1. Lakefront, beaches, and Sailing Center
Northwestern students enjoy swimming and recreation on our two campus beaches. Students also have access to a sailing center for sailboat and windsurfing rentals. A lakeside path between our beaches is popular for walkers, runners, and bicyclists.

2. Arts Circle
A hub of fine arts exploration, Arts Circle encompasses Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Regenstein Hall of Music (smaller performance spaces and 95 practice rooms), the Ryan Center for the Musical Arts (the Bienen School of Music, recital and opera stages, and 55 practice rooms), and the Block Museum of Art (exhibitions, film screenings, and nearly 4,000 works of art), among other venues.

3. Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts and John J. Louis Hall
Recently renovated, Wirtz Center houses stages for student productions along with rehearsal rooms, areas with high ceilings and structural reinforcement to support dance activities or aerial work, and scene and costume shops. The adjacent John J. Louis Hall holds a film sound stage, a large TV studio, editing rooms, and an auditorium.

4. Norris University Center
Our student union is the center of student activity on campus. Whether you’re looking to pick out some campus gear at the bookstore, grab a bite at the food court, set up a meeting for a student organization, or pick up tickets for the latest show at the campus box office, Norris has it all and more.

5. Annenberg Hall
In 1993, Annenberg Hall was built to house the School of Education and Social Policy. Here you’ll find advising offices, classrooms, and research labs.

6. Ryan Hall and Silverman Hall
Ryan Hall and the nearby Silverman Hall for Molecular Therapeutics and Diagnostics are home to impressive research facilities in nanotechnology, computational bioinformatics, and precision proteomics.

7. Kellogg Global Hub
A state-of-the-art facility, the Global Hub is the Kellogg School of Management’s new flagship building. Students across the University come to take classes for Kellogg’s undergraduate certificates, meet with professors in the Economics department, or find a study nook.

8. Varsity athletic venues
Many of our Big Ten varsity teams practice and compete 3/4 of a mile west of campus. Our Lakeside Fields for soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey are located at the north end of the lakefront.

These sports facilities feature an Olympic-size swimming pool, a diving pool, a running track, exercise equipment, and courts for tennis, racquetball, basketball, and squash. The new 98,000+ square-foot Ryan Fieldhouse and Walter Athletic Center encompass a full-sized indoor athletic field with incredible lake views.

10. The Garage
Located in the North Parking Garage and aptly named “The Garage,” this innovation hub is where entrepreneurship and collaboration thrive. The Garage brings together a cross-disciplinary community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to pursue new ideas in the classroom and beyond.

11. Patten Gymnasium
In addition to three hardwood multipurpose courts for basketball and volleyball, an Olympic free weight room, and a leg weight room, Patten Gymnasium houses the Gleacher Golf Center, widely regarded as the finest indoor learning center in the collegiate golf world.

12. Technological Institute and Ford Motor Company Engineering Design Center
At more than 750,000 square feet, the Technological Institute has been home to the McCormick School of Engineering since 1942. The LEED-certified Ford Center houses the Segal Design Institute, the Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and the Murphy Cooperative Engineering Program.

13. Shakespeare Garden and Dearborn Observatory
Hidden from view, students experience moments of quiet reflection in our beautifully landscaped Shakespeare Garden. Dearborn Observatory is a go-to for astronomy classes and stargazers.

14. Student support and advising
Countless resources are available to help Northwestern undergraduates succeed in their studies and with future plans. Student Affairs oversees student life, multicultural resources, and health services (visit Sheridan Rd. for a few student support offices). Health Professions Advising (1940 Sheridan Rd.) assists students who are navigating the pre-health track. Northwestern Career Advancement (620 Lincoln St.) focuses on post-graduate life via advising and on-campus recruiting.

15. Deering Library
Loosely modeled on King’s College Chapel at Cambridge University, Deering Library served as the University’s main library until 1970. It now contains the art and music libraries as well as University Archives. Be sure to check out the Reading Room, a favorite student study spot.

16. University (Main) Library
The Main Library houses the majority of Northwestern’s library collection of 6.7 million volumes and 201 terabytes of unique digital content. With around 800,000 visitors annually, University Library is one of the busiest places on campus.

17. Annie May Swift Hall
Built in 1895 and recently renovated, Annie May Swift Hall houses School of Communication offices, a theater/lecture hall, seminar classrooms, and a flexible teaching area for performance studies.

18. University Hall, Harris Hall, and Kresge Centennial Hall
University Hall, Harris Hall, and the recently renovated Kresge Centennial Hall house several departments in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences as well as classrooms and lecture halls. University Hall, built in 1889, is the oldest building on campus.

19. The Rock
The class of 1902 donated the Rock to Northwestern as a decorative fountain. Today it is a campus tradition for students to guard the Rock for 24 hours and then paint it to publicize events or causes.

20. Alice S. Millar Chapel
Northwestern is an officially secular institution, but students can choose to be active in a range of faith communities. There are over 45 religious groups and 11 dedicated clergy on campus, and Millar Chapel itself hosts Protestant services and provides meeting space for an array of groups.

21. Fisk Hall and McCormick Foundation Center
The Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communication's media facilities are based in Fisk Hall and the McCormick Foundation Center. These include a broadcast studio with a state-of-the-art control room and engineering area, a four-person anchor desk, room for 16 reporters/producers, and editing rooms.

22. Residential spaces
Clustered in “neighborhoods” around campus, student residences create a shared undergraduate experience, foster diverse and inclusive communities, and enrich academic life. All first- and second-year students live on campus.

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