"Northwestern is a place that combines the best attributes of size, location, and diversity, we are special—and we are only getting better." —Morton Schapiro, president and professor
At Northwestern you will find a lakefront campus that mixes Gothic spires with modernist glass and steel. You will find labs devoted to life-changing discoveries and seminars exploring the classics. You will find all the advantages of a major research university with a level of individual attention rare in any school. You will discover that the only “attitude” here is one of collaboration, friendliness, altruism, and excellence. You will find a place in a close-knit community that thrives on the excitement and opportunities offered in Evanston and nearby Chicago. You will meet people like those featured in the following pages: students with diverse interests, talents, and backgrounds joining together with internationally renowned faculty to master skills, create knowledge, and improve the world.
Majors and programs at Northwestern University
For a complete list of minors and certificate programs, please visit ugadm.northwestern.edu.

Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg
College of Arts and Sciences
weinberg.northwestern.edu

African American studies
African studies
American studies
Anthropology
Art history
Art theory and practice
Asian languages and cultures
Asian studies
Biological sciences
Chemistry
Classics
Cognitive science
Comparative literary studies
Computer science
Earth and planetary sciences
Economics
English
Environmental sciences
French
Gender and sexuality studies
Geography
German
History
Integrated science
International studies
Italian literature and culture
Jewish studies
Latin and Latino studies
Legal studies
Linguistics
Materials science
Mathematical methods in the social sciences
Mathematics
Middle East and North African studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political science
Psychology
Religious studies
Science in human culture
Slavic languages and literatures
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Urban studies

School of Communication
communication.northwestern.edu

Communication studies
Dance
Human communication sciences
Performance studies
Radio/television/film
Theater

School of Education and Social Policy
seep.northwestern.edu

Human development and psychological services
Learning and organizational change
Secondary teaching
Social policy

Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science
mccormick.northwestern.edu

Applied mathematics
Biomedical engineering
Chemical engineering
Civil engineering
Computer engineering
Computer science
Electrical engineering
Environmental engineering
Industrial engineering
Manufacturing and design engineering
Materials science and engineering
Mechanical engineering

Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications
www.medill.northwestern.edu

Journalism (courses in web, mobile, newspaper, magazine, and broadcast (journalism and marketing communications)

Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music
music.northwestern.edu

Music performance
Brass
Jazz studies
Percussion
Piano
Strings
Voice and opera
Winds

Music studies
Music cognition
Music composition
Music education
Musicology
Music theory

Special programs
Brady Program in Ethics and Civic Life
Certificate programs
Architectural engineering and design
Civic engagement
Energy and sustainability
Engineering design
Financial economics (Kellogg)
Integrated marketing communications
Managerial analytics (Kellogg)
Music theatre
Creative writing
Global health studies
Honors Program in Medical Education
Kaplan Humanities Scholars Program
Kapnick Business Institutions Program
Undergraduate Leadership Program

List is subject to change.
“Northwestern truly values the complete college experience, with equal regard for what the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences can contribute to human knowledge and society. Chicago is an amazing resource for this, and the support for undergraduate research locally—and internationally—really sets us apart.”

—Professor Jessica Winegar

Jessica Winegar, associate professor of anthropology, researches art, youth, and political movements in the Middle East, with a focus on the Egyptian revolution.

Tara Raizada
(International studies, political science ’17) of Portland, Oregon, is a Kaplan Humanities Scholar pursuing a minor in Middle East and North African studies. She worked in 2014 as an intern for a United States senator.
When I first visited Northwestern, I fell in love with its amazing programs and the campus in general, but it’s the community that made me want to enroll. Everyone here seeks out their interests and is so enthusiastic. Every person I met when I visited told me that choosing to go to Northwestern was the best choice they had ever made, and I agree to the fullest.

ARIANA STEELE (linguistics, cognitive science ’16) of Seattle has received a Mellon Mays' Undergraduate Fellowship, an Undergraduate Language Grant, and an Undergraduate Research Grant. She is minoring in French and has held leadership positions in her residential college, sorority, and honor fraternity.

“The liberal-arts curriculum, coupled with the quarter system, is great because you get to try out a really wide variety of classes. Because of that flexibility, I’m able to pursue academics in two fields I really enjoy: biology and computer science, and still explore other interests. My professors are so experienced in their fields and passionate about sharing that experience. They’re also great advisers. I’ve been able to develop personal relationships with them.”

TREYVON THOMAS (theater ’17) is from Sarasota, Florida. The recipient of a Gates Millennium Scholarship, he is working toward a certificate in music theater.

“‘What really made Northwestern stand out was its academic freedom. Although classes are rigorous here, there are also plenty of opportunities to branch out beyond your major—both in and outside of the curriculum. This freedom to create your own path fosters a lot of pride in the education we receive here.’

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KRISH SURESH (biology ’15), a computer science minor from Coppell, Texas, plays percussion with Northwestern’s Philharmonia and helps run a summer camp for children who have or had a parent with cancer.
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

600 faculty | 4,200 undergraduates
45 credits required for BA: 12 distribution requirements, 2 first-year seminars, 15–20 major courses, up to 6 foreign language courses, various elective courses

weinberg.northwestern.edu

- the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive of Northwestern’s undergraduate schools, enrolling more than half of the undergraduates on campus
- combines the rigor of a leading liberal arts college with the resources of a major research university
- offers more than 100 majors, minors, areas of study, and special programs
- first-year Weinberg students build close working relationships with faculty by taking two small-class seminars—chosen from more than 100 offered each year

"I wasn’t sure what I wanted to study in college, so I picked the school that excelled in all the fields I was interested in—economics, engineering, and journalism. What also sold me was Northwestern’s proximity to Chicago, the diversity of the city’s ethnic neighborhoods, and the kindness of the people.”

MAROUA SALLAMI (economics, political science ’16) has interned at the United Nations Development Program in Tunis, Tunisia, her hometown. She is pursuing a minor in business institutions and a certificate in entrepreneurship.

"Northwestern has helped me find my passion for adding value to people’s lives through entrepreneurship. I’m on the executive board of one of seven companies held by a student-owned and run venture portfolio. This experience has taught me that a group of motivated, passionate, and confident Northwestern students working toward a common goal can achieve anything. Every day, I am amazed and humbled by the sheer brilliance of the people I am surrounded by, and so excited by the impact we can have on this campus.”

