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Open minds

At Northwestern, we believe that diversity—of background, identity, belief, interest, expertise—is essential to undergraduate learning and to a healthy society. We also believe in convening a community of open-minded individuals who are eager to benefit from and contribute to the world of perspectives represented on campus.





Who's in our Class of 2024?*

15.4% Hispanic or Latinx

1.6% American Indian or Alaska Native

25.5% Asian American

10% Black or African American

53.2% White

10% International students

20% Pell Grant recipients

12.6% First-generation college students

“Our students come into the classroom ready to be challenged. I revel in the opportunity to engage with them about complicated subjects—and to see them grow.”

Thomas Bradshaw, professor of radio/TV/film

*Our reporting method tracks students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities in each category, so the numbers will exceed 100%. Over 18% of our first-year class indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

Social policy major \ *North
by Northwestern* opinion editor
\ QuestBridge Scholar \
Critical theory minor \ Loves
Evanston’s “insanely cute”
cafés \ Gilman Scholar \
Lab research assistant
\ Studied in India and
France \ Jack Kent Cooke
Foundation Scholar
David Guirgis '20



“ I was nervous about my ability to find a place within Northwestern. I had always struggled to find my people, even in a small school, and it surprised me just how willing everyone was to accept the loud inner-city kid with a billion crazy ideas and mannerisms.”

David Guirgis '20

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undergraduate schools across engineering, journalism and media, arts and sciences, communications and performance, education and social policy, and music

176

majors, minors, and certificates

Over 4,600 undergraduate courses to choose from.
77% of courses enroll fewer than 20 students;
less than 2% enroll more than 100 students.

6:1

student-to-faculty
ratio

71%

of undergraduates combine
two or more areas of study



Open campus

Northwestern's excellence across disciplines and extraordinary breadth of resources draw students and scholars from around the world. To make the most of our multidimensional community, the University strives to cultivate inclusive learning environments, cultural exchange, and opportunities for dialogue through intentional engagement with difference—different individuals, different identities, and different ideas.

This leads to an open, collaborative, and supportive campus where students grow and knowledge thrives.



Many doors will be open to you.

Northwestern students find support and counsel across campus, whether from academic and peer advisers, faculty mentors, or staff members.

Academic Support and Learning Advancement offers tutoring and facilitated study groups for more than 30 courses as well as individual and group academic coaching, individual consultations, and other programs that help students successfully navigate their academic paths at Northwestern.
northwestern.edu/asla

AccessibleNU supports a diverse student body by removing barriers to education that students with disabilities often experience.
northwestern.edu/accessiblenu

Campus Inclusion and Community promotes students' self-awareness, empathy, and leadership skills, with the aim of creating an inclusive community on campus.
northwestern.edu/inclusion

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Majored in economics,
mathematical methods
in the social sciences,
and music \ Editor in
chief, *Northwestern
Business Review* \
Illustrator \ Center for
Leadership mentee \
Administrator of a
Northwestern humor
Facebook group
Patricia Tang '20



“ I want to be able to lead the classical music industry to be more inclusive and more reflective of a changing world shaped by globalization. This is why my multifaceted education is important—by understanding economics and the greater social sciences, I’ll be able to facilitate smarter ways to bring about change in classical music.”

Patricia Tang '20



The **Gender and Sexuality Resource Center** is a hub for groups, services, and programs of interest to the queer, trans*, and ally community.

northwestern.edu/norris/services/lgbt

Health Professions Advising supports students preparing for careers in medicine and the health professions with advising about coursework, applications, and the experiential components necessary for a competitive application.

northwestern.edu/health-professions-advising

Multicultural Student Affairs, an office open to all students, focuses on student populations that identify as underserved or underrepresented.

northwestern.edu/msa

Northwestern Career Advancement offers career counseling, graduate and professional school advising, employment databases, on-campus recruiting, and workshops.

northwestern.edu/careers

Northwestern’s **Religious and Spiritual Life** staff works to build a community of conscience and spiritual awareness.

