

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
FOR NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
2024–25



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WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Northwestern University Student Finance handles more than 20,000 student accounts each year. We are responsible for the billing and collection of tuition, fees, and residence and board charges. We're here to answer your questions and resolve any problems concerning the financial regulations described in this booklet and on the Student Finance website, www.northwestern.edu/sfs.

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ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

The financial regulations in this booklet pertain to the 2024–25 academic year and replace those of all previous years. The information applies in general to students enrolled in Northwestern University undergraduate and graduate education programs, except Summer Session, special programs, and Northwestern University in Qatar; financial regulations for students in these programs may be found at www.sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer and my.qatar.northwestern.edu/finance.

Please read this booklet carefully. Failure to do so does not exempt you from compliance with the rules and regulations it contains.

Northwestern University reserves the right to change without notice any statement in this booklet concerning, but not limited to, rules, policies, tuition, fees, curricula, and courses.

YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

As a Northwestern student, you are responsible for meeting your financial obligations to the University. If your account becomes overdue, you will incur a late payment fee (see “Common Fees” in this booklet). In addition, you will be liable for any costs associated with collecting your unpaid bills, including but not limited to collection agency costs, court costs, and legal fees.

The director of student finance may cancel or prevent the

registration of students whose accounts are overdue. Students with unpaid bills may not receive their diplomas, until all financial obligations are met in full.

Email Communication

The University has the right to use email to send you official communication—including any pertaining to tuition, billing, and financial aid—and to expect students to receive and read such messages in a timely manner. Official University email is always sent to your Northwestern student email address; the University is not responsible for email forwarded to an alternate address. Failure to receive or read official University email does not exempt you from knowing and complying with the message content.

BILLING AND PAYMENTS

Accessing Bills

Northwestern uses an electronic billing system that sends notification to your Northwestern student email address whenever a bill is posted to your account and viewable on CAESAR at www.northwestern.edu/caesar. The billing system automatically keeps records of all account activity. Instructions for granting parent/guest access to your account are provided under “Guest Access” at www.northwestern.edu/sfs.

Payment Due Dates

Billing schedules vary across the University, with payment due dates corresponding to the academic term systems in use by different schools and programs. Typically, payment is due before the start of the academic term—i.e., before each quarter, trimester, or semester—depending on the program. Please note that failure to receive a bill is not sufficient cause for extending the payment due date.

Payment due dates each quarter*

All Northwestern programs except the Feinberg School of Medicine and Pritzker School of Law programs noted below

Fall	September 1, 2024
Winter	January 1, 2025
Spring	April 1, 2025

**Fall-quarter payment for some programs may be due October 1 or November 1, depending on enrollment deadlines. New students in School of Professional Studies undergraduate programs pay at least 60 percent of their total tuition and 100 percent of all fees prior to or at the time of registration.*

Payment due dates each trimester

Feinberg Physician Assistant (MMS) program

Fall	October 1, 2024
Spring	February 1, 2025
Summer	June 1, 2025

Payment due dates each semester

Pritzker degree programs

Fall	September 1, 2024
Spring	January 1, 2025
Summer	June 1, 2025 (LLM programs) July 1, 2025 (all other programs)

Payment due dates: Other schedules

Feinberg Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Masters of Prosthetics and Orthotics (MPO) programs

First- and second-year MD students:

First payment	August 1, 2024
Second payment	January 1, 2025

Third- and fourth-year MD students:

First payment	July 1, 2024
Second payment	January 1, 2025

MPO students (any year):

First payment	July 1, 2024
Second payment	January 1, 2025

Making Payments

Northwestern accepts online payments through CAESAR. You may pay by electronic check or, for a small fee, by credit card. If paying by mail, please allow five working days for delivery. For more information, see “Payment Methods” and “CAESAR How-To Guides” on the Student Finance website.

Adjustments

If you intend to contest a portion of your bill, be sure to pay the uncontested portion by the due date and immediately contact the office responsible for the contested portion to request an adjustment.

Prepayment Plan

The University offers a tuition and fee prepayment plan that allows you to divide educational costs for the entire academic year into nine monthly payments, with all tuition and fees still due on the original due date. For information about the prepayment plan, including terms and eligibility requirements, see “Payment Methods” on the Student Finance website.

Third-Party Payments

If a third party such as an employer or other sponsor has agreed to pay your tuition, Student Finance may be able to facilitate the billing and payment process for you. Please note, however, that even with a third-party payment arrangement in place, you, the student, are ultimately liable for all charges on your account. For more information, see “Payment Methods” on the Student Finance website.

