Northwestern is a comprehensive research university that is deeply interdisciplinary across multiple schools and units. Our rigorous yet empathetic academic environment provides a robust mixture of theory and practice, with an emphasis on top-tier research, new knowledge, creative expression, and practical application. At Northwestern, you’re part of an innovative, collaborative, and multidimensional community, delivering an impact that is rare in higher education.

12 COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
- Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Communication
- McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science
- The Graduate School
- Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications
- Pritzker School of Law
- Kellogg School of Management
- Feinberg School of Medicine
- Bienen School of Music
- School of Professional Studies
- Northwestern University in Qatar

NORTHWESTERN RECOGNITION
Northwestern is one of only four top-10 US universities ranked in the top 20 in each of the five graduate education categories.

#9 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
#3 BUSINESS SCHOOL
#5 EDUCATION SCHOOL
#9 LAW SCHOOL
#13 MEDICAL SCHOOL
#16 ENGINEERING SCHOOL
#4 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
#6 CHEMISTRY
#8 ECONOMICS

Rankings from U.S. News & World Report as of June 2024

ARTS AND HUMANITIES
- 35 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences programs across the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics
- Among Playbill’s top 10 most represented universities on Broadway
- Bienen School of Music alumni and faculty have won 12 Grammy Awards since 2015, and 51 music students and alumni have earned top honors in 44 international performance competitions
- Block Museum of Art named a top US campus museum by the New York Times

JOURNALISM AND INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS
World-renowned programs in journalism and integrated marketing communications (IMC):
- Undergraduates complete journalism residencies at 120+ media outlets and companies in the US and abroad.
- Journalism graduate students choose to specialize in one of seven topic areas or reporting formats.
- The IMC program at Northwestern is a pioneer in blending creativity and data to build brands for the digital age.

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- 100+ innovation-based courses taught each year
- $2.6 billion in revenue from patents and intellectual property licensing
- More than 10 million patients impacted by Northwestern therapeutics

RESEARCH
National Institutes of Health Funding
$449M
More than $1B in annual sponsored research awards
86% increase over the past 10 years
#16 in total NIH awards among AAU universities
ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 77% of undergrads combine two or more areas of study.
- About 50% of students participate in a global learning experience.
- 97% of the Class of 2022 were employed or pursuing further education, service, or career development opportunities within six months of graduation.

CLASS OF 2027

- Asian American or Pacific Islander 29.2%
- Black or African American 14.2%
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x 17.2%
- Native or Indigenous 2%
- White 47.8%
- International 10.6%
- First-generation college students 14.6%

PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

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NOTABLE ALUMNI

| Rubén Castillo | Seth Meyers |
| Stephen Colbert | J.B. Pritzker |
| Gillian Flynn | Patrick G. Ryan |
| Claudia Lopez | Roxana Saberi |
| Julia Louis-Dreyfus | Gwynne Shotwell |
| Meghan Markle | Michael Wilbon |
| George R.R. Martin | Andrew Youn |

ATHLETICS

- Founding member of the Big Ten Conference
- Two Big Ten West football titles since 2018 and undefeated in five straight bowl games
- 2021 NCAA field hockey national champions
- Eight NCAA women's lacrosse titles since 2005
- NCAA softball Big Ten regular season and tournament champions in 2022 and 2023
- Recent conference championships in basketball, fencing, field hockey, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, and wrestling
- Tied for top NCAA overall graduation success rate (98%) among Football Bowl Subdivision schools
- One of five private AAU members/top research universities to compete in NCAA Power Five conferences

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