PRIYA KUMAR (economics ’16) of Bethesda, Maryland, is a dean’s list student pursuing a double minor in political science and business institutions.
"Northwestern gives you the chance and the impetus to explore outside your comfort zone, to experiment with fields you never thought you would be interested in. An undergraduate education is good when it allows you to delve into a field of your choice, but it becomes great when it also allows you to take a fresh breath of air every once in a while, learn something new, and come back to your field of interest with a different perspective.

"I have been pleasantly surprised by how much freedom Northwestern gives me academically; I have truly felt I am sculpting my own major, my own education. And I have been impressed by the support Northwestern gives students; there are so many grants and opportunities for study abroad and research and anything you can imagine."

ROBERTO DRILEA (radio/television/film ’16) of Bucharest, Romania, is minoring in psychology. A Davis UWC Scholar, he directed the short film Offline, which premiered at the 2013 Hollywood International Student Film Festival.

"After I finished my first-year seminar, my professor gave me the opportunity to take a graduate-level seminar on Internet skills the very next quarter. Being in a classroom with graduate students really made me think and reflect on the readings, research, and discussions in a different way. It was challenging, but it was an incredibly rewarding experience."

KAITLIN JENNRICH (communication studies ’17) has worked with Hmong refugees and teen mothers on two separate Alternative Student Break trips. She is from New Glarus, Wisconsin.

School of Communication

170 faculty | 1,107 undergraduates
45 credits required for BA or BS. 18 distribution requirements, 14–16 major requirements, 11–13 electives
communication.northwestern.edu

• majors range across the arts and sciences of communication, from human communication sciences and communication studies in radio/television/film, theater, dance, and performance studies
• in addition to popular minors and certificates in music theatre, sound design, and film studies, curricular "modules" in each department offer the opportunity to study in depth for a year or more—building command of the subject, relationships with peers, and a mentored portfolio of work
• teaches students to find better ways for human beings to connect with each other
McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

180 faculty | 1,650 undergraduates (30 percent are women)
48 credits required for BS: 18 core math, science, and engineering courses; 16 major courses; 9 humanities/social science/communication courses; 5 unrestricted electives
mccormick.northwestern.edu

• combines the traditional engineering skills of analysis, logic, and math with creativity, aesthetics, and design to prepare whole-brain engineers who are poised to address the most challenging problems
• design thinking—the ability to identify the real problem behind the perceived problem—permeates every aspect of the curriculum
• teaches how to solve problems through collaboration, ideation, and communication—skills students need to become leaders after graduation
• Engineering First curriculum introduces students to the basics of engineering through creative design experiences and analytical courses where first-year students design solutions to problems for actual clients

“When I first visited Northwestern, there was no doubt in my mind that this school would be the ideal place for me to learn and grow as both a person and an engineer. I loved that the engineering school creates a close-knit community of students within the environment of a large, diverse research institution. McCormick’s focus on leadership and personal development also showed me that the school strives to teach students how to be successful in life, not just in engineering.”

RACHEL STAR (manufacturing and design engineering, psychology ’15) has given lectures at Stanford University, Autodesk University, and TEDYouth. She is a core team member of SparkTruck, an educational “build-mobile” that brings 3D printers and other tools to students and educators. She is from San Mateo, California.

“My academic adviser is one of the most highly cited researchers in his field, but he makes the time to help me and ensure my success. When I had just met him my first year here, he went out of his way to help me get an internship at NASA Glenn Research Center, and to this day he is more than willing to sit down with me and help me make important career and life decisions.”

EDWARD PANG (materials science and engineering ’15) of Copley, Ohio, won a 2014 Goldwater Scholarship. During his NASA internship, he researched new superelastic materials for the International Space Station. After sophomore year, he certified interior cabin parts for 777 and 787 aircraft as a flammability certification engineer intern for Boeing.
“As a peer adviser for new students, I met a group of incredible people who were unified by a common passion: serving others. They made me realize that as a Northwestern student, I am part of something much greater than the music school or the Spanish department. I am part of the future, and I can shape it through my own journey. And I had the chance to create a supportive and nurturing home for the incoming students so that they can do the same.”

ALEXANDRA URQUIOLA (vocal performance ’16) of Bergenfield, New Jersey, is a Wildcat Welcome peer adviser. She is pursuing a minor in Spanish.

“The greatest part about Northwestern is its diversity—not only cultural diversity but diversity in interests and opinions. Everyone here is very smart and brings unique experiences, which provides many opportunities for growth. The professors and advisers truly care about the success of their students and will help in whatever way they can.”

THADDEUS TUKES (jazz studies, journalism ’16) of Chicago is a Ravinia Jazz Scholar who has performed at New York City’s Carnegie Hall, Chicago’s Symphony Center, and the Chicago Jazz Festival. He has won the Fidelity FutureStage Young Artist Competition and the age 18–22 division of the Union League Civic and Arts Foundation Jazz Improvisation Contest. He volunteers with a community organization that offers music lessons to children and teens.

Bienen School of Music

120 faculty | 400 undergraduates

50–54 credits required for BMus: 8–15 distribution requirements and electives, 15.5–19 core courses, 16–27 major courses • 45 credits required for BAMus: 13 distribution requirements, 6 foreign language courses, 10 core courses, 10 major courses, 6 electives • 45 credits required for BSMus: 13 distribution requirements, 10 core courses, 10 major courses, 12 electives

music.northwestern.edu

• offers students conservatory-level training within a major research university
• cultivates outstanding musicianship, intellectual curiosity, and analytical skills that prepare students to succeed no matter what career path they choose
• many faculty are acclaimed soloists and sought-after conductors, performers, clinicians, and scholars, as well as members of the Chicago Symphony and Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestras
• wide variety of performance options, including 16 ensembles and numerous chamber groups
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

77 faculty | 673 undergraduates
45 credits required for BSJ: 14 distribution requirements, 9 courses in arts and sciences concentration, 12–14 major courses, 8–10 electives
www.medill.northwestern.edu

§ a recognized leader in educating journalists and communicators who are passionate about their mission and excited about the creative challenges of a multimedia digital world
§ grounds students in the fundamentals of writing, reporting, editing, and critical thinking—skills essential for any profession
§ students master storytelling for digital, broadcast, and print and then gain experience and networking opportunities through a full-quarter residency in the magazine, newspaper/online, broadcast, or marketing communications industry
§ offers a certificate in integrated marketing communications that provides practical tools for positions in advertising, public relations, corporate communications, and interactive marketing

“Northwestern is the place where I’ve really figured out who I am. The University fosters a climate of independence and encouragement that enables students to perform at their highest abilities. Almost every group on campus is student run, and the work that each of them produces is near professional quality. Northwestern encourages you to discover your passion and go as far as you can with it.”