Employer Reimbursement Plan

Northwestern's employer reimbursement plan is designed for students in the School of Professional Studies and the Kellogg School of Management's Evening and Weekend MBA Programs whose employers offer reimbursement for tuition charges. ERP participants are allowed to defer their tuition payments until after the term is completed. For more information, see "Employer Reimbursement Plan" on the Student Finance website.

Late Payments

If payment is not received by the due date, you will be charged a late payment fee (see "Common Fees" in this booklet). Failure to pay bills on time may result in a hold on your registration.

Returned Payments

If your payment by electronic check, paper check, or credit card is returned by the bank for any reason, you will incur a returned payment fee (see "Common Fees" in this booklet). Please note that this fee may be assessed in addition to a late payment fee if your payment is both returned and late.

Inactive Accounts

A monthly account maintenance fee will be charged for each month that your tuition and fees account remain open after your last term of registration has ended (see "Common Fees" in this booklet).

Financial Aid Payments

Financial aid credits will not be reflected on your student account until you have registered for the term and tuition has been charged. Additionally, credits may be removed from your account if you do not meet the requirements set by the aid source(s). It is your responsibility to contact the appropriate financial aid office if problems or delays occur. To find out which financial aid office at Northwestern serves your school or program, see <https://www.northwestern.edu/sfs/about/contact/offices.html>

Federal Title IV financial aid, excluding federal work-study, is applied directly to your tuition and fees account. This account may include other charges such as library fines, parking fines, room damage charges, health service fees, etc. You may authorize Northwestern to apply your Title IV aid to such charges, and you may rescind authorization at any time through Student Finance. University-appropriated financial aid, outside scholarships, and state assistance are applied directly to bills for tuition and fees. Students are required to forward scholarship checks to their financial aid office for proper disbursement of the funds.

Student loan funds that are transferred electronically from the lender to the University are applied directly to your tuition account. Loan checks made copayable to you and the University must be applied to your tuition account and require you to visit Student Finance to provide your signature (with valid Wildcard);

such checks cannot be endorsed by the University and then returned to you. You will be notified by email when a check is ready for your in-person endorsement.

Graduate student tuition grants and loans are also applied directly to tuition bills. Graduate students receiving stipends should consult their home departments regarding payroll options. First-time federal student loan recipients must meet specific requirements—such as completing entrance counseling, promissory notes, and other tasks outlined on their “To Do Item List” on CAESAR—before the loan funds can be disbursed. Upon leaving the University for any reason, including graduation, student loan recipients must complete exit counseling; an email outlining the requirements will be sent at the appropriate time.

Refunds

If the financial aid applied to your bill exceeds the charges, you may request a refund of the balance at the beginning of the term through CAESAR or by contacting Student Finance. If you have given prior authorization through CAESAR, you may receive your refund by direct deposit to your financial institution; otherwise, a refund check will be mailed to your current address. If a credit card payment is a component of the net credit balance available on your account, your refund will be adjusted, and funds returned to the original credit card on record. Any remaining net credit balance may be refunded as mentioned above.

All non-financial aid refunds will be refunded back to the original source of payment.

Notice of right to cancel

You have the right to cancel all or a portion of your Federal Direct Loan(s) within 14 days of the date of the disbursement notice. If you wish to cancel your loan, contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Tax liability

If your grant or scholarship funds exceed qualified tuition and related expenses, they may be taxable and therefore reportable to the Internal Revenue Service. Qualified tuition and related expenses are defined as tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance, as well as fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses and instruction. Questions concerning the taxability of grants or scholarships should be directed to the IRS or a tax professional.

REGISTRATION CHANGES, WITHDRAWALS, AND REFUNDS

Registration Changes

Changes in registration must be completed through CASEAR or through the process established by your school; ceasing to attend classes is not an official means of dropping a course. Please note that registering less than full- or half- time in any given term may have implications beyond your student account; consult the

appropriate offices (e.g., your academic department, your school’s financial aid office, the International Office) before making such changes. You may not add courses or change course sections after the add deadline. As a rule, the University cannot give refunds or reduce tuition bills for any course dropped after the add deadline. (School of Professional Studies undergraduate and graduate programs are an exception; for more information, see www.sps.northwestern.edu.)

For more information about University registration policies and procedures, including the Undergraduate Registration Requirement that applies to degree-seeking undergraduate students, see www.registrar.northwestern.edu.

Withdrawal from the University

If you decide to withdraw from the University after registering for classes, you must file a withdrawal form, with the proper approvals, with the appropriate registrar’s office. If you do not officially withdraw from the University, your enrollment and charges will remain on your record.

Tuition deposits are not refundable under any circumstances. However, depending on the date of your official withdrawal from Northwestern during a given term, tuition and refundable fees may be refunded.