northwestern.edu/religious-life

Residential Services creates communities of learners, leaders, and responsible citizens by providing students with opportunities for learning in safe, diverse, and respectful living environments.

northwestern.edu/living

Student Enrichment Services works with lower-income, first-generation, and DACA/undocumented students to enhance their academic success and personal and professional growth. Initiatives include I’m First, for first-generation students, and Books for Cats, a program that lends STEM and economics course materials to lower-income students.

northwestern.edu/enrichment

Open minds, many directions



“As a first-generation college student coming from an urban public high school, I struggled to adjust here, but mentorship programs, relationships with faculty, and academic support helped me succeed in my first year. Now, as an Arch Scholars mentor for first-year students, I share my own successes and failures so they can learn through my experience.”

Diana Velazquez '21 is an environmental science major and a QuestBridge Scholar. She is pursuing a minor in chemistry and a certificate in sustainability and energy.



“I studied chemistry in French throughout high school, so in office hours with my Northwestern chemistry professor I would start bursting out in French, especially when naming the elements. Then my professor started explaining in French! I’ve been impressed by how much the professors actually want students to succeed.”

Deogratias Mukuralinda '22, a Bridge2Rwanda Scholar, is majoring in industrial engineering and working toward a certificate in integrated marketing communications.



“I was a DJ at WNUR, the University’s independent radio station. Getting involved at WNUR made my transition to college life smoother; I found a group of people with common interests and common aspirations—people I found easy to socialize with and really bonded with.”

Dimitris Gkoulimaris '20, who grew up in Greece, completed his major in music composition and popular music studies. His minors were critical theory, sociology, and music technology.



“In high school, I always had trouble finding my place. In most of my classes, I was the only black student and low-income student and felt like I had to force myself to fit in. I was nervous about this when I came to Northwestern. But luckily for me, I have been able to find people I can relate to here.”

Cayla Clements '21 is a QuestBridge Scholar. A journalism major and global health studies minor, she participated in an immersion program at Northwestern's campus in Qatar.



“During my first year here, I worked as a research assistant. I received great exposure to what research looks like in communication studies and the various passions I could pursue through research. I also learned important skills that I can apply in other disciplines.”

Shenali Perera '20 grew up in India. A communication studies major, she minored in business institutions and completed an integrated marketing communications certificate. She was a residential assistant and a member of the Fusion Dance Company.



“My passion for entrepreneurship has drawn me to the Garage, where I am part of the artist in residence program. It allows me to write and share my work with like-minded artistic students in a space where others are working on startups and projects of their own. It's exciting to see the things I enjoy manifest in the same space.”

Mark Settles '21 is majoring in learning and organizational change and pursuing a minor in entrepreneurship and the Segal Design Certificate. He is a QuestBridge Scholar.



Open community

Northwestern students are engaged in far more than their studies. Experiences outside the classroom abound, whether you're participating in one of roughly 500 student groups, getting involved in the Evanston community, or engaging with the city of Chicago—a metropolis of nearly 3 million that neighbors us to the south along Lake Michigan.





Join in!

Check out the list below for a sampling of culture- and identity-linked student organizations on campus. For a complete list of student groups at Northwestern, visit Wildcat Connection at northwestern.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations.

Academic and preprofessional

Association for Women in Sports Media
 Minority Association of Premedical Students
 National Association of Black Journalists
 National Association of Hispanic Journalists
 National Society of Black Engineers
 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 Society of Women Engineers
 Women in Business
 Womxn in Law

Advocacy and sociopolitical

Advancement for the Undocumented Community
 AIESEC
 Alianza—Latinx Student Alliance
 Asian Pacific American Coalition
 Be the Match
 Campus Curlz
 Challah for Hunger
 China Care
 Chinatown Health Initiative
 For Members Only (Black student alliance)
 J Street
 Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance
 Rainbow Alliance
 SGI Buddhists for Peace
 Students for Justice in Palestine
 Undergraduate Prison Education Partnership

