Areas of Training Expertise

Drawing upon the rich resources of NIU and the diverse expertise of its faculty, ITO is uniquely capable of delivering programs that are professionally and academically rewarding. ITO offers training programs in the following areas:

- Accounting
- Advocacy and Networking
- Biotechnology
- Civil Society and Citizen Participation
- Community Development
- Community Health/Education
- Conflict Management/Resolution
- Democracy and Governance
- Distance Learning/Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Environmental Management/Conservation
- Financial Management
- Foreign Policy
- Genetic Engineering
- HIV/AIDS Mitigation and Prevention
- Human Resource Management
- Hydrogeology
- International Business and Marketing
- Journalism and Media
- Law and Justice
- Nanotechnology
- Nonformal/Adult Education
- Nursing
- Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public Administration/Local Government
- Robotics
- Teacher Education and Training
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Water/Waste Management
- Women’s Empowerment

A significant number of NIU faculty and staff are fluent in critical languages, including Arabic, Bahasa-Indonesia, Bahasa-Melayu, Burmese, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Latin/Classics, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Recent Training Programs

- Cultural Citizens & North-South Dialogue: Building the National Identity & Civic Participation in the Philippines
- The Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and Majority-Minority Relations in the Philippines: Religion, Education, Community, and Political Process
- Philippine Youth Leadership Program: Engaging a New Generation in the Southern Philippines in Interethnic Dialogue & Conflict Resolution
- Philippines-ACCESS Program “Bridging the Gap”
- Bi-communal Dialogue & Conflict resolution: A Summer Program for Students (Youth) from Cyprus
- Building Sri Lanka’s Civil Society through GROW’II
- Capacity Building and Advocacy for Women’s Participation in Sri Lanka’s Grassroots Democracy
- Advanced Topics in Mechanical Engineering (Kyungnam University — South Korea)
- Fulbright American Studies Institute on Contemporary American Literature
- Certificate Course for Teachers of Adult Education in Chile
- International Strategic Management Seminar for Executives of Financial Institutions in Spanish-Speaking Countries
- Human Resource Development for Local Capacity Building
- Cartography & Map Production Technology
- International Effective Management & Decision Making Institute

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Northern Illinois University (NIU) is an internationally known state university located 65 miles west of Chicago, in one of the most dynamic regions of the country. Chartered in 1895, NIU is a comprehensive teaching and research university holding the highest possible Carnegie ranking for research universities. NIU is a member of the nation's most prestigious public university association, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)—an honor reserved for the top five percent of universities nationwide.

As the premier public university of suburban Chicago area, NIU serves a population of nearly 25,000 students and 1,200 faculty. Over 1,000 international students representing approximately 100 countries study at NIU. With its main campus in the city of DeKalb, NIU also operates regional sites in Rockford, Hoffman Estates, Oregon, and Naperville.

NIU is located near the center of the unique concentration of high technology and agribusiness activity that extends westward through northern Illinois from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

A safe, friendly and culturally diverse campus, NIU is an hour’s drive from Chicago, the third largest city in the USA and home to some of the world’s finest museums, theater, architecture, and professional sports teams.

Northern Illinois University’s history reflects flexibility in the face of change and consistency in the pursuit of excellence.

**International Training Office (ITO)**

- Forges partnerships and alliances between the university and the international community.
- Delivers real-world workplace solutions to