General Institutional Refund Policy

In most Northwestern programs, * the percentage of tuition refunded depends on how long you were enrolled in the term. A term is inclusive of the official first day of classes through the official last day of the final exam period for the term.

Term Withdrawal Refunds		
Term Withdrawal	Percent Tuition Refunded	Find quarterly dates in the academic calendar ,
Before the term begins	100%	
1-5 business days	100%	
Calendar day following the 5 th business day - day 20	75%	
21-41 calendar days	50%	
42+ calendar days	0%	

**Programs that do not follow the general refund policy include School of Professional Studies undergraduate, graduate and summer session programs; Kellogg School of Management Executive MBA Program; Pritzker School of Law programs including MSL; and the Feinberg School of Medicine’s Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master’s in Prosthetics and Orthotic programs. See “Withdrawing from the University” on the Student Finance website for each program’s refund policies.*

Return of Financial Aid If You Withdraw

Title IV funds

Federal programs that issue grants and loans authorized under Title IV of the US Higher Education Act require a calculation to determine how much, if any, of the Title IV aid you received for the term must be returned if you withdraw from the University. If the withdrawal date occurs *before* the first 60 percent of the term has elapsed, the amount of Title IV aid retained is based on the amount of the term that elapsed (or the number of days of attendance) prior to the withdrawal date divided by the total number of days in the term. This Return of Title IV Funds Calculation determines the amount of Title IV aid “earned” for the period of enrollment. Any “unearned” Title IV funds must be returned in the following order, as prescribed by federal regulations:

- (1) Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- (2) Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- (3) Federal Loan
- (4) Direct PLUS Loan
- (5) Federal Pell Grant
- (6) Federal SEOG
- (7) Teach Grant
- (8) Other Title IV assistance programs

If the withdrawal date occurs *after* the first 60 percent of the term has elapsed, the amount of Title IV aid retained is 100 percent, and no return of Title IV funds is required.

However, a portion of the non–Title IV funds (i.e., state assistance, outside scholarships, private loans, and/or University-appropriated financial aid) may have to be returned; see below and contact your school’s financial aid office for more information.

Non–Title IV funds

State assistance, outside scholarships, private loans, and University-appropriated financial aid for the term must be reviewed if you withdraw from the University. Special requirements may apply to state sources of assistance and donor-funded scholarships.

If you retain University-appropriated assistance for unpaid institutional charges because of a withdrawal, please consult your financial aid office to determine the impact on future eligibility.

Any financial aid funds that remain after all necessary adjustments have been made will be released to you. However, if refund calculations result in a balance due on your tuition account, you will be required to make the appropriate payments.

Repayment of refunds

If you receive a refund for the term, you may be required to repay a portion of that refund once the Title IV aid has been returned to the Department of Education. Your school’s financial aid office

will contact you with specific details. Student Finance will also notify you of the amount owed and bill your student account accordingly.

Student repayment of aid

In rare instances, because of the Return of Title IV Funds Calculation, a student who received federal aid and then withdraws from the University may have to repay a portion of the aid directly to the Department of Education. Until the repayment is collected in full, the student will be ineligible to receive further Title IV funds, and subsequent financial aid transcripts received by the Office of Financial Aid will show that the student owes repayment.

For more information about withdrawals and refunds, see “Withdrawals and Financial Aid” on the Student Finance website.

Housing Contract Adjustments

Withdrawal from the University may affect your residence and board contract; see “Residential Services” in this book- let as well as the Residential Services website.

Military Service

If you are ordered to active duty in the military during an academic term and are thus unable to complete coursework, you are entitled to a full refund of tuition and fees for the term. However, if you arrange with your instructor(s) and school to receive credit for one or more courses, the refund will be prorated based on the credit received. To receive your refund, you must provide proof of active-duty orders to Student Finance.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees listed here are for the 2024–25 academic year, excluding Summer Session 2025. The University may adjust such features of the academic experience as course offerings, modalities, and grading; changes may be communicated by the University or a student’s school or program. Should these changes occur, or if a student chooses to participate in remote courses, tuition and fees will not be refunded or prorated. Tuition increases should be expected in subsequent years. University fees applicable across schools are grouped under “Common Fees” on page 17. For application fee and tuition deposit information, see your school or program’s website.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor’s degree and nondegree programs in all six undergraduate schools

(Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; School of Communication; School of Education and Social Policy; McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; Bienen School of Music)

Full-time (3–5.5 units) tuition	\$22,386/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition*	\$7,960/unit
Excess course (over 5.5 units) tuition	\$7,960/unit
Associated Student Government activity fee (fall, winter, spring) **	\$90/qtr.
Athletic events fee	\$66/yr.
Health fee (fall, winter, spring)	\$276/qtr.

