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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 2022?*

13.5% Hispanic or Latino
1% American Indian or Alaska Native
23.5% Asian
10% Black or African American
56% White
11.5% International students
20% Pell Grant recipients
13.5% First-generation college students

*Our reporting method tracks students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities in each category, so the numbers will exceed 100%. Over 17% of our first-year class indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

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, associate professor of radio/TV/film
Social policy major \North by Northwestern opinion editor \QuestBridge Scholar \Sociology and critical theory minors \Loves Evanston’s “insanely cute” cafés \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

Over 4,700 undergraduate courses to choose from. More than 78% of courses enroll fewer than 20 students; less than 2% enroll more than 100 students.

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

202 majors, minors, and certificates

6:1 student-to-faculty ratio

72% of undergraduates combine two or more areas of study
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.

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

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center is a hub for groups, services, and programs of interest to the LGBTQ and ally communities. northwestern.edu/norris/services/lgbt

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
Majoring in economics, viola performance, and mathematical methods in the social sciences.

Corporate director, **STITCH** fashion magazine. Illustrator, Center for Leadership mentee. Administrator of a Northwestern humor Facebook group.

**Patricia Tang ’21**

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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.”

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

[www.northwestern.edu/religious-life](http://www.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.

[www.northwestern.edu/living](http://www.northwestern.edu/living)

**AccessibleNU** supports a diverse student body by removing barriers to education that students with disabilities often experience.

[www.northwestern.edu/accessiblenu](http://www.northwestern.edu/accessiblenu)

**Student Enrichment Services** works with low-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 textbooks to low-income students.

[www.northwestern.edu/enrichment](http://www.northwestern.edu/enrichment)

**Academic Support and Learning Advancement** offers course support, academic coaching, and other programs that help students navigate their academic paths. Approximately 150 study groups convene weekly, along with multiple tutoring and coaching sessions.

[www.northwestern.edu/academic-support-learning](http://www.northwestern.edu/academic-support-learning)

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

[www.northwestern.edu/health-professions-advising](http://www.northwestern.edu/health-professions-advising)
Open minds, many directions

“In my first year, I was mentored in a peer-to-peer program for first-generation and low-income students. Now I am a mentor in the program, and through my mentees’ narratives I am reconnecting with parts of myself I was discovering in previous years.”

Martina Piñeiro '19 is majoring in communication studies and Latinx studies. She is active in the Immigrant Justice Project, a Northwestern organization that seeks to learn about and advocate for immigrant and undocumented student rights.

“When I was a new student, I saw myself only as an electrical engineer. Now, three majors later, my connection to engineering has expanded thanks to the opportunities at Northwestern. Although I’m indecisive about what I want to pursue in the long run, I’m also aware of the endless possibilities for my future.”

John Franklin '18 majored in computer science and computer engineering, with minors in music composition and commercial music. He also earned a certificate in entrepreneurship.

“When I was a new student, 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 here. But luckily for me, I have been able to find people I can relate to at Northwestern.”

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“I’m a DJ at WNUR, Northwestern’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 have bonded with.”

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Dominique Tech ’18, a Davis UWC Scholar from Malaysia, majored in radio/television/film and minored in political science. He was active in Kaibigan, Northwestern’s Filipino student association.

“After graduation, I plan to work at an international nonprofit to help children around the globe gain access to quality education and realize their potential. Too many children are not able to fully live out their dreams due to a lack of resources, and I want to be a part of the solution.”

Irazú Hernández ’21, a Posse Scholar and first-generation college student from southern California, is majoring in economics and international studies. She is active with the Institute for Student Business Education and with Women in Business and loves snowy days in Evanston.

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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 multicultural student organizations on campus. For a complete list of student groups at Northwestern, visit Wildcat Connection at northwestern.collegiatelink.net/organizations.

Academic and preprofessional
- Minority Business Association
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- One Step Before Minority Premedical Society
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Advocacy/sociopolitical
- AIESEC
- Alianza—Latinx Student Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Coalition
- Be The Match
- Challah for Hunger
- China Care
- China Foresee
- For Members Only
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán de Northwestern
- Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance
- Rainbow Alliance
- Students for Justice in Palestine

Coalitions and collaborations
- MIXED Race Student Coalition
- Unity Charity Fashion Show

Cultural
- African Students Association
- Arab Student Organization
- CaribNation
- Chinese International Student Association
- Chinese Students Association
- Hawaii Club
- Hong Kong Students Association
- Japan Club
- Kabigan (Filipino)
- Korean American Students Association
- Multicultural Filmmakers Collective
- Polish American Student Alliance
- Singapore Society
- South Asian Students Alliance
- Taiwanese American Students Club
- Vietnamese Student Association

