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.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
Northwestern is one of only four US universities ranked in the top 20 across all graduate education categories and in the top 10 overall.

#9 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
#11 EDUCATION SCHOOL
#3 MATERIALS ENGINEERING
#24 GLOBAL UNIVERSITY
#13 LAW SCHOOL
#17 MEDICAL SCHOOL
#7 CHEMISTRY
#8 ECONOMICS

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 11 Grammy Awards since 2015, and 31 music students and alumni have earned top honors in 33 international competitions
- Block Museum of Art named a top US campus museum by the New York Times

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- 100+ innovation-based courses taught each year
- $2.2 billion in revenue from patents and intellectual property licensing
- More than 10 million patients impacted by Northwestern therapeutics

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.

RESEARCH
- National Institutes of Health Funding
  - More than $893M in annual sponsored research awards
  - $434M
  - 127% increase over the past 10 years
  - #15 in total NIH awards among AAU universities

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
ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 70% of undergrads combine two or more areas of study.
- About 50% of students participate in study abroad programs.
- 95% of the Class of 2020 were employed or pursuing further education, service, or career development opportunities within six months of graduation.

PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

- 21% of the Class of 2025 receive Pell Grants
- 61% of undergraduates receive financial aid

SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduates
Northwestern awarded $209 million in scholarships to students in 2020–21.

Fulbright Scholars
Northwestern is one of a handful of universities to appear on every “top-producing” Fulbright US Student Program list published by the Chronicle of Higher Education since 2005.

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.

CLASS OF 2025

- Asian American 24.5%
- Black or African American 12%
- Hispanic or Latinx 17%
- Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Indigenous 1.8%
- White 52.2%
- International 10.5%
- First-generation college students 15%

ENDOWMENT

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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 winner of four bowl games since 2016
- 2021 NCAA field hockey national champions
- Seven NCAA women’s lacrosse titles since 2005
- Recent conference championships in basketball, fencing, field hockey, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and wrestling
- NCAA graduation success rate of 98% has ranked in the top four among Football Bowl Subdivision schools for 17 consecutive years
- One of five private AAU members/top research universities to compete in NCAA Power Five conferences