*Aid eligibility may be affected for students who drop below half-time status.

** Applies to all full-time undergraduates except during quarters of study abroad or Journalism Residency.

Undergraduate programs in the School of Professional Studies

Tuition	\$2,200/unit
Audit course	\$1,100/unit
Lab fee (microbiology only)	\$61/course
Online course technology fee	\$130/course

Graduate Programs

The Graduate School

Doctoral degree program tuition

Tuition for quarters 8 or less	\$18,689/qtr.
Tuition greater than 8	\$4,672/qtr.
PhD/ Aud Tuition	\$15,998/qtr.
512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.
TGS U-Pass Transit Card Fee (optional)	\$125/qtr.

Master's degree program tuition

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,935/unit
Fine Arts (3–4 units)	\$18,689/unit
Online MA in Counseling (part-time only)	\$5,576/unit
MS MFT	
Full-time	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time	\$6,506/unit
The Family Institute Fee	\$215
512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.
588 Resident Master's Study	\$7,436/qtr.
TGS U-Pass Transit Card Fee	\$125/qtr.

School of Communication

Doctoral degree program tuition

Doctor of Audiology (AuD)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$15,998/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$5,336/unit
580 Audiology PhD externship	\$5,336/unit
Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP-D)	\$5,962/unit

Master's degree program tuition

Communication (MS)	\$6,956/unit
Health Communication (MS)	\$6,889/unit

Leadership for Creative Enterprises (MS)	
Full-time (3–4.5 units)	\$18,596/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,618/unit
Nonclinical Communication Science (MA)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$16,010/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$5,336/unit
Sound Arts and Industries (MA)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$18,082/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,027/unit
Speech, Language, and Learning (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$18,873/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,714/unit

School of Education and Social Policy

Higher Education Administration and Policy tuition: degree (MS) or certificate	\$5,797/unit
Learning and Organizational Change tuition: degree (MS) or certificate	\$5,311/unit
Master of Science in Education tuition	\$4,118/unit
Master of Science in Social and Economic Policy*	\$11,900/unit

**Solely for Students who elect to take the optional winter quarter capstone*

McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

Master's degree program tuition

Analytics (MS)	
Full-time (3–6 units)	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,935/unit
Artificial Intelligence (MAI)	
Full-time (3–5 units)	\$22,077/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,935/unit
Biotechnology (MS)	
Full-time (2.51–5.5 units)	\$18,309/qtr.
Part-time (under 2.51 units)	\$5,576/unit
Design Innovation (MS)	
See Kellogg MBA/MS in Design Innovation	
Energy and Sustainability (MS)	
Full-time (3-4.5 units) tuition	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$7,935/unit
Engineering Management (MEM)	
Full-time (4 units)	\$21,785/qtr.
Part-time (under 4 units)	\$6,500/unit
Information Technology (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$21,022/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,250/unit
Machine and Learning Design	
Full-time (3-6 units)	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,935/unit
Product Design and Development Management (MS)	
Full-time (4 units) tuition	\$23,971/unit
Part-time (under 4 units)	\$5,991/unit
Project Management (MPM) tuition	
Full-time (3-5 units) tuition	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$5,576/unit

Executive Mgmt. Design and Construction (EMD)	
Tuition	\$5,180/unit
Robotics (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units) tuition	\$22,304/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$7,935/unit

McCormick graduate degree programs: Other fees

512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.
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Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

Master of Science in Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) tuition

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$20,283/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,216/unit
Excess course (over 4 units)	\$7,216/unit
Student activity fee	\$76/qtr.
IMC Professional Master’s Program	\$5,463/unit

Master of Science in Journalism (MSJ) tuition

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$17,832/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,216/unit
Excess course (over 4 units)	\$7,216/unit
Student activity fee (2.5–4 unit enrollments)	\$378/qtr.

Pritzker School of Law

Juris doctor programs

JD

Full-time (10 or more units) tuition	\$38,352/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units) tuition	\$3,835/unit
900A Resident in Research registration	\$11,175/unit
Absentia fee*	Varies

* Students who visit away at a domestic institution pay tuition directly to the institution they will attend. Additionally, Northwestern charges an absentia fee equal to the greater of either 10 percent of its tuition for the term away or the difference between its tuition and that of the institution the student attends. Students forfeit Northwestern grant and scholarship funding during terms away; thus, students may not apply these funds to either the absentia fee or the other institution’s tuition charges.

