Welcome, Class of 2022!
Purple Prep is your go-to guide to all you need to know and do before you arrive at Northwestern.
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# Summer checklist

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<td>□ Read through <em>Purple Prep</em> and start prioritizing your summer tasks. Pay special attention to any requirements set by your school, noted on your school’s own checklist in <em>Purple Prep</em>’s “Academics” section.</td>
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<td>□ If participating in optional summer academic programs, apply by their deadlines.</td>
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<td>□ Sign and submit your housing contract.</td>
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<td>□ Apply for 9PAY installment plan for tuition, fees, and room and board (optional).</td>
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<td>□ Register for your choice of Pre-Orientation Programs (optional).</td>
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<td>□ Mail immunization and Admission Health Record forms. Bring copies with you this fall.</td>
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<td>□ Note that if you wish to change your major or school, a request must be made to the dean of undergraduate admission at <a href="mailto:lmt@northwestern.edu">lmt@northwestern.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>□ Complete the Wildcat Welcome Information Form (available as of 6/5).</td>
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<td>□ If applicable, request to have your International Baccalaureate (IB) transcript sent to Northwestern. Bring copies with you this fall.</td>
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<td>□ Take any required online exams or assessments (available as of 6/1).</td>
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<td>□ Have your final high school transcript sent to Northwestern.</td>
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<td>□ If applicable, request to have your Advanced Placement (AP) exam results sent to Northwestern. Bring copies with you this fall.</td>
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<td>□ Upload photo for your Northwestern student ID.</td>
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<td>□ Register for International Student Orientation (international students only).</td>
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<td>□ Upload I-20/DS-2019 request on CAESAR prior to obtaining a student visa from a US embassy or consulate (international students only).</td>
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<td>□ Add parent/guardian access to your student account on CAESAR (optional).</td>
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<td>□ Verify billing preferences and address on CAESAR.</td>
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<td>Confirm or waive NU-SHIP (student health insurance) enrollment on CAESAR (available as of 7/1).</td>
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<td>If appropriate, start the process of registering for AccessibleNU accommodations and services for fall.</td>
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<td>If applicable, complete financial aid applications and track aid-related to-do’s on CAESAR.</td>
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<td>Pay fall tuition and fees (bill available as of 8/10).</td>
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<td>Request move-in day unloading permit (permits available as of mid-August).</td>
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<td>Complete True Northwestern Dialogues requirement: Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates (available as of 8/22).</td>
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<td>Complete True Northwestern Dialogues requirement: AlcoholEdu for College (available as of 8/22).</td>
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<td>Read <em>The Handmaid’s Tale</em>, the One Book One Northwestern selection (free copies sent to all incoming students in late July).</td>
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### IN SEPTEMBER

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<td>Schedule any shipments to campus to arrive on 9/21 or later.</td>
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<td>Install Northwestern-provided antivirus software on your computer.</td>
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<td>Arrive on campus for International Student Orientation (international students only).</td>
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<td>Arrive on campus, move in, and participate in all six days of Wildcat Welcome.</td>
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### STAY ON TRACK WITH TASKS

Northwestern will not bombard you with reminders for each of your tasks. Instead, you have several ways to stay on track:

- **Prefer paper?** Use Purple Prep’s all-in-one summer checklist and the academic checklist unique to your school.
- **Checklist or Purple Prep updates?** *March to the Arch* emails are sent on the first Tuesday of each month to bring you timely, need-to-know updates along with supplemental information.

### PLEASE NOTE

Most tasks on the checklist require access to email and the internet. If your ability to go online might be seriously limited for long stretches this summer—due to travels or other circumstances—please contact New Student and Family Programs at [firstyear@northwestern.edu](mailto:firstyear@northwestern.edu) by June 1.
ACTIVATE YOUR NETID AND EMAIL
Follow the steps below to activate your NetID as soon as possible. (Both your NetID and activation code were sent to you with Northwestern’s acceptance message.) Your NetID will allow you to activate your @u.northwestern.edu email account and to log in to CAESAR, Northwestern’s system for handling many of the tasks of being a student.

1. Go to northwestern.edu/login.
2. Enter your activation code as the password.
3. Set your NetID password.
4. Set answers to three or more security questions (for NetID password reset).
5. Follow the prompts to activate your @u.northwestern.edu account.

MANAGE YOUR EMAIL
All official communication from Northwestern is sent to your @u.northwestern.edu account. You are responsible for receiving, reading, and responding to messages in a timely way, so be sure to check your account frequently this summer. Powered by Google’s G Suite for Education, your account includes tools for email, calendars, document management, cloud storage, and more.

Email-management tips:
• If you activated your NetID but not your @u.northwestern.edu account, activate your email by going to umail.northwestern.edu/activate.
• Remember that your email password is distinct from your NetID password.
• To change your email password, add a nickname, or modify your name or year in your email address, go to umail.northwestern.edu/manage.
• To access your Northwestern email account from any web browser, go to myaccount.google.com and log in using your @u.northwestern.edu account name and password.

JOIN THE #NU2022 CONVERSATION

Follow “Wildcat Welcome” and join the Class of 2022 group
Add “wildcatwelcome”
@WildcatWelcome
@wildcatwelcome
Follow “wildcatwelcome”
CAESAR quick tour

Northwestern’s student enterprise system, called CAESAR, is packed with tools for handling tasks like updating your personal profile, paying tuition and fees, tracking financial aid, and managing classes and grades. Once you’ve activated your NetID, you can take a quick tour of CAESAR. Just go to northwestern.edu/caesar and log in to the system by entering your NetID (user name) and NetID password at the prompts.

The home page shows CAESAR’s components arranged in tiles. Tiles will be added as additional components become available to you over the summer and in the fall.

1. The Profile tile opens to pages for viewing and updating your user preferences and contact details. Another key function of this tile: setting up guest access to let others view and pay bills (see page 18). From July through September, you can use the Profile tile or the Tasks tile to make your student health insurance coverage selection (see pages 20–21).

2. The My Account tile leads to pages for viewing University charges and payment options.

3. The Financial Aid tile has information about applying for and managing financial aid. It features a To Do List that will show any aid-related tasks that come up this summer.

4. The Tasks tile is where mandatory University to-do items—including some affecting eligibility to register for classes—are consolidated for easy tracking. (Note that most tasks that may appear on CAESAR this summer are also noted on Purple Prep’s summer checklist.)

5. The home icon—a shortcut to the CAESAR home page—stays in place while you navigate the site.
The lead-up to first year

Purple Prep opens with an overview of Wildcat Welcome, our orientation program; optional summer opportunities that precede Wildcat Welcome; the True Northwestern Dialogues series; and specialized orientations, resources, and services that support inclusivity and community on campus.
Wildcat Welcome

NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS northwestern.edu/orientation
847-467-3988 firstyear@northwestern.edu

Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s September 21–26 mandatory on-campus orientation program for all new students, involves you in a wide range of activities designed to foster community, prepare you to choose classes, and celebrate the journey you’re about to begin. June’s March to the Arch email will include a Wildcat Welcome Information Form to be completed by July 6, and the full Wildcat Welcome schedule (outlined below) will be on the orientation website in late August.

MOVE-IN DAY: SEPTEMBER 21
At the time specified on your unloading permit (see page 15), you will go directly to your student residence to check in, meet your resident assistant, and pick up your Wildcard (see page 23). Wildcat Welcome peer advisers and other volunteers will be on hand to assist in moving your belongings into your room.

PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION: SEPTEMBER 21–22
Family members are invited to take part in Parent and Family Orientation (PFO), which starts at 4 p.m. on Friday with the President’s Welcome and Reception and continues through 5 p.m. Saturday. The PFO schedule will be posted on the New Student and Family Programs website in early July.

MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH: SEPTEMBER 22
March through the Arch, Wildcat Welcome’s signature event, takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with family members, University staff, community members, and returning students cheering on the Class of 2022 and new transfer students as they walk through Northwestern’s iconic Weber Arch.

ADVISING AND REGISTRATION: SEPTEMBER 24–25
Students spend time on Monday and Tuesday working with academic advisers before registering for fall courses on Tuesday.

OTHER MAIN EVENTS
All new students gather on the lakefront to celebrate Purple Pride! and gear up for Big Ten Athletics by learning school cheers, songs, and traditions. The President’s Convocation and sessions in the True Northwestern Dialogues series reinforce key themes of Wildcat Welcome. Other highlights include the New Student Resource Fair, Norris at Night, and Northwestern Night at Six Flags Great America.

Classes start on September 27, but Wildcat Welcome continues with the September 27–28 Student Activities Fair and the New Student Tailgate and Wildcat Dash at the home football game against the University of Michigan on September 29.

WHAT IS A PEER ADVISER?
Your peer adviser is a returning student with an academic concentration similar to yours who has been carefully selected and trained to guide you through your transition to the University over the summer, during Wildcat Welcome, and throughout your first year. Your PA has already been through the whole experience and is an outstanding resource, so don’t hesitate to ask about your curiosities and concerns. And because your transition to Northwestern doesn’t end with Wildcat Welcome, you will continue to meet with your peer adviser group twice each quarter during your first year.

Expect to hear from your PA in mid-July; students with majors in Weinberg College will be contacted by PAs in early August.
Optional summer opportunities

Leading up to your first year at Northwestern, this summer is a unique time, and you have unique opportunities to make the most of it. Options include several on-campus academic programs and the experiential-learning trips known as POP (Pre-Orientation Programs). See the program websites for details. All programs have application or registration deadlines in May or early June, so act soon!

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Offered on campus, the five summer academic programs are built to prepare students for Northwestern—specifically students who are the first in their family to attend college, or who come from low-income backgrounds, or who did not have access to AP/IB-level preparation in high school. The programs vary in length, require no fees, and are designed to jumpstart readiness for first-year coursework.

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<td>The five-week Bridge program offers two tracks: one focusing</td>
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<td>on chemistry or economics, and the other on the humanities</td>
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<td>and social sciences.</td>
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<td>EXCEL offers five weeks of engineering coursework preparation</td>
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<td>for new McCormick students. Participants are selected for</td>
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<td>their high school accomplishments, leadership skills, and</td>
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<td>demonstrated commitment to diversity issues.</td>
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<td>During the 17 days of Leadership Institute, participants</td>
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<td>take a SESP course, connect with faculty and peers, and</td>
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<td>focus on how their personal histories and perspectives can</td>
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<td>help them shape their chosen fields and thrive at</td>
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<td>Students who complete the three-week SAW program strengthen</td>
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<td>their writing skills—earning credit for one 100-level</td>
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<td>English writing course in the process—and gain key insights</td>
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<td>and resources for successfully navigating Northwestern.</td>
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PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAMS
Each year about 280 students choose to participate in a Pre-Orientation Program (POP). Go to the POP website—bit.ly/nu-pop—to find detailed descriptions of each program and the registration form, which is due on June 10. Space in each program is limited and placement is not guaranteed. Students who receive Northwestern need-based aid qualify for waivers that fully cover or drastically reduce program fees.

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<td>Alternative Student Breaks-POP</td>
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<td>Get involved in real-world civic engagement projects on an ASB service-learning trip in the Midwest.</td>
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<td>CATalyst</td>
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<td>Build confidence and leadership skills through group activities at a campground in Ingleside, Illinois.</td>
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<td>Chicago Undergraduate Program</td>
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<td>Visit neighborhoods, serve the community, and engage in group discussions focusing on Chicago.</td>
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<td>Project Wildcat</td>
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<td>Experience the northern Minnesota wilderness on a backpacking trip for all skill levels.</td>
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GO NUMB!
If you performed in your high school band, consider joining the Northwestern University Wildcat Marching Band (NUMB). Both Drumline Camp and Band Camp have August start dates. Go to northwesternbands.org/numb or call 847-491-7521 to learn more.
True Northwestern Dialogues

The True Northwestern Dialogues (TND) series launches a serious exploration of the mind-set and skills you need to find your bearings, form positive connections to the community, and successfully navigate the University in your first year and beyond. Wildcat Welcome will include four TND sessions, and your peer adviser group will meet for follow-ups each quarter. This summer, you are required to complete the two online TNDs described here, available from August 22 through September 12; August’s March to the Arch email will tell you how to access them.*

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

This TND’s objective is twofold: to initiate a conversation and to show what it takes to create a community where healthy sexuality is supported and sexual violence is rejected. The program offers practical how-to’s: how to identify sexual violence, how to define and uphold consent, how to find on-campus and other nearby resources related to support and reporting. Every member of the Northwestern community can help build a culture of zero tolerance for violence; taking guidance from this TND is a good way to start.

The subject matter may be emotionally challenging for some students. If this is true for you, you may share your concerns with a confidential counselor based at CARE, the Center for Awareness, Response, and Education at Northwestern: care@northwestern.edu.

ALCOHOLEDU FOR COLLEGE

AlcoholEdu is designed to help you consider and make informed decisions about the role of alcohol in your college experience. By providing personalized feedback and strategies for dealing with the drinking behaviors of peers, the program aims to challenge your assumptions about alcohol’s effects, encourage reflection on how choices related to alcohol can affect academic and social success, and emphasize your role in creating a healthy campus community. It includes an overview of Northwestern’s alcohol and drug policies.

All new students are expected to complete AlcoholEdu, regardless of their age or the nature of any past or present alcohol use.

*Please note that TND requirements are mandatory; failure to meet them could jeopardize your fall registration.
International Student Orientation

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE \ northwest.edu/international
847-491-5613 \ intoff@northwestern.edu

With a focus on matters like immigration and medical insurance, as well as advice on acclimating to US academic culture and life in Evanston, ISO is the mandatory September 18–21 orientation program that Northwestern provides for incoming international students before Wildcat Welcome. Registration for ISO is required and available through August 1. Go to the International Office website to register, learn more about ISO’s content, and get instructions for obtaining an F-1 or J-1 student visa.

SUMMER COMMUNICATIONS
Over the summer, international peer advisers—Northwestern sophomores, juniors, and seniors with previous ISO experience—interact with incoming international students via email, a blog, and Facebook. Students also receive the monthly ISO e-newsletter, New to Northwestern, from April through September. After ISO, all international students participate in Wildcat Welcome.

If you are unable to attend ISO because of participation in a concurrent Pre-Orientation Program, please call or email the International Office before the ISO registration deadline.

Note that ISO’s social activities will be optional during the 24-hour period that begins at sundown on September 18 to allow flexibility for students observing Yom Kippur.
First-generation, low-income, and undocumented students

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERVICES \ northwestern.edu/enrichment
847-467-4577 \ enrichment@northwestern.edu

Student Enrichment Services (SES) partners with first-generation, low-income, and DACA/undocumented students to foster identity development, navigate campus resources, and build community. Through campuswide partnerships and advocacy, SES strives to build an inclusive Northwestern community that is welcoming, supportive, and accessible for all students.