Arts

Afrothunda Dance Troupe
 Anime Club
 Ballet Folklórico Mexicano
 Ballroom Latin and Swing Team (BLAST)
 Bhangra Dance Team
 Brown Sugar (a cappella)
 Community Ensemble (gospel choir)
 Deeva (dance team)
 Jewish Theatre Ensemble

Mariachi Northwestern
 Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
 Refresh Dance Crew
 Soul4Real (a cappella)
 Treblemakers (a cappella)
 Typhoon Dance Troupe
 Women Filmmakers Alliance

Coalitions and collaborations

Mixed Race Student Coalition
 Unity Charity Fashion Show

Cultural

African Students Association
 Brazilian Student Association
 CaribNation
 Chinese Students Association
 Hawai'i Club
 Hong Kong Students Association
 International Student Association
 Italian Association
 Japanese American Student Association
 Kaibigan: Philippine Student Association
 Korean American Students Association
 Latin American Student Alliance
 Multicultural Filmmakers Collective
 Polish American Student Alliance
 Singapore Society
 South Asian Students Alliance
 Taiwanese American Students Club
 Vietnamese Student Association

Publications

Al Bayan
Blackboard
NU Asian

Religious

Asian American InterVarsity
 Christian Fellowship
 Catholic Student Association
 Hillel
 House on the Rock InterVarsity
 Christian Fellowship
 Muslim-cultural Students Association
 OM (Hindu)

How can we make the world better?

If you find yourself asking this question often—and acting on the answers you come up with—you have a lot in common with students at Northwestern. Here are some of the ways our undergraduates pursue community service, social justice, and civic engagement.

Center for Civic Engagement

programs include Engage Chicago, a summer field study program; the NU Public Interest Program, a yearlong public service fellowship; NU Votes, a nonpartisan voter registration effort; and Jumpstart, an early-childhood education program.

engage.northwestern.edu

Participants in the **Chicago Undergraduate Program** spend six days in a youth hostel in downtown Chicago and examine the issues that face communities, the organizations that serve them, and the ways students can effect change.

northwestern.edu/nsfp/first-year-students/pre-orientation-programs/chicago-undergraduate-program-cup.html

Dance Marathon, one of the largest college philanthropic events in the country, features 30 hours of dancing by hundreds of students to raise money for charity—more than \$1 million annually in recent years.

nudm.org

The **Global Engagement Studies Institute** sends students to Argentina, Costa Rica, Ghana,

Guatemala, Uganda, and Vietnam to work on collaborative community projects.

northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/get-started/program-types/gesi.html

The Institute for Policy Research

focuses Northwestern scholarship on matters of poverty, race, inequality, social disparities, and health.

ipr.northwestern.edu

Through the **Medill Investigative Lab**, journalism students develop critical investigative skills by working with top professional reporters on stories focused on social justice.

mil.medill.northwestern.edu

“It was the final paper in my Linguistics and Childhood class that I’m the proudest of. I took it upon myself to throw all my interests together, and I wrote about the gendered writing systems in Heian Japan and the cultures they carried. When I finished that paper, I felt like I was a higher version of myself.”

Diamond Jones ’21





Japanese language and culture major \\
Favorite place to relax: Shakespeare Garden
\ QuestBridge Scholar \ Undergraduate
research assistant \ Bridge Summer Program
\ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow \ Peer
adviser \ Study abroad in Kyoto, Japan

Diamond Jones '21



Open city

To our students, Chicago is more than a major US metropolis.

At once a patchwork of vital and culturally distinct neighborhoods, the cradle of modern architecture, a bastion of the blues and improv comedy, a hotbed of history, and so much more, this city ranks among Northwestern's greatest teachers.