JD-MBA

Full-time (10 or more units) tuition	\$54,303/sem.
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Master’s degree programs

Executive LLM Program tuition

Chicago Single summer*	\$80,251/sem.
Nondegree summer	\$8,025/unit

* Effective summer 2022

International LLM Tel Aviv tuition

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$33,029/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$3,303/unit

International LLM South Korea and Madrid tuition

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$40,126/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$4,013/unit

LLM in Taxation tuition

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$38,352/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$3,835/unit
LLM tuition	
Full-time (10 or more units)	\$40,126/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$4,013/unit
Master of Science in Law tuition	
Full-time (14 or more units)	\$31,580/sem.
Part-time (under 14 units)	\$2,256/unit
Kellogg School of Management	
Evening and Weekend MBA tuition	
Matriculated Summer 2021 or later	\$8,124/unit
Matriculated Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021 and Spring 2021	\$7,965/unit
Matriculated Spring 2020 and earlier	\$7,810/unit
Student activity and experience fee (one-time)	\$2,040
Executive MBA tuition	\$39,493/qtr.
Executive MBA Guanghua	
One -time tuition (second year)	\$50,000/yr.
One-Year MBA tuition	
Full-time (up to 5 units)*	\$28,984/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$7,246/unit
First-year fee	\$1,000/yr.
KSM Student Association fee	\$130/qtr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
Two-Year MBA	
Full-time (up to 5 units)*	\$27,870/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$6,968/qtr.
First-year fee	\$2,000/yr.
KSM Student Association fee	\$130/qtr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
MBAi	
Full-time returning (up to 5 units) tuition	\$28,357/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$7,090/unit
Full-time new student tuition	\$29,265/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$7,317/unit
First-year fee	\$1,000
Student activity and exp fee	\$1,400
KSM Student Association fee	\$130/qtr.
MBA/MS in Design Innovation (MMM)	
Full-time (up to 5 units) tuition	\$27,870/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$6,968/unit
First-year fee	\$2,000
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
KSM Student Association fee	\$130/qtr.
MD/MBA	
Full-time tuition (up to 5 units)	\$27,918/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$6,980/unit
KSM Student Association fee	\$130/qtr.

Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
Master in Management Studies (MiM)	
Full-time (up to 5 units) tuition	\$22,306/qtr.
Overload tuition (more than 5 units)	\$5,577/unit
Student Life and experience fee(Fall)	\$300/yr.
Student Activity Fee	\$50/qtr.

Feinberg School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine (MD)	
Tuition	\$71,946/yr.
Tuition surcharge (dual MD/master's programs)	
Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety	\$11,009/yr.
Humanities and Bioethics	\$11,009/yr.
Public Health	\$11,009/yr.
Disability insurance fee	\$250–\$600/yr.
Student activity and U-Pass fee	\$827/yr.
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	
Full-time tuition	\$18,240/trim.
Tuition	\$4,560/unit
Student activity and U-Pass fee	\$240/trim
Tech fee (first year only)	\$1,169/annual
Public Health Program Surcharge	\$3,669/qtr.
DPT/Master of Public Health (MPH)	
Full-time tuition	\$18,240/trim.
Tuition	\$4,560/unit
Master's in Prosthetics and Orthotics (MPO)	
Tuition*	\$42,088/yr.
Fee	\$4,316/yr.
Research	\$42,088/yr.
Surcharge	\$7,200/yr.
Lab fee	\$4,316/yr.

* Effective summer 2024

Physician Assistant (PA)	
Tuition*	\$18,519/trim.
Anatomy lab fee	\$100/yr.
U-Pass fee	\$171/trim.

* Effective summer 2024

Bienen School of Music

Full-time (3–5 units) tuition	\$19,254/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$6,850/unit
Excess course (over 5 units) tuition	\$6,850/unit
Special course/Continuous Registration tuition	
480 Master's Recital Continuation	\$1,635/unit
507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512	\$232/unit
513, 514, 515	\$288/unit
516, 517, 518	\$378/unit
519, 520, 521	\$498/unit

School of Professional Studies

Master's degree programs

Clinical Research and Regulatory Administration (MS)	\$4,555/unit
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Creative Writing (MA and MFA)	\$3,849/unit
Data Science (MS)	\$4,998/unit
Data Science MIT Micromast	\$4,998/unit
Accelerated Data Science, full-time	\$15,500/qtr.
Global Health (MS)	\$3,310/unit
Health Analytics (MS)	\$4,619/unit
Health Care Administration (MS)	\$3,327/unit
Health Informatics (MS)	\$5,055/unit
Information Design and Strategy (MS)	\$3,957/unit
Information Systems (MS)	\$5,037/unit
Literature (MA)	\$3,621/unit
Predictive Analytics (MS)	\$4,998/unit
Prose and Poetry (MFA)	\$3,849/unit
Public Policy and Administration (MA)	\$3,944/unit
Int'l Public Policy and Administration full-time	\$13,750/qtr.
Quality Assurance and Regulatory Science (MS)	\$4,555/unit
Regulatory Compliance (MS)	\$4,555/unit
Sports Administration (MA)	\$4,284/unit
Writing (MA)	\$3,849/unit