WHO WE ARE
The SES staff includes
- Kourtney Cockrell, director
- Sharitza Rivera, assistant director
- Christina A. Smith, administrative assistant

RESOURCES
With the help of generous donors, SES is able to provide laptop loaners, winter gear, and other resources for students. SES’s online portal, called One Form, is a gateway to information about funds and opportunities across campus. Visit the SES website to learn more.

COMPASS MENTOR PROGRAM
SES’s Compass Mentor Program pairs incoming students with returning-student mentors who also identify as first-gen and/or low-income students. Starting in fall quarter, Compass meetings take place weekly over dinner, and first-year participants meet with their mentors every other week. Students may apply for the Compass program on the SES website starting in May.

NORTHWESTERN IN CHICAGO
Join SES on July 25 at Chicago’s Mexican Museum of Fine Arts for Northwestern in Chicago, a special event offering opportunities to receive information and meet current students, staff, faculty, and alumni. Incoming first-gen, low-income, and undocumented students and their families from the Chicago area will receive email invitations in early June. We look forward to meeting you!
AccessibleNU

ACCESSIBLENU \ northwestern.edu/accessiblenu
847-467-5330 \ accessiblenu@northwestern.edu

Northwestern and AccessibleNU work to provide a learning and community environment that affords full participation, equal access, and reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. To learn more about AccessibleNU’s mission and to register for services and accommodations appropriate for you, please go to the ANU website. To ensure fall-quarter accommodations, please register by November 2.

ACCESSIBLENU REGISTRATION
If you have a physical or learning disability, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, a diagnosed psychological condition, or another chronic health condition that may qualify, please go to the ANU website for information about documentation and reasonable accommodations. Only students who register with AccessibleNU are entitled to accommodations and services.

To begin the registration process, please do the following:
1. Complete the online application over the summer.
2. Submit verification of your disability or qualifying condition according to the guidelines on the website.
3. Schedule an intake appointment with an AccessibleNU staff member.
4. Following the intake appointment, sign the agreement detailing the accommodations that will be provided to you.

Note that AccessibleNU maintains the confidentiality of the information you provide. It stays in files that are kept apart from your academic records.

CONNECT WITH ACCESSIBLENU
Follow AccessibleNU on Facebook and @AccessibleNU on Twitter to stay on top of ANU news and communications. And add September 26 to your calendar: it’s when ANU will host an orientation luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Please join us!
Living at Northwestern

Get ready to start calling Northwestern home! This section covers the summer to-do’s related to living on campus—from signing your housing contract and managing your student account to uploading a photo for your Northwestern ID.
Housing

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES \ northwestern.edu/living
847-467-HOME (4663) \ housing@northwestern.edu

Once your housing deposit is paid, you’re ready to explore Northwestern student housing choices and sign the housing contract, which is due on June 1. For access to the contract and complete information—including photos, floor plans, amenities, and rates—go to the Residential Services website.

**HOUSING CHOICES**
Every Northwestern student residence has its own unique character, spirit, and advantages. In general, the three main types of residence—halls, thematic colleges, and residential communities—differ in the extent of their built-in opportunities to interact with faculty. Residential communities and colleges offer greater faculty involvement, while halls emphasize student-led activities and self-governance.

A map and list of student residences are included at the back of *Purple Prep*.

**HOUSING CONTRACT**
You can start filling out your housing contract shortly after paying your $200 housing deposit. (The deposit was due May 1, and contract access is granted 72 hours after the deposit is received. If you missed the deposit deadline, please contact Residential Services.)

To access the contract, go to the Residential Services website and use your NetID and password to log in. Be prepared to indicate your housing and roommate preferences. Once you begin, you may save and make changes to your contract anytime before submitting it. The deadline is 5 p.m. CDT on June 1.

So long as you meet the deadline, it does not matter when you submit your contract; housing is not assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Residential Services emails housing assignments to all new students in August.

**Have a roommate in mind?**
If you do, request that person by name on the housing contract. Your intended roommate must do the same—that is, request you on their contract. This will allow Residential Services to honor the request.

**No roommate in mind?**
Don’t worry—this is not unusual. Residential Services will match you with a roommate based on the room and roommate preferences you specify on the housing contract.

Note that some students change their plans and decide not to enroll at Northwestern, resulting in partially assigned rooms. Should your room be affected, you’ll be notified that you have been assigned a new roommate, which may require relocating to a different room or residence.

**MOVE-IN DAY: SEPTEMBER 21**
Students move into their residences at specified times between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on move-in day. Students arriving with hand luggage only may move in anytime after 8 a.m. International students will have already moved in to attend International Student Orientation.

**Move-in unloading permit**
Because parking near student residences is limited, Northwestern issues time-specific unloading permits for use on move-in day. The August *March to the Arch* email will include instructions for requesting an unloading permit online.
ROOM THINGS TO BRING

- Extra-long twin bed sheets, pillows, pillowcases, comforter
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Shower sandals
- Shower caddy
- Laundry bag/hamper, drying rack, detergent, stain remover
- Clothes hangers
- Raincoat, umbrella
- Winter coat, hat, scarf, gloves, boots
- Headphones
- Phone charger
- Power strip
- Nonhalogen desk lamp or other bright light for reading
- Poster adhesive, removable hooks
- Portable fan (window or tabletop)
- Air fresheners (no candles or incense burners)
- Alarm clock
- Photo ID (driver’s license, state ID, or passport)

SHIPPING ITEMS IN ADVANCE

Residential Services has partnered with University and Student Services’ Ship-to-Your-Room program to offer a convenient way to ship your belongings ahead of move-in day. Items can be shipped from August 23 to September 6. See universityandstudentservices.com/northwestern.html for details. Please note that Residential Services will not accept packages mailed directly to campus before move-in day; for full guidelines see northwestern.edu/living/services/mail.

Dining

DINING \ 847-491-2020 \ food@northwestern.edu

The Open Access meal plan allows all first-year students unlimited access to residential dining centers, beginning on move-in day. Contact Northwestern Dining with any questions about the meal plan, and start looking forward to tasting why Northwestern is ranked fifth among the nation’s “Best Colleges for Food” by thedailymeal.com!

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

All dining centers offer gluten-free menu options, and the food at Mindful Stations is prepared without any of the top eight food allergens. Halal meals are available by request, and the Allison Residential Community dining center offers Kosher dining. If you have any questions or would like a consultation, email the staff dietitian at diet-food@northwestern.edu.

DINING DOLLARS

The Open Access plan includes $125 Dining Dollars and three guest meals per quarter. Dining Dollars can be spent at any on-campus retail or dining location—including the Starbucks at Norris University Center—and will roll over to the next quarter if unused.
Technology is an essential tool of student life, and access to the University’s IT resources and support begins the moment you activate your NetID. The Northwestern IT website is your best source for tech tools and how-to’s, including minimum computer hardware recommendations, support options, and instructions for installing computer virus protection—a task important enough to be on Purple Prep’s summer checklist.

VIRUS PROTECTION
Before you come to campus, make sure your computer is free of viruses and has current operating system updates, the latest antivirus and anti-malware definitions, and the current version of Symantec Endpoint Protection, which Northwestern provides at no cost. Go to it.northwestern.edu/software/sav to download and install it.

ACCESSING THE INTERNET
All student residences offer wireless internet access, and some also offer wired access. The Northwestern IT website has instructions for setting up all your devices—Android or iOS, Windows or macOS, game system, printer, and streaming-media devices to use on the internet.

