

▪ Submit appropriate verification of your disability to the SSD office. Guidelines are posted at www.northwestern.edu/disability/students/considering/documentation.

▪ Meet for an intake appointment with an SSD staff member. (No intake appointments are scheduled during finals week or the week before finals.)

▪ Sign the agreement detailing the accommodations that will be provided to you.

SSD maintains confidentiality of information; records in SSD files are housed only in the SSD office and are not part of a student’s academic file. See the confidentiality policy at www.northwestern.edu/disability/our-office/confidentiality.html.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
With a professional staff comprising psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers, Northwestern’s Counseling and Psychological Services offers core mental health services that include one-on-one counseling sessions, psychotherapy groups, psychiatric and medication consultation, educational programs, crisis intervention, and off-campus referrals when appropriate. Full-time enrolled students may receive up to 12 sessions with a CAPS therapist at no cost, and a CAPS therapist is on call 24/7 year-round for emergencies.

Before coming to campus, it is important for students to consider how they will maintain their
emotional and mental health in their first year at Northwestern, and having a plan in place ahead of time is highly recommended. For assistance over the summer, students and their families are encouraged to set up a phone or in-person consultation with a CAPS staff member by calling 847-491-2151 during regular business hours.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Northwestern requires all full-time students to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan. You may either enroll in the NU-sponsored plan administered by Aetna Student Health or use a qualifying health insurance plan that covers you in Illinois.

It is mandatory for international students to take the NU-sponsored plan. (An “international student” is defined as holding an F-1 or J-1 United States visa.) International students do not complete the online Coverage Selection Form, as they will automatically be enrolled in the NU-sponsored plan. There is no appeal process to waive enrollment in the plan for international students starting at Northwestern in fall quarter 2014.

Coverage Selection Form
You must complete the Coverage Selection Form by October 1. (Do not submit a hard copy of the form.) Only by completing the form through CAESAR can you enroll in or opt out of the NU-sponsored plan; no other means of indicating your choice (such as on the University’s 9PAY application) is acceptable. Students who do not opt out by October 1 will be automatically enrolled in the NU-sponsored plan and billed for coverage.

You may access the Coverage Selection Form as of July 1. If you know you will be enrolling in the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance plan, please make your enrollment selection in CAESAR as soon as possible—ideally before the start of August—to allow your NU/Aetna Student Health policy to be active as of September 1, the start of the academic year. Steps for completing the Coverage Selection Form are below:

- Use your NetID and password to log in to CAESAR at www.northwestern.edu/caesar.
- In the “Quick Links” section of the CAESAR home page, click “Health Coverage Plan” to get to the insurance requirements page.
- After reviewing the information, choose “Click Here to Continue” or select the tab “NU Insurance Selection Form” to get to the Coverage Selection Form page.

Next, you must select one of the options presented: either Option 1a, Option 1b, or Option 2:

- Select Option 1a to enroll in the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance plan. Click “I have read and understand the above statement” > “Submit” > “Yes” > “OK” to complete your selection.
- Select Option 1b to enroll in the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance and to continue coverage under your other health insurance plan in addition to the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance. Complete the section for providing your other health insurance information. Click “I have read and understand the above statement” > “Submit” > “Yes” > “OK” to complete your selection.
- Select Option 2 to waive the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance and continue your other health insurance plan. (Please see “Qualifying health insurance” on the next page for waiver eligibility criteria.) Complete the required questionnaire as well as the section for providing your other health insurance.
information. Click “I have read and understand the above statement” > “Submit” > “Yes” > “OK” to complete your selection.

You should receive confirmation via your Northwestern email account shortly after making your selection and clicking OK. If not, please contact the Northwestern University Student Insurance Office at 847-491-2110 or 312-503-1242. Keep the confirmation email for your records.

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**Student health insurance basics**

The insurance coverage period—September 1, 2014–August 31, 2015—runs concurrently with the regular academic year. Enrollment in the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance plan costs $3,449 and is charged to the student’s CAESAR account. The plan has a $250 annual deductible; after the deductible is met, Aetna Student Health covers 80 percent of the cost of care (so long as Aetna Student Health in-network providers are used), and you pay the balance (coinsurance) until the annual out-of-pocket maximum of $1,800 is met.

More information may be found on the student health insurance website. Go to www.aetnastudenthealth.com, enter Northwestern University in the search box, and click “Medical Plan: Enroll” > “Full Plan Details.” Policy information for 2014–15 should be available on the website after July 1.

Your NU/Aetna Student Health insurance card will be mailed to your campus address about two weeks after you have been charged in CAESAR for enrolling in the plan. Whenever you need your insurance information, contact the Student Health Insurance Office at 847-491-2110, send an email to student.insurance@northwestern.edu, or call Aetna Student Health Customer Service at 877-626-2314.

Enrollment in the Aetna Student Health plan includes On Call International, a travel assistance service that may be used when hospital admission arrangements, medical evacuation services, interpreter/counseling/legal referrals, and other services are needed while you are away (100 miles or more) from your primary residence. See www.oncallinternational.com for details.

**Qualifying health insurance**

Students other than international students may waive enrollment in the NU/Aetna Student Health plan only if their health insurance plan extends benefits outside of their home state. Out-of-state HMO or Medicare-based insurance plans that have emergency/urgent-care-only coverage in Illinois are not acceptable.

*It is a violation of Northwestern University policy for a full-time student to waive the NU/Aetna Student Health insurance plan if their own insurance plan does not meet Northwestern’s standards as listed above. Violators will be subject to discipline.*
Technology

Technology tools and resources—computers, NetIDs, email, mobile devices, campus networks, web-based collaboration services, etc.—and digital security are essential parts of your daily life as a Northwestern student. Complete the seven steps described here, and go to www.it.northwestern.edu and click “Students” to find out how Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) can help you make the most of technology resources.

NUIT’S SEVEN STEPS TO GET CONNECTED

1. **Activate your NetID:**
   - Go to www.northwestern.edu/login.
   - Use your activation code to activate your NetID.
   - Set your NetID password.
   - Choose security questions for password-resetting purposes. (Whenever you forget your password, follow the steps at www.nuvalidate.northwestern.edu.)
   - Activate your @u.northwestern.edu email account.

2. **Access your @u.northwestern.edu account for email and more.** Log in at http://u.northwestern.edu to start using all the great features of your account.

3. **Get a computer and software.**
   - NUIT’s minimum hardware suggestions are at www.it.northwestern.edu/hardware, and lots of discounted software is available at www.it.northwestern.edu/software/students. Just click the software title for information or click “Download” or “Order” to save it to your computer.

4. **Download antivirus software.**
   - Protecting your computer is essential, so be sure to install the University antivirus software provided at www.it.northwestern.edu/software/sav.

5. **Connect to the Northwestern network when you get to campus.** Bring a 25-foot network cable for the best network connection in student residences.

6. **Set up your mobile devices.**
   - Connect smartphones and tablets to email, the Northwestern wireless network, and much more by following the instructions at www.it.northwestern.edu/mobility.

7. **Get help from the IT Support Center.**
   - Go to www.it.northwestern.edu/supportcenter, and watch step-by-step walk-throughs at www.youtube.com/user/nuitcommunications.
SEVEN STEPS TO GET CONNECTED

Step 1: Activate your NetID.
Activate your Northwestern NetID and email account as soon as possible to access the University’s network, your student account in CAESAR, course management tools, and other essential services that you’ll start using this summer. Your NetID and activation code were mailed to you with your acceptance letter.

Step 2: Access your Northwestern email account. This account is a primary mode of communication between you and the University from now on. It gives you access to your email and a range of productivity and social-networking tools, such as calendaring, instant messaging, document applications, and much more, all powered by Google Apps for Education. Be sure to keep track of your email password (distinct from your NetID password) for setting up your account on your smartphone and other mobile devices.

Step 3: Get a computer and software. NUIT suggests minimum hardware recommendations for Mac and Windows machines. Your school or program may have additional requirements. Northwestern also offers software that’s free for download or for sale at competitive prices.