Pre-graduate certificate programs

Analytics Management	\$4,998/unit
Analytics and Modeling	\$4,998/unit
Artificial Intelligence	\$3,498/unit
Clinical Research	\$4,555/unit
College Sports Management	\$4,284/unit
Communication with Data	\$3,957/unit
Content Strategy	\$3,957/unit
Creative Writing	\$3,849/unit
Data Engineering	\$4,998/unit
Database and Internet Technologies	\$5,037/unit
E-Sports	\$4,284/unit
Global Health Leadership	\$3,310/unit
Global Sports Communication	\$4,284/unit
Health Data Science	\$4,619/unit
Health Informatics	\$5,055/unit
Healthcare Industry	\$3,364/unit
Information Systems Management	\$5,037/unit
Information Systems Security	\$5,037/unit
Learning Design	\$3,957/unit
Project Management	\$5,037/unit
Public Policy and Administration	\$3,944/unit
Regulatory Compliance	\$4,555/unit
Regulatory Policy and Health Systems	\$2,974/unit
Sports Analytics	\$4,284/unit
Sports Communication	\$2,884/unit
Tech Entrepreneurship	\$4,998/unit

Advanced graduate certificate programs

Creative Writing	\$2,694/unit
Data Science & Analytics	\$2,770/unit
Health Analytics	\$3,233/unit
Health Informatics	\$3,539/unit
Healthcare Reg Compliance	\$3,188/unit
Information Systems Management	\$3,526/unit
Interdisciplinary Studies for Liberal Studies	\$2,535/unit
Interdisciplinary Studies for Literature	\$2,535/unit

Public Policy	\$2,761/unit
<i>Professional Studies graduate programs:</i>	
<i>Other fees</i>	
Online course technology fee	\$130/unit
588 Resident Master's Study	\$1,994/unit
Public Policy and Administration (full-time program) fee	\$250/qtr.
Data Science (full-time program) fee	\$250qtr.

COMMON FEES

Below are many fees that may apply to Northwestern students regardless of their school or program. Fees pertain to the 2024–25 academic year. Other types of fees (e.g., field trips, study abroad, fines) may also be incurred.

Employer reimbursement application fee	
Undergraduate programs	\$275/yr. or \$100/term
Graduate programs	\$550/yr. or \$200/term
Health insurance	
See " Health Insurance Coverage Requirement "	
Late payment penalty fee	
Feinberg MD degree program	\$400/month
Pritzker degree programs.	\$400/term
SPS undergraduate programs	\$100/term
Other schools/programs	\$200/term
Late registration fee	
SPS graduate programs	\$75
Other programs/schools (\$5 surcharge if billed)	\$25
Inactive account fee (if carrying a balance)	\$5/mo.
Graduate program readmission*	\$250
* <i>Graduate School readmission fees vary; see school website for information.</i>	
Housing and meal plan fees	
See " Residential Services "	
Retroactive registration fee	\$225
Reinstatement fee	\$50
Returned payment fee	\$35
Student activity fee	Set by school/program
<i>Syllabus</i> yearbook	\$50
Technology fee (online courses)	Set by school/program
Transcript fee	See school registrar's website
Wildcard replacement fee	\$25

Student Health Fee

A student health fee of \$828* is charged to students with regular access to on-campus health services. The fee and other funding sources, provides Northwestern students with equitable access to a variety of health services at the university including Northwestern Medicine Health, Counseling and Psychological Services, TimelyCare Services and other on-campus health and wellness initiatives. For detailed information regarding timing of

the charge and eligible programs, see: <https://www.northwestern.edu/sfs/tuition/>

**may vary for hybrid programs*

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

For detailed information about policies, procedures, and costs associated with residing in University housing, see the Residential Services website, www.northwestern.edu/living, or contact Residential Services at housing@northwestern.edu or 847-467-4663. Residential Services is located at 2122 Sheridan Road, Suite 150, Evanston, Illinois 60208-1350.

Undergraduate Housing

Residence contracts

Only students who are regularly enrolled full-time at Northwestern as degree candidates are eligible to reside in University-owned housing. Eligibility is forfeited if your student status is terminated for any reason.