RESPONSIBLE NETWORK USE
It is the responsibility of every Northwestern student to use the University’s resources in a safe, secure, and legal way. You are expected to review and abide by the University’s responsible-use policies and guidelines.

It is against University policy to set up your own wireless network, and routers and network extenders are strictly prohibited. Cellular coverage is widely available on campus, and student residences are specially equipped to enhance the signals from cellular service providers.

IT SUPPORT OPTIONS
- Call the IT Support Center at 847-491-4357 (1-HELP).
- Email your questions to consultant@northwestern.edu.
- Use the Northwestern Knowledge Base at kb.northwestern.edu.
- Find more ways to get support at it.northwestern.edu/supportcenter.

On-site help will be offered on move-in day, and the IT Support Center has permanent locations at 1800 Sherman Avenue and in University Library. Note that IT support staff do not fix hardware problems or reinstall operating systems, but they can recommend a repair service.
Your student account

STUDENT FINANCE\northwestern.edu/sfs
847-491-5224\studentaccounts-ev@northwestern.edu

Your student account is the central location for all your Northwestern bills. CAESAR is how you and your authorized guests can access your account, make payments, track financial aid awards, and manage other money matters. Start with the overview of student account how-to’s here, and visit the Student Financial Services (SFS) website for more information.

ACCOUNT GUEST ACCESS
Federal law prohibits Northwestern from sharing a student’s account information without the student’s permission. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you give one or both parents or guardians guest access to your account. Guest access allows authorized users to view bills and pay tuition and fees on your behalf.

To get step-by-step instructions for setting up guest access, log into CAESAR and select the Profile tile (see page 5). We advise doing this in early August or before. More information is available on the “Guest Access” page of the SFS website.

BILLS AND PAYMENTS
The first bill for fall quarter is generated on August 10, and payment is due on September 1. To ensure smooth billing and payment, please go to the Profile tile on CAESAR to verify your permanent address and bill-delivery preferences by August 8.

Any bill may be paid online or by mail. The QuikPAY option allows for convenient and secure online viewing, printing, and paying of tuition bills. You may also configure QuikPAY preferences so that bills are sent by US mail. Always allow two business days for electronic payments via CAESAR or five business days for payments by mail.

Although tuition is billed quarterly, other charges, such as library fines, may be billed to your account at any time. An invoice will be generated during any month in which there is a balance or any new account activity.

Please refer to the Financial Regulations handbook, viewable on the SFS website, for detailed information and guidelines.

OPTIONAL 9PAY PLAN
Northwestern offers a prepayment plan called 9PAY that allows payments for the academic year to be spread over nine months—from July 2018 through March 2019—instead of lumped into large sums due at the start of each quarter. 9PAY has no finance or interest charges; the only cost is the $50 non-refundable application fee. The deadline to apply for 9PAY is June 1. Visit the SFS website to learn more and apply.
Financial aid

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID \ undergradaid.northwestern.edu
847-491-7400 \ undergradaid@u.northwestern.edu

Northwestern offers financial assistance on the basis of need. The Undergraduate Financial Aid Office’s website provides an overview of the application process, a list of FAQs, a college-cost calculator, and other resources. Financial aid staff will email students during the summer regarding their aid applications and any information needed to finalize awards. Anticipated aid will be reflected on the first tuition bill for fall quarter, generated in August.

FINANCIAL AID TO-DO’S
All students applying for aid should regularly use the Financial Aid, Tasks, and My Account tiles on CAESAR to keep tabs on aid-related matters. If you have questions about how your financial aid affects your bill, or if you wish to explore the possibility of financial aid, please call or email the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office.

ELIGIBLE FOR WORK-STUDY?
Work-study-eligible students receive communication from the Federal Work-Study Office before the summer is over, and a work-study orientation and job fair will be offered during Wildcat Welcome. Note that students accepting work-study employment must provide identification—such as a Social Security card, US passport, or birth certificate—at the time of hire.

LAPTOP LOANERS
Student Enrichment Services offers laptops for short-term use by students with demonstrated financial need. See page 12 and learn more about the laptop loaner program at northwestern.edu/enrichment.
Medical insurance

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE OFFICE \ northwestern.edu/student-insurance
847-491-3621 \ student.insurance@northwestern.edu

Northwestern requires all degree-seeking students to have comprehensive health insurance. Accordingly, before each academic year, students are automatically enrolled in NU-SHIP, Northwestern’s student health insurance plan. All incoming students must either confirm or waive their NU-SHIP enrollment by completing the Insurance Coverage Selection Form by October 1. NU-SHIP coverage is mandatory for students holding F-1 or J-1 US visas.

ANNUAL INSURANCE SELECTION REQUIREMENT
Students must provide insurance coverage information to the University annually. If you are covered under private insurance (e.g., a marketplace-based or employer-provided plan), you must ensure that your plan meets all of Northwestern’s comparable coverage requirements.

Insurance Coverage Selection Form
You may access the online Insurance Coverage Selection Form as of July 1. Log in to CAESAR with your NetID and password and select the Profile tile.

You will receive a confirmation email shortly after submitting the form. Please keep this email for your records. If you do not receive an email, please resubmit your data or call the Northwestern University Student Health Insurance Office for assistance.

Please note that the Insurance Coverage Selection Form available on CAESAR is the only means of confirming or waiving NU-SHIP enrollment.

Confirming NU-SHIP enrollment
If you know you will be using NU-SHIP as your health insurance, please confirm your enrollment via the Insurance Coverage Selection Form as soon as possible. Confirming by mid-August will ensure that enrollment is active as of September 1.

Waiving enrollment
If you are covered under an alternate insurance policy and you wish to waive NU-SHIP enrollment, you must provide the following information about the policy when completing the Insurance Coverage Selection Form:

- policyholder first and last name (usually a parent or guardian)
- subscriber/member ID
- insurance company name and phone number
- plan type (e.g., HMO, PPO, POS)
- coverage type (individual or family)
- annual deductible and out-of-pocket maximum

In addition, you must affirm that your plan meets all of Northwestern’s comparable coverage requirements.

Students who do not waive NU-SHIP enrollment by October 1 will remain enrolled in NU-SHIP for the entire plan year and will be responsible for the annual premium.

Pell Grant–eligible students may be able to obtain funding to cover the insurance premium. Students are encouraged to contact the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office before completing the Insurance Coverage Selection Form.

COMPARABLE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS
Students covered under an alternate insurance policy may waive NU-SHIP enrollment only if their policy meets all of the following requirements:
The plan must provide in-network coverage for routine, nonemergency care, in addition to emergency care, in the Chicago/Evanston area.

- It must provide coverage for all “essential health benefits,” as defined by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- It must have no exclusions or waiting periods for preexisting conditions.
- It must provide coverage for behavioral/mental healthcare services, specifically outpatient therapy.
- Coverage must be active from the day the student arrives on campus through August 31, 2019, or through the end of the student’s academic program, whichever comes first.
- It must have a US-based claims administrator, address, and phone number.
- It must have an annual out-of-pocket maximum limit of $7,150 or less (individual plans) or $14,300 or less (family plans), per the ACA.

- It must cover medical evacuation and repatriation expenses (for students who plan to study abroad or travel internationally; required for all international students).

It is a violation of University policy for degree-seeking students to waive NU-SHIP if their own insurance plan does not provide comparable coverage as defined here.

If it is determined that a student’s alternate insurance plan does not meet Northwestern’s comparable coverage requirements, the student will be reenrolled in NU-SHIP and be responsible for the applicable charges billed to the student account.