Step 4: Download antivirus software. To connect to the NU Network on campus, your computer must be virus-free and should have the latest antivirus and anti-malware definitions and software updates. Before coming to campus or as soon as possible, download and install the University-provided antivirus software. It is the responsibility of every Northwestern student to use the University’s electronic resources in a safe, secure, and legal way. You are expected to review and abide by the responsible-use policies and guidelines.

Step 5: Connect to the network. All student residences offer wired and wireless Internet access, and no matter where you are on campus, a computer lab is never far away. For access to certain services and the best connection for streaming media or gaming in your student residence, bring a 25-foot ethernet cable. And if you bring a printer (even a wireless one), bring a USB cable to connect your computer in your room. It is against University policy to install your own wireless network, and routers and network extenders are strictly prohibited.

Step 6: Set up your mobile devices. NUIT offers instructions for setting up your iPhone, Android, and other devices to access Northwestern email and calendar, the wireless network, secure virtual private network, and more. Cellular coverage is widely available on campus, and student residences are specially equipped to enhance the signals from specific cellular carriers.

Step 7: Get help from the IT support center. Contact the center at 847-491-4357 (1-HELP), submit a help request online, or go to the NUIT website for more ways to get support. NUIT also offers many easy-to-follow YouTube videos. On-site help will be available during Wildcat Welcome, and in-person support is available all year for virus or connectivity issues. The IT Support Center can’t fix hardware problems or reinstall operating systems, but it can help you find a repair service, including the Apple Store at the Norris Center Bookstore. You can also follow student support consultants @NU1HELP on Twitter to get technology tips and tech news.

TELEVISION VIEWING
Students living in University-owned housing can watch cable television in common areas and some additional public lounge areas on campus. Personal entertainment is available through your computer in your room.

EMERGENCY AND LANDLINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
Emergency communication devices are readily available throughout student residences for emergency 911 access. Landline service in student rooms is available by special request only; see page 9 and email housing@northwestern.edu for further information.

WORK FOR NUIT
NUIT is always hiring students for Support Center and other technology-related staff positions. For information about student jobs—including those that are work-study eligible—go to the “Come work for us!” quick link at www.it.northwestern.edu.

NORTHWESTERN MOBILE
The University’s Northwestern Mobile app is available for use on most platforms, including iPhone, iPod Touch, Android, and other web-enabled mobile devices. See page 49 for more details.
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This chapter of Purple Prep covers the academic requirements you should fulfill before you come to campus. Key action items for all new students (selected from the master checklist on pages 2–3) are reiterated on this page; for school-specific prerequisites, refer to your school’s checklist (pages 4–5) and its section in the pages ahead.

Musts for all first-year students

Mail your final high school transcript to Northwestern as soon as it becomes available and no later than August 1. The date of your graduation or the statement “graduated” must appear on the actual document. Visit the admitted student website at www.ugadm.northwestern.edu/admit/enrollment-checklist/submit-your-final-transcript.html for additional instructions. You will be unable to register for fall classes if your final high school transcript has not been received.

If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript immediately. If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your Northwestern degree. See your school’s website to learn how credits earned through AP or IB exams can apply toward your degree. If received by August 15, credits are posted on student records in CAESAR at the end of summer. Do not be concerned if your credits do not appear as expected; simply be sure to bring a paper copy of your scores to campus.

Complete any placement exams/skills assessments by August 1 or the deadline set by your school. Whether you should take a given exam may depend on your specific course objectives and interests, previous study, AP/IB scores, and requirements set by your school or program. Refer to the table on pages 22–23 in addition to any instructions included in your school’s section in this chapter. Information is also available at www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams. A student with a documented disability who requires additional time to complete exams should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities before taking the exams. For details, see page 15 and www.northwestern.edu/disability.

Finish reading the 2014–15 One Book One Northwestern selection before coming to campus. See the sidebar on page 42 and learn more about the initiative at www.northwestern.edu/onebook.

Include March to the Arch in your required reading. The e-newsletter is an official source of updates and revisions to information printed in Purple Prep. MT TA will be sent to your Northwestern email account from May through September.
Placement exams and skills assessments

Before acting on the information below, please read your school’s directives (in the relevant pages ahead) as well as the guidelines at www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams. **Online exams and skills assessments will be available June 1–August 1; a July 11 deadline applies to MEAS students.**

### SUBJECT AREA: CHEMISTRY

#### ALEKS math skills assessment
Required for students planning to take either CHEM 101 or 171, regardless of any AP/IB scores in math or chemistry. (See additional ALEKS-related criteria under Subject Area: Math, at right).

**Exam link:** [www.math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html](http://www.math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html)

**Faculty contact:** Professor Martina Bode, m-bode@northwestern.edu

**Please note:**
- ALEKS is not a placement exam but an assessment of your readiness for college-level math and chemistry.
- If your score is 75 or lower, you are strongly encouraged to use the ALEKS tutorial ($30 fee) to hone algebra and trigonometry skills you may not have used recently but will be essential for college-level calculus and chemistry.

#### Chemistry placement exam
Recommended for students with strong backgrounds in chemistry who think they might be ready for either CHEM 171 or CHEM 210 or 212 but either did not take the AP Chemistry exam or received AP Chemistry scores below 5.

**Exam link (accessible 6/1–8/1):** Log in with your NetID and password at [https://courses.northwestern.edu](https://courses.northwestern.edu).

**Faculty contact:** Professor Fred Northrup, f-northrup@northwestern.edu

**Please note:**
- An AP Chemistry score of 5 automatically qualifies you for CHEM 210 or 212; you do not need to take the chemistry placement exam.
- An AP Chemistry score of 3 or 4 automatically qualifies you for CHEM 171; you do not need to take the chemistry placement exam unless you think you might be ready for CHEM 210 or 212.
- If your AP Chemistry score is 1 or 2, but you think you might be ready for CHEM 171, you should take the chemistry placement exam.

**CHEM course numbers and titles:**
- 101: General Chemistry
- 171: Accelerated General Inorganic Chemistry
- 210, 212: Organic Chemistry

### SUBJECT AREA: PHYSICS

#### Physics placement exam
For students who plan to take College Physics (PHYSICS 130) or General Physics (PHYSICS 135) but did not take the AP Physics exam or who hope to place into a more advanced course than their AP scores would otherwise allow. The exam is offered on campus only.

**On-campus exam date:** 9/17

**Faculty contact:** Professor Deborah Brown, placement-physics@northwestern.edu
**SUBJECT AREA: MATH (CALCULUS)**

**ALEKS math skills assessment**
Required for students planning to take MATH 211, 212, 220, 224, 230, 290, or 291, regardless of their AP scores in math.

**Exam link:** [www.math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html](http://www.math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html)

**Faculty contact:** Professor Martina Bode, m-bode@northwestern.edu

**Please note:**
- ALEKS is not a placement exam but an assessment of your readiness for college-level math and chemistry.
- If your score is lower than 75, you are strongly encouraged to use the ALEKS tutorial ($30 fee) to sharpen your skills before starting calculus at Northwestern.

**MATH course numbers and titles:**
- 211: Short Course in Calculus
- 212: Single-Variable Calculus
- 220: Differential Calculus of One-Variable Functions
- 224: Integral Calculus
- 230: Differential Calculus of Multivariable Functions
- 290: Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus
- 291: Intensive Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus

**Math placement exam**
Required for all incoming McCormick students; please see page 31 for more information. Weinberg students may take a math self-placement exam to see whether MATH 220, 224, or 230 might be the appropriate starting course for them; consult the math department website at [www.math.northwestern.edu/prospective/placement.html](http://www.math.northwestern.edu/prospective/placement.html) for more information.

**SUBJECT AREA: FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**Placement exams in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek (ancient), Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, Yiddish**
Required for students with previous training in the language they intend to study at Northwestern who did not take the AP exam in that language. Depending on the language, the placement exam is offered over the summer or on 9/17 on campus.