Students are required to sign residence and board contracts before they may take up occupancy in student residences. Contracts detail eligibility requirements, the duration of the contract, and rules and regulations for undergraduate student residences, including the following stipulations:

- Residence and board contracts are signed for the entire academic year; unless formally released from your contract, you are responsible for charges for the duration of the contract.
- If you are dismissed from the University for academic or disciplinary reasons, are inducted into military service, marry, or withdraw from the University for medical reasons as certified by the Health Service, you will be formally released from your residence and board contract effective the last week of your residence.
- If you graduate, voluntarily withdraw from Northwestern, or transfer to another university, you will be formally released from your residence and board contract effective the end of the last academic term in which you are enrolled for any portion of the term.

Residence rates

Room rates vary by student residence and room type. Below are rate ranges for the 2024–25 academic year. For rates specific to each residence, see www.northwestern.edu/living.

<i>Room type</i>	<i>Annual rate</i>	<i>Rate per quarter</i>
Triple	\$10,686	\$3,562
Double	\$11,169–\$12,648	\$3,723–\$4,216
Single	\$13,389–\$14,172	\$4,463–\$4,724

Room reservation deposit

A \$200 nonrefundable housing prepayment is required of all newly admitted undergraduates before their housing assignment can be made. (It is not required for returning students.) Serving as a housing application fee, the \$200 is applied against room

charges for the academic quarter.

Cancellations

If you wish to cancel your housing assignment, you must notify Residential Services immediately. If you have already signed your residence contract, you may be held liable for all or a portion of the residence charges unless a formal release is granted. Please note that requesting cancellation does not guarantee release from your housing contract; release requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Cancellation fees apply. See

www.northwestern.edu/living/current/housing-cancellation.html

Meal contracts

All students living in University student residences are required to sign up for a minimum of 14 meals per week. Some plans offer a fixed number of meals per quarter, while others permit unlimited meals. All first- and second-year students will be assigned to the Open Access meal plan. Plans are valid for meals at all or selected residential dining commons on the Evanston campus; a valid Wildcard is needed for entry.

Plans also vary in their allocation of Dining Dollars, which may be used for guest meals in the dining commons as well as for purchases at à la carte food service facilities across campus. Cat Cash in \$25 increments may be added to any plan at any time. You may request only one change of meal plan per quarter, before the sixth week has elapsed. For complete meal plan information, see <https://dineoncampus.com/northwestern>

Meal plan rates	2024-2025	2024-2025
<i>Plan type</i>	<i>Annual rate</i>	<i>Rate per quarter</i>
Open Access (unlimited)	\$8,480	\$2,827
Base 14 (14 meals/week)	\$8,352	\$2,784
Flex Pack 330	\$7,812	\$2,604
Flex Pack 210	\$5,115	\$1,705
Purple 50/50	\$2,322	\$774

Fraternity and Sorority Housing

Each sorority and fraternity set its own residence and board rates; for information, see the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life's website, www.northwestern.edu/fsl, or contact the fraternity or sorority directly.

Graduate Housing

Only students regularly enrolled in Northwestern University as full-time graduate degree candidates or as postdoctoral students taking graduate-level courses are eligible for residence in graduate housing. If your student status is terminated for any reason, you are no longer eligible to live in University-owned housing.

University-owned graduate housing is available only on the Evanston campus. If offered accommodations, you must sign a contract before you may occupy the unit. The contract details

eligibility requirements, the duration of the contract, and rules and regulations for graduate housing facilities, including the following stipulations:

- You will be considered in default of the contract for violation of any of its terms or conditions, including the payment of rent. In the event of default, the University may reenter and repossess the unit or may require you to vacate the unit no later than 30 days after written notice of default.
- You will be released from the contract effective the last day of your residence if you graduate, voluntarily withdraw from Northwestern, transfer to another university, are dismissed from the University for academic or disciplinary reasons, are inducted into military service, marry, or withdraw from the University for medical reasons as certified by the Health Service.

Residence rates

For 2024–25 rates, see the Residential Services website, www.northwestern.edu/living.

Housing deposit

A \$300 nonrefundable housing deposit is required of all graduate students who are offered a contract for University housing. This prepayment, which is due before a signed housing contract can be accepted, is applied against the residence charges for the academic year.

Cancellations

Residents of graduate housing who leave the University and wish to terminate their housing contracts must submit the Graduate Housing Cancellation Request form to Residential Services. For residents leaving for other than academic or medical reasons, existing contracts may not be cancelled before the termination date on the contract. A unit is not considered vacated until the resident has removed all possessions, surrendered the unit's keys, and checked out at the residence's main office.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENT

Northwestern University Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP)

Default Enrollment Process

Northwestern requires all degree-seeking students—except those in the School of Professional Studies and the Kellogg School of Management's Executive MBA Program—to carry comprehensive health insurance coverage. To ensure this outcome, the University defaults students into the Northwestern University Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP) annually.

