

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

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.

#10 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

#24 GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

#3 BUSINESS SCHOOL

#11 EDUCATION SCHOOL

#13 LAW SCHOOL

#17 MEDICAL SCHOOL

#3 MATERIALS ENGINEERING

#7 CHEMISTRY

#8 ECONOMICS

Rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* (except global ranking from *Times Higher Education*) as of September 2022

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 44 music students and alumni have earned **top honors in 40 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

More than
\$923M
in annual sponsored
research awards

National Institutes of Health Funding

\$421M

107%

increase over the past 10 years

#16 in total NIH awards among AAU universities

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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 73% of undergrads combine two or more areas of study.
- About 50% of students participate in a global learning experience.
- 96% of the Class of 2021 were employed or pursuing further education, service, or career development opportunities within six months of graduation.

7%
Acceptance Rate



CLASS OF 2026

- Asian American or Pacific Islander **26.8%**
- Black or African American **13.5%**
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x **15%**
- Native or Indigenous **1.8%**
- White **50.1%**
- International **10.3%**
- First-generation college students **15%**

ENROLLMENT

8,000+
undergraduates
14,000+
graduate students

6:1
Students to
Faculty

Campuses



PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

21%
of the Class of 2026 receive Pell Grants

64%
of undergraduates receive financial aid

ENDOWMENT

\$16B

SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduates

Northwestern awarded more than **\$200 million** in scholarships to students in 2021–22.

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.

NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE HOSPITAL AFFILIATES

#9 **HOSPITAL**
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

#1 **REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**
Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

#9 **CARDIOLOGY AND HEART SURGERY**
Lurie Children’s Hospital

U.S. News & World Report (2023)

NOTABLE ALUMNI

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| 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