**Exam link (accessible 6/1–8/1):** [www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams](http://www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams) for Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latin, Spanish, Swahili

**On-campus exam date:** 9/17 for Czech, Greek (ancient), Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, Yiddish

**Faculty contact:** Varies by language; see website

**Please note:**
- Students who took the AP exam in the language they intend to study at Northwestern should refer to the website [www.wcas.nu/language-requirement](http://www.wcas.nu/language-requirement) for the relevant placement information.
- Students with any previous Japanese-language experience who intend to take Japanese at Northwestern should take the placement exam—even if they took the AP Japanese exam.
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Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

WELCOME TO WEINBERG!
We are delighted that you’ll be joining us. To help you prepare for fall, this section outlines tasks that first-year Weinberg students need to complete this summer and the resources available to help you.

AP/IB CREDIT
Many Weinberg students are able to use credit earned through AP/IB or A-Level exams to skip introductory courses in some subjects or to fulfill their distribution requirement in up to two different areas. Record your AP/IB scores as soon as you receive them. To determine how much credit to expect for particular scores, consult the chart at www.wcas.nu/exams-credit. If you took A-Level or other exams, your credit will be determined on an individual basis. Email weinberg-first@northwestern.edu for more information.

PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS
Online placement exams are available in chemistry, math, and most of the languages taught at Northwestern, though some language exams and the physics placement exam are offered only during Wildcat Welcome. Use the information on pages 22–23 to determine whether you should take a particular exam. Placement exams must be taken by August 1.

REQUIRED ESSAY
As a Weinberg student, you will be held to the highest standards of academic integrity. To help ensure that you understand what that means, Weinberg College requires all students to read the University’s policy on academic integrity.

We expect that you’ll have questions. The two best places to find answers are the website wcas.nu/the-first-year and Weinberg’s Class of 2018’s private Facebook page. Please pay close attention to both, and bookmark the website—it is your guide to all the requirements and options for Weinberg students. Note especially the comprehensive First-Year Focus links to specific information for every Weinberg department and program.

For matters you would prefer not to raise on Facebook (such as test scores), you may write to a Weinberg College adviser at weinbergfirst@northwestern.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE DOSSIER
Your online undergraduate dossier is by far the most important tool as you work through your summer requirements and consider your options. In it you will record your educational background, introduce yourself to your first-year seminar instructor, submit your required essay on academic integrity, rough out a tentative fall-quarter schedule, and submit your first-year seminar preferences. As you complete placement exams or report any AP/IB or A-Level exam scores, your dossier will suggest courses to take next, depending on your plans. You can find the dossier link and all the information you need to get started on the website. Your dossier must be complete by August 1.
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(available at www.northwestern.edu/provost/policies/academic-integrity/full-policy.pdf and then write an essay explaining the substance and importance of the standards it outlines. Your essay will become part of your academic dossier and will be the first sample of your writing read by your first-year seminar instructor or special-degree adviser. Your essay must be submitted no later than **August 1**.

**COURSE PLANNING**

After you have taken your placement exams and submitted your academic integrity essay, rough out a tentative schedule using the fall course listings on CAESAR. The key words here are **rough** and **tentative**. The schedule is the starting point for a conversation with your seminar instructor or program adviser. You won’t actually register for classes until **September 19**. To get started, look at the sample schedules in the next column, the information on the website, and the First-Year Focus information from departments of interest. You must submit a tentative fall-quarter schedule by **August 1**.

**Fall course listings**

To view the complete listing of fall course offerings and class times, go to CAESAR at www.northwestern.edu/caesar and click on "Search for Classes." To find courses in a specific department, choose that department from the course subject drop-down menu. (Be sure the “Show Open Classes Only” box is checked.)

If you’re like most entering students and don’t have a specific academic plan yet, we recommend narrowing your search to courses that fulfill Weinberg distribution requirements. Click “Additional Search Criteria” on CAESAR and choose “WCAS Distribution Requirement” from the course attribute drop-down menu. Choose one of the seven distribution options under “Course Attribute Value.” There are six broadly defined distribution areas—ethics and values, formal studies, historical studies, literature and fine arts, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences—and an interdisciplinary category of courses that could apply to more than one area.

**Sample fall schedules**

Schedule variations are almost endless, but the following schedule is typical for first-year Weinberg students not planning to attend medical school:

- first-year seminar
- introductory course related to a possible major (also likely to fulfill a distribution requirement)
- introductory course to fulfill a distribution requirement in an area in which you likely won’t major
- foreign language course

A typical premedical student’s fall courses might consist of the following, with variations based on test results or AP/IB credits earned:

- first-year seminar
- first-year chemistry course (CHEM 101 or 171; eligible students may take CHEM 210)
- first-year calculus course, such as MATH 220, 224, or 230
- foreign language course

Of course there are other choices, and you’ll discuss your options with your first-year seminar instructor before you register.

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR TOP TEN LIST**

Once you have a working fall schedule, draw up a Top Ten List of first-year seminars that both fit your expected schedule and appeal to you the most. Seminar descriptions and times can be found in the “First-Year Courses” section of the Weinberg website; the main first-year page of the website includes quick links to the same information.

Your Top Ten List is due **August 1**. The rest of your dossier must be completed before you can access the Top Ten selection form.

Nearly all Weinberg students take a first-year seminar in the fall and a second seminar in either the winter or the spring. Students in the Honors Program in Medical Education, Integrated Science Program, and Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences take seminars only in winter or spring and should consult their program advisers before selecting fall-quarter courses. Weinberg/Bienen School of Music dual-degree students should not submit a Top Ten List without first consulting BSM Dean Linda Garton about seminar choices that will fit their expected class schedule.

**ADVISING**

Your first-year seminar instructor will also serve as your adviser in the fall. After that you will work with a Weinberg College adviser who will remain your adviser until you graduate. Weinberg students in special-degree programs will have program advisers, and students in the dual-degree program with the Bienen School will also have an adviser there.
School of Communication

WELCOME TO SoC!
The SoC faculty and staff are excited to welcome new students in the Departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Communication Studies, Performance Studies, Radio/Television/Film, and Theatre. We look forward to meeting you this fall and getting the academic year off to a great start.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
Located in room 1-102 of the Frances Searle Building, the SoC Student Resource Center is the main office for Sally Ewing, associate dean for undergraduate programs; Kyla Katz, director of advising and student affairs; and SoC’s academic advising staff.

A good starting point for finding answers to your questions is the SoC website for new students: www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome.
The website includes a link to the online survey that you should complete after you have received any applicable placement test and skills assessment results. If you have other questions over the summer, please contact us by phone at 847-491-7214 or by email at dear-soc@northwestern.edu.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Students in each department will meet with their academic advisers during Wildcat Welcome, and advisers will assist students in choosing fall-quarter classes. All new students will be able to meet with an academic adviser individually before registering. Peer advisers will help students navigate online registration via CAESAR. For SoC academic advising staff contact information, go to www.communication.northwestern.edu/src/advisors.

AP/IB CREDIT
To determine how your AP and IB credits may apply to your SoC course requirements, refer to the PDF found under “AP/IB Exams and Credits” on the page at www.communication.northwestern.edu/src/requirements. If you have questions, please email us at dear-soc@northwestern.edu.

PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Foreign languages
Language requirements for SoC students vary according to your choice of bachelor’s degree program (BA or BS) and major.

All students completing a BA in any SoC department and all students completing a major in communication studies or radio/television/film must achieve foreign language proficiency equivalent to the sixth-quarter course at Northwestern. For incoming students who intend to pursue a language they’ve previously studied, placement at the appropriate course level is based on AP scores and/or Northwestern language placement exams; the applicable online language placement exam must be completed by August 1.

Northwestern’s Council on Language Instruction offers a helpful brochure at www.cli.northwestern.edu.

Chemistry, math, and physics
SoC students who plan to take chemistry or calculus courses should complete the online placement exams or skills assessments in those subjects by August 1; a placement exam in physics is offered on campus during Wildcat Welcome.
Communication sciences and disorders students should take chemistry and math placement tests and skills assessments even if they have AP credit in those subjects. Students in other majors may choose from many courses in various departments that satisfy SoC’s math, science, and technology distribution requirement.

For more information about placement exams and skills assessments, see pages 22–23 as well as www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams.

Dance placement
Students who plan to enroll in dance classes and are not beginners should take the dance placement test in the Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center during Wildcat Welcome.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
It takes a total of 45 credits to earn an SoC degree, and most courses count for one full credit each. For an overview of SoC BA or BS degree requirements, visit www.communication.northwestern.edu/src/requirements.