JOEY LAUTRUP (journalism, political science ‘15) is from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He won a 2014 Summer Undergraduate Research Grant.

“Northwestern offers a world-class education right outside a world-class city. The amazing journalism program, ideal location, and beautiful campus made it my number one choice. With the financial aid office making Northwestern more affordable than I ever thought possible, I realized that the opportunities here were impossible to pass up.”

ANTONIO JOSÉ VIELMA (journalism ’16) of Pharr, Texas, has been active with Mariachi Northwestern, Noticiero Northwestern, the Mezcla Dance Group, and the Quest Scholars chapter at Northwestern.
’Although Northwestern is a competitive environment, the bonds that students are able to make with each other are long lasting. This is the first time in my life that I have been able to find peers who share the same passions that I have. ’

“I have a vast network of support here. People often talk about how excited they are to go to college and ’be out on their own,’ but my experience has been the exact opposite. Northwestern has provided me with more care and support than I have ever experienced in my life.”

SPRING SANDERS
(human development and psychological services ’16) is a midfielder on Northwestern’s seven-time NCAA champion lacrosse team. The Buffalo, New York, native volunteers with an after-school program that serves children from low-income families.

“I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about many new fields that I had no exposure to before. Being at Northwestern has helped me develop a greater appreciation for research and learning. Although Northwestern is a Big Ten university, the relatively small size of the school allows for a very personal feel and a welcoming environment for everyone.”

JUSTIN CRUZ (learning and organizational change, psychology ’15) of Chicago is a research assistant in a cognitive development lab on campus. Last summer he traveled to Uganda to help design and implement a sustainable community development project. He is a volleyball coach for several local schools and clubs.

School of Education and Social Policy
34 faculty | 400 undergraduates
45 credits required for BS: 8–11 core courses, 10–14 distribution requirements, 12–20 concentration courses, 1–9 electives
sesp.northwestern.edu

• prepares students to play active roles in shaping and improving the lives of individuals and their communities—whether businesses, families, schools, or cities
• students explore the causes and effects of change in the most critical areas of our society
• dedicated to creating leaders in many fields, including education
• four programs of study: human development and psychological services, learning and organizational change, secondary teaching, social policy
Northwestern was my top choice—it seemed to have a lot more open doors than anywhere else. Engineering students here are encouraged to study abroad and are urged to come up with *unique concentrations and themes within their majors* that allow them to specialize in anything from biotechnology to entrepreneurship.

*Nathanial Ezolino* (industrial engineering, economics ’17) is a QuestBridge scholar from Weston, Florida. He is treasurer of Northwestern’s chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers.

“I took a writing class with a fabulous professor, who got to know me and my passion for civic engagement and campus life. She even came to see my fall play. Later she hired me to interview students about her class and how it affected their view of campus involvement. Teachers like her make me feel that I have the resources and support to accomplish anything.”

*Jacqueline Soria* (social policy ’16) is from Rochelle Park, New Jersey. She participated in the Freshman Emerging Leaders Program and has earned a certificate in civic engagement.

“I’ve enjoyed being able to *branch out and explore* my interests. I’m here as a journalism student, but I’ve also been able to showcase my skills as a rapper, actor, comedian, and athlete. I was definitely surprised by how many opportunities there are to take advantage of. Whether it’s a club or show, there’s always something new to try.”

*Omar Jimenez* (journalism ’15) of Kennesaw, Georgia, is earning a certificate in integrated marketing communications. A former intern at NBC News and CNN, he recently won the Society of Professional Journalists’ national Mark of Excellence Award for general television news reporting.
A passion for teaching

Northwestern has attained a degree of excellence few schools in the world can claim. That excellence permeates the undergraduate experience, thanks in part to faculty who—for all their MacArthur “genius” grants, Tony Awards, National Medals of Science and Technology, and memberships in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and National Academy of Science—are passionate about teaching. Nearly three-quarters of all undergraduate classes have fewer than 20 students, ensuring meaningful contact with these scholars.

Bryna Kra, the Sarah Rebecca Roland Professor of Mathematics, won the American Mathematical Society’s Levi L. Conant Prize in 2010 for her article “The Green–Tao Theorem on Arithmetic Progressions in the Primes: An Ergodic Point of View.” She became a fellow of the AMS in 2012.

“I enjoy directing undergraduates in thesis projects and watching these students grow into researchers.” —Professor Bryna Kra

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THOMAS BRADSHAW (top left), assistant professor of radio/television/film, is working on a screenplay adaptation of Uncle Tom’s Cabin and creating a TV series for HBO and Harpo Films. He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and other awards and was named to Time Out New York’s Ten Playwrights to Watch list.

KAREN SMILOWITZ (top right) is associate professor of industrial engineering and management sciences. Her research interests include humanitarian logistics—the coordination of people, organizations, and materials to deliver goods and services to people in need. She was named McCormick Adviser of the Year in 2011.

MEI-LING HOPGOOD (bottom left), associate professor of journalism, has written for publications such as National Geographic Traveler, Marie Claire, the Miami Herald, and the Boston Globe. She has received the National Headliner Best in Show and several other national and international journalism awards.

KAREN SMILOWITZ (top right) is associate professor of industrial engineering and management sciences. Her research interests include humanitarian logistics—the coordination of people, organizations, and materials to deliver goods and services to people in need. She was named McCormick Adviser of the Year in 2011.

DAVID RAPP (bottom right), associate professor of learning sciences and psychology, is researching the complex interactions between learning processes and learning experiences that drive comprehension. The recipient of several teaching and research awards, he is a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science.

“The repertoire we sing in Northwestern choral ensembles is unique in the academic world. Our top ensemble is dedicated to music written in the last 20 years and its relationship to early music. This inspires a desire to know and perform the music of today, and the students embrace it wholeheartedly. They ask the right questions, they’re eager to try new ideas, they’re willing to take artistic risks, and they’re respectful but independent thinkers.”

DONALD NALLY, professor and director of choral organizations, has served as chorus master for many prestigious international companies, including Lyric Opera of Chicago, Welsh National Opera, and the Spoleto Festival in Italy. He is chorus master of the Chicago Bach Project and conductor of The Crossing, a new-music choir in Philadelphia that has won two ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming. In 2012 he won the Lois Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal from Chorus America.
Amplify your education

Your Northwestern education only begins with the required courses and majors of your home school. Students from all of our undergraduate programs are encouraged to take advantage of these noteworthy opportunities.