**Chicago:
our vibrant and
diverse neighbor**

2,695,598
People

29%
Hispanic or Latinx

5%
Asian American

33%
Black or African American

32%
White

1%
Other

From 2010 US Census



“**BB** **Joining WNUR *Streetbeat* changed my life. I learned how to DJ and took that on as my main hobby. Two years later I was probably doing five to eight events a quarter and even earning money from some of them. If I end up becoming a successful event planner, it will be WNUR that brought me there.**”

Karam Drummond Hansen '20

What we love about

Chicago

“Symphony Center, a beautiful space that is home to one of the greatest orchestras on earth.” Gavin Brehm **“Café Jumping Bean in Pilsen. They exhibit local artists’ work and sponsor projects for community organizations.”** Joanne Huang **“The holiday lights all over Water Tower Place and along Michigan Avenue.”** Andrew Gordon

“Myopic, a used-book store in Wicker Park. It never fails to suck me in for hours.” Allyna Mota Melville **“The West Loop. It is such a cool place, like an industrial-turned-hippie area.”** Candace Nixon **“The Mexican eateries in Rogers Park. Tamales, pan dulce, and paletas are just a (free) bus ride away!”** Magdalena Flores **“The Art Institute of Chicago. I’ve visited four times and still haven’t seen even a fraction of the art that I want to see.”** Shiwei Wang



Davis UWC Scholar \ Favorite campus spot for chilling: the bench at North Beach \ Born in Denmark \ Journalism and sociology major \ Journalism residency in San Francisco \ Party planner extraordinaire
Karam Drummond Hansen '20

Open pathways

Where will Northwestern lead you? Look to our students and alumni for the answer: in any direction you choose. From study abroad, international research, and internships to careers across the globe, the Northwestern community has a presence all over the world.





\$100 million

gift to Northwestern earmarked for global initiatives

30+

globally oriented student groups

150

Northwestern-sponsored
and affiliated study abroad
programs in 50 countries

\$3.5 million

in funding for undergraduate research

A handful of the schools where our newest alumni are pursuing graduate and professional degrees:

**Caltech Columbia Duke Harvard Johns Hopkins
London School of Economics MIT Northwestern Oxford
Penn Princeton Stanford UC Berkeley Yale**

95%

of 2019 grads were employed, studying on a fellowship, or attending graduate or professional school within six months of graduation.

Where will your path lead?

Some of the organizations
where our 2019 graduates are working:

**3M Accenture Amazon Apple Bain & Co. Boeing
Chicago Public Schools Creative Artists Agency Facebook
Goldman Sachs Google GrubHub Hearst Magazines
IBM JP Morgan Chase Kirkland & Ellis LinkedIn
National Institutes of Health NBCUniversal Media NPR
Penguin Random House PepsiCo Pfizer Pittsburgh Pirates
SpaceX Special Olympics Steppenwolf Theatre Teach for
America Uber Technologies US Department of State Visa**



Roslyn M. Brock
Chairman emeritus, NAACP



Samir Mayekar
Deputy mayor, City of Chicago



Stephen Colbert
Emmy Award-winning television host



Claudia López Hernández
Mayor, Bogotá, Colombia



Katrina Adams
Former tennis pro; chairperson and
CEO, United States Tennis Association



Ruben Castillo
Former chief judge, US District Court,
Northern District of Illinois

You can do anything when you take a Northwestern Direction.

They did.



Meghan Markle
Humanitarian and Duchess of Sussex



Michael Wilbon
Commentator, ESPN



Gwynne Shotwell
President and COO, SpaceX



Andrew Youn
Cofounder, One Acre Fund



Heather Headley
Tony and Grammy Award-winning
actor and singer



Yuri Malina and Mert Iseri
Cofounders, SwipeSense



Open access

Northwestern may be highly selective, but we make it simple for you to apply and make it possible for students of all backgrounds to afford an education here.

Our admissions process is holistic. Before making an admissions decision, we consider your whole story—not just test scores and grades. We get to know your hometown, high school, and family circumstances, and we look to see that you’ve made the most of the opportunities available to you.





Financial aid facts

- Northwestern's **need-blind** admissions committee evaluates applications without regard to whether students can afford tuition.
- Northwestern offers **loan-free financial aid packages** so our students graduate with little to no debt.
- Northwestern students who qualify for financial aid their first year will receive **similar aid throughout college**, provided they reapply for aid each year with comparable family circumstances.
- Northwestern offers **fee waivers** to students for whom the application fee poses a hardship.
- Our **online calculators** can give you a sense of how affordable Northwestern may be for your family. Visit admissions.northwestern.edu/tuition-aid/estimating-domestic-aid.html.