Each SoC major has distinct course requirements, but all require 18 courses outside the major. These 18 courses, called distribution requirements, fall into three areas:
- math, science, and technology
- individual and social behavior
- humanities and fine arts
As you’ll discover, many courses can apply to your distribution requirements.

A normal full-time course load is four full-credit classes per quarter (fall, winter, spring). Enrolling in three full-credit classes also constitutes full-time status, but to stay on track to graduate, most students have to take four courses per quarter most of the time.
School of Education and Social Policy

WELCOME TO SESP!

The School of Education and Social Policy is delighted to welcome you to an academic year that promises to challenge and change you, excite and enlighten you. The advising staff, based in the SESP Student Affairs Office in Annenberg Hall, will work with you as you face the opportunities and transitions to come. With SESP staff and peer advisers by your side, you can expect to have an excellent experience as a student in our school and at Northwestern.

Your academic and peer advisers will contact you by email in the weeks ahead. If you have questions before then, contact Susan Olson, assistant dean for SESP Student Affairs, at susan-olson@northwestern.edu.

AP/IB CREDIT

If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. The AP/IB credit policies set by Weinberg College apply to SESP students—except for the SESP provision that allows AP/IB credit to count for up to 7 distribution requirement credits (earned by taking courses outside your SESP concentration). Specifics about scores on each exam that qualify for credit and how the credit is applied are posted at www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/files/pdfs/ap-credit-recognition2014.pdf.

As a rule, Northwestern posts AP and IB credit to the academic records of incoming students in late summer. Regardless of when they’re posted, as long as you know your scores, you’ll be able to plan your fall-quarter course schedule.

PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Your SESP degree program does not require any courses in subjects for which a placement exam or skills assessment is a prerequisite. But many students take interdisciplinary electives, so we encourage all students to complete any relevant online exams or assessments this summer. This is especially important if you are premed or interested in pursuing a previously studied language. See pages 22–23 for exam information, and plan to discuss any questions with your academic adviser this summer. The deadline for completing placement exams or skills assessments is August 1. Additional information is available at www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams.

ADVISING

Your academic adviser will contact you this summer to discuss placement exams, AP credit, and your interests and goals. You’ll meet with your adviser both individually and in small
groups during Wildcat Welcome. Advisers work with the SESP Student Affairs staff, who include the following:

- Susan Olson, assistant dean for student affairs and adviser to human development and psychological services students
- Nathan Frideres, practicum director and certificate in civic engagement coordinator
- Meg Kreuser, adviser to secondary teaching students and manager of teaching certification and licensure
- Ken Powers, adviser to social policy students
- Megan Redfearn, adviser to learning and organizational change students
- Camille Irvine and Gloria Hernandez, program assistants

Staff photos and contact information are at www.sesp.northwestern.edu/common/people/staff/sa.

COURSE REGISTRATION
You’ll work one-on-one with SESP advisers during Wildcat Welcome before making any course-related decisions for fall. Space will already be reserved for you in some introductory SESP courses.

Keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has unique summer requirements. For example, if you hear that incoming Weinberg College students must submit first-year seminar preferences, don’t be concerned; there are no first-year seminar requirements for SESP students.

WEBCHAT
SESP Student Affairs staff and peer advisers will host a webchat on August 13 at 5:30 p.m. (CDT) to cover general information about the school and Wildcat Welcome. RSVP by noon on August 12 to receive webchat login information. Though not mandatory, your participation is strongly encouraged.
Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

WELCOME TO MCCORMICK!
We’re excited that you are joining the MEAS community. As we prepare to roll out the purple carpet for you this fall, please familiarize yourself with our undergraduate website—[www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome)—and carefully review all the information here.

UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING OFFICE
Your source for assistance and information about courses, registration, majors, your degree progress, study abroad, and more is the Undergraduate Engineering Office, the hub of McCormick academic life. Your primary contact in the office will be the McCormick adviser assigned to you this summer—Emma DeCosta, Richard Freeman, Ken Gentry, or Janice Mejia—who will remain your adviser throughout your first year. Any one of them may be contacted at mcc-advising@northwestern.edu.

Other staff members may email you regarding summer requirements, transferring credit, and other preparations for Wildcat Welcome:
- Amanda Stasinski, coordinator of student involvement
- Heather Bacon, assistant director of first- and second-year advising and student development
- Stephen Carr, associate dean of undergraduate education
- Joseph Holtgreive, assistant dean of counseling and personal development

MEAS ONLINE DOSSIER
The MEAS online dossier is your most important tool in planning for fall quarter. In it you will record information on your major interests, previous coursework, your math placement exam results, and other details that will help you and your adviser devise your class schedule. To access the dossier, go to [www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome) starting June 2; your dossier must be complete by July 11.

SUMMER ADVISING
So long as your dossier is complete, between July 11 and August 5 your McCormick adviser will email you regarding your fall-quarter course plan. (Again, the MEAS dossier is absolutely critical to the advising process, so be sure to meet the deadline.) Your adviser will also inform you of opportunities to participate in group chats online or by phone throughout the summer. Check your Northwestern email account regularly to avoid missing out.

In addition to your McCormick adviser, your peer adviser will be in regular email contact with you over the summer. He or she will be a returning MEAS student who can answer questions about life at Northwestern and guide you through Wildcat Welcome.

WILDCAT WELCOME ADVISING
The conversation you and your McCormick adviser begin over the summer will continue on campus, helping to prepare you to make informed course choices. During Wildcat Welcome, McCormick advisers will lead group advising sessions, after which your peer adviser will individually help you plan your course choices before registration.

COURSE REGISTRATION
On September 19 all first-year MEAS students will complete fall registration at designated times in room G47 at the Technological Institute. (Early registration is not permitted.) Peer advisers and Undergraduate Engineering Office staff members will help you navigate the process on CAESAR. The sample schedule on page 32...
serves as a reference only, though the course lineup shown is typical for most MEAS students; the schedule you and your adviser devise may vary.

**AP/IB CREDIT**

If you took any AP or IB exams, you may receive credit and/or be able to skip introductory courses in some sequences. Any credits are usually posted on student records at the start of fall quarter, though it may take longer. To find out how much credit is awarded for particular scores, go to [www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome). You will record AP/IB scores in your MEAS dossier, but the official reports must still be sent to the University registrar. Remember to bring paper copies with you in September.

**TRANSFERRING NON-AP/IB CREDIT**

Before any of your previous college-level course credit can be transferred, you must submit a form—the Application for Northwestern University Credit for College-Level Course Work Completed Prior to Graduation from High School—for each credit, as well as an official transcript and other supporting documentation. The application form and instructions are found at [www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome). (A link to information about transferring college credit will also be available in your MEAS dossier.) Completed forms and documentation should be submitted by August 1 to the Undergraduate Engineering Office, Tech L268, 2145 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois, 60208.

**MATH PLACEMENT EXAM**

Regardless of any AP/IB scores, all incoming McCormick students must take the math placement exam by July 11 (see pages 22–23). Covering algebra, trigonometry, and differential and integral calculus, the exam is a key tool for deciding your placement level—even if you’ve already earned AP calculus credit. During Wildcat Welcome you will receive a math placement recommendation based on your exam score. Additional guidance from a dedicated math adviser will also be available.

You may access the link to the math placement exam at [www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome) as of June 2.

**ALEKS MATH SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

All MEAS students for whom ALEKS is required must complete the assessment and enter their score in their MEAS dossier by July 11.

The math and chemistry departments have separate criteria for determining which MEAS students must take ALEKS. To see if ALEKS is required for you, refer to both departments’ criteria (noted on the next page and pages 22–23); even if you are exempt according to one department, the other department may still require you to take it.
McCormick School (continued)

**SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR MEAS COURSE SCHEDULE**
The course lineup below is for general reference only; your own course plan will be created in consultation with your adviser.