ON THE FAST TRACK
Students can complete both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree on an accelerated schedule, often in five years or less:

- management/business kellogg.northwestern.edu/programs/russell-fellows
- engineering and applied science resuscit.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/bachelor-degree-curricul.
  /honors-combined-programs/master-for-undergraduates.html
- selected disciplines in the arts and sciences weinberg.northwestern.edu
- journalism www.medill.northwestern.edu/journalism/undergrad

Northwestern Undergraduate Premedical Scholars Program
A few select undergraduates are accepted after their sophomore year for matriculation into Northwestern’s Feinberg School of Medicine after their fourth or senior year.

Undergraduate Research Grants
Students receive funding to pursue independent projects under the mentorship of a faculty member.

Undergraduate Leadership Certificate
Through classes, coaching, projects, and collaboration with leaders outside the University, students prepare to become leaders on campus and in their communities and professions.

Kellogg Certificate Program for Undergraduates
Two four-course certificates are offered: financial economics and managerial analytics. Both tracks help students improve their critical thinking, business acumen, and understanding of strategic models.

Study Abroad
Each year about 750 students, typically juniors, spend one or more academic quarters in foreign countries, choosing from more than 130 programs.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation
The Farley Center offers courses that teach students how to turn innovations into viable businesses. The Garage, an 11,000-square-foot space for student entrepreneurs, will open in 2015.

Minor in Global Health Studies
Drawing on diverse fields to promote understanding of international health issues, this program offers students opportunities for study, research, and hands-on experience abroad.

Center for Legal Studies
Students can pursue an adjunct major or a minor, engaging in critical work with professors from Northwestern’s School of Law and the professional world.

Harvey Kapnick Business Institutions Program
This minor provides perspective on the business world not just as a means to make a living but also as a subject deserving academic study. Students often augment coursework through internships.
The Center for Civic Engagement is a clearinghouse for a wide variety of public service efforts at the University and promotes engaged learning and civic participation throughout the Northwestern community. engage.northwestern.edu

Chicago Field Studies offers city-focused seminars and internship opportunities at legal, business, social justice, humanities, and other organizations throughout the Chicago area. internship.chicagofields.northwestern.edu

Design for America was founded at Northwestern as a way for students to apply human-centered design to issues of social significance. Projects have won national design awards and range from reducing water consumption to improving hand hygiene and public transportation. designforamerica.com/studio/northwestern

The Global Engagement Summit organizes conferences for students committed to global change. Delegates from 40 countries, 80 colleges and universities, and 50 nonprofit organizations have attended summits and have gone on to be leaders in this growing movement. globalengagementsummit.org

The Office of Fellowships supports student applications for a host of public service fellowships—such as 100 Projects for Peace, the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, and the Global Health Corps Fellowship—that provide funding for community service, research, and advocacy. northwestern.edu/fellowships

The Global Engagement Studies Institute focuses on community development in a global context. Students learn about international development and global engagement practices by working with community-based organizations in India, Uganda, and other countries to design and implement small-scale development projects. gess.northwestern.edu

The Asset-Based Community Development Institute helps communities become stronger and more sustainable by drawing on their existing strengths—and trains students to be leaders in this growing movement. abdinnstitute.org

The Global Engagement Corps’s activities range from community organizing and political advocacy to direct service. The group aims to develop mutually beneficial partnerships with local communities. globalengagementcorps.org

Engage Chicago is a summer field study program that immerses undergraduates in the city of Chicago for a combination of coursework, internships at top organizations, and powerful community experiences. engage.northwestern.edu/engchicago

The Freshman Urban Program is a peer-orientation program that introduces incoming students to neighborhoods in Chicago and Evanston. group.northwestern.edu/fup

Alternative Student Breaks is a student organization that seeks to educate student volunteers about specific social issues. Students spend a week volunteering with local agencies in diverse communities across the country and experience social issues firsthand. asb.northwestern.edu

Campus Kitchens utilizes shared kitchen space, donated food, and the energy of students, faculty, and community members to prepare meals and deliver them to agencies and people in the community. campuskitchens.org

The Northwestern Public Health Corps Fellowship—that places students in 50 nonprofit organizations in the Chicago area. northwesternges.org

The Freshman Urban Program—provides funding for community service, research, and advocacy. northwestern.edu/fup

The Office of Student Community Service provides advising and support for service-oriented student groups on campus. northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/ocp/programs/student-community-service

International and local partners in these and related efforts include the Adler Planetarium • American Red Cross • Amnesty International • betterordinary.org • Center for Neighborhood Technology • Centro Romero • Chicago Council on Global Affairs • Chicago Public Schools • Environmental Law and Policy Center • Fast Forward Fund • GlobalGiving • IIESCS • Humanities Council • Interfaith Youth Core • Jumpropo • METROsquash • Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center • Steppenwolf Theatre • Teach for America

Courses featuring a civic engagement focus or component include ANTHRO 212 Global Cultures, Global Inequalities • CIV ENV 388 Community-Based Design • EARTH 111 Human Dimensions of Global Change • ECON 306 Economics of Developing Countries • JOUR 301 Enterprise Reporting in Diverse Communities • POLI SCI 321 Community Political Processes • POLI SCI 330 Politics of Local Justice • SESP 202 Introduction to Community Development • SOCDIL 312 Social Basis of Environmental Change • SOCDIL 325 Global and Local Inequalities • SOCDIL 330 Social Policy and the Human Services • TEACH ED 304 Introduction to Schooling in Communities.

Make a difference

No other university integrates civic engagement and campus life as thoroughly as Northwestern does. We believe that doing good should not be exclusively an extracurricular activity. That is why we offer classes, courses, internships, and research opportunities that feature service and engagement with local communities. These efforts have the support—and participation—of faculty and administration. They take students beyond the classroom to work with local organizations and people in need. Proximity to Chicago and extraordinary international connections allow our students to use their considerable gifts to address important problems on the biggest possible stage.

On these pages you will find just a few of the civic engagement opportunities available to Northwestern students:

“I worked for a group on campus called ChinaCare, which helps adopted Chinese children shape their identities in the context of American and Chinese cultures. I gained understanding of the special and even sensitive situation of transcultural adoptions and the global issue of orphans.

“I also have worked for the annual student-run UNITY Charity Fashion Show. This year we gave donations to NoStigmas, an organization that seeks to raise awareness of suicide and mental illness. Working for the fashion show made me realize that such events can enliven student life while benefiting a bigger cause.”