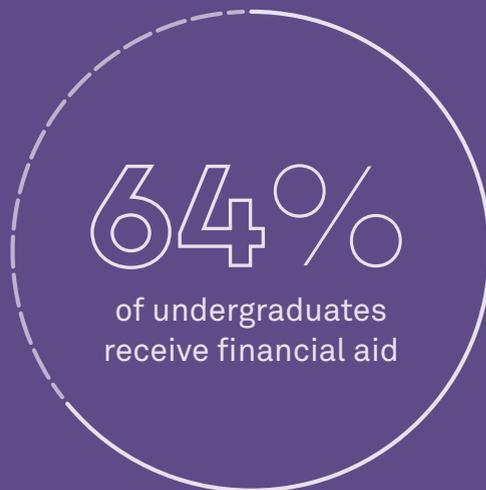
Total financial aid awarded in 2020–21:

\$207 million

Northwestern meets

100%

of students' demonstrated financial need



Partner programs and scholarships

Northwestern students represent a number of organizations and scholarships that you may recognize from your own community. Here are just a few you'll find on campus:

A Better Chance Scholars
Ron Brown Scholars
Chicago Scholars
College Horizons
Davis UWC Scholars
Gates Millennium Scholars
LEAD Scholars
Daniel Murphy Scholars

National Hispanic Institute
Point Foundation Scholars
Posse Scholars
Prep for Prep Scholars
Pullman Scholars
QuestBridge Scholars
Sutton Trust US Programme
Ventures Scholars

“ I aspire to work in the medical technology industry to improve the connection between consumers and the science behind products. In addition, I plan to lift up and support young minority students to help them realize their own capabilities.”

Lydia Rivers '22

Global health and journalism major \ Works
at astrophysics research center \ Biotechnology
and biochemical engineering minors \ Favorite
place to chill: Kung Fu Tea \ Society of Women
Engineers \ Research journal editor \ Writer
and photographer for WNUR

Lydia Rivers '22



“The spirit of inclusion and the celebration of diversity I see and encourage on our campus are truly hopeful signs.”

Morton Schapiro
President and Professor

Congratulations on your academic achievements, and thank you for your interest in Northwestern. As you think about your next stage in life, I urge you to consider what sort of world you hope to live in and, more immediately, what sort of university community you would like to join.

Those two questions are deeply intertwined. The world you create in college often shapes your larger world after graduation. Northwestern is a place of great beginnings, regardless of your chosen field. The spirit of inclusion and the celebration of diversity I see and encourage on our campus are truly hopeful signs.

I am confident that we—Northwestern and society at large—are in the process of making history. We have a ways to go before all our institutions can be considered truly inclusive, but the students I meet here care more about inclusion, sustainability, and social justice than did my own or other generations. I can't wait to see what all of you will do with your lives and how you will change the world.

I hope you will consider joining us at Northwestern.







Open ...

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

African American Studies
African Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Art History
Art Theory and Practice
Asian American Studies
Asian Languages and Cultures
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Classics
Cognitive Science
Comparative Literary Studies
Computer Science
Earth and Planetary Sciences
Economics
English (Literature; Creative Writing)
Environmental Sciences
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Geography
German
Global Health Studies
History
Integrated Science
International Studies
Italian
Jewish Studies
Latina and Latino Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Materials Science
Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences
Mathematics
Middle East and North African Studies
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science in Human Culture
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics

School of Communication

Communication Studies
Dance
Human Communication Sciences
Performance Studies
Radio/Television/Film
Theatre

School of Education and Social Policy

Human Development in Context
Learning and Organizational Change
Learning Sciences
Secondary Teaching
Social Policy

Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

Applied Mathematics
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Integrated Engineering Studies
Manufacturing and Design Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

Journalism (courses in digital, global, investigative, magazine, and video/broadcast journalism; media innovation; and marketing communications)

Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music

Music Performance

Brass
Jazz Studies
Percussion
Piano
Strings
Voice and Opera
Woodwinds

Music Studies

Music Cognition
Music Composition
Music Education
Musicology
Music Theory

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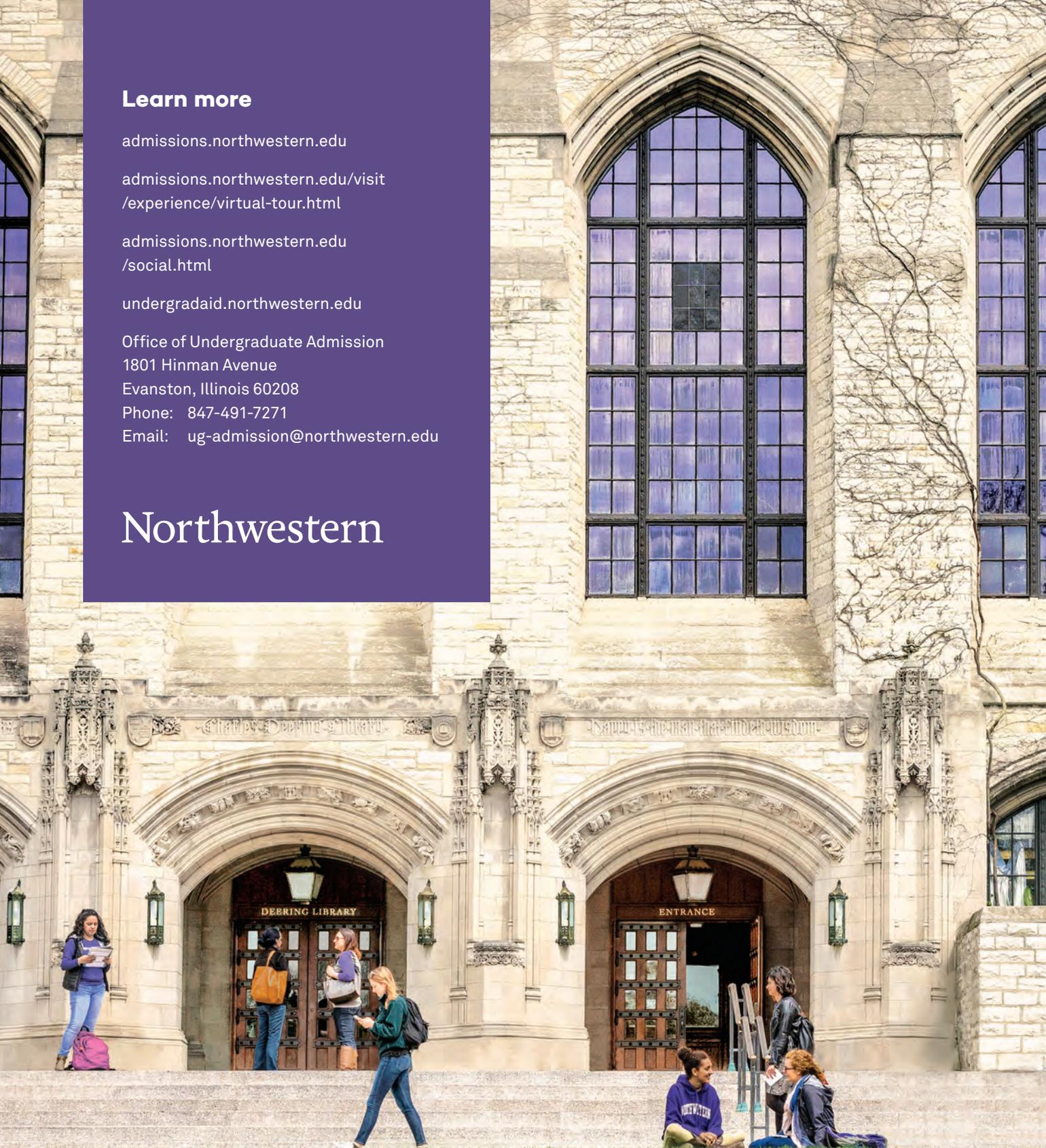
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