

# FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

FOR NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS

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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Northwestern University Student Finance handles more than 24,000 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](http://www.northwestern.edu/sfs). Feel free to contact us at either of our two locations:

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## ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

The financial regulations in this booklet pertain to the 2021–22 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](http://www.sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer) and [my.qatar.northwestern.edu/finance](http://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 or transcripts, or have their enrollment or degrees confirmed, 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](http://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](http://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, 2021
Winter	January 1, 2022
Spring	April 1, 2022

\* *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. Northwestern employees and their eligible dependents who register as new SPS undergraduates pay at least 15 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, 2021
Spring	February 1, 2022
Summer	June 1, 2022

## Payment due dates each semester

*Pritzker degree programs*

Fall	September 1, 2021
Spring	January 1, 2022
Summer	June 1, 2022 (LLM programs) July 1, 2022 (all other programs)

## Payment due dates: Other schedules

*Feinberg Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master's of Prosthetics and Orthotics (MPO) programs*

*First- and second-year MD students:*

First payment	August 1, 2021
Second payment	January 1, 2022

*Third- and fourth-year MD students:*

First payment	July 1, 2021
Second payment	January 1, 2022

*MPO students (any year):*

First payment	July 1, 2021
Second payment	January 1, 2022

## 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. Delaying payment of the uncontested portion may result in a hold on your registration.

## **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 remains 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 [www.northwestern.edu/sfs/about/contact/offices.html](http://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.

If the 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.

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.

## **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 CAESAR 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](http://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](http://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 signatures, at the appropriate registrar's office. If you do not notify the registrar of your intent to withdraw, 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 (less the deposit) 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.

<i>Time of withdrawal</i>	<i>Tuition refund</i>
When or before the first 10 percent of the term has elapsed	100 percent (less tuition deposit)
After 10 percent but not more than 25 percent of the term has elapsed	75 percent
After 25 percent but not more than 50 percent of the term has elapsed	50 percent
After 50 percent of the term has elapsed	0 percent

\* *Programs that do not follow the general refund policy include School of Professional Studies undergraduate and graduate programs; Kellogg School of Management Executive MBA Program; Pritzker School of Law programs; and the Feinberg School of Medicine's Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master's in Prosthetics and Orthotics, and Physician Assistant 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 as a result 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, as a result 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 booklet 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. In order 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 2021–22 academic year, excluding Summer Session 2022. 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	\$20,092/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition*	\$7,143/unit
Excess course (over 5.5 units) tuition	\$7,143/unit
Associated Student Government activity fee (fall, winter, spring)**	\$75/qtr.
Athletic events fee	\$60/yr.
Health fee (fall, winter, spring)	\$69/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	\$2,115/unit
Audit course	\$1,057/unit
Lab fee (microbiology only)	\$57/course
Online course technology fee	\$125/course

## Graduate Programs

### The Graduate School

#### *Doctoral degree program tuition*

Quarters 1–8 (all but medical programs)	\$18,689/qtr.
After 8th quarter (all but medical programs)	\$4,672/qtr.
After 8th quarter (medical programs only)	\$18,689/qtr.
PhD/AuD tuition	\$13,085/qtr.
512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.
Student activity fee	\$125/qtr.

#### *Master's degree program tuition*

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$20,020/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,123/unit
Fine Arts (3–4 units)	\$18,689/unit
Online MA in Counseling (part-time only)	\$5,005/unit
512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.
588 Resident Master's Study	\$6,675/qtr.
Student activity fee	\$125/qtr.

### School of Communication

#### *Doctoral degree program tuition*

Doctor of Audiology (AuD)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$14,941/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$4,980/unit
580 Audiology PhD externship	\$4,980/unit
Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP-D)	\$5,564/unit

#### *Master's degree program tuition*

Communication (MS)	\$6,429/unit
Health Communication (MS)	\$6,429/unit
Leadership for Creative Enterprises (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$17,439/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,206/unit
Nonclinical Communication Science (MA)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$14,941/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$4,980/unit
Sound Arts and Industries (MA)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$16,957/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$5,652/unit
Speech, Language, and Learning (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$17,699/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,297/unit

### School of Education and Social Policy

Higher Education Administration and Policy tuition: degree (MS) or certificate	\$5,184/unit
Learning and Organizational Change tuition: degree (MS) or certificate	\$5,030/unit
Master of Science in Education tuition	\$3,880/unit

## **McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science** *Master's degree program tuition*

Analytics (MS)	
Full-time (3–6 units)	\$20,020/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$7,123/unit
Artificial Intelligence (MAI)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$19,400/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,882/unit
Biotechnology (MS)	
Full-time (2.51–5.5 units)	\$16,990/qtr.
Part-time (under 2.51 units)	\$4,782/unit
Design Innovation (MS)	
See Kellogg MBA/MS in Design Innovation	
Energy and Sustainability (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units) tuition	\$20,020/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$7,123/unit
Engineering Management (MEM)	
Full-time (4 units)	\$19,009/qtr.
Part-time (under 4 units)	\$5,567/unit
Information Technology (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units)	\$18,255/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,505/unit
Product Design and Development Management (MS)	
Matriculated fall 2020	\$5,377/unit
Matriculated fall 2021	\$5,538/unit
Project Management (MS) tuition	\$5,005/unit
Robotics (MS)	
Full-time (3–4 units) tuition	\$19,788/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$7,019/unit

### *McCormick graduate degree programs: Other fees*

Student activity fee (most programs)	\$100/qtr.
512 Continuous Registration	\$100/qtr.

