

# Class of 2020 Facts and Figures

## 35,100

TOTAL APPLICANTS

## 10.7%

ADMIT RATE

## 1985

STUDENTS IN  
FIRST YEAR CLASS

ABOUT

## 1/2

OF FIRST-YEAR CLASS  
ADMITTED THROUGH  
EARLY DECISION

### Our Students Are:

**1.2%** American Indian, Alaska Native  
or Pacific Islander

**20%** Asian

**8.5%** Black or African American

**13.6%** Hispanic or Latino

**10%** International

**46%** White

**11%** First-generation college students

**18%** Pell Grant recipients

**>90%** ARE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT  
OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASS

### Admitted students middle 50% scores

**690-760**

Old SAT Critical Reading

**710-800**

Old SAT Math

**32-34**

ACT Composite

**67%** OF UNDERGRADS  
COMBINE TWO OR  
MORE AREAS OF STUDY



Our 8,000+ undergrads  
come from more than

**75 COUNTRIES**

**50 languages  
spoken**

Albanian / Amharic / Arabic / Bengali / Bosnian / Cantonese / Catalan-Valencian-Balear / Chinese / Czech / Danish / Dutch / French / German / Standard / Greek / Gujarati / Hebrew / Hindi / Igbo / Indonesian / Italian / Japanese / Kannada / Khmer, Central / Konkani / Korean / Lithuanian / Malayalam / Other / Panjabi, Eastern / Polish / Portuguese / Romanian / Russian / Rwanda / Serbo-Croatian / Slovak / Somali / Spanish / Swahili / Swedish / Tagalog / Tamil / Telugu / Thai / Tigrigna / Turkish / Ukrainian / Urdu / Vietnamese / Yoruba

**60%**  
OF UNDERGRADUATES  
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$160  
MILLION**  
IN NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID  
AWARDED IN 2016-17

#### ■ FINANCIAL AID:

Northwestern meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students with loan-free financial aid packages. A very limited amount of need-based financial aid is available to international students. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE to apply for financial aid.

#### ■ FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS:



Students can submit an application from either The Common Application or the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success; Northwestern has no application preference. The Questbridge application is accepted in conjunction with either The Common Application or the Coalition application.



#### ■ EARLY DECISION:

Applicants to our Early Decision admission round agree to withdraw all applications at other colleges and enroll at Northwestern if admitted. In recent years, Early Decision applicants have comprised roughly one half of the incoming class. Given early applicants' high level of interest and the high concentration of academic and personal strengths represented across the early applicant pool, our Early Decision acceptance rate is typically higher than that of Regular Decision.

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