VANESSA GAO (art history ’17) is working with an agent to get her first novel published. The Beijing native is pursuing a minor in French and is spending the summer and fall studying in Paris and Arles, France. She enjoys singing in the Alice Millar Chapel Choir every Sunday and at special concerts during the school year."
Maybe it is the down-to-earth Midwestern attitude, but almost without exception students at Northwestern are interesting, accomplished, and friendly. There is a genuine spirit of collaboration and cooperation and an appreciation of diversity that can be seen in everything from community service efforts to intramural sports. The result is the engaged, fun, and caring spirit that defines life on campus.
Big time on campus

Whether you quench your thirst for competition in the stands, on the intramural field, or in a pickup game (or a debate or a robotics competition or ...), you will find fellow students who share your passions. As a charter member of the Big Ten Conference, one of the most competitive athletic conferences in the country, Northwestern boasts 19 varsity athletics programs (8 men’s, 11 women’s). In the past 18 years the Wildcats have had 33 conference championship and 7 national championship teams, and 154 student-athletes have earned first-team All-America honors. nusports.com

*Northwestern’s reputation as one of the leading academic institutions in the world drew me in, and I have loved being a student-athlete here. There is no place I could get a better academic and athletic experience. At Northwestern I am taken care of and given every tool I need to succeed, while being part of one of the fastest-growing Division I programs in the country.*

NANDI MEHTA (economics, international studies ‘16) of Lexington, Massachusetts, is the Academic All–Big Ten cocaptain of the women’s soccer team and copresident of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. A dean’s list student, she is pursuing a managerial analytics certificate and works as a research assistant. She helps organize bone marrow drives on campus with Be the Match.
Northwestern’s campus blends the historic and the modern to create a welcoming, comfortable, and productive home base for our 8,400 undergraduates. Just steps away from campus are the charms of Evanston, one of the most attractive communities in the Midwest. This city of 75,000 mixes lakeside parks and quiet residential areas with a thriving business district and, according to Forbes magazine, is one of “America’s Top 25 Towns to Live Well.”

Favorite spots on campus:

- Dearborn Observatory
- the Block Museum of Art
- Deering Library

“It makes me feel like I’ve stepped into a Harry Potter novel.”

- Christina Cala (journalism, Spanish ‘14)

“I love Norbucks—the Starbucks in Norris Center. It’s a great space for catching up with friends (and people watching).”

- Josephine Lee (learning and organizational change ‘14)

“There’s nothing better than spending a Saturday at a football game, decked out in purple, cheering, and even dancing with hundreds of other students.”

- Sarah Parker (social policy ‘15)

- Black House (African American Student Affairs)

“...There is a small garden right next to University Library that I discovered by accident during my first year. When it’s warm, it’s the perfect place to go and read!”

- Sofia Porter-Castro (anthropology ‘14)

“The water and the breeze are so soothing, and I love that we can see the entire Chicago skyline from campus; it reminds me of how important we are to Chicago and how important Chicago is to us.”

Ariana Steele (linguistics, cognitive science ‘16)

Favorite spots in Evanston:

- amazing coffeehouses like Unicorn Cafe, Coffee Lab, Brothers K, Kafein
- Chicago-style pizza everywhere you turn! (Lou Malnati’s, Giordano’s, Carmen’s)
- Grosse Point Lighthouse

“It not only gives you a great view of the Evanston campus and Chicago, but the structure is beautiful and historic.”

- Maria De La Rotta (communication studies, international studies ‘15)

- great bookstores ...
- the incredible variety of great restaurants (Bat 17, Cheesie’s, Found, That Little Mexican Cafe, LYFE Kitchen, Joy Niel’s Noodle, Pret A Manger, Flat Top Grill, Celtic Knot, Edzo’s Burger Shop, Andy’s Frozen Custard, and more)
- Crossroads, a traded clothing store
- Church Street Plaza (an 18-screen movie theater, Urban Outfitters, World Market, Blick Art Materials, and more)
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- Deering Library

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The CTA rail system is not just a convenient way to get from Evanston to downtown Chicago. The Red and Purple Lines are also a prime way to explore the neighborhoods, cultures, and people that make this metropolitan one of the world's greatest. Some hot stops include:

- Downtown
- Evanston
- Northwestern University
- Bookstores
- Coffeehouses
- An 18-screen movie theater
- Whole Foods
- Lou Malnati's pizza
- Davis
- Haven Bakery
- Heinen's Market
- The Mexican Shop
- Addis
- Ababa Ethiopian Cuisine
- Bird Faith Café
- Union Pizzeria
- SPACE
- Dempster
- The Alcove
- Hoosier Mama Pie Company
- and Lucky Putter
- restaurants
- Chicago-Main
- Newswstand
- Balaban
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- Asian shops
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- restaurants
- known as
- Little Saigon
- Argyle
- Kingston Mines
- blues club
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- North Avenue
- Beach
- Fullerton
- Second City
- the Chicago
- History Museum,
- Old Town
- Sedgwick
- Chicago
- Downtown
- Navy Pier
- (gardens, parks,
- concert stages,
- a Ferris wheel,
- and the Chicago
- Shakespeare
- Theatre;
- River North
- (House of Blues,
- Hard Rock Café;
- galleries)
- Lawndale
- The Magnificent
- Mile, the John
- Hancock Center,
- the Water Tower,
- the Museum of
- Contemporary
- Art—and
- Northwestern's
- Chicago campus
- Grand
- Millennium Park,
- the Art Institute
- of Chicago,
- Grant Park,
- Buckingham
- Fountain, and
- Symphony Center
- Monroe
- Roosevelt
- Historic Bronzeville
- neighborhood;
- U.S. Cellular
- Field, home of
- the Chicago
- Bears
- 35th

The Windy City. Paris on the Prairie. The City That Works. City of the Big Shoulders. Whatever you call it, Chicago is one of a kind. To say Northwestern students enjoy the advantages, attractions, distractions, and possibilities the city offers is an understatement. Chicago is the hundred-story, glass-and-steel, multilingual backdrop to our students' time at Northwestern. It is a place for fun, adventure, growth, and new beginnings. All of these riches are easily accessible via the University's free all-day shuttle buses linking Evanston and Chicago as well as public transit and commuter rail lines near campus.