## **Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications**

### *Master of Science in Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) tuition*

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$19,306/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)	\$6,868/unit
Excess course (over 4 units)	\$6,868/unit
Student activity fee	\$72/qtr.
IMC Professional Master's Program	\$5,200/unit

### *Master of Science in Journalism (MSJ) tuition*

Full-time (3–4 units)	\$16,973/qtr.
Excess course (over 4 units)	\$6,868/unit
Accelerated MS Program experience fee	\$200/qtr.
Student activity fee (2.5–4 unit enrollments)	\$360/qtr.

## **Pritzker School of**

### **Law *Juris doctor***

#### *programs JD*

Full-time (10 or more units) tuition	\$34,675/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units) tuition	\$3,468/unit
900A Resident in Research registration	\$10,105/unit
Student activity fee	\$150/sem.
Audit course fee (return fee)	\$3,459/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	\$49,098/sem.
Student activity fee	\$150/sem.

#### *Master's degree programs*

##### **Executive LLM Program tuition**

Single summer*	\$72,558/sem.
Nondegree summer	\$7,256/unit

\* *Effective summer 2021*

##### **International LLM Tel Aviv tuition**

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$29,863/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$2,986/unit

##### **LLM in Taxation tuition**

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$34,675/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$3,468/unit
Student activity fee	\$150/sem.

##### **Other LLM programs tuition**

Full-time (10 or more units)	\$36,279/sem.
Part-time (under 10 units)	\$3,628/unit
Student activity fee	\$150/sem.

##### **Master of Science in Law tuition**

Full-time (14 or more units)	\$28,553/sem.
Part-time (under 14 units)	\$2,040/unit
Full-time student activity fee	\$150/sem.

## **Kellogg School of Management**

#### **Evening and Weekend MBA tuition**

Matriculated summer 2021 or later	\$7,418/unit
Matriculated winter or spring 2021	\$7,273/unit
Matriculated spring 2020 or earlier	\$7,131/unit
Matriculated summer or fall 2020	\$7,273/unit
Student activity fee (one-time)	\$2,000

Executive MBA tuition	\$37,032/qtr.
Executive MBA Guanghua tuition (second year)	\$50,000/yr.
One-Year MBA tuition	
Full-time (3–5 units)*	\$26,345/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units)*	\$6,587/unit
First-year fee	\$1,000/yr.
KSM Student Association fee	\$110/qtr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.

\* *Effective summer 2020*

#### Two-Year MBA

Full-time (3–5 units) tuition	
Returning student	\$24,957/qtr.
New student	\$25,456/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	
Returning student	\$6,240/unit
New student	\$6,365/unit
First-year fee	\$2,000
KSM Student Association fee	\$110/qtr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.

#### MBAi

Full-time tuition	\$26,604/qtr.
Part-time tuition	\$6,651/unit
Travel fee (first year only)	\$2,800
First-year fee	\$1,000
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
Student activity fee	\$110/qtr.

#### MBA/MS in Design Innovation (MMM)

Full-time (3–5 units) tuition	
Returning student	\$24,957/qtr.
New student	\$25,456/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	
Returning student	\$6,240/unit
New student	\$6,365/unit
First-year fee	\$2,000
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.
Student activity fee	\$110/qtr.

#### MD/MBA

Tuition	\$25,500/qtr.
KSM Student Association fee	\$110/qtr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$1,400/yr.

#### Master of Science in Management Studies (MSMS)

Full-time tuition	\$20,080/qtr.
Global Initiatives in Management trip fee	\$3,000/yr.
Student activity and experience fee	\$300/yr.

## Feinberg School of Medicine

### Doctor of Medicine (MD)\*

Tuition	\$66,096/yr.
Tuition surcharge (dual MD/master's programs)	
Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety	\$9,882/yr.
Humanities and Bioethics	\$9,882/yr.
Public Health	\$9,882/yr.
Disability insurance fee	\$250-\$600/yr.
Student activity and U-Pass fee	\$852/yr.

