

Northwestern University Info Guide

Introduction

Northwestern University is a private university located at 633 Clark St., Evanston, Illinois 60208. It's a medium-sized school with almost 8,500 undergraduates. The campus itself is 240 acres and the area is suburban. Northwestern graduates about 94% of students each year.

Acceptance Rate: 9%,

Highly competitive

SAT Range: 1440-1550

ACT Range: 33-35

Rankings

According to Niche, Northwestern University is one of the best colleges for athletics, psychology, biology, economics, public health, music, education, performing arts, and communications. It is also the best in Illinois.

Tours

During other years, the Segal Visitor Center is where students would first stop at.

Requirements (First Year Applicants)

- Common Application/ Coalition Application
- Official Transcript & School Report
- Counselor Recommendation
- At least one teacher recommendation
- SAT/ACT (Optional: 2020-2022 cycle)
- Nonrefundable application fee of \$75 or application fee waiver
- EDA (Only for those applying early decision)
- Midyear Transcript
- Music Audition (For those applying for music)

Important Dates

- Early Decision: November 1. Released Decision: Mid December
- Regular Decision: January 3rd. Released Decision: Late March

Politics

- 69% of students agree campus is more Democrat
- 3% agree campus is Republican
- 14% agree it's Independent
- 14% agree with it being something else

Religion At Northwestern

- There is a very spiritual community around the Evanston campus which is devoted to serving anyone at Northwestern.
- Episcopal: Canterbury House
- Judaism: Louis and Saerree Fiedler Hillel Center
- Lutheran: University Lutheran Church at Northwestern/Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Presbyterian/Methodist: University Christian Ministry
- Roman Catholic: Sheil Catholic Center

Diversity

Only about 60% of students say the school is diverse. People at Northwestern say that it's a part of their identity and is needed for learning and to create a healthy community.

Statistics of Class of 2024

- 15.4% Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.6%
- Asian American: 25.5%
- Black/African American: 10.0%
- White: 53.2%
- Almost 13% are first-generation college students

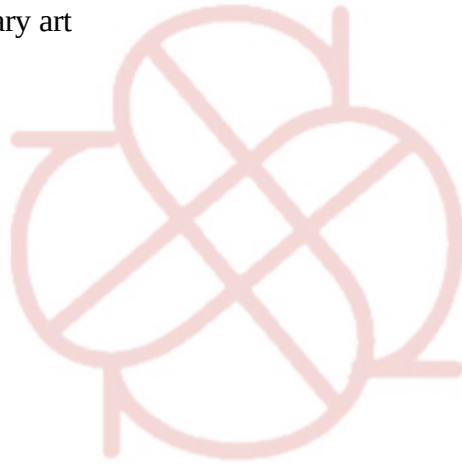
Household Income Levels

- 46% over \$110,000
- 17% between \$76,000 and \$110,000
- 20% between \$49,000 and \$75,000
- 11% between \$30,000 and \$48,000
- 7% less than \$30,000

Surrounding Area

The Chicago campus is close to many popular locations:

- Lakeside Field
- Magnificent Mile
- Museum of contemporary art
- John Hancock Center
- Beaches
- Coffee Houses
- Many Shops
- Restaurants
- Theater



Women Sports

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- SoftBall
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Wrestling

Preparing in High School

- Pre College Programs
- Recommended High School classes: 4 years of English, 2 years of foreign language, 2-3 years of laboratory sciences, 3-4 years of Math, 2 years of History/Social Sciences

Pre-Enrollment Classes

The transition between high school and college is a very difficult process. Luckily, Northwestern offers many programs which are meant to develop academic and social support networks for incoming first-year students.

- Summer Academic Workshop
- Bio & Chem Excel
- Bridge
- Excel
- SESP Leadership Institute

4+1 Program

- Accelerated Program in Public Health: This program is for top-class students that are interested in public health
- Before graduating, students will complete their classwork for the program and get the degree the year after the 4.