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- The math department requires ALEKS for all students planning to take MATH 211, 212, 220, 224, 230, 290, or 291, regardless of any AP scores in math.
- The chemistry department requires ALEKS if you did not take the AP Chemistry exam, or if your AP Chemistry score was below 5, and you plan to take the general chemistry sequence (CHEM 101/102/103) or accelerated general inorganic chemistry (CHEM 171/172).
- If you scored a 5 on the AP Chemistry exam, the chemistry department does not require you to take ALEKS, and you are eligible to take organic chemistry (CHEM 210/212).

**CHEMISTRY PLACEMENT EXAM**
An incoming MEAS student who has a strong background in chemistry but did not take the AP Chemistry exam or whose score is below 5 could be ready for either CHEM 171 or 210/212. To see which course would be more appropriate, take the chemistry placement exam by the July 11 deadline for MEAS students. Note that this test is completely separate from ALEKS and may not be taken instead of ALEKS or used to waive the ALEKS requirement.

**OTHER PLACEMENT EXAMS**
Foreign language and physics placement exams are also offered. Please see pages 22–23 and visit www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome for more information.

**MATLAB SOFTWARE**
First-year McCormick students will use MATLAB, a mathematical software programming package, as a part of the Engineering Analysis course sequence. You should purchase this software by August 1. You will find a link to download MATLAB for a reduced price at www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.

**CO-OP PROGRAM OPTION**
To prepare you for your sophomore-year choice between a four-year educational plan and a five-year cooperative educational plan, there will be four co-op information sessions during Wildcat Welcome, as well as additional sessions during the academic year. Co-op alternates periods of paid industrial experience with academic studies. For more information see www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.

**THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE**
The transition to Northwestern doesn’t end with Wildcat Welcome. To ensure that support is available throughout the academic year, all new MEAS students will participate in the First-Year Experience initiative. Students will meet weekly with staff and peer advisers to gain insights into MEAS life, discuss any questions about academic matters and campus resources, and receive support for their overall wellness during the ongoing transition process.
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

WELCOME TO MEDILL!
We are excited that you’re joining our community. We ask you to visit www.medill.northwestern.edu/student-life and read the following guidelines for what to do this summer to prepare for the fall. Also check your inbox regularly for messages from your academic and peer advisers.

Even before you arrive on campus you’ll be supported by a team of friendly and helpful advisers, including academic and peer advisers, Medill Career Services staff, and the Medill Student Life office:

- Dorina Aguilar Rasmussen, director, da-rasmussen@northwestern.edu, 847-491-3586
- Elizabeth Hunter, associate director, e-hunter@northwestern.edu, 847-491-4484

AP/IB CREDIT
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. Go to the Medill student life website for Medill’s policy on AP/IB credit, including how much credit is awarded for different scores and how credit may be applied to degree requirements.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Advisers will be contacting you by email this summer to share information ranging from placement exams and course selection to such topics as your summer activities and your goals as a Medill student. Be sure to read and respond to their messages.

PLACEMENT EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS
Medill requires either 3 units of a foreign language or proficiency in a foreign language as demonstrated on an AP exam or a placement exam. This means that most Medill students will need to take a foreign language placement exam, either online this summer or on campus (depending on the language; see pages 23). Medill students hoping to pursue a premed course of study should refer to the University Academic Advising Center website at www.northwestern.edu/advising-center for advice about chemistry and calculus courses and then take any recommended placement exams or skills assessments by August 1.
Academic advising during Wildcat Welcome has two stages: You’ll meet with your faculty and peer advisers in a group for an overview of the Medill curriculum and advice about choosing courses for fall; then you’ll meet individually with your faculty adviser to discuss your Medill goals and your fall courses.

COURSE REGISTRATION
Course registration for new students is on September 19. You’ll have plenty of time to review course options on CAESAR this summer, but don’t make any concrete registration decisions until you’ve met with your peer and faculty advisers during Wildcat Welcome. In advising groups and one-on-one sessions, they’ll help you choose the classes that are right for you. Keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has its own requirements, so you shouldn’t be concerned that Weinberg College students are deciding their first-year seminar preferences during the summer. Medill students do not enroll in first-year seminars, and it’s too soon to make course enrollment decisions. All you need to know at this time is that in the fall quarter all first-year Medill students will take a journalism course for which they will be automatically registered.

TECHNOLOGY
To prepare to succeed in a changing media landscape, Medill students learn how to use a variety of technical tools for communicating news and information.

Before making any purchases, go to www.medill.northwestern.edu/tech-support/general-computing-info/index.html to get the hardware and software specifications as well as find out about financial assistance and equipment rental options. Because technology changes rapidly, updates may become available in the months before you come to campus; any updates will be noted on the site, so be sure to check back often.
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Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music

WELCOME TO BIENEN!
The staff of the BSM Office of Student Affairs looks forward to meeting you this September. You’ll come to our office for most of your music advising, registration assistance, and questions about degree progress and changing or adding majors or minors. In July you’ll receive an email from us that provides important information—covering everything from ensemble audition music and schedules to instructions for getting a locker.

ADVISING
Academic advising for your music degree will be through the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs. Assistant dean Linda Garton will be your official adviser, and staff members Kay Price and Jeff Merkley will also be available to advise you on course requirements and registration. You will have the same music adviser from your first year through graduation.

If you are a five-year dual-degree student, you will have an additional adviser from your other school (Weinberg, McCormick, or Medill). Most dual-degree students use the Bienen School’s student affairs office as their starting point for advising questions.

You’ll meet your advisers before course registration on September 19. Peer advisers and office staff will be on hand to help you through the registration process that day.

AP/IB CREDIT
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. All AP credit is processed through Weinberg College regardless of the Northwestern school you enter, but the schools may have different policies on how AP credits apply toward degree requirements. For a list of accepted AP credits and which music degree requirements they can fulfill, see www.music.northwestern.edu/files/current-students/APCredit_Music_2010.pdf.

Four-year students follow the Bienen School’s AP/IB guidelines. Five-year students follow guidelines set by their nonmusic school (Weinberg, McCormick, or Medill).

PLACEMENT EXAMS
Nonmusic subject areas
Students may take nonmusic placement exams this summer if they intend to take courses in foreign languages, math, or chemistry, for example, or if they’re in a five-year dual-degree program; please see pages 22–23 for guidelines. The deadline for taking online placement exams is August 1.
DOUBLE MAJOR OR DUAL DEGREE? MAYBE A MINOR?

In a dual-degree program, you study at Northwestern for five years and earn two bachelor’s degrees—one from the Bienen School and the other from either Weinberg, McCormick, or Medill. With a double major, you study for four years and earn one bachelor’s degree, with your two majors listed on your official transcript. You could double-major in two music areas (performance and theory, for example) or in one music area and one nonmusic area, such as music composition and math. There’s no rush to decide: you can opt to double-major, enter a dual-degree program, or add a minor anytime in your first year or, in many cases, in your sophomore or even junior year.

Music placement
Music placement exams just for incoming Bienen School students are offered during Wildcat Welcome. These exams ensure your placement in first-year music courses at the appropriate level.

Exam I: Music theory
- Part I—Basic skills (all students). The exam covers fundamentals such as note reading, major and minor key signatures, rhythmic notation and beaming, intervals, and triad and seventh chord construction and identification.
- Part II—Advance placement (optional). Students wishing to place into an honors section or to place out of a portion of the first-year curriculum may take Part II to demonstrate their mastery of the following:
  - Counterpoint: species writing, melodic structure and terminology
  - Figured bass: realization and melodic composition
  - Tonal harmony: tonal profile and Roman numeral analysis, nonchord tones and cadence types, part-writing, harmonization of a given melody or bass line

Exam II: Aural skills
All new students take this diagnostic test, which includes examples of aural recognition (intervals and pitch patterns, chord qualities and inversions in progressions) and melodic and rhythmic dictation. Depending on your results, you may be asked to come in for an individual sight-singing interview to confirm your placement before you register.

Exam III: Keyboard skills
This exam takes about five minutes to complete and is used to identify an appropriate-level keyboard skills class. Levels range from students with no keyboard experience to piano performance majors. (Jazz majors are exempt from this requirement.)

A review of basic skills over the summer is encouraged. Websites such as www.musictheory.net and www.teoria.com are helpful resources. If you have questions, please email Professor Susan Piagentini at s-piagentini@northwestern.edu.

