

Northern Illinois University



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President

Chartered in 1895, Northern Illinois University opened its doors in 1899 as a teacher's college with 173 students. More than a century later, NIU is a nationally recognized university bearing the Carnegie Foundation's most exclusive designation of doctoral/research extensive. With seven degree-granting colleges, numerous doctoral programs, partnerships with national laboratories such as FermiLab and Argonne National Laboratory, extensive outreach and engagement activities throughout the Chicagoland region, and enrollment that has grown to more than 25,000 students, NIU fulfills its regional mission in a land-grant tradition.

NIU confers 22 types of degrees in 52 undergraduate majors, 74 graduate majors and one professional (Juris Doctorate) degree through 41 departments and divisions. The university's academic offerings are provided through the Colleges of Business; Education; Engineering and Engineering Technology; Health and Human Sciences; Law; Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts.

Other major academic and research units include the Graduate School, University Libraries, the Centers for Biochemical and Biophysical Studies, Black Studies, Latino and Latin-American Studies, Plant Molecular Biology and Southeast Asian Studies, as well as the Institute for Neutron Therapy at Fermilab, the NIU Nanoscience Institute, the Analytical Center for Climate and Environmental Change, and the Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development. NIU also has the world's only Center for Burma Studies and is the home of the American Farmland Trust's Center for Agriculture in the Environment as well as the Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault.

NIU's academic and student life facilities have undergone substantial expansion over the past few years. The Center for Diversity Resources, the Latino Center, the Campus Child Care Center, new and remodeled campus recreation facilities, the remodeled Stevenson Residential Complex, and the 10,000-seat NIU Convocation Center are prominent examples of new and enhanced facilities that are improving the overall student experience. Faraday West (chemistry and physics), Barsema Hall (business), the Engineering Building, and the Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault are state-of-the-art learning and research facilities rated among the best in the nation. The Alumni and Visitors Center near the 30,000-seat Huskie Stadium opened in 2005. The 62,000-square-foot Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon Center, opened in 2007, provides NIU Huskie student-athletes a place for academic support and strength and conditioning.

NIU offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs at branch campuses in Hoffman Estates, Rockford and Naperville. In addition to meeting the educational needs of place-bound students and working adults in the Northern Illinois region, NIU outreach efforts include dozens of partnerships with K-12 schools, extensive work with industry, and expert assistance with public policy issues facing state and municipal governments.

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