OPEN MINDS

Northwestern
open minds
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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 2023?

- **12.6%** Hispanic or Latino
- **1.1%** American Indian or Alaska Native
- **22.7%** Asian
- **10.2%** Black or African American
- **54.2%** White
- **11.3%** International students
- **20%** Pell Grant recipients
- **12.5%** 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.

**Open minds**

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. 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

199 majors, minors, and certificates

6:1 student-to-faculty ratio

72% of undergraduates combine two or more areas of study
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

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.
Majoring 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

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

AccessibleNU supports a diverse student body by removing barriers to education that students with disabilities often experience. 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 course materials to low-income students. northwestern.edu/enrichment

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/asia

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. 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. Then I was a mentor in the program, and through my mentees’ narratives I reconnected with parts of myself I had discovered in previous years.”

Martina Piñeiro’s 19 was a communication studies and Latinx studies major. She was active in Compass, a mentorship program for first-generation, low-income, and undocumented first-year students at Northwestern.

“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’s 22, a Bridge2Rwanda Scholar, is studying engineering. He competes on the speech team and is involved in the African Students Association and Afrothunda Dance Troupe.

“I’m 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 have bonded with.”

Dimitris Gkoulimaris’s 20, who grew up in Greece, is pursuing an ad hoc major in music production and composition. He is minorning in critical theory.

“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 Clement’s 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’s 21 grew up in India. A communication studies major, she is minorning in business institutions and working toward an integrated marketing communications certificate. She is 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’s 21 is majoring in learning and organizational change and pursuing a minor in entrepreneurship and the Segal Design Certificate. He is a QuestBridge Scholar.
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.collegiatelink.net/organizations.

**Academic and preprofessional**
- Association for Women in Sports Media
- Minority Association of Premedical Students
- Minority Business Association
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Society of Women Engineers
- Women in Business
- Women in Law

**Advocacy/sociopolitical**
- AIESEC
- Alianza—Latinx Student Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Coalition
- Be The Match
- Challah for Hunger
- China Care
- Chinatown Health Initiative
- For Members Only (black student alliance)
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano@ de Aztlan 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
- Brazilian Student Association
- CaribNation
- Chinese International Student Association
- Chinese Students Association
- Hawai’i Club

**Religious**
- Asian American Intervarsity
- Christian Fellowship
- Catholic Student Association
- Hindu
- House on the Rock Intervarsity
- Muslim-cultural Students Association
- OM Hindu Cultural Council

Hong Kong Students Association
International Student Association
Italian Association
Japan Club
Kaibigan: Philippine Student Association
Korean American Students Association
Multicultural Filmmakers Collective
Polish American Student Alliance
Singapore Society
South Asian Students Alliance
Taiwanese American Students Club
Vietnamese Student Association

**Arts**
- Afrothunda Dance Troupe
- Anime Club
- Ballet Folklórico Mexicano
- Ballroom Latin and Swing Team (BLAST)
- Bhangra Dance Team
- Brown Sugar (a cappella)
- Deeva (dance team)
- Jewish Theatre Ensemble
- Mariachi Northwestern
- Northwestern Community Ensemble
- Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
- Refresh Dance Crew
- Sou’4Real (a cappella)
- Treblemakers (a cappella)
- Typhoon Dance Troupe
- Women Filmmakers Alliance

**Publications**
- Al Bayan
- nuAsian

**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.

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.

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

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

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

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
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
Joining WNUR Streetbeat changed my life. I learned how to DJ and have since taken that on as my main hobby. Two years later I probably DJ five to eight events a quarter and even earn 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.” Allyn 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
Engage Chicago internship
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  Cambridge  Columbia  Duke  Harvard  
London School of Economics  MIT  Northwestern  Oxford  
Penn  Princeton  Stanford  UC Berkeley  UCSF  Yale

95%

of 2018 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 2018 graduates are working:

3M  Abbott Laboratories  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  Pittsburgh Pirates  
Second City  SpaceX  Special Olympics  Teach for America  
US Department of Justice  Uber  Technologies  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.

Open access
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

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
- Chicago Scholars
- College Horizons
- Daniel Murphy Scholars
- Davis UWC Scholars
- Gates Millennium Scholars
- LEAD Scholars
- National Hispanic Institute
- Point Foundation Scholars
- Posse Scholars
- Prep for Prep Scholars
- Pullman Scholars
- QuestBridge Scholars
- Ron Brown Scholars
- Sutton Trust US Programme
- Ventures Scholars

Total financial aid awarded in 2019–20: $195 million

Northwestern meets 100% of students’ demonstrated financial need

61% of undergraduates receive financial aid

Chemistry 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

Lydia Rivers ’22
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.

Morton Schapiro
President and Professor
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 (English and American 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

Visit admissions.northwestern.edu/academics/majors-minors to explore over 100 minors and certificate programs.
Learn more
The best way to learn more about Northwestern is to visit campus. See admissions.northwestern.edu for details about on-campus programming.

If travel to campus isn’t an option, take a virtual tour and explore Northwestern’s vibrant community online.
Virtual tour: admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html
Social media: admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html

If you have questions about financial aid, find answers at undergradaid.northwestern.edu.

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