COURSE REGISTRATION
Registration for fall classes will take place during Wildcat Welcome on September 19. Because you’ll have had several advising sessions before then, most of your fall schedule will be set before you register.

Based on your music placement exam results, you will be assigned to specific sections of this fall’s music theory and aural skills classes. A keyboard skills class, an ensemble, and a private lesson (studio) teacher will also be assigned. On registration day first-year four-year music students will have only one course choice to make: a nonmusic elective or distribution requirement course.

Five-year dual-degree students, in contrast, often defer keyboard skills and take two nonmusic courses:
a first-year seminar and a distribution requirement or foreign language course if your other school is Weinberg (note that since your first-year seminar is chosen for you, you do not submit a top-10 list of preferences). If your other school is Medill, you’ll probably take two distribution requirements or one distribution requirement and a foreign language course. If your other school is McCormick, you’ll take two courses toward your engineering degree.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

A regular class at Northwestern carries 1 credit, and a full course load is normally 4 or 4.5 credits per quarter. Below is a typical four-year music major’s first-year course lineup for fall. The first four courses listed are worth .5 credit each; the last two carry 1 credit each (4 credits total for the quarter).

- Music theory
- Aural skills
- Keyboard skills
- Ensemble (band, orchestra, or choir)
- Private lessons
- 1 nonmusic elective/distribution requirement

A typical five-year dual-degree student’s first-year fall schedule mostly mirrors the above, except that two nonmusic degree program courses (worth 2 credits total) are taken, and keyboard skills is normally postponed to accommodate the additional nonmusic course. Fall quarter’s course credit tally is thus 4.5 credits.

Note that students in certain majors may be required to take additional courses, each bearing either .5 credit or 0 credit. For example, voice majors also register for noncredit vocal solo and diction classes. Some instrumental majors also register for studio class or studio ensembles. First-year music education majors take a music education class instead of the one nonmusic course in fall quarter. Piano majors may defer meeting their ensemble requirement to their sophomore year or later. Jazz majors take an improvisation course instead of keyboard skills. Details will be explained in group advising sessions during Wildcat Welcome.

Some five-year dual-degree students choose to take keyboard skills in addition to their regular dual-degree course load in their first year, resulting in 5 total credits per quarter. While allowable, this course schedule can make it especially challenging to balance homework, practice time, and getting acclimated to Northwestern; dropping a course during the quarter might then be advisable.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

The Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs is able to assist you. Call 847-491-3818 or contact individual staff members by email:

- Linda Garton, lgarton@northwestern.edu
- Kay Price, k-price2@northwestern.edu
- Jeff Merkley, j-merkley@northwestern.edu
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From **Monday, September 15, through Monday, September 22**, all new students must be on campus for Northwestern’s Wildcat Welcome—the mandatory orientation for new students that precedes the first day of fall classes. Wildcat Welcome’s schedule will be posted online—but still subject to change—in early August.

Briefly described here are the pre–Wildcat Welcome experiences that offer the chance to meet fellow new students before move-in day. All but the orientation for international students are optional.

### International Student Orientation


*Contact:* e-torres@northwestern.edu

*When:* 9/12–15

*Register by 8/31; registration begins 5/15*

The four-day International Student Orientation is a mandatory program exclusively for incoming international undergraduates, including international transfer students, US citizens who have lived abroad (“third-culture kids”), and any other students who may benefit from the orientation. Move-in day for ISO participants is **September 12**, when arriving students go directly to their assigned residence halls to formally check in.

In addition to providing vital information about immigration, US academic culture, and Northwestern traditions and student life, ISO will introduce students to Evanston and Chicago, include activities for parents and family members, and allow time for making new friends and settling in. Throughout the summer, students will be in contact with their international peer advisers, who will answer questions and interact with them via Facebook, a student blog, and email. Students will also receive the monthly ISO newsletter from June through September. After ISO, all International students will participate in Wildcat Welcome, the eight-day orientation program for all new Wildcats.

If participation in a pre–Wildcat Welcome program would preclude your ISO attendance, please consult the International Student Office before you apply for the program.
Pre–Wildcat Welcome programs

The optional pre–Wildcat Welcome programs offered by the Center for Student Involvement and partner programs are a great way to start your Northwestern journey. Ranging from one to eight nights long, they promise opportunities to build leadership skills, work with student groups, meet other students, and have fun.

- All programs are open to all students. International students should consult the International Student Office before they apply.
- All programs offer financial aid.
- All participants will be back on campus for move-in day. Program organizers will work with you to ensure your return is coordinated with your assigned move-in time.
- For more information and links to specific program details, visit www.csi.northwestern.edu/PreWildcatWelcome.

**Alternative Student Breaks**
Spend a week traveling the Midwest to visit nonprofit organizations, get hands-on service-learning experience, and learn about communities from the people who live there. Students are accompanied by two trained site leaders who facilitate the activities.

**CATalyst**
A leadership-development program that packs the fun and excitement of being a first-year Wildcat into a five-day experience, CATalyst will enable you to start Wildcat Welcome equipped with more and better knowledge of Northwestern life—as well as new friendships—than most students get all quarter.

**Freshman Urban Program**
FUP challenges new Wildcats to discover the story of Chicago through a week of service, neighborhood visits, and group discussions. Get to know the issues facing the city—polarizing politics, urban planning and public education challenges, criminal justice issues, etc.—and meet the people who make the city thrive. Most important, learn how to stay connected to Chicago through volunteering.

**Project Wildcat**
Project Wildcat is a leadership program that brings a small group of new Wildcats together for a week of backpacking, camping, and enjoying the great outdoors with two trained student counselors. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime!

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**Programs**

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**First Night**
Sheil Catholic Center invites you to spend the night before move-in day with fellow first-year students, returning students, and the fantastic staff at Sheil, who welcome you with Mass, a BBQ and bonfire, games, and other activities.

**Freshman Fest**
NU Hillel, the home of more than 15 Jewish student groups on campus, welcomes new students to its annual Freshman Fest. The event blends friendship, feasting, and fun with opportunities to get the inside scoop on Jewish life on campus, the social scene, sports, Greek life, the most sought-after courses, and much more.

**Kairos 3**
This four-day retreat at Cabrini Retreat Center offers an introspective look at your relationships with yourself, with others, and with God through small-group sessions, witness talks by returning students, and more. Kairos is open to students of all faith backgrounds.
Wildcat Welcome

All new students are required to attend Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s orientation program, starting on September 15 and continuing every day until fall-quarter classes begin on September 23. Wildcat Welcome highlights are covered here; personalized schedule booklets will be distributed on move-in day.

Living off campus?
If you will be living off campus in 2014–15, you’ll receive your Wildcat Welcome schedule booklet and other essential information at the New Students Living Off Campus Check-In and Orientation on September 14. More information will be emailed to you in early August. Like all new students, you must attend all Wildcat Welcome programming, so please don’t make other plans!

MOVE-IN DAY: SEPTEMBER 15
Move-in day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. (CST)—eight hours that can be both exciting and overwhelming for students and family members alike. Knowing what to expect can help ease the process, so what follows is a quick overview; you’ll receive much more information from New Student and Family Programs in August.

On move-in day, at the time listed on your move-in permit, you will go directly to your student residence and, in most cases, head to your assigned floor to meet your resident assistant and get your room key.

Wildcat Welcome peer advisers and other enthusiastic student volunteers will be on hand to greet you when you arrive to unload your vehicle and will assist you in moving your belongings to your room. When you finish unloading, your vehicle must be moved to a designated all-day parking area immediately. The goal is to make unloading quick, efficient, and as pleasant as possible for everyone.

Once your belongings are in your room and the car is parked for the day, take your driver’s license or other government-issued photo ID to your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center—you’ll receive this information in August—to formally check in and pick up your Northwestern class T-shirt and your personalized Wildcat Welcome schedule booklet—every new Wildcat’s go-to guide for the week. Family members should check in for Parent and Family Orientation at the same time. So long as you submitted a photo over the summer, you’ll also pick up your WildCARD and, if desired, register to vote or sign up for a U.S. Bank account.

