Thrive in an authentic college-town atmosphere only 65 miles west of downtown Chicago. With over 19,000 total students including nearly 5,000 graduate students, we have a diverse and inclusive community. In fact, our community reaches far beyond DeKalb, with off-site campuses in Rockford, Hoffman Estates, Naperville, Chicago and Oregon, Illinois.

We are proud to have 150,000 NIU alumni living in Illinois!
Advance your education and career with a post-secondary degree from NIU.

Over 80 degree offerings within a wide variety of disciplines

70 master’s degrees with 50 specializations

62 certificates of graduate study

25 doctoral degrees with six specializations

100+ online courses in 10 different degree-granting programs and nine certifications

CollegeChoice.net named NIU one of the 50 Safest Large Colleges and Universities in America.

Seven Colleges

- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Visual and Performing Arts

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Scholarship and Research

Begin Your Pursuit and Transmission of Knowledge

Our faculty display excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, artistry and engagement to earn the High Research Activity University classification from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. With a 15:1 student-instructional faculty ratio, you’ll receive personal attention from professors who will engage you in research and professional activities.

You’re invited to contribute to the intellectual life at Northern Illinois University through creative work, independent study, scholarly inquiry and expression, culminating in your thesis or dissertation. Examine over two million volumes as well as periodicals, government publications, microforms, maps, recordings, audiovisual materials, electronic databases and resources stored in the six-branch NIU University Libraries, including the flagship Founders Memorial Library. Strive to one day be able submit your work for publication to the Northern Illinois University Press, one of three state-supported presses in Illinois, to support and enhance NIU’s research mission.
Doctoral Degrees and Specializations

Adult and Higher Education
  Community College Leadership
Art and Design Education
Audiology
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Computer Science
Counselor Education
and Supervision
Curriculum and Instruction
  Curriculum Leadership
  Secondary Education
  Literacy Education
Economics
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Educational Psychology
English
British and American Literature
Rhetoric and Composition
Language and Linguistics
Professional and Technical Writing
Film and Literature
Geography
Geology
Health Sciences
History
Instructional Technology
Leadership and Policy Studies
Mathematical Sciences
Nursing Practice
  Nanoscience
  Physical Therapy
  Physics
  Political Science
  Psychology

For a current listing of Doctoral Degree Programs visit:
go.niu.edu/DoctoralPrograms

Master’s Degrees and Specializations

Accountancy
Accounting Science (Leadership)
Adapted Physical Education
Adult and Higher Education
Aging Studies
Anthropology
Applied Human Development and Family Studies
Applied Probability and Statistics
Art
  Art History (Research)
  Studio
Biological Sciences
  Bioinformatics
  Biology Teaching
  Human Anatomical Sciences
Business Administration
  Chicago
  Evening
  Executive
  Fast-Track
  One-Year
Chemistry
  Educator Licensure
Communication Studies
  Rhetorical Studies
  Media Studies
  Interpersonal, Organizational, and Persuasive Communication
Journalism
Communicative Disorders
  Audiology
  Speech-Language Pathology
Computer Science
  Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  School Counseling
Curriculum and Instruction
  Data Analytics
  Digital Marketing
  Early Childhood Education
  Economics
  Educational Administration
  Educational Psychology
  Educational Research and Evaluation
  Electrical Engineering
  Applied Radio Frequency Engineering
  Elementary Education
  Engineering Management
  English
  British and American Literature
  English Education
  Linguistics
  Film and Literature
  Literature and Rhetoric/Composition
  Rhetoric and Professional Writing
  Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
  Exercise Physiology and Fitness Leadership
  Financial Risk Management
  Foreign Languages
  Spanish
  Foundations of Education
  Fine Arts
  Geography
  Geology
  History
  Public History
  Industrial and Systems Engineering
  Industrial Management
  Engineering Management
  Instructional Technology
  Integrated Systems Engineering
  Kinesiology and Physical Education
  Adapted Physical Education
  Exercise Physiology and Fitness Leadership
  Pedagogy and Curriculum Development in Physical Education
  Sport and Exercise Psychology
  Literacy Education
  Management Information Systems
  Mathematics
  Mechanical Engineering
  Music
  Music Education
  Performance
  Individualized Specialization
  Nursing
  Adult-Gerontology
  Clinical Nurse Specialist
  Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  Family Nurse Practitioner
  Nursing Education
  Nutrition and Dietetics
  Philosophy
  Physics
  Political Science
  Psychology
  Sociology
  General Sociology
  Criminology
  Special Education
  Advanced Special Education Practices
  Vision Rehabilitation Therapy
  Early Childhood Special Education
  Learning Behavior Specialist I
  Orientation and Mobility
  Visual Impairments
  Sport Management
  Taxation
  M.S. Teaching
  M.A. Teaching
  Teaching Licensures
    Art Education
    Engineering Education
    Geosience Education
    Chemistry
    Health Education (6-12 and Middle School)
    Middle School Mathematics
    Education
  Theater Arts
    Acting
    Design and Technology
    Costume Design
    Lighting Design
    Scene Design
    Theatre Technology

For a current listing of Master’s Degree Programs visit:
go.niu.edu/MastersPrograms
Certificates of Graduate Study