Note that medical insurance requirements are distinct from entrance health requirements. For information about entrance health requirements, see page 22.

FEATURES OF NU-SHIP COVERAGE

Selected features of the plan are highlighted here. For additional details, see the Student Health Insurance Office website.

- NU-SHIP coverage is active from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019, concurrent with the regular academic year.
- The 2018–19 NU-SHIP premium is $3,950 and is charged to the student’s account on CAESAR.
- The plan has a $250 deductible and a $1,800 annual out-of-pocket maximum; once the deductible is met, NU-SHIP covers 80 percent of the cost of in-network care.
- A $20 copayment is required for outpatient mental health care services when you receive care outside of Counseling and Psychological Services (see sidebar on page 22). Note that there is no deductible for outpatient mental health care services.
Entrance health requirements

Northwestern students are required to show proof of immunizations and to complete the Admission Health Record form. To download and print the form, go to the “New Incoming Students” section of the Health Service website, choose “Entrance Health Requirements,” and click the first link in the bulleted list. Completed materials must be mailed to the Health Service on or before July 1.

Note that entrance health requirements are distinct from medical insurance requirements. See pages 20–21 for information about insurance.

MENTAL HEALTH DISCLOSURE OPTION
In accordance with the Illinois Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act, you have the option to identify a designated person (such as a parent or guardian) who would be notified in the event that a qualified mental healthcare provider employed by Northwestern determines that you might pose a danger to yourself or to others. The form authorizing disclosure of private mental health information is available at bit.ly/nu-disclosureform.
Northwestern ID card
(also known as your Wildcard)

WILDCARD OFFICE \ northwestern.edu/wildcard \ 847-467-NUID (6843)

Every new student is issued a Wildcard, the official Northwestern ID card. To have your card ready for pickup at your residence on move-in day, complete the photo-submission process by August 1. To get started, go to bit.ly/nu-wildcard.

WHAT MAKES A PHOTO WILDCARD-WORTHY?

- It’s a 600 x 600–pixel (or bigger) JPG.
- It was taken recently.
- It’s in color, with no filters.
- It has a plain white background.
- The lighting is bright and even.
- Your whole face is visible and centered in the frame.
- Your eyes are open and visible.
- Your glasses are on if you normally wear them.
- No sunglasses, hats, or other items are obscuring your eyes or face.
- You’re not making inappropriate facial expressions or hand gestures.
- It’s not a senior portrait or yearbook photo.

Here are three must-have apps to download from Google Play or the App Store:

- **Northwestern:** real-time Northwestern news and events, campus maps, library resources, Wildcard discounts, directories, and more.
- **NUhelp:** access to student-support services and features for sharing a well-being concern, finding health/safety/security resources, and connecting with academic assistance on campus.
- **DoubleMap:** real-time tracking of Northwestern’s shuttle buses (indispensable in winter!)
Academics

In this section is a one-page review of the academic checklist tasks that Northwestern requires of all new students, followed by an overview of placement exam information. Next are the pages focusing on what each school expects just its students to do this summer. Only your school’s pages apply to you.
Requirements for all students

Have your final high school transcript sent to Northwestern no later than August 1.

Your high school can send your transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by mail or by using the Common Application website’s Final Report Form. The transcript must include either an actual date of graduation or a statement that you have graduated. For detailed instructions, use your NetID to log in at bit.ly/nu-ae. Admitted students who fail to submit a final transcript will not be permitted to move into their student residence, participate in Wildcat Welcome, or register for classes.

If you took IB or AP exams, have the testing service send your official score reports to Northwestern.

IB results should be requested by July 15; requests for AP reports should be made by August 1. If your AP/IB test scores qualify, you may be awarded credits toward your Northwestern degree. Information about how scores are processed is at bit.ly/nu-testcredit. See your school’s website to learn how AP/IB credits can apply toward your degree. Credit is awarded only upon Northwestern’s receipt of official score reports from the testing service. Bring a paper copy of your scores to use in advising sessions this fall.

Read the 2018–19 One Book One Northwestern selection by September 21.

A free copy of this year’s book—The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood—will be mailed to you in late July (see sidebar). All new students are expected to have finished reading the book before coming to campus.

Complete tasks unique to your school.

Each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has distinct requirements that apply only to its own incoming students. Requirements can range from taking placement exams and compiling a dossier to completing forms and downloading software. Your school’s pages in Purple Prep include a checklist of the tasks unique to your school, all with deadlines this summer.

2018–19 ONE BOOK ONE NORTHWESTERN

To build community across the University, every year the Office of the President chooses a book for campuswide reading. The 2018–19 selection is The Handmaid’s Tale. The book has been adapted as a Hulu Original Series.

Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood imagines an American dystopia that revives history’s worst atrocities. Formerly the United States, the Republic of Gilead is a theocratic dictatorship whose treatment of women is dire. In response to ecological catastrophe and declining birth rates, Gilead claims fertile women as handmaids, forced to reproduce with the regime’s ruling men. Atwood’s narrator, the handmaid Offred, offers her experience of the transition from normalcy to extreme patriarchal tyranny. A vision of the near future that interweaves the American present and its nightmarish transformation, Atwood’s novel invites us to ponder not only how much we might resist but also how much we might accept.

A free copy of the book will be mailed to you in late July. Many classes and events throughout the year will refer to it, so it’s this summer’s must-read! Atwood will be on campus to give the One Book keynote on October 30.
Placement exams and assessments

Do you have any placement tests to take this summer? Which ones? The answers depend on your school’s unique requirements and your own course objectives. Here we provide an overview of the placement exams and assessments Northwestern offers, categorized according to who is typically required to complete them. Online exams and assessments are available from June 1 through July 31; the date for on-campus placement exams is September 24. Please read your school’s Purple Prep pages and go to bit.ly/nu-exams for more information.

**REQUIRED FOR ALL MCCORMICK STUDENTS**

- McCormick math assessment
- McCormick physics assessment
- Department of Chemistry initial chemistry assessment
  
  See McCormick’s pages in Purple Prep for more information.

**REQUIRED FOR ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO TAKE CHEMISTRY**

- Department of Chemistry initial chemistry assessment
  
  - Required even if you have AP Chemistry credit.
  
  - Access the assessment by accepting the invitation to join the Canvas exam page (emailed in June).
  
  - Any questions? Email f-northrup@northwestern.edu.

**REQUIRED FOR ANY NON-MCORMICK STUDENT PLANNING TO TAKE CALCULUS**

- Department of Mathematics math placement exam
  
  - Access the exam by accepting the invitation to join the Canvas exam page (emailed in June).
  
  - Any questions? Email calculus@math.northwestern.edu.
PLEASE NOTE

If you need exam accommodations due to a disability or other condition, please register with AccessibleNU before taking the exam. See page 13 for details.

ABOUT THAT CANVAS INVITATION

You are likely to use Canvas this fall for accessing course materials, turning in assignments, viewing grades, and handling other academic tasks. You may also use it this summer if your school communicates via Canvas or if you take the math or chemistry department’s online exam. Every incoming student is emailed an invitation in June to join the Canvas exam page even if taking an exam is not required.

REQUIRED FOR ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO CONTINUE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE STUDY OR TO VERIFY FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

☐ **Online foreign-language placement exams**: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swahili

☐ **On-campus foreign-language placement exams**: Greek (ancient), Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Persian (Farsi), Portuguese, Turkish

- Go to [wcas.nu/language-requirement](http://wcas.nu/language-requirement) to confirm that an exam is necessary; in some cases, a high AP exam score is sufficient to determine placement or verify proficiency.

