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

Rankings from U.S. News and World Report (except global ranking from Times Higher Education) as of September 2020

- 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

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 9 Grammy Awards since 2015, and 18 music students and alumni have earned top honors in 14 international competitions
- Block Museum of Art named a top US campus museum by the New York Times

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Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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

Research

- Nearly $886M in annual sponsored research awards
- National Institutes of Health Funding $388M
- 11% increase from prior year
- 110.2% increase over the past 10 years
- #15 in total NIH awards among AAU universities
ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 71% of undergrads combine two or more areas of study.
- About 50% of students participate in study abroad programs.
- 95% of the Class of 2019 were employed, studying on a fellowship, or attending graduate or professional school within six months of graduation.

PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

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- 64% of undergraduates receive financial aid

ENROLLMENT

- 8,000+ undergraduates
- 13,000+ graduate students

Students to Faculty: 6:1

CLASS OF 2024

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 1.6%
- Asian American: 25.5%
- Black or African American: 10%
- Hispanic or Latinx: 15.4%
- White: 53.2%
- International: 10%
- First-generation college students: 12.6%

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AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY

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NOTABLE ALUMNI

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

ATHLETICS

- Founding member of the Big Ten Conference
- 2018 Big Ten West football champion and winner of three consecutive bowl games and five consecutive Land of Lincoln trophies
- Seven NCAA women’s lacrosse titles since 2005
- Recent conference championships in basketball, soccer, field hockey, golf, tennis, wrestling, swimming, diving, and fencing
- Northwestern’s 98% NCAA graduation success rate is no. 1 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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ENDOWMENT

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NORTHEASTERN MEDICINE

HOSPITAL AFFILIATES

- #10 Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- #1 Rehabilitation Hospital (Shirley Ryan AbilityLab)
- #8 Cardiology and Heart Surgery (Lurie Children’s Hospital)

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