

A PRIVATE INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED IN 1851

THE NORTHWESTERN DIFFERENCE

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 \ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY \ 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 national universities also ranked in the top 20 in four graduate school rankings.

#6 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

#3 BUSINESS SCHOOL

#5 EDUCATION SCHOOL

#9 LAW SCHOOL

#16 ENGINEERING SCHOOL

TIER 1 MEDICAL SCHOOL

#4 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

#6 CHEMISTRY

#8 ECONOMICS

Rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* as of September 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 earned **12 Grammy Awards** since 2015
- 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

More than
\$1B
in annual sponsored
research awards

National Institutes of Health Funding

\$464M

99%

increase over the past 10 years

#16 in total NIH awards among AAU universities

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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 74% of undergrads combine two or more areas of study.
- Undergrads can choose from programs in 50 countries on 6 continents.
- 96% of the Class of 2023 were employed or pursuing further education, service, or career development opportunities within six months of graduation.

7.5%
Acceptance Rate



CLASS OF 2028

- Asian **26%**
- Black or African American **15%**
- Hispanic or Latino **18%**
- American Indian or Alaska Native **2%**
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander **< 1%**
- White **43%**
- International **13%**
- First-generation college students **16%**

ENROLLMENT

8,000
undergraduates
14,000
graduate students

6:1
Students to
Faculty

Campuses



PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

22%
of the Class of 2028 receive Pell Grants

64%
of undergraduates receive financial aid

ENDOWMENT

\$13.7B

SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduates

Northwestern awarded more than **\$250 million** in scholarships to students in 2023–24.

Fulbright Scholars

Northwestern has been named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution by the US Department of State for the 20th consecutive year.

AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY

Northwestern faculty and alumni include recipients of Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes; MacArthur Genius Grants; Tony, Grammy, Emmy, and Academy Awards; and Guggenheim Fellowships as well as members of the National Academy of Sciences and numerous other honorary and professional societies.

NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE HOSPITAL AFFILIATES

#1 HOSPITAL IN ILLINOIS
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

#1 REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

#1 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ILLINOIS
Lurie Children's Hospital

U.S. News & World Report (2025)

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