FOR ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO TAKE PHYSICS

☐ **Department of Physics and Astronomy on-campus placement exam**

- Required if you took the AP Physics exam but seek to qualify for higher-level physics course placement.
- Recommended if you did not take the AP Physics exam but plan to take general physics this year.
- Any questions? Email [placement-physics@northwestern.edu](mailto:placement-physics@northwestern.edu).
Welcome to Weinberg College! We are delighted that you are joining us this fall. We’re sure you already have questions, so most of the information you need—on topics ranging from typical first-year classes to how much AP/IB credit to expect—is available now on wcas.nu/first-year-info. We’ll also host several online conversations over the summer. Information on how to participate in these online sessions will be included in the monthly March to the Arch newsletters.

ONLINE DOSSIER
All students in Weinberg College are required to compile an online dossier by July 31. What is the dossier?

- An online introduction. Your advisers and first-year seminar instructor will use your dossier information to get a sense of your past accomplishments and your plans for the next four years.

- A resource for identifying classes to take this fall or in winter or spring quarter. As you complete the dossier, it will suggest classes for your consideration. Based on your AP or IB score, for example, the dossier will indicate whether you can expect to earn credit in that subject area and which class would be a logical next step.

- An opportunity for self-reflection. The dossier will prompt you to look back on your high school experience and look ahead to what you hope to learn in your first quarter and beyond.
EMAIL US ANYTIME

Don’t hesitate to email Weinberg College advisers directly, especially when it concerns confidential matters—AP/IB scores, placement exam results, and the like. Get in touch with us at weinberg-first@northwestern.edu, and an adviser will gladly help you.

SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR WEINBERG STUDENTS

- As soon as possible, go to wcas.nu/first-year-info—the access route to the student dossier and an array of resources and information.
- Join the online conversations hosted by Weinberg College this summer. Full details will be included in March to the Arch.
- If any online exams and assessments are required, complete them by July 31. Follow the relevant prompts in your student dossier and see bit.ly/nu-exams and pages 26–27 in Purple Prep.
- Complete your student dossier by July 31.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES WORTH CONSIDERING

If you’re a first-generation college student or you attended a high school without AP/IB preparation, consider participating in the Bio&ChemEXCEL or Bridge programs offered this summer. See page 8 for more information.
School of Communication

The SoC faculty and staff look forward to welcoming you this fall and helping you get off to a great start at Northwestern. During the summer, visit SoC’s website for new students—communication.northwestern.edu/welcome—where you can find guidance for taking summer online exams, understanding AP/IB credit, completing a mandatory SoC survey by **August 15**, and more. Your SoC department adviser will email you with details about your major, so please check your Northwestern email account regularly.

**ADVISING**
If you have any questions before your SoC adviser contacts you, please email **dear-soc@northwestern.edu** or call the SoC Student Resource Center at 847-491-7214. Names and contact information for the SoC advising staff can be found through each major’s link at communication.northwestern.edu/advising.

During Wildcat Welcome, students meet with advisers both individually and in groups to discuss opportunities in SoC and receive guidance on choosing fall classes. Peer advisers help students navigate online registration on CAESAR.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS**
See pages 26–27 for an overview of the online placement exams and assessments offered during the summer, all with a deadline of **July 31**.

Placement in foreign-language courses beyond the introductory level is based on an AP exam score, a placement exam, or a combination of both. See Northwestern’s Council on Language Instruction’s helpful guidelines at cli.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/placement.html.
Students pursuing a BA in any SoC department and all communication studies and radio/television/film majors should take a foreign-language placement exam to determine the course level corresponding to their knowledge and previous study of the language.

Students in the communication sciences and disorders major should take the Department of Chemistry initial chemistry assessment and the Department of Mathematics summer online placement exam.

A dance placement test is offered during Wildcat Welcome for students who plan to enroll in dance classes beyond the beginner’s level.

**SOC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

All students must earn at least 42 credits to complete a bachelor’s degree in SoC. Most courses count for one full credit each. Each SoC major has distinct course requirements, but all require 18 distribution requirements—courses outside the major—that fall into three areas:

- math, science, and technology
- individual and social behavior
- humanities and fine arts

Most students will enroll in a combination of major and distribution courses each quarter, and a typical full-time course load is three or four full-credit classes each quarter.

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**SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR SOC STUDENTS**

- Regularly check your Northwestern email account for messages from your SoC department adviser.
- Complete the appropriate summer online exams and assessments by July 31.
- Complete the survey on SoC’s website for new students—communication.northwestern.edu/welcome—by August 15.
School of Education and Social Policy

Welcome to SESP! Academic and peer advisers will email you in coming weeks with guidelines for compiling your online dossier, which is due on July 31. In addition, SESP will host a web chat in July that will provide advising information. In the meantime, join the school’s Facebook group and explore the resources and information on the website for new SESP students: sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome.

ONLINE DOSSIER
All SESP students are required to complete an online dossier by July 31. The dossier is how you introduce yourself to your academic adviser, who uses your dossier information to get a sense of your interests and goals, connect you with resources and opportunities, and help you create an academic plan.

Your academic adviser will email you in August to review your dossier and discuss course choices for fall quarter.

PLACEMENT EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS
A SESP degree does not require any courses for which a placement exam or assessment is necessary. But if you plan to take interdisciplinary electives or continue your study of a foreign language, or if you are premed student, see the information on pages 26–27 and be sure to discuss any questions with your academic adviser this summer. The deadline for completing summer online exams is July 31.
WHO’S WHO AT SESP

- Susan Olson, assistant dean for student affairs and adviser to human development and psychological services students
- Caitlin Burnett, adviser to learning science students and learning and organizational change students
- Nathan Frideres, practicum director and certificate in civic engagement coordinator
- Meg Kreuser, adviser to secondary teaching students and manager of teaching certification and licensure
- Ken Powers, adviser to social policy students
- Jasmine Tucker, program coordinator

SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE
A typical fall schedule for a first-year SESP student might include

- a SESP core course
- a course related to your concentration (human development and psychological services, learning and organizational change, learning sciences, or social policy) or a course in your teaching-subject area if you are a secondary teaching student
- an introductory course outside your concentration, applicable toward distribution requirements
- a social science course approved for your concentration or an elective, such as a foreign-language course

☑ SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR SESP STUDENTS

☐ Regularly check your Northwestern email account for messages from your SESP academic and peer advisers.

☐ Participate in SESP’s optional web chat in July (date, time, and login instructions will be emailed).

☐ If applicable to you, complete online exams and assessments by July 31.

☐ Complete your SESP online dossier by July 31.

☐ Explore SESP’s website for new students—sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome—and join the SESP Facebook group (link will be emailed).
Welcome to McCormick! In addition to Purple Prep, your go-to source for McCormick-specific information is mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome, the website for new McCormick students. It is the portal to essential information about AP/IB credits, online placement exams and assessments, and software needs—as well as the mandatory online dossier. After you meet the July 31 dossier deadline, your first-year adviser will email you about making informed course choices when you register during Wildcat Welcome.

ONLINE DOSSIER
The online dossier is your most important tool in planning for fall quarter. When complete, it will include information about your academic interests, previous coursework, AP/IB scores, results of the McCormick math and physics assessments you complete over the summer, and other details that will help you and your adviser work out your class schedule. Note that you will need to include details about AP/IB scores in the dossier even if they were already submitted to Northwestern. The dossier becomes accessible on June 1 and must be completed by July 31.