Open Enrollment Period

During the applicable open enrollment period each year, students are required to confirm or waive NU-SHIP enrollment via CAESAR by the applicable deadline. For most programs, open enrollment begins July 1 and ends October 1. However, open enrollment may vary based on your program's start date. Please visit the [Student Insurance webpage](#) for more information.

Confirming or Waiving NU-SHIP Enrollment

For detailed information and step-by-step instructions on how to enroll in or waive the NU-SHIP online in CAESAR please visit this [webpage](#). Students who wish to waive the NU-SHIP must do so with a plan that meets all of the [comparable coverage requirements](#) by the applicable deadline.

Please note if you take no action by the applicable deadline, you will remain enrolled in NU-SHIP and be responsible for the plan premium charged to your student account.

NU-SHIP Premiums, Coverage Periods, and Benefits

The cost of the NU-SHIP for the 2024-25 academic/plan year is \$5,571 with a coverage period of 9/1/24 - 8/31/25. However, the annual premiums vary by coverage start date and other factors. Please visit the [Student Insurance webpage](#) for more information. The NU-SHIP is an Open Choice PPO plan provided by Aetna Student Health. For detailed benefit information please visit our webpage or [Aetna Student Health's webpage](#).

Dependents

Students may enroll their eligible dependents in the NU-SHIP coverage during the applicable annual open enrollment period, or within 31 days of a qualifying life event. The application and payment for enrolling eligible dependents in NU-SHIP must be completed on [Aetna Student Health's webpage](#). Students must enroll dependents during their program's open enrollment period each year. Dependent coverage is available only to students who are themselves enrolled in NU-SHIP.

International students

International students holding an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to enroll in the NU-SHIP for the duration of their studies and are encouraged to confirm their enrollment online in CAESAR as early as possible.

Students Insurance Office Contact Information

If you have any insurance-related questions, please reach out to the Student Insurance Office via email at student.insurance@northwestern.edu or via phone at 847-491-3621. If you would like to visit the Student Health Insurance Office we are located in Searle Hall, 633 Emerson Street, Suite G-125b on the Evanston campus. We also encourage you to visit our webpage as it holds a wealth of insurance information and answers to frequently asked questions.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

For Veterans

Veterans' educational benefits are administered by each school's registrar's or financial aid office. At the time your studies begin, make sure that all necessary records and credentials are available and in order. You then need to notify your school certifying official each time you register.

While a payment from the United States Department of Veterans

Affairs is pending, Northwestern University will not take any of the four following actions toward any student using US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits:

- prevent the student's enrollment.
- assess a late penalty fee.
- require the student to secure alternative or additional funding (except in cases where benefits do not cover full institutional charges).
- deny the student's access to any resources (such as classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to
- other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

To qualify for this provision, however, such students may be required to

- produce the VA's certificate of eligibility by the first day of class.
- provide written request to be certified.
- provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see the VA School Certifying Official for all requirements).

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

For Northwestern Employees

Northwestern provides tuition benefits for full-time, benefits-eligible employees. The Employee Reduced Tuition benefit is for eligible employees taking undergraduate or graduate courses at Northwestern. You must be full-time and benefits-eligible prior to the start of the term to be eligible for this benefit.

The Enhanced Employee Tuition benefit is for eligible employees taking undergraduate or graduate courses at Northwestern.

Eligible employees are full-time, benefits-eligible employees who have completed at least three years of full-time, benefits-eligible service prior to the beginning of the term, are earning less than \$100,000 gross annually and are actively working/on the University payroll.

The Dependent Reduced Tuition Plan is for an employee's spouse and dependent child(ren) taking undergraduate courses at Northwestern. In general, you must have completed five years of full-time, benefits-eligible service to be eligible for the Dependent Reduced Tuition Plan; however, only six months of full-time, benefits-eligible service is required for courses pursued in the School of Professional Studies.

It is recommended that you complete the online application at www.northwestern.edu/myhr prior to registration. Only one application is needed per student per calendar year.

Forms must be received online by December 31 of the calendar year in which the benefit is requested. Late fees may accrue on accounts where the form has not been submitted in a timely manner. Payment of the student portion of the tuition charges

must be made prior to or at the time of registration. These benefits do not cover fees.

For more information, see hr.northwestern.edu/ or contact the Office of Human Resources Benefits Division at askHR@northwestern.edu or 847-491- 4700.

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