Study Abroad Programs

- Over 700 students study abroad each year
- The types of programs: Field study, Cultural immersion, Internship, Exchange, Clinical research, Service learning, University courses, and Independent study
- Northwestern's programs vary around the world.
- Ex: Public health in India, Field studies in France, Healthcare technology in South Africa, EU studies in France, Conservation in Ecuador, Economic development in China, Post-genocide restoration in Rwanda, Community development in Chile and more

Research Opportunities

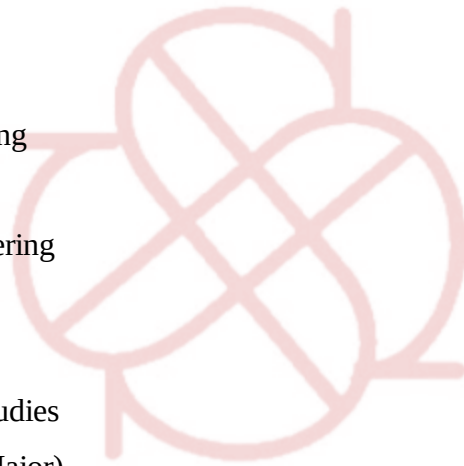
Options for undergraduate research are almost endless at Northwestern.

- You can attend/present at the Undergraduate Research & Arts Expo (A yearly event that celebrates amazing accomplishments by undergraduates.)
- Apply for an Undergraduate Research Grant.
- Publish findings in the Northwestern Undergraduate Research Journal.
- Submit your work to the Undergraduate Awards, which is an international pan-discipline awards program
- Contact the Office of Fellowships to see if you qualify for a fellowship

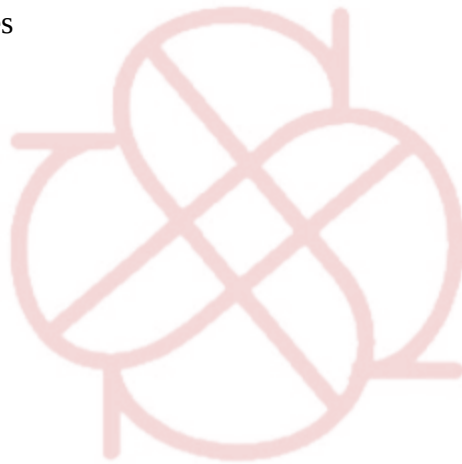
Northwestern offers over 130 Majors/Minors

- African American Studies
- African Studies (Adjunct Major)
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Art History
- Art Theory and Practice
- Asian American Studies
- Asian Languages and Cultures
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Classics
- Cognitive Science
- Communication Studies
- Comparative Library Studies
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English: Creative Writing
- English: Literature
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- French
- Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Geography (Adjunct Major)
- German
- Global Health Studies (Adjunct)
- History
- Human Communication Sciences
- Human Development in Context
- Industrial Engineering
- Integrated Engineering
- Integrated Science Program
- International Studies (Adjunct)
- Italian
- Jewish Studies



- Journalism
- Latina/Latino Studies
- Learning & Organizational Change
- Learning Science
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Manufacturing & Design
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mathematical methods in Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- 11 related Music Studies
- Neuroscience
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics & Astronomy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Film
- Religious Studies
- Russian & East European Studies
- Secondary Teaching
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre



Tuition

\$54,120 is the tuition of the school. However, the total (including other expenses) would add up to around \$75,698.








Housing








- Residence Halls:
 - There can be as little as 25 or as many as 500 students in some halls.
- The Residence Hall Association helps encourage interactions by planning out events.
- Some features of residence halls are residence assistants, resident directors, RHA leaders, and programming.
- Residential Colleges: Ranges from 50-350 students.
- Features: Resident assistants, directors, Residential College Board Leaders, staff, credit-bearing seminars, theme-based communities, and reserved dining halls spaces for staff to engage.
- ALL students are required to live on campus for their first 2 years.