\* *Students in the MD program who fail part of their curriculum are assessed an additional charge when repeating the coursework. For repeats of an academic year due to failure, the student is charged an additional 25 percent of the annual tuition for the year in which the repeat occurs. For each clerkship repeated, the charge is a percentage of the annual tuition based on the number of weeks in the clerkship.*

### Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Full-time tuition	\$16,758/trimester
Tuition	\$4,190/unit
Student activity and U-Pass fee	\$222/trimester
Technology fee (first year only)	\$1,073

### DPT/Master of Public Health (MPH)

Full-time tuition	\$16,758/trimester
Tuition	\$4,190/unit
Surcharge	\$3,294/unit

### Master's in Prosthetics and Orthotics (MPO)

Tuition*	\$38,666/yr.
Lab fee	\$3,961/yr.

\* *Effective summer 2021*

### Physician Assistant (PA)

Tuition*	\$17,013/trimester
Anatomy lab fee	\$100/yr.
U-Pass fee	\$156/trimester

\* *Effective summer 2021*

## Bienen School of Music

Full-time (3-5 units) tuition	\$18,969/qtr.
Part-time (under 3 units) tuition	\$6,749/unit
Excess course (over 5 units) tuition	\$6,749/unit
Special course/Continuous Registration tuition:	
480 Master's Recital Continuation	\$1,447/unit
507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512	\$205/unit
513, 514, 515	\$255/unit
516, 517, 518	\$335/unit
519, 520, 521	\$440/unit



## **School of Professional Studies**

### *Master's degree programs*

Clinical Research and Regulatory Administration (MS)	\$4,189/unit
Creative Writing (MA and MFA)	\$3,627/unit
Data Science (MS)	\$4,664/unit
Global Health (MS)	\$3,229/unit
Health Analytics (MS)	\$4,439/unit
Health Informatics (MS)	\$4,787/unit
Information Design and Strategy (MS)	\$3,729/unit
Information Systems (MS)	\$4,770/unit
Liberal Studies (MA)	\$3,413/unit
Literature (MA)	\$3,413/unit
Predictive Analytics (MS)	\$4,664/unit
Prose and Poetry (MFA) tuition	\$3,627/unit
Public Policy and Administration (MA)	\$3,698/unit
Public Policy and Administration (international), full-time	\$12,019/yr.
Quality Assurance and Regulatory Science (MS)	\$4,189/unit
Regulatory Compliance (MS)	\$4,189/unit
Sports Administration (MA)	\$3,978/unit
Sports Administration (MA), NU-Q	\$3,978/unit
Writing (MA)	\$3,627/unit

### *Pregraduate certificate programs*

Analytics and Modeling	\$4,664/unit
Analytics Management	\$4,664/unit
Clinical Research	\$4,189/unit
Communication with Data	\$3,729/unit
Content Strategy	\$3,729/unit
Data Engineering	\$4,664/unit
E-Sports	\$3,978/unit
Global Health Distance Learning	\$2,311/unit
Global Health Leadership	\$3,229/unit
Healthcare Industry (blended)	\$3,141/unit
Health Data Science	\$4,439/unit
Learning Design	\$3,729/unit
Public Policy and Administration	\$3,698/unit
Regulatory Policy and Health Systems (blended)	\$2,761/unit

Sports Administration	\$2,785/unit
Sports Analytics	\$4,321/unit
Sports Communication (blended)	\$2,698/unit
Sports Communication (global)	\$3,978/unit

*Advanced graduate certificate programs*

American Literature	\$2,388/unit
American Studies	\$2,388/unit
Artificial Intelligence	\$3,263/unit
British Literature	\$2,388/unit
Chicago Studies	\$2,388/unit
Comparative and World Literature	\$2,388/unit
Content Strategy	\$2,610/unit
Database and Internet Technologies	\$3,339/unit
Data Science and Analytics	\$2,610/unit
Digital Studies	\$2,388/unit
Dual-Genre	\$2,539/unit
Fiction	\$2,539/unit
Film, Literature, and Visual Culture	\$2,388/unit
Fundamentals of Health Informatics	\$3,350/unit
Global Policy	\$2,590/unit
Health Analytics	\$3,107/unit
Healthcare Compliance	\$2,932/unit
Health Informatics for Clinicians	\$3,350/unit
Health Informatics for Professionals	\$3,350/unit
History	\$2,388/unit
Information Systems Management	\$3,339/unit
Information Systems Security	\$3,339/unit
Interdisciplinary Studies for Liberal Studies	\$2,388/unit
Interdisciplinary Studies for Literature	\$2,388/unit
Interdisciplinary Studies in Writing	\$2,539/unit
Learning Design	\$2,610/unit
Nonfiction	\$2,539/unit
Poetry	\$2,539/unit
Policy Analysis	\$2,590/unit
Popular Fiction	\$2,539/unit
Predictive Analytics	\$3,263/unit
Public Administration	\$2,590/unit

