

## 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

#2 BUSINESS SCHOOL

#6 EDUCATION SCHOOL

#10 LAW SCHOOL

#16 ENGINEERING SCHOOL

#2 MATERIALS ENGINEERING

#3 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

#6 CHEMISTRY

#8 ECONOMICS

Rankings from U.S. News & World Report as of April 2025

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences has **50+ departments and programs** across the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics.
- Northwestern is often counted among *Playbill's* **top 10 most represented universities on Broadway**.
- Bienen School of Music alumni and faculty have earned **13 Grammy Awards** since 2015.
- Named a **top US campus museum** by *The New York Times*, the Block Museum of Art has a collection of more than 6,000 artworks.

## 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

**\$3B**

total economic impact of Northwestern research

**\$1.9B**

economic impact in the Chicago region alone

**14,500**

jobs supported nationally

A PRIVATE INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED IN 1851



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.



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



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 21st 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
- NCAA field hockey national champions in 2021 and 2024
- Eight NCAA women's lacrosse titles since 2005
- Three consecutive Big Ten regular season championships in softball
- 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 competing in NCAA Power Five conferences