Financial Aid








- To apply for financial aid, you should indicate on the application for admission that you are applying for aid. Submit the FAFSA, CSS Profile, and federal tax returns or non-filing statements for both the parents and the student.
- Some factors that help Northwestern decide how eligible a student is to receive financial aid are taxable and nontaxable income, federal and state taxes, assets, asset protection/educational savings allowance, family size, income protection allowance, and expenses related to the employment of both parents.
- Some factors that determine eligibility for aid from Northwestern are home equity, private elementary and secondary school costs, non-discretionary expenses, (such as unreimbursed medical expenses) business losses, depreciation expenses, special circumstances reported by your family.
- Other ways to gain money are through jobs on campus. For example, about 2,200 undergraduates work on campus in libraries, departmental offices, or in community service offices. Through this, students are able to make anywhere from \$500 and \$4,000 per academic year by working 8-12 hours a week. (They do not find it having large effects on their academic performance)

Meal Plans

Flex 330 Meal Plan	
Meal Swipes 	110 per quarter
Dining Dollars 	\$275 per quarter
Meal Exchanges 	not offered
Meal Balance 	82 Meals or about 10 meals per week
Quarantine & Isolation Housing 	2 meals per day will be subtracted from your balance
Cost 	\$2,147 per quarter
Eligible 	3rd & 4th year Students in Housing, Off Campus, Transfers and Grad students

Base 14 Meal Plan	
Meal Swipes 	14 per week
Dining Dollars 	\$225 per quarter
Meal Exchanges 	5 per week
Meal Balance 	14 meals per week
Quarantine & Isolation Housing 	2 meals per day will be utilized, no change to overall balance
Cost 	\$2,295 per quarter
Eligible 	3rd & 4th year Students in Housing, Off Campus, Transfers and Grad students

OPEN ACCESS Meal Plan	
Meal Swipes 	Unlimited per week
Dining Dollars 	\$125 per quarter
Meal Exchanges 	5 per week
Meal Balance 	Unlimited meals per week
Quarantine & Isolation Housing 	2 meals per day will be utilized, no change to overall balance
Cost 	\$2,331 per quarter
Eligible 	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th year Students in Housing, Off Campus, Transfers and Grad students

Flex 210 Meal Plan	
Meal Swipes 	90 per quarter
Dining Dollars 	\$100 per quarter
Meal Exchanges 	not offered
Meal Balance 	62 Meals or about 7 meals per week
Quarantine & Isolation Housing 	2 meal per day will be subtracted from your balance
Cost 	\$1,406 per quarter
Eligible 	3rd & 4th year Students in Housing, Off Campus, Transfers and Grad students

Dillo Day

- It is known as the biggest event of the year
- It takes place on Northwestern's lakefront athletic fields.
- Twelve acts play on two stages for about 12 hours in front of a crowd which is estimated at more than 10,000 students/ guests.
- Some of the biggest names to play at the event are Kendrick Lamar, Smash Mouth, Chance the Rapper, 2 Chainz, and MGMT.
- The event takes place Late May- Early June, 2 weeks before exams are over.

Clubs

- Some clubs offered are campus ministries, dance, drama or theater, international student organizations, literary magazine, Model UN, radio station, student government, newspaper, film society, television station, and yearbook.
- Music Related: choral groups, concert band, jazz band, marching band, music ensembles, musical theater, opera, pep band, and symphony orchestra.

Campus Safety

- Both Chicago & Evanston campuses provide health services. These health services provide appointments with general medicine/women's health appointments. The nurses or practitioners help with immunization, sports, medicine, laboratory services, STD testing, and others.
- Mental health: CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) provides students with important health services. These services include brief therapy, crisis intervention, referrals to off-campus providers (if appropriate), and helpful workshops.
- Center for Awareness, Response & Education, also known as CARE, provides students with advice over issues and support with any sexual violence (assault, rape, domestic violence, and stalking)

Greek Life

- Joining a fraternity/ sorority is a lifelong commitment. These students are involved on campus, academically committed, and versatile.
- The Interfraternity Council consists of Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Beta Tau, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Evans Scholar, Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- About 34% of men are in Fraternities
- 39% of women are in Sororities.

Libraries

Northwestern has a total of 8 physical libraries. They are all used by students to study, read, and work on projects.

- University Library
- Deering Library
- Galter Health Science library
- Math Library
- Mudd Library
- Pritzker Legal Research Center
- Schaffner Library
- Styberg Library

