

Class of 2021 Facts and Figures

37,259

TOTAL APPLICANTS

9.3%

ADMIT RATE

1,912

STUDENTS IN
FIRST YEAR CLASS

ABOUT

1/2

OF FIRST-YEAR CLASS
ADMITTED THROUGH
EARLY DECISION

Our Students Are:

1%

American Indian, Alaska Native
or Pacific Islander

19%

Asian

10%

Black or African American

12%

Hispanic or Latino

10%

International

48%

White

10%

First-generation college students

19%

Pell Grant recipients

>90%

ARE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT
OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASS

Admitted students middle 50% scores

1440-1540

New SAT
Combined Critical Reading & 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 / Arabic / Armenian / Bengali / Bosnian / Bulgarian / Cantonese / Catalan-Valencian-Balear / Chinese / Czech / Dutch / English / Éwé / French / German / Greek / Gujarati / Hebrew / Hindi / Indonesian / Italian / Japanese / Khmer, Central / Korean / Malayalam / Mandarin / Marathi / Nepali / Norwegian / Polish / Portuguese / Pushto / Romanian / Russian / Serbian / Sindhi / Spanish / Swahili / Tagalog / Tamil / Telugu / Thai / Tigrigna / Turkish / Ukrainian / Urdu / Vietnamese / Yoruba

62%
OF UNDERGRADUATES
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$174
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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