ADVISING
One of five first-year advisers will be assigned to you this summer and will remain your primary contact throughout your first year:
- Alex Birdwell
- Ordel Brown
- Emma DeCosta
- Ken Gentry
- Janice Mejia
After you meet the dossier deadline, your adviser will email you about fall course options and include information about the online group chats offered this summer. If you have any questions before your adviser contacts you, email the First-Year Advising Office at mcc-advising@northwestern.edu.

In addition to your first-year adviser, your McCormick peer adviser—a second- or third-year engineering student who can answer questions about life at Northwestern—will be in regular email contact with you later in the summer.

During Wildcat Welcome, first-year advisers will lead group advising sessions, and your peer adviser will help you organize your course schedule before registration. See the sample course schedule on the next page for a rough idea of what to expect.

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**SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR MCCORMICK STUDENTS**

- Fully explore McCormick’s website for new engineering students: mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.
- Regularly check your Northwestern email account for messages from your McCormick peer adviser.
- Complete the McCormick math assessment by July 31.
- Complete the Department of Chemistry initial chemistry assessment by July 31.
- Complete the McCormick physics assessment by July 31.
- Apply to transfer any non–AP/IB college course credit by July 31.
- Complete your McCormick online dossier by July 31.
- After completing your dossier, check your Northwestern email for messages from your McCormick first-year adviser.
- Download and install MATLAB software before coming to campus.

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**TRANSFERRING NON–AP/IB CREDIT**

Before any of your previous college-level course credit can be transferred to Northwestern, you must submit a form—the Application for Northwestern University Credit for College-Level Course Work Completed Prior to Graduation from High School—for each credit, along with an official transcript and other supporting documentation. The form and instructions are available on McCormick’s website for new students. Completed forms and documentation should be mailed to the registrar’s office (per the instructions on the form) by July 31.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS**

As shown on page 26, all incoming first-year McCormick students must take the three McCormick-specific online exams and assessments—in addition to any other relevant exams—by July 31.
McCormick School (continued)

**SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR COURSE SCHEDULE**
The course lineup below is for general reference only; your own course plan will be created in consultation with your adviser.

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**McCormick math assessment**
This assessment is a tool for determining your calculus course placement level—even if you have earned AP calculus credit. A course recommendation based on your math assessment score will be provided after you meet the dossier deadline. Further guidance from a dedicated math adviser will be available starting in late summer and continuing through Wildcat Welcome.

**McCormick physics assessment**
The McCormick physics assessment is a built-in part of the online dossier. All assessment scores will be used by the First-Year Advising Office to get an overall picture of the first-year class’s proficiency in physics. Your performance on the assessment has no bearing on course placement.

Note that the McCormick physics assessment is separate from the on-campus placement exam offered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy. That exam is relevant only if you plan to take physics and you meet the criteria noted on page 27.

**Initial chemistry assessment**
The Department of Chemistry initial chemistry assessment is required for new McCormick students regardless of their intended major or their AP credit in chemistry. You may access the assessment by going to McCormick’s website for new students and clicking the “Chem Assessment” link.

The chemistry department offers a separate online exam for students who wish to place into a higher-level chemistry course. This exam is not required but may be taken by interested McCormick students. See the chemistry department’s website for details.

**MATLAB SOFTWARE**
First-year engineering students use a mathematical software programming package called MATLAB as part of the Engineering Analysis course sequence. MATLAB is provided free of charge and may be downloaded over the summer from McCormick’s website for new students.

**THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE**
As participants in the First-Year Experience initiative, all new engineering students will meet regularly with first-year advisers and peer advisers to gain insights into student life, discuss any questions about academic matters and campus resources, and receive support during the ongoing transition process.

McCormick’s First-Year Experience begins in fall quarter and continues through winter. Students will enroll in the noncredit First-Year Experience Seminar during both quarters.
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

Over the summer, the Medill Student Life advising team will interact with you via the messaging app GroupMe. You will also connect with an adviser in August to discuss your first-year goals and fall course options. While you wait for these communications to begin, explore the Medill curriculum and community by going to bit.ly/nu-medillcanvas, the Canvas site exclusively for Medill students in the Class of 2022 (also known as “BSJ 22” students).

### Advising

Medill Student Life staff members Daniel MacKenzie and Jessica Scott serve as academic advisers for all new Medill students. Their job is to be a go-to source of information and guidance as you navigate new experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

In addition, every first-year student is assigned to a Medill faculty member who is available to discuss academic and professional goals.

The advising offered during Wildcat Welcome this fall will include an overview of the Medill curriculum, followed by individual sessions with first-year faculty advisers. Also included will be a primer on AdviseStream, the online platform Medill uses to meet student advising needs.

### Academic Interest and Career Development Form

Completion of this online form is one of the to-do items on your Medill school checklist. The form is accessible at bit.ly/numedillform and is due July 31.
Medill School (continued)

**SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR MEDILL STUDENTS**

- Join the Medill Class of 2022 GroupMe (link will be emailed).
- Follow Medill’s recommendations when making any equipment purchases over the summer.
- If appropriate, complete the applicable online foreign-language placement exam by July 31.
- Complete the Medill Academic Interest and Career Development Form by July 31.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Requirements for the bachelor’s degree in journalism include either three units of foreign-language coursework or proficiency in a foreign language as demonstrated on an AP exam or a placement exam. Please refer to the BSJ 22 Canvas site to find out more about this requirement. For exam information, see pages 26–27 in *Purple Prep* and follow the instructions. The deadline for completing online exams is **July 31**.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

Go to the Medill Digital Depot—digitaldepot.medill.northwestern.edu—for tips and recommendations for purchasing computer hardware and software, video/audio kits, external hard drives, and other technical gear this summer. The Digital Depot also offers information about equipment-rental options.
Bienen School of Music

Welcome to Bienen! You can count on our student affairs staff and your BSM peer adviser to offer helpful information and guidance throughout your time here. Academic advising does not begin until fall, and there are no music-specific requirements to fulfill before then. However, be aware that all incoming music students take music placement exams during Wildcat Welcome. An overview of the exams, along with sample course schedules, is provided here to help you prepare. Also, watch for our July email about ensemble audition music for fall.

ADVISING

Assistant dean Linda Jacobs serves as the primary academic adviser for all incoming BSM students. Student affairs staff member Jeff Merkley will be available to advise you on course requirements and registration.

If you are a five-year dual-degree student, you will have an additional adviser from your other school (Weinberg, SESP, McCormick, Medill, or Communication). Most dual-degree students use the BSM student affairs office as their starting point for advising questions.

Don’t worry if you hear that Northwestern’s other schools start advising their students as early as this summer. BSM advising is deferred until after you complete music placement exams during Wildcat Welcome. At least half your fall-quarter course selection will be based on your performance on the exams.

Note that if accessibility services or accommodations are appropriate for you, please initiate the process of registering with AccessibleNU well before Wildcat Welcome, when you will take BSM’s music placement exams.
**AP/IB Credit**

If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. Four-year BSM students follow the Bienen School’s AP/IB guidelines; five-year dual-degree students follow the AP/IB guidelines set by their nonmusic school. Advisers will review your AP/IB credits with you during Wildcat Welcome advising sessions.

**Nonmusic Placement Exams and Assessments**

If you plan to take courses in foreign languages, math, or chemistry, or if you’re in a five-year dual-degree program, use the guidelines on page 26–27 to determine which exams or assessments may be required for you. The deadline for taking online exams is July 31.

