Northwestern University is located along the shores of Lake Michigan just 12 miles north of downtown Chicago in Evanston, Illinois. The Global Learning Office (GLO) at Northwestern welcomes exchange students from over a dozen university partners each year, who study at Northwestern during the Fall, Winter, and/or Spring Quarters. Students may enroll directly in courses across a wide variety of disciplines and can take part in hundreds of clubs, events, and activities.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
Students must be nominated by their home university first. GLO will contact partner universities to submit their student nominations online. Students must then complete an online application, which includes:
- Personal and academic information
- Intended term(s) of study
- Preliminary course plan
- Personal statement (500 words, in English)
- Official university transcripts
- Proof of English proficiency: TOEFL or IELTS scores or a letter from your home university

**2023 - 2024 APPLICATION DEADLINES**
- Fall Quarter: April 1, 2023
- Winter Quarter: July 1, 2023
- Spring Quarter: November 1, 2023

**2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**
- Fall Orientation: September 18, 2023
- Fall Quarter: September 19 – December 9, 2023
- Winter Orientation: January 2, 2024
- Winter Quarter: January 3 – March 16, 2024
- Spring Orientation: March 25, 2024
- Spring Quarter: March 26 – June 8, 2024

**ACADEMICS**
Undergraduate students at Northwestern typically take three or four courses per quarter in a variety of subjects. Most courses at Northwestern are worth 1 unit of credit and meet for three hours per week over the 10-week quarter. Some classes have additional laboratory or discussion sections. International exchange students must maintain full-time enrollment, which is defined as three or four units per quarter. It is not recommended that exchange students take five units, what is considered at Northwestern to be an overload, given various demands and priorities on and off campus. For the purpose of transferring credit, 1 unit of Northwestern credit should be considered the equivalent of 2.66 U.S. semester hours.

**Available Courses:** As long as prerequisites are met and courses are open, exchange students have full access to courses available to undergraduates in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, as well as limited access to courses in the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; School of Education and Social Policy; School of Communication; and School of Professional Studies.

**Unavailable Courses:** Courses in the following departments and schools are not open to exchange students: Integrated Marketing Communications (Medill), Kellogg School of Management, Pritzker School of Law, Feinberg School of Medicine, Bienen School of Music.

**Course Registration:** Northwestern cannot guarantee enrollment in any specific courses. Exchange students can register for courses online approximately 4-6 weeks before the start of each quarter. Access Northwestern’s undergraduate catalog to identify possible courses: [www.registrar.northwestern.edu/registration-graduation/class-descriptions.html](http://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/registration-graduation/class-descriptions.html)

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HEALTH INSURANCE
All exchange students are required to be enrolled in the Northwestern Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP) during their time at Northwestern, regardless of any existing health insurance coverage. Northwestern Medicine Student Health Service serves as primary care provider and can provide referrals to doctors and hospitals in the Evanston/Chicago area. For more information, visit BIT.LY/3GGNGZK

MEAL PLAN
Student meal plans may be purchased for use within dining halls, restaurants, and/or cafes on campus. Students living on campus are required to enroll in the Open Access, Base 14, or Flex Pack 330 meal plan. Students living off campus have the option of purchasing a smaller meal plan to suit their campus dining needs. For more information, visit www.dineoncampus.com/northwestern/

VISAS
Exchange students will apply for a J-1 Visa through Northwestern’s International Office after their acceptance. More information about the visa application process will be provided. For general information, visit www.northwestern.edu/international/student-visas/steps-for-new-students/

2023-2024 ESTIMATED EXPENSES (PER QUARTER)
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