Public Policy	\$2,590/unit
Publishing and Professional Development	\$2,539/unit
Quality Systems	\$2,932/unit
Religious and Ethical Studies	\$2,388/unit

#### *Professional Studies summer programs*

Summer Teacher Program tuition	\$2,115/unit
Laboratory fee	\$250/unit
Public Policy and Administration (international) fee	\$200/unit

#### *Professional Studies graduate programs: Other fees*

Online course technology fee	\$125/unit
588 Resident Master's Study	\$1,879/unit

## COMMON FEES

Below are many of the fees that can apply to Northwestern students regardless of their school or program. Fees pertain to the 2021–22 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/month

Graduate program readmission fee\* \$250

Housing and meal plan fees See “Residential Services”

Retroactive registration fee \$225

Returned payment fee \$35

Student activity fee Set by school/program

*Syllabus* yearbook \$50

Technology fee (online courses) Set by school/program

Transcript fee See school registrar’s website

Wildcard replacement fee \$25

\* Graduate School readmission fees vary; see school website for information.

## 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](http://www.northwestern.edu/living), or contact Residential Services at [housing@northwestern.edu](mailto: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 2021–22 academic year. Certain student residences may charge \$20 to \$75 in social fees per quarter. For rates specific to each residence, see [www.northwestern.edu/living](http://www.northwestern.edu/living).

<i>Room type</i>	<i>Annual rate</i>	<i>Rate per quarter</i>
Double	\$9,960–\$11,274	\$3,320–\$3,758
Single	\$11,937–\$12,633	\$3,979–\$4,211

## 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/current/housing-cancellation.html](http://www.northwestern.edu/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. First-year students are automatically assigned the Open Access 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 [www.dineoncampus.com/northwestern](http://www.dineoncampus.com/northwestern).

## Meal plan rates

<i>Plan type</i>	<i>Annual rate</i>	<i>Rate per quarter</i>
Open Access (unlimited)	\$6,993	\$2,331
Base 14 (14 meals/week)	\$6,885	\$2,295
Flex Pack 330	\$6,441	\$2,147
Flex Pack 210	\$4,218	\$1,406
Purple 50/50	\$1,914	\$638
Wildcat Pack	\$321	\$107

## Fraternity and Sorority Housing

Each sorority and fraternity sets its own residence and board rates; for information, see the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life's website, [www.northwestern.edu/fsl](http://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 2021–22 rates, see the Residential Services website, [www.northwestern.edu/living](http://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)**

All Northwestern degree-seeking students—except those in the School of Professional Studies and the Kellogg School of Management’s Executive MBA Program—are required to maintain health insurance that meets University standards. To ensure that students have adequate health insurance, the University annually enrolls all eligible students in the Northwestern University Student Health Insurance Plan, which is provided by Aetna Student Health.

For full information about NU-SHIP’s coverage and benefits, see [www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance](http://www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance) and [www.aetnastudenthealth.com/northwestern](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/northwestern).

### **Open enrollment and coverage period**

During the applicable open enrollment period each year, students are expected to confirm or waive NU-SHIP enrollment via CAESAR. If you take no action, you will remain enrolled in NU-SHIP and be responsible for the plan premium charged to your student account. Enrollment is in effect until the following year (August 31) unless you experience a qualifying life event. For most programs, open enrollment begins July 1 and ends October 1, and NU-SHIP coverage begins September 1 and ends August 31. However, open enrollment and coverage periods may vary based on your program’s start date. See [www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance](http://www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance) for more information.

### **Confirming or waiving enrollment**

For detailed information and step-by-step instructions for enrolling in or waiving out of NU-SHIP online, see [www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance/insurance-requirements/annual-enrollment-waiver-process](http://www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance/insurance-requirements/annual-enrollment-waiver-process).

If you have questions, you may email [student.insurance@northwestern.edu](mailto:student.insurance@northwestern.edu), call 847-491-3621, or visit the Student Health Insurance Office in Searle Hall, Suite G-125b, 633 Emerson Street, Evanston campus.

### **NU-SHIP premiums**

Annual premiums vary by coverage start date and other factors. For 2021–22 premium rates, see [www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance/plan-info-reqs/nu-ship-information](http://www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance/plan-info-reqs/nu-ship-information).

## Dependents

Application and payment for enrolling eligible dependents in NU-SHIP must be completed at [www.aetnastudenthealth.com/northwestern](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/northwestern). 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 are required to maintain enrollment in NU-SHIP for the duration of their studies and are urged to complete online enrollment as early as possible.

## 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](http://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/civil union partner 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](http://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 [www.northwestern.edu/hr/benefits/tuition](http://www.northwestern.edu/hr/benefits/tuition) or contact the Office of Human Resources Benefits Division at [tuition-benefits@northwestern.edu](mailto:tuition-benefits@northwestern.edu) or 847-491-7513.

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