Chicago facts
9.6 million people in the metropolitan area
3rd largest city in the United States
7th largest city in the Western Hemisphere
5th greenest city in the United States
(Popular Science)
228 square miles

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Northwestern students on a field trip for a seminar on the Chicago River

Metropolitan Park's Cloud Gate

Navy Pier

Millennium Park, the Art Institute of Chicago, Grant Park, Buckingham Fountain, and Symphony Center

The Magnificent Mile, the John Hancock Center, the Water Tower, the Museum of Contemporary Art—and Northwestern's Chicago campus

The Alcove

Hoosier Mama Pie Company, and Lucky Putter restaurants, Chicago-Main Newswstand, Balaban Chocolate Pizan Main

Argyle

A collection of Asian shops, bakeries, and restaurants known as Little Saigon

Lincoln Park Zoo

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A GLOBAL CITY

In 2014 Chicago was seventh on the Global Cities Index, a study performed by A. T. Kearney and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs that ranked the world’s most influential cities based on factors such as business activity and cultural experience. The study concluded that Chicago’s geopolitical importance is increasing more rapidly than the nation’s as a whole.

AN ECONOMIC CENTER

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Arts and humanities
Agate Publishing
Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago History Museum
Chicago Humanities Festival
Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Christie’s
Field Museum
Goodman Theatre
Illinois Holocaust Museum
Joffrey Ballet
Lyric Opera
Northwestern University Press

Financial services, consulting, and business
Barclays
BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois
Discover Financial
JP Morgan
Merrill Lynch
Morningstar
NASDAQ
Orbitz
Raymond James Investment Bank
Standard and Poor’s
UBS Financial Services

Joumalism, advertising, and media
Digitas
Food Network magazine Group
Levy Restaurants
Maas Media Planning
Navigate Sports Marketing
NBA Telemed
Nielsen Company

SapientNitro
TimeOut Chicago
WGN-TV
Wilson Sporting Goods
Public policy and law
Attorney General’s Office
Public Defender’s Office
State’s Attorney’s Office

Science and healthcare
Center for Neighborhood Technology
City of Evanston Health Department
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Environmental Advocacy Center
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"I am participating in the Chicago Field Studies program in the legal studies discipline. I recently completed my first interview at the Center on Wrongful Convictions, part of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern’s Law School downtown. The center has helped get 36 innocent Illinois men and women exonerated since it was founded in the late 1990s. I could not be happier to continue my extracurricular learning at an institution in which I feel I am part of the community. I am eager to serve young people and contribute to their protection and accommodation by learning from dedicated attorneys.”

MICHAEL GRAF (history, international studies ’15) of Port Washington, New York, is director of fundraising for LEND, an undergraduate group at Northwestern that assists low-income small-business owners. He is a past president of the Beta Pi chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.
Global classroom

Northwestern offers its undergraduates an impressive and varied array of opportunities to learn and to serve in other countries. Our more than 275 global offerings range from study abroad programs to international research grants and internships. What follows here is just a sampling; for a comprehensive listing, visit the interactive NUGO website, global.northwestern.edu.

Internships and preprofessional programs

Eric Lund
Global Reporting and Research Grant
Finding Nano:
Nanotechnology and Culture in Germany
Global Engagement Studies Institute
IES Abroad: Nagoya
India: Development, Environment, and Public Health
Journalism Residency in South Africa
Madrid Internship Program
Renewable Energy Policy and Development Research grants and fellowships
Circumnavigator Club Travel/Study Grant
Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Awards
Global Health Group Research Fellowship
Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award
Foundation: Benedict and Donna Zobrist Scholarship for European and Asian International Study
IPD Fellowship for International Study
Lane Environmental Studies Grants
Sion Asia-related Research Grants
Student groups: Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life
Engineers for a Sustainable World
Global Engagement Summit
Global Water Brigades
GlobalMed Short-term study issues
Alternative Student Breaks
Hebrew University Program
Rotaract Service
Learning Spring Break Trip
Tsunami: Amazonian Panel Study

Study abroad
Africa
Asia
Australia and Oceania
Central America
Europe
Middle East
South America

"Last summer, through Northwestern’s Global Engagement Studies Institute, I lived with a homestay family and worked in a village in South Africa, where I built a restaurant with a Northwestern student partner and a team of four villagers. From what I understand, the restaurant is still running!

I sometimes joke that I’m majoring in saving the world. But in all seriousness, what I want to do is help other people—to enable them to have the same opportunities, the same chances, the same amount of support to succeed that I have received so far and undoubtedly will the rest of my time here."

JORDYN IGER (communication studies, international studies ‘16) of Massapequa, New York, is working toward a certificate in civic engagement. She recently was elected to the Lambda Pi Eta communications honor society.
In the past seven years Northwestern undergraduates have won Rhodes (•), Gates Cambridge (○), Marshall (●), and Churchill (●) scholarships and Fulbright grants (●), along with a multitude of other awards (●) that have taken them to every corner of the planet.

Fellowships and scholarships

The phenomenal success of the Office of Fellowships has turned Northwestern into a launching pad for international scholars. The office helps students earn prestigious awards to enhance their intellectual development and advance their careers. Over the past seven years 161 Northwestern Fulbright US Students have immersed themselves in the cultures of 63 countries, pursuing advanced study and research on topics that range from biomedical engineering to Christianity during the Renaissance. northwestern.edu/fellowships

NEHA REDDY
(anthropology ’16) of Portland, Oregon, won a grant from Kathryn W. Davis Projects for Peace that will support her initiative to facilitate reproductive health education training with rural Ethiopian women. She is minoring in global health and is a past recipient of a Summer Undergraduate Research Grant.

CHRISTIAN YENKO
(computer engineering, economics ’15) was awarded an Illinois Technology Foundation Fifty for the Future scholarship. The Singapore native is an engineer with JiveHealth, an award-winning student startup that creates mobile games designed to help children build healthier eating habits.

LIZ PINEDO
(sociology, anthropology ’14) of Indianapolis earned a Pickering Fellowship that will help prepare her for a career as a diplomat. She will participate in one overseas and one domestic internship with the US State Department. She is also a Quest Scholar and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow.

CONNER SINGH VANDERBEEK
(music composition, Asian studies ’15) of Modesto, California, was awarded a Beinecke Scholarship to pursue graduate study in music composition and ethnomusicology at Oxford or Yale. He also won an Undergraduate Research Grant to study Punjabi YouTube comedians in Toronto.

"My scholarship will allow me to spend a summer researching marine ecosystems with scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. We will be trying to incorporate the traditional ecological knowledge of Native Americans into biological research—basically, using what locals already know to help policy makers in Washington create effective resource management plans. I hope to use this research as a springboard to studying climate change and how it impacts people and the ecosystems they live in.”