Performing arts
- Ballet Folklórico Mexicano
- Bhangra Dance Team
- Brown Sugar (a cappella)
- Deeva Dance Troupe
- Jewish Theatre Ensemble
- Mariachi Northwestern
- Northwestern Community Ensemble
- Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
- ReFresH Dance Crew
- Soul4Real (a cappella)
- Typhoon Dance Troupe

Publications
- Al Bayan
- nuAsian

Religious
- Asian American Intervarsity
- Christian Fellowship
- House on the Rock Intervarsity
- OM Hindu Cultural Council

Open community
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.

Alternative Student Breaks partners with nonprofit organizations to offer service-learning opportunities in which students contribute to and learn from local communities.

northwesternasb.com

The Global Engagement Studies Institute sends students to Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, Uganda, and Vietnam to work on collaborative community projects.

mycge.org

The Institute for Policy Research focuses Northwestern scholarship on matters of poverty, race, inequality, social disparities, and health.

ipr.northwestern.edu

Spurred by the investigative work of journalism faculty and students, the Medill Justice Project aims to improve the criminal justice system.

medilljusticeproject.org

The Center for Civic Engagement’s programs include Engage Chicago, a summer field study program; the NU Public Interest Program, a yearlong public service fellowship; NU Votes, a nongapartisan voter registration effort; and Jumpstart, an early-childhood education program.

engage.northwestern.edu

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Chicago Undergraduate Program participants spend five 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/orientation/incoming-students/pop/about/cup

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

Having political science as my only major gave me opportunities to explore other fields, like philosophy, history, and anthropology. I incorporated skills and ways of thinking from these other disciplines into political science.”

Kathleen Nganga ‘18

Political science major Ron Brown Scholar Program Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow Northwestern University Community for Human Rights Truman Scholar Student government Accessibility and Inclusion Committee Favorite ways to relax: exercise and reading

Kathleen Nganga ‘18
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 Latino
- **5%** Asian
- **33%** Black or African American
- **32%** White
- **1%** Other

From 2010 US Census
At an on-campus discussion and screening of *Selma*, director Ava DuVernay talked about the challenges of making a major motion picture as an African American filmmaker with a mostly black cast. Hearing about how she persevered and was so successful inspired me to keep pressing to make my aspirations a reality.”

Mylan Henderson ’18

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**What we love about Chicago**

“The 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

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Mentored middle school students ▸ Social policy major ▸ Loves Big Ten sports ▸ Ron Brown Captain ▸ Former engineering major ▸ Likes to walk along Chicago’s Magnificent Mile with friends ▸ Dean’s List

Mylan Henderson ’18
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 in 2015 earmarked for global initiatives

50+

- Global engagement student groups address critical issues

150

- Northwestern-sponsored and affiliated study abroad programs in nearly 50 countries

$3.5 million

- In funding for undergraduate research
A handful of the schools where our recent alumni are pursuing graduate and professional degrees:

Columbia  Dartmouth  Duke  Harvard  
MIT  Northwestern  Princeton  Stanford  
University of California, Berkeley  University of Cambridge  
University of Oxford  Yale

95%

of 2017 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 2017 graduates are working:

Accenture  Amazon  Apple  Argonne  National Laboratory  
Bank of America  Merrill Lynch  BBC News  Brookings Institution  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra  Condé Nast  
Facebook  Goldman Sachs  Google  IBM  Instagram  
Kirkland & Ellis  LinkedIn  Mayo Clinic  McKinsey  National Cancer Institute  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
NBC News  New York Mets  PepsiCo  SpaceX  Spotify  Teach for America  
3M  US House of Representatives  Visa

You can do anything when you take a Northwestern Direction.

They did.
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.
What I liked best about my peers was, honestly, their stories. Everyone came from different backgrounds and cultures, and each had established talents and high achievements.”

Yakira Mirabito '18
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.
### Application and financial aid requirements and deadlines

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*Illinois residents should file the FAFSA by October 15 to be considered for eligibility for an Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant.

### Learn more

The best way to learn more about Northwestern is to visit campus. See [admissions.northwestern.edu](http://admissions.northwestern.edu) for details about on-campus programming.

In the meantime, take a virtual tour and explore Northwestern’s vibrant campus community online. Virtual tour: [admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html](http://admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html)

Social media: [admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html](http://admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html)

If you have any questions about Northwestern, our programs, or the application process, don’t hesitate to visit our website or contact us.

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