Adapted Physical Education
Adult Education
Advanced Qualitative Methodology in Education
Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Education
Applied Mechanics
Applied Statistics
Art History
Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist for People with Visual Impairments
Behavior Analyst
Bioinformatics
Business Analytics Using SAP Software
Computer Aided Design/Manufacturing/Engineering
Children's and Young Adult Literature/Media
College Teaching
Data Analytics Using SAS Software-SAS Joint Certificate Program
Digital Image Processing
Digital Signal Processing
Digital Systems
Director of Special Education
Distance Education
Eating Disorders and Obesity
Education in English Language Arts
Elementary Mathematics Teaching
Enterprise Management Using SAP Software
Entrepreneurship
Facilities Management
Family and Child Development
Finance
Financial Engineering
Foreign Language Instructional Technology
Foundation of Accountancy
Foundations of Education and Policy Studies
French Language, Literature and Culture
Geographic Information Analysis
German Language, Literature, and Culture
Gerontology
Higher Education Administration
Homeland Security
Industrial Control
Integrated Manufacturing Systems
Integrated Systems Engineering
Interdisciplinary Study of Language and Literacy
International Business
Law and Women's and Gender Studies
Leadership in Aging Services
Lean Six Sigma
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies
Logistics
Management Information Systems
Managerial Leadership
Medical Family Therapy and Counseling
Mobile Programming
Museum Studies
Postsecondary Developmental Literacy and Language Instruction
Public Management
Quality Control of Manufacturing Processes
Response to Intervention
Semiconductor Devices
Semiconductor Fabrication
Simulation, Modeling and Data Analysis
Southeast Asian Studies
Spanish Language, Literature and Culture
Sport and Exercise Psychology
Sport Management
Strategic Marketing
Teaching English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education
Technical Writing
Thermal, Fluid and Energy Systems
Trauma-Informed Counseling
Vibration, Robots, and Control Systems
VLSI Design
Women's and Gender Studies
Workplace Learning and Performance

Licensure Programs

Licensure Programs
Initial Licensure Programs (leading to a Professional Educator License)
Early Childhood
Elementary Education
English Language Arts
Library Information Specialist Mathematics
Middle Level Teaching and Learning
Music
Physical Education
Reading
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space, Environmental)
Social Science (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)
Special Education (Learning Behavior Specialist 1, Visual Impairments)
Technology Specialist
Visual Arts
World Language (Spanish, French, German)

Advanced Licensure Programs (requiring existing Professional Educator License)
Chief School Business Official
Director of Special Education
Principal
Reading Specialist
School Counseling
School Psychologist
Speech Language Pathology (non-teaching)
Superintendent
Teacher Leader

Endorsements (may be taken concurrently with initial or advanced licensure program or added to existing Professional Educator License)
ESL/Bilingual
Health Education

For a current listing of Certificates of Graduate Study visit:
go.niu.edu/GradCertificates
Affordability

- Estimate how much your NIU education will cost by using our tuition calculator.
- Applying for scholarships is easy! Fill out one form for multiple awards with AcademicWorks.
- Learn about individual departments that offer graduate assistantships and additional scholarships to keep you engaged in important mentored research, teaching or service while you are a full-time student.
- Pursue competitively awarded fellowships that include a stipend and a waiver of over 70 percent of the base-rate for in-state tuition.

Take the first step. Apply today.

You’ll need:

- A baccalaureate or higher degree
- A minimum 2.75 overall GPA on a 4.00 system or a 3.20 GPA with 15 or more semester hours of graduate work at an accredited institution

For exceptions and more details, visit go.niu.edu/gradcatalog.

Submit your documents.

All of your materials (except art portfolios and music auditions) must be uploaded through our online application.

- An application and application fee
- Letters of recommendation
- Official test scores — GRE, MAT or GMAT. Check your program’s admission requirements at go.niu.edu/GradPrograms to see what scores, if any, are required. If you are an international student, you must also submit TOEFL or IELTS scores
- A statement of purpose
- An official transcript from all institutions attended

Rankings

CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAMS’ NATIONAL RANKINGS

U.S. News & World Report ranks NIU

Top 125 Public Schools
Top 225 National Universities

15 different areas of study rated

#4 City Management and Urban Policy
#17 Public Finance and Budgeting
#32 Public Management Administration
#32 Rehabilitation Counseling
#45 Audiology
#47 Public Affairs
#64 Physical Therapy
#81 Speech-Language Pathology
#98 History
#159 Part-time MBA
#124 English
#135 Clinical Psychology
#146 Physics
#144 Law

Washington Monthly’s 2019 National Universities Rankings places NIU in the top 250 for

Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s)
Service (encouraging students to give something back to their community)
Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students)

Accounting Degree Review has ranked NIU

Top 25 Graduate Accounting Programs
College Town Feel with Big City Opportunities

Feel the energy of a community full of pride and history! DeKalb is known for its support of the NIU Huskies as well as being home to the “Father of Barbed Wire,” Joseph Glidden. Immerse yourself in DeKalb’s abundant shopping, dining, cultural destinations and local flair. Enjoy events like Corn Fest and Kite Fest along with a variety of sports and entertainment at the NIU Convocation Center.

Take advantage of nearby Chicago’s globally diversified economy with 160 company headquarters, 30 Fortune 500 company headquarters, 12 Fortune Global 500 and 10 Financial Times Global 500 companies. It’s only a 1:15 drive to the Chicago Loop, or you can take the METRA train from the Elburn stop to the Ogilvie Transportation Center. We even have shuttle service from our campus to the Elburn station.

Looking for a location closer to home or work? You can also use convenient satellite campuses throughout the region in Naperville, Hoffman Estates, Rockford and Laredo Taft.