JESSIE MORAVEK
(biological sciences, environmental sciences ’16) of St. Charles, Illinois, was awarded a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship to study ecosystem-human interactions in a marine setting. She has also received two Undergraduate Research Grants to study the fatty acid content of shrimp shell chitin.
After Northwestern

Northwestern University is a truly enriching place to live and learn. The full impact of a Northwestern education continues to be felt long after our students receive their diplomas. They learn that the work they did here and the interests they pursued had a purpose: to prepare them for the rapidly changing world that awaits them after Northwestern.

WHO HIRES NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI?

Here is a small sampling of employers who have recently hired Northwestern graduates: ABC News • Accenture • Aldi • Amazon • ACLU • American Red Cross • Baxter • Boeing • Chicago Public Schools • ESPN • Chrysler • Deloitte • Dropbox • ESPN • ExxonMobil • Federal Reserve Bank • Genentech • Goldman Sachs • Google • Huffington Post • IBM • L.E.K. Consulting • Lurie Children’s Hospital • Lyric Opera of Chicago • McKinsey • Microsoft • National Institutes of Health • Nielsen • PayPalCo • ProWildlifeCo • Procter and Gamble • Schneider Electric • Sotheby’s • United Airlines • The Atlantic • US Department of Energy • US State Department • Visa

POSTGRADUATE SUCCESS

Over the past several years, the medical school acceptance rate for all first-time applicants with bachelor’s degrees from Northwestern has averaged around 75 percent. The national average has been about 50 percent. Graduates who applied to business, dental, or law school also enjoyed acceptance rates well above the national average. A 2012 survey showed that graduates who took jobs often earned more than their peers from other schools, and some majors (e.g., history, political science, computer science) earned 15 percent or more above the national average.
When our alumni speak about Northwestern, they describe how it prepared them for achievement in the workplace, graduate school, and their communities. Our graduates go on to become leaders, the people who ask the right questions and then work to find the right answers.

KANGMIN JUSTIN KIM
Voice and Opera ’11
Opera Singer
London

“At Northwestern I studied voice and computer science—and earned a certificate in music theatre. I am very grateful to have been challenged academically as well as artistically. I learned Italian and C++, was a member of Fusion Hip Hop Dance Company, played viola with the Philharmonia, and performed in operas, musicals, and a play. In one way or another, those experiences have helped me get to where I am right now.”

HEIDI BETH DESSECKER
History and International Studies ’10
Director of Resettlement Services
World Relief Chicago
Chicago

“What I enjoyed most about Northwestern was learning by doing—studying abroad in Uganda, an internship with a local refugee resettlement agency, and networking at four Global Engagement Summits. My experiences prepared me for success after graduation and in my current position because they taught me to think critically about the world around me, advocate for new ideas, and realize positive change.”

ADRIANA ARELLANO
Human Development and Psychological Services ’09
Lurie Children’s Hospital
Chicago

“The best part about my Northwestern experience was the practicum that kickstarted my career. Working in a hospital setting in the social services was never a consideration until I interned on the inpatient unit at Children’s Memorial Hospital. The practicum helped clarify what my interests were, extended learning beyond the classroom to the real world, and taught me the skills to land a job with a prestigious organization after graduation.”

NIKHIL SETHI
Electrical Engineering ’10
Founder and CEO
Adaptly
New York City

“I chose Northwestern not solely because of its academic excellence but for the opportunity to be in close proximity to some of the smartest people in the world. Those relationships and experiences helped me find the courage and the mindset to take the leap into the startup world, and many of the relationships built at Northwestern continue to help power our company today.”

BRADLEY AKUBUIRO
Journalism ’11
Communications Manager
Pratt and Whitney
East Hartford, Connecticut

“The qualities embraced in journalism—work ethic, critical thinking, inquiring curiosity, and the ability to distill large, complex issues into concise pieces of understandable, compelling communication—are the skills that will make you a leader in consulting, community organizing, politics, engineering, investing, or any other field.”

TRAVIS LABELLA
Radio/Television/Film ’11
Director of Photography
Mind Over Eye
Los Angeles

“The best thing about the film program was that it provided a great launching point for my career. I built strong professional and personal relationships with other students in the program, and those relationships greatly influenced where I moved when I graduated as well as who I collaborate with on a daily basis.”

JACQUELINE REYNO
Radio/Television/Film ’11
Associate Producer
Original Productions
Los Angeles

“My classes and peers pushed me to work harder and think more critically about my work. The radio/television/film department provided some amazing resources that allowed me to tailor the program to fit my needs. The faculty support and shared enthusiasm helped me to grow as a person and a filmmaker.”

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Mission
The mission of the Office of Undergraduate Admission is to attract and enroll a student body of high ability, one that reflects a variety of talents, ideas, backgrounds, and experiences, thereby contributing to the diversity of the Northwestern community and the enrichment of the undergraduate experience.

Admission standards
Because we receive applications from many more students than we can admit, the admission committee must make difficult choices. Students admitted to Northwestern must be clearly capable of succeeding in the University’s challenging academic environment. The most reliable predictor of success is strong academic performance at the secondary school level.

Secondary school preparation
The evaluation of your secondary school transcript is an extremely important part of the admission process. We are not simply looking for high grades; the strength of your academic program is also weighed. The admission committee makes note of any accelerated, honors, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate courses taken. Every secondary school is different in its level of competitiveness and in the range of courses offered. These factors are also considered in admission decisions.

Secondary school curriculum recommendations
The Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Communication, the School of Education and Social Policy, the Bienen School of Music, and the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications recommend that entering students complete a minimum of 16 courses (most applicants present more) in the following academic areas:

- **English:** 4 full-year courses
- **Modern Foreign Language:** a minimum of 2 full-year courses of one foreign language
- **History and Social Science:** a minimum of 2 full-year courses
- **Laboratory Science:** a minimum of 3 full-year courses
- **Mathematics:** a minimum of 3 full-year courses

Additionally, 1-2 full-year courses in the academic areas listed above:
- The McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science encourages strong preparation in mathematics and science. Recommended coursework includes:
  - **English:** 4 full-year courses
  - **Laboratory Science:** a minimum of 3 full-year courses; chemistry and physics preferred
  - **Mathematics:** 3½–4 full-year courses; calculus preferred, if available; the minimum requirement includes 2 full-year courses of algebra, 1 full-year course of plane geometry, and 1 semester of trigonometry

Additionally, 5-6 full-year courses; these should include courses in foreign language, history, and social sciences.

