



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS





Quick Look

Founded: **1895**

Location: **DeKalb** (population 44,098)
105 km west of Chicago, Illinois



Total Enrollment: **21,869**
Undergraduate: **16,552**
Graduate + Law: **5,317**

7 degree-granting colleges
57 undergraduate majors
80 graduate programs
11 Ph.D. programs, doctoral degrees in Education, and the Juris Doctorate

685 international students from **116** different countries

51% Female; **49%** Male

Student/Faculty Ratio: **18:1**

Average Class Size: **28** students

Total Faculty/Staff: **4,648**

THE POWER OF EDUCATION

Earning a degree in another country is no easy task. That is why it is important to make sure you choose a college that best fits your needs. With over fifty undergraduate opportunities and plenty of helpful faculty, Northern Illinois University is a great place to experience the United States and gain a worldly education.

Located in one of the most dynamic regions in the country, NIU is a comprehensive teaching and research institution with a diverse student body of more than 20,000. NIU opened in 1899 as the Northern Illinois State Normal School, and became Northern Illinois University on July 1, 1957. The school has since grown into a world-class university that attracts students from around the globe.



Undergraduate Colleges:

Business
Education
Engineering and Engineering Technology
Health and Human Sciences
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Visual and Performing Arts

Undergraduate Degrees:

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)
Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.)
Bachelor of Music (B.M.)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)



Accreditation & Affiliation

NIU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

NIU's memberships include the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities—most prestigious public university association—as well as the elite Universities Research Association, a group that includes Harvard, Princeton, and Yale Universities.

Diversity in Action

NIU is a multicultural community that cultivates, promotes, and celebrates diversity. Approximately one quarter of NIU's students come from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Our student body also includes nearly 700 international students.



“Hello, I am a business major from Nepal. Choosing to attend NIU was a good decision for me. I found my studies to be very demanding, but rewarding. The teachers here are friendly, knowledgeable and always ready to help you with your studies. I also like that NIU offers students many extracurricular activities in sports, recreation, entertainments and socializing.”



“My name is Fahmi and I'm an international student from Malaysia. My experience has been great so far. I love the fact that this campus is very peaceful and has an academically encouraging environment. The diversity of the student population is one of the major alluring factors for NIU.”

About Our Faculty

NIU faculty members are world-class and often world-renowned teachers and researchers, artists, and scientists. They guide students on adventures in the classroom and around the world, engaging them in the practice of asking questions, searching for answers, analyzing data and documenting results. Many are at the top of their professions, and 80% of full-time faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their field.

Ranking & Recognitions

NIU is ranked in the “Research Universities—High Activity” category by the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching, based on its breadth of undergraduate and graduate academic programs and extent of research activity.

Many of NIU's academic programs are nationally accredited for meeting the highest standards of academic quality and rigor, including business, engineering, nursing, visual and performing arts, and all teacher certification programs.