**Music Placement Exams**

Exam I: Music theory

- Part I—Basic skills (required). This part of Exam I covers fundamentals such as note reading, major and minor key signatures, rhythmic notation and beaming, intervals, and triad and seventh chord construction and identification.

- Part II—Advanced placement (optional). Offered for students who wish to place into an honors section or out of some first-year courses, this part of Exam I measures proficiency in the following areas:
  - Counterpoint: species writing and terminology
  - Figured bass: realization and melodic composition
  - Tonal harmony: Roman numeral analysis, nonchord tones and cadence types, part-writing, and harmonization of a given melody or bass line

Exam II: Aural skills

All new students take this diagnostic test, which includes examples of aural recognition (intervals and pitch patterns, chord qualities and inversions in progressions) and melodic and rhythmic dictation. Depending on your results, an individual sight-singing interview may be scheduled to confirm placement before you register.

Exam III: Keyboard skills

This exam takes about five minutes to complete and is used to identify an appropriate-level keyboard skills class. Levels range from students with no keyboard experience to piano performance majors. (Jazz majors are exempt from this requirement.)

A review of aural skills and basic music theory over the summer is encouraged. Websites such as musictheory.net and teoria.com are helpful resources. If you have questions, please email Professor Susan Piagentini at s-piagentini@northwestern.edu.

**Course Planning**

Based on your music placement exam results, you will be assigned to specific sections of this fall’s music theory and aural skills classes. A keyboard skills class, an ensemble, and a private lesson (studio) teacher will also be assigned.

When first-year non-dual-degree music students register, they will have only one course choice to make:
a nonmusic elective or distribution requirement course.

In contrast, five-year dual-degree students often defer keyboard skills and take two nonmusic courses: a first-year seminar and a distribution requirement or foreign language course if your other school is Weinberg. If your other school is Medill, you’ll probably take two distribution requirements or one distribution requirement and a foreign language course. If your other school is SESP, McCormick, or SoC, two of your fall courses will typically count toward your nonmusic degree requirements.

SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULES
A typical four-year music major’s first-year course lineup for fall:
- Music Theory
- Aural Skills
- Keyboard Skills
- Ensemble (band, orchestra, or choir)
- private lessons
- nonmusic elective/distribution requirement

A typical five-year dual-degree student’s first-year fall schedule mostly mirrors that for four-year students, except that it includes two courses for the nonmusic degree, and keyboard skills is deferred to accommodate the additional nonmusic course.

Students in certain majors may be required to take additional courses:
- Voice majors also register for vocal solo and diction classes.
- Some instrumental majors also register for studio class or studio ensembles.
- First-year music education majors take a music education class instead of a nonmusic elective/distribution requirement.
- Piano and composition majors may defer meeting the ensemble requirement to their second year or later.
- Jazz majors take an improvisation course instead of keyboard skills.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
The Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs is here to assist you. Call 847-491-3818 or contact us by email:
- Linda Jacobs
  linda.jacobs@northwestern.edu
- Jeff Merkley
  j-merkley@northwestern.edu

☐ SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR BIENEN STUDENTS
☐ Routinely check your Northwestern email—especially in July, when BSM sends information about ensemble audition music for fall.
☐ If necessary to meet nonmusic course objectives or dual-degree requirements, complete summer online exams and assessments by July 31.
☐ Consider ways to prepare for the BSM music placement exams you will take during Wildcat Welcome.
☐ If accessibility services or accommodations are appropriate for you, please initiate the process of registering with AccessibleNU well in advance of taking the BSM music placement exams.
For your reference

The important dates, contact information, and map of student residences that we include here will come in handy as you plan for the year ahead.
# 2018–19 Planning calendar

## MAY 2018
1. Housing deposit due

## JUNE
1. Signed housing contract due
1. Deadline to enroll in optional 9PAY plan
1. Access to online placement exams and assessments begins
1. Registration for Family Weekend opens

## JULY
1. Admission Health Record due
1. Student health insurance (NU-SHIP) enrollment confirmation/waiver period opens
6. Deadline to submit Wildcat Welcome Information Form
31. Deadline to complete online placement exams and assessments

## AUGUST
1. AP/IB reports due
1. Final high school transcript due
1. Deadline to upload photo for Wildcard
1. Deadline to register for International Student Orientation
1. Deadline to upload I-20/DS-2019 request (international students only)
22. Access to True Northwestern Dialogues online components begins

## SEPTEMBER
1. Fall tuition and fees due
12. Deadline to complete True Northwestern Dialogues online components
18–21. International Student Orientation
21. Move-in day: Wildcat Welcome begins
21–22. Parent and Family Orientation
22. March through the Arch
23. President’s Convocation
24. Fall course registration
26. AccessibleNU welcome luncheon
27. Fall classes begin
29. New Student Tailgate and Wildcat Dash at Ryan Field

## OCTOBER
1. Deadline to submit FAFSA
1. Deadline to confirm/waive NU-SHIP enrollment
7–13. Homecoming Week/Reunion Weekend
26–28. Family Weekend

## NOVEMBER
2. Recommended deadline to register for AccessibleNU accommodations
22–25. Thanksgiving break

## DECEMBER
3–9. Weinberg Reading Week
10–15. Finals week, followed by winter break (through 1/6)

## JANUARY 2019
1. Winter tuition and fees due
7. Winter classes begin
21. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)

## FEBRUARY
15. Recommended deadline to register for AccessibleNU accommodations

## MARCH
11–16. Weinberg Reading Week
18–23. Finals week, followed by spring break (through 3/31)

## APRIL
1. Spring tuition and fees due
1. Spring classes begin
20. Passover begins at sundown
21. Easter

## MAY
10. Recommended deadline to register for AccessibleNU accommodations
27. Memorial Day (no classes)

## JUNE
5–9. Weinberg Reading Week
10–15. Finals week, followed by summer break (through 9/23)
21. Commencement
24. Summer Session classes begin
# Directory of contacts

**ACADEMIC RESOURCES**

*Use Evanston’s area code (847) for all phone numbers unless otherwise noted.*

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NORTH CAMPUS

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Ayers Residential College of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
2324 Campus Drive

Bobb Hall
2305 Sheridan Road

Elder Residential Community
2400 Sheridan Road

560 Lincoln
560 Lincoln Street

Goodrich House
2321 Sheridan Road

Kemper Hall
2420 Campus Drive

Lindgren Hall
2309 Sheridan Road

McCulloch Hall
2315 Sheridan Road

Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies (CCS)
2303 Sheridan Road

Sargent Hall
2245 Sheridan Road

Slivka Residential College of Science and Engineering
2332 Campus Drive

SOUTH CAMPUS

Foster-Walker Neighborhood Desk

Foster-Walker Complex
1927 Orrington Avenue

Rogers House
647 University Place

Women's Residential College at Hobart House
630 Emerson Street

Willard Neighborhood Desk

1856 Orrington
1856 Orrington Avenue

Humanities Residential College at Chapin Hall
726 University Place

Public Affairs Residential College at North Mid-Quads Hall
650 Emerson Street

720 Emerson
720 Emerson Street

Shepard Residential College at South Mid-Quads Hall
655 University Place

Willard Residential College
1865 Sherman Avenue

Allison Neighborhood Desk

Allison Residential Community
1820 Chicago Avenue

Communications Residential College (CRC) at East Fairchild
1855 Sheridan Road

1838 Chicago
1838 Chicago Avenue

International Studies Residential College (ISRC) at West Fairchild
1861 Sheridan Road

Shepard Hall
626 University Place