Standardized testing
Northwestern requires results from either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Plus Writing. Applicants to the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science are encouraged to take the Math Level 2 examination. Students admitted to Northwestern who are planning to study engineering, Math Level 2 is preferable.

SAT Subject Tests
Northwestern requires results from either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Plus Writing. Applicants to the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science are encouraged to take SAT Subject Tests. Applicants to the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science should take Math Level 1 or 2.

Applicants to special admission programs are required to take SAT Subject Tests in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing. Honors Program in Medical Education applicants must submit the results of the Chemistry and Math Level 2 tests. Applicants to the Integrated Science Program must take SAT Subject Tests in Chemistry or Physics, Math Level 2, and a second science.

Applicants must demonstrate a certain level of English proficiency to ensure that they will be able to complete their degree requirements at Northwestern. Students whose first language is not English or whose schooling has not been in English are required to submit the results of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Homeschooled applicants
Applicants who have been educated at home must submit the results of three SAT Subject Tests—Math Level 1 or 2 and two tests of their choice—in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing. For students planning to study engineering, Math Level 2 is preferable.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credit
Northwestern recognizes credit for courses completed elsewhere under the following circumstances: courses are considered as those offered at Northwestern, they have been taken at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada; coursework was not submitted for normal secondary school graduation requirements; and courses were taken on a college or university campus with a majority of college students in attendance.

Other admission factors
Each application is reviewed carefully by several members of the admission committee, which seeks information beyond school transcripts and test scores. It takes into account your involvement outside of class, if profiled in an activity chart, and your essays to get a better sense of your interests, thought processes, and writing ability. Recommendations from secondary school teachers and counselors add perspective to your achievements.

Early Decision
If you are certain that Northwestern is where you want to enroll, we encourage you to apply under Early Decision. As with all traditional Early Decision plans, you agree to withdraw all applications at other colleges and enroll at Northwestern if admitted. Students interested in the Honors Program in Medical Education must apply under the Regular Decision plan.

Applicants who choose Early Decision send a strong positive message to Northwestern. Given their high level of interest and overall academic and personal strengths, Early Decision applicants enjoy a higher rate of admission. If you are admitted under Early Decision and apply for financial aid, you will be notified of your aid decision around the time of your acceptance, provided your family has filed the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile by December 1.

Students admitted under Early Decision may be released from the commitment to enroll at Northwestern only for demonstrated financial hardship.

Admission and financial aid: the details

**Geographic distribution of undergraduates**

- 300+ students: 3
- 200–299: 1
- 50–199: 4
- 5–49: 1
- International students: 669

**Class of 2018 profile**

- African American: 9%
- Asian: 21%
- Hispanic: 14%
- International students: 9%
- White: 48%
- Unknown: 5%

**International students:** 669

- 1–49: 0
- 50–199: 0
- 200–299: 1
- 300+: 1

**Parent income:**

- $0–30,000: 15%
- $30,001–60,000: 19%
- $60,001–90,000: 12%
- $90,001–120,000: 17%
- $120,001–150,000: 17%
- $150,001–200,000: 5%
- $200,001–250,000: 2%
- $250,001–300,000: 1%
- $300,001–500,000: 1%
- $500,001–750,000: 1%
- $750,001–1,000,000: 1%
- Over $1,000,000: 2%

**Average scholarship:**

- $0–30,000: $46,557
- $30,001–60,000: $41,581
- $60,001–90,000: $70,502
- $90,001–120,000: $84,145
- $120,001–150,000: $90,000
- $150,001–200,000: $121,145
- $200,001–250,000: $276,000
- $250,001–300,000: $315,133
- $300,001–500,000: $386,166
- Over $500,000: $2,161

**Total need-based scholarships**

- $0–30,000: 12%
- $30,001–60,000: 17%
- $60,001–90,000: 17%
- $90,001–120,000: 17%
- $120,001–150,000: 20%
- $150,001–200,000: 12%
- $200,001–250,000: 8%
- $250,001–300,000: 6%
- $300,001–500,000: 4%
- Over $500,000: 2%

**Undergraduates receiving financial aid (grants, loans, work-study)**

- 50%

**Undergraduates receiving Northwestern scholarships**

- 64%

**Total need-based scholarships awarded by Northwestern**

- $126 million
International students receiving financial aid from Northwestern must still plan to contribute to their educational expenses. For example, students are responsible for tuition and fees and room and board expenses and are expected to contribute approximately 20% of their family’s resources. Northwestern cannot assume responsibility for economic changes such as currency fluctuations, which can in certain cases lead to unexpected expenses for students. Students must remain prepared to meet expenses as expected from relatives, sponsors, or government and corporate grants.

The most current and detailed information on financial aid for international students, including links to all required forms, can be found at ugadm.northwestern.edu/financial-aid.

Working in the United States

To qualify for a student visa, international students must document, before leaving their home country, that they have sufficient funds to bear the full cost of their education and livelihood for one year. International students should not plan to support themselves by working in the United States; employment on student visas is extremely limited, and the rules of employment are strictly enforced.

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Harassment, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is based on any of these characteristics is a form of discrimination. This includes harassing conduct affecting tangible job benefits, interfering unreasonably with an individual’s academic or work performance, or creating what a reasonable person would perceive is an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Prohibited sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and sexual science.

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As provided by the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, you are entitled to receive a copy of Northwestern University’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported Act qualifying crimes that occurred on campus. In certain cases, the report also includes crime statistics for noncampus property owned or controlled by Northwestern University and on publicly property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. The report also contains institutional policies concerning the security for students on or off campus, sexual assault policies, and how the University will respond to on-campus crimes of which the student is a known victim. Northwestern University Police Department (847-491-2030) can provide information on obtaining a copy of this report by contacting the Northwestern University Police Department’s deputy chief at 847-491-2596. The report can also be accessed and printed from the University Police website at northwestern.edu/police/student-safety.html.

For more information

If you have questions about Northwestern, our programs, or the application process, please contact us via our website, call us, or send an email.

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ugadm.northwestern.edu/freshman/admission/applying

Explore Northwestern further at these sites:

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northwesternadmissions.tumblr.com
youtube.com/user/NorthwesternU
facebook.com/NorthwesternU
twitter.com/northwesternu

"Our alumni tell me how their experience at Northwestern was transformative, introducing them to fields of study, standards for excellence, and amazing people." —Daniel Libeskind, provost and professor