Northwestern University 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**
- **#8 Education School**
- **#2 Materials Engineering**
- **#24 Global University**
- **#12 Law School**
- **#15 Medical School**
- **#6 Chemistry**
- **#8 Economics**

Rankings from U.S. News & World Report (except global ranking from Times Higher Education) as of March 2021

**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 10 Grammy Awards since 2015, and 21 music students and alumni have earned top honors in 16 international 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.

**Research**

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

- 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
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A PRIVATE INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED IN 1851

PELL GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID

20% of the Class of 2024 receive Pell Grants
64% of undergraduates receive financial aid

SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduates
Northwestern awarded $207 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.

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
• 2020 Big Ten West football champion and winner of four consecutive bowl games and six consecutive Land of Lincoln trophies
• Seven NCAA women’s lacrosse titles since 2005
• Recent conference championships in basketball, soccer, field hockey, golf, tennis, wrestling, fencing, swimming, and diving
• Northwestern’s 98% NCAA graduation success rate has ranked no. 1 among Football Bowl Subdivision schools for the past three years
• One of five private AAU members/top research universities to compete in NCAA Power Five conferences

ENROLLMENT

8,000+ undergraduates
13,000+ graduate students

6:1 Students to Faculty

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.

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%

Campuses

EVANSTON, IL
CHICAGO, IL
DOHA, QATAR

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ENDOWMENT

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HOSPITAL

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

CARDIOLOGY AND HEART SURGERY

Lurie Children's Hospital