After seeing to these important details at the Welcome Center, you may then start setting up your room, run errands, explore campus, or just bask in the glory of being a new Wildcat!

Programming for students living in the residential colleges begins at 4 p.m. with a welcome from the college masters. Programming starts at 5 p.m. for students living in the residence halls. You’ll meet your RA and your fellow hall residents, have dinner together in the dining hall, and participate in on-site meetings and activities. These activities are mandatory and scheduled to end at 10 p.m. Optional on-site social events

A GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST YEAR
There will be a great deal to navigate and discover during your first year as a Wildcat. True Northwestern—an initiative created by students, staff, and faculty—will serve as your road map and help ensure that your experience is as rich as it can be. You’ll learn more about True Northwestern from your PA during Wildcat Welcome.

WHAT IS A PEER ADVISER?
A peer adviser is an upperclass student in your same school who will guide you through your transition to the University over the summer, during Wildcat Welcome, and throughout your first year. Your PA has been through the whole experience before and is a great resource, so don’t hesitate to tell your PA about your own curiosities, and concerns.

FAMILY AMBASSADORS
Parents need PAs too! Much like you, parents and family members will have students, known as “family ambassadors,” at their service on move-in day and Tuesday. These upperclass students will guide family members to the President’s Welcome and Reception, and assist with all facets of Parent and Family Orientation on Tuesday. They’re also skilled at answering parent questions—including the embarrassing type!
will follow for those who still have the energy.

While students settle in, parents and family members may attend President Morton Schapiro’s Welcome on Lakeside Field. Wildcat Welcome’s family ambassadors—knowledgeable, seasoned Wildcats in their junior or senior year—will be on hand to walk parents to the event, which begins at 5 p.m. Following the welcome, the Office of the President will host a reception on Northwestern’s North Beach. This is an opportunity to enjoy appetizers and conversation with other new Wildcat families. We know parents and family members will have had a long day, so please note that the event is casual: everyone should come as they are.

WILDCAT WELCOME KICKOFF: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

With the residence halls and residential colleges full of new students, Wildcat Welcome officially starts! Put on your new class T-shirt, have breakfast with new friends in your residence, and then join your RA for a walk to University Place—across the street from the Weber Arch.

There you’ll meet your PA and the rest of your PA group for Wildcat Welcome’s signature event: March through the Arch. Along the march route, family members, University staff, community members, and returning students will cheer as you proceed across Sheridan Road, through the Arch, past the Rock, and onto Deering Meadow, where you will be officially welcomed and assemble for a giant class photo.

The welcome speeches, celebrations, and the photo shoot on Deering Meadow will culminate at 10 a.m. with the traditional “Kiss ’n’ Bye”—the time when you and your parents and families officially go separate ways. After Kiss ’n’ Bye, students join their PA groups to board buses heading to downtown Chicago for Purple Pride! at Millennium Park, while your family members are escorted by family ambassadors to their first Parent and Family Orientation event. (PFO is optional but highly encouraged and will run until 5 p.m. More information will be sent to families over the summer.)

SEPTEMBER 17–22

Like Monday and Tuesday, the rest of Wildcat Welcome is busy and fast paced—you will simply have no time for other activities or events. This is vital to Wildcat Welcome’s mission: to get you acclimated to your new surroundings, to give you opportunities to meet new friends, to formalize and celebrate your membership in the Northwestern community, to provide academic advising and register you for classes, and to help you have fun while becoming a comfortable, confident new Wildcat.

You will devote two full days of the week to working with your school’s academic advising staff and peer advisers to select appropriate fall courses before registration day—Friday, September 19. Additionally, you will be required to complete the Essential NU series with on-campus workshops and presentations on sexual health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, alcohol and other drug use, and mental health.

Finally, Wildcat Welcome will offer built-in fun for everyone—especially on the weekend, when you’re
invited to tailgate before Saturday’s football game and make the Wildcat Dash across Ryan Field; enjoy the thrill rides at Six Flags Great America; and shop till you drop at NU Night at Target.

Wildcat Welcome concludes with the President’s Convocation on the Monday before the start of classes—but don’t expect a letdown: Wildcat Welcome Weekends will kick off on the first Friday of the quarter!

Essential NU

The mandatory Essential NU series is how you’ll find out what every Northwestern student needs to know about issues such as Northwestern’s community values, alcohol, inclusion, and mental health issues. Three ENU components—Agent of Change, For the Record, and AlcoholEdu—must be completed online this summer and are described here. During Wildcat Welcome you’ll attend additional ENU sessions with your peer adviser group. Visit the orientation website for more information. Please note that failure to complete all ENU requirements will delay or jeopardize your winter-quarter registration.

AGENT OF CHANGE

Sexual violence is not uncommon in our society, and college campuses are no exception. While the problem at Northwestern is no greater than on other campuses, we are committed to doing all we can to prevent all forms of violence. We believe each member of our community can contribute to a culture in which violence is not accepted. Agent of Change will show you how.

The interactive program takes an hour to complete and will be available online June 1–August 1. Registration information will be included in the March to the Arch newsletter and on the New Student and Family Programs website. For more information about sexual violence prevention and response at Northwestern, visit www.northwestern.edu/care.

FOR THE RECORD

For the Record introduces you to Northwestern’s community principles and values through short videos on student resources, ways to get involved, and University policies. Watch each video attentively—there’s a quiz at the end. The August issue of March to the Arch will alert you to the availability of For the Record and provide full instructions for access. The deadline for completion is September 5.

ALCOHOLEDU FOR COLLEGE

AlcoholEdu for College helps you consider and make informed decisions about the kind of role (if any) that alcohol could play in your Northwestern experience. Providing personalized feedback and strategies for dealing with the drinking behaviors of peers, AlcoholEdu aims to challenge your expectations about the effects of alcohol, encourage reflection on how choices related to alcohol may influence your academic and personal success, and engage you in creating a healthier campus community.

AlcoholEdu will be accessible online August 18–September 5. Full instructions for logging in will be included in the August issue of March to the Arch. Regardless of the nature of any past or present alcohol use, all incoming students must complete AlcoholEdu. For more information about alcohol and other drug prevention and resources at Northwestern, visit www.northwestern.edu/alcohol-resources.

The welcome continues!

Your Wildcat Welcome experience doesn’t end with the first day of classes. Because your first month at Northwestern is a crucial time for creating connections with peers, finding your academic footing, and establishing a sense of belonging to the University community, a series of “Wildcat Welcome Weekends” will begin on Friday, September 26. Each weekend extends the exploration and discovery—of the University and yourself—that begins during Wildcat Welcome. You’ll find out more about this student-originated initiative over the summer, and we hope to make your first-month experience as epic as your first week’s!
Wildcat FAQs

WHAT IF MY SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS CONFLICT WITH PURPLE PREP DEADLINES?
So long as you have reliable Internet access wherever you go, you should be able to complete all action items. If this is not possible, please call the Office of New Student and Family Programs at 847-467-3988.

WHAT IF MY MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES OVER THE SUMMER?
If your new address is effective before August 1, email the updated information to ug-admission@northwestern.edu from your Northwestern account. For address changes effective after August 1, log in to CAESAR (see page 6) to update your records.

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WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES?
Registration takes place on campus on one day only—September 19—and is preceded by two days of scheduled and walk-in advising from academic advisers, faculty, and staff. Peer advisers will assist you at every step of the actual registration process.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO SET UP DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?
Students request and arrange to receive any and all necessary accommodations through the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (see page 15). If requesting accommodations, you will meet individually with SSD staff to review your disability documentation, cooperatively determine accommodations, and sign an accommodations agreement. Please visit www.northwestern.edu/disability/students/considering/index.html for full information about SSD’s registration procedure.

IF I ATTEND A PRE-WILDCAT WELCOME PROGRAM, MAY I STORE MY STUFF FOR MOVE-IN DAY ON CAMPUS?
Yes—but there’s a limit to how much is allowed to be stored. If participating in Alternative Student Breaks, CATalyst, Project Wildcat, or the Freshman Urban Program, you may bring one extra bag or suitcase of packed items for move-in day to store on campus for the program’s duration. Additional belongings may be preshipped to campus (see page 9) if no other means of transporting them in time for move-in day exist.

WHAT’S THE TYPICAL SIZE OF A ROOM IN STUDENT RESIDENCES?
Because of the large volume and variety of housing on campus, the exact dimensions of specific rooms cannot be made available. But each building’s estimated average room sizes are included in the detailed housing descriptions provided at www.northwestern.edu/living/options/undergraduate-housing/residence-halls.html.

WHAT SIZE BED SHEETS SHOULD I BRING?
Mattresses in the halls and residential colleges are 80 inches in length—what bedding manufacturers often call “extra long twin.” If interested, you may purchase sheets from Residence Hall Linens, which works with Northwestern’s Residence Hall Association. See rhl.org/nwu4 for product and pricing information.
ANY ADVICE ON SETTING UP A BANK ACCOUNT?
The only bank on Northwestern’s campus is U.S. Bank (see page 13), but there are several other national banks with branches and ATMs near campus. You might want to see whether the bank of your choice is among them.

WHICH MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDER IS RECOMMENDED?
Having a cellphone/smartphone is the norm on campus—especially since University-provided landline service in student rooms is available by special request only (see page 9). Mobile service in the Evanston area is available through AT&T, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, and Verizon. See www.it.northwestern.edu/telephone/cellphone.html for more information.

HOW CAN I GET TO CAMPUS FROM O’HARE OR MIDWAY AIRPORT?
The trip to Evanston can be made by train, bus, airport shuttle, limo, or taxi. For details, see www.northwestern.edu/campus-life/campuses/visiting/airport-transportation.html.

WHICH HOTELS ARE NEAREST TO CAMPUS?
For a list of Evanston-area lodgings, see www.ugadm.northwestern.edu/visit/plan-your-visit/area-lodging.html.

ARE THERE WILDCAT WELCOME ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS?
Yes. Parent and Family Orientation events begin on move-in day with President Morton Schapiro’s Welcome and reception and conclude on the following afternoon. The complete PFO schedule will be available on the NSFP website in late July.

WHEN DOES WILDCAT WELCOME END FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES?
Because students are soon immersed in full-day Wildcat Welcome activities, a built-in “Kiss ‘n’ Bye” period is scheduled after the March through the Arch on September 16. Most families depart campus after attending Tuesday’s final PFO activities, which end at 5 p.m.

WHAT WILL MY SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS BE?
Each student residence has its own mailing address, listed on the inside back cover of Purple Prep, opposite the maps.

WILL MY PARENTS BE NOTIFIED OF MY GRADES?
The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 dictates that a student must grant permission to release grades to others. The Authorization of Grade Disclosure form is provided on the University registrar’s website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu/academic_records/index.html.

HOW DO PARENTS GET ACCESS TO PAY TUITION AND FEES ONLINE?
Federal privacy law requires that Northwestern not share information in a student’s account without his or her permission. It is strongly recommended that students give guest access to one or both parents/guardian(s). A student gives permission by adding each person to the “Guest Center” in CAESAR. Please refer to “Account Access Permissions” on page 13 for instructions.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR GETTING AROUND ON AND OFF CAMPUS?
Northwestern operates several free shuttles for students throughout the academic year, making stops on the Evanston and Chicago campuses as well nearby shopping centers and downtown Chicago. See www.shuttle.northwestern.edu for details. SafeRide makes evening transportation on the Evanston campus easy and safe; to learn more, visit www.northwestern.edu/saferide.

IF I DON’T HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, CAN I STILL USE ROOMSYNC?
No. A Facebook account is required to use RoomSync. If you do not want to create a Facebook account, you have the option to have Residential Services randomly assign you a roommate based on the room and roommate preferences you specify on your housing contract (see pages 9–10).
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## Academic calendar

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*9PAY schedule begins July 1, ends March 1.
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<td>IM, calendaring, tools for collaboration by email, and more</td>
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<td>CAESAR</td>
<td>The official Northwestern student portal, with features for course registration, bill paying, and more</td>
<td><a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/caesar">www.northwestern.edu/caesar</a></td>
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<td>Course Management System</td>
<td>Blackboard-powered course-specific tool for submitting assignments and tests, viewing your grades, and sharing documents, calendars, and sites</td>
<td><a href="http://www.it.northwestern.edu/education/course-management">www.it.northwestern.edu/education/course-management</a></td>
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<td>Northwestern online directory</td>
<td>Contact information for all current Northwestern faculty, staff, and students</td>
<td>directory.northwestern.edu</td>
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<td>NUIT</td>
<td>Quick links to student-specific technology resources</td>
<td><a href="http://www.it.northwestern.edu/students">www.it.northwestern.edu/students</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>NULink</td>
<td>Student-managed guide to campus and local resources</td>
<td>nulink.northwestern.edu</td>
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<td>Plan-It Purple</td>
<td>Comprehensive campus event listings by day, week, month, or year</td>
<td><a href="http://www.planitpurple.northwestern.edu">www.planitpurple.northwestern.edu</a></td>
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<td>Shuttle Tracker</td>
<td>Mobile tool for keeping tabs on campus shuttle arrivals and schedule changes in real time</td>
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<td>WildCARD Advantage</td>
<td>Listings for area businesses offering savings to Northwestern students at the flash of a WildCARD</td>
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<td>Wildcat Connection</td>
<td>Listing of organizations run by or open to Northwestern students; searchable by group name, category, or area of interest</td>
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## Schools and programs directory

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<td>Undergraduate studies/advising</td>
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<td>Honors Program in Medical Education</td>
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<td>312-503-0440</td>
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<td>491-3574</td>
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<td>SoC Student Resource Center</td>
<td><a href="http://society.northwestern.edu/advising">society.northwestern.edu/advising</a></td>
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<td>SESP undergraduate program</td>
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<td>Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science</td>
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<td>MEAS Undergraduate Engineering</td>
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<td>Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications</td>
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## Offices, services, and centers directory

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<td>Alcohol and other drug resources</td>
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<td>Asian/Asian American Student Affairs</td>
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<td>Associated Student Government</td>
<td>asg.northwestern.edu</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.nusports.com">www.nusports.com</a></td>
<td>491-2287 (1-CATS)</td>
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<td>Counseling and Psychological Services</td>
<td><a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/counseling">www.northwestern.edu/counseling</a></td>
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<td>Center for Student Involvement</td>
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<td>Dean of Students</td>
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<td>Fitness and Recreation</td>
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STUDENT RESIDENCE ADDRESSES

Residences North of Foster Street

**Ayers** College of Commerce and Industry
2324 Campus Drive

**Bobb** Hall
2305 Sheridan Road

**Elder** Residential Community
2400 Sheridan Road

**McCulloch** Hall
2315 Sheridan Road

**Sargent** Hall
2245 Sheridan Road

**Slivka** Hall (Science and Engineering Residential College)
2332 Campus Drive

**2303 Sheridan Road** (Cultural and Community Studies Residential College and GREEN House)

Residences South of Foster Street

**Allison** Residential Community
1820 Chicago Avenue

**Chapin** Hall (Humanities Residential College)
726 University Place

**CRC** (East Fairchild/Communications Residential College)
1855 Sheridan Road

**1835 Hinman** Avenue/Interfaith Living and Learning Community

**Evans** Scholars House
721 University Place

**Foster-Walker** Complex
1927 Orrington Avenue

**Hobart** House (Women’s Residential College)
630 Emerson Street

**ISRC** (West Fairchild/International Studies Residential College)
1861 Sheridan Road

**Jones** Fine and Performing Arts Residential College
1820 Sheridan Road

**North Mid-Quads** Hall
650 Emerson Street

**PARC** (Public Affairs Residential College)
1838 Chicago Avenue

**Rogers** House
647 University Place

**Shepard** Residential College
626 University Place

**South Mid-Quads** Hall
655 University Place

**Willard** Residential College
1865 Sherman Avenue

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**PLEASE NOTE**

Because of ongoing campus construction projects, not all logistics related to housing, parking, and other move-in day procedures could be finalized for Purple Prep. The monthly *March to the Arch* e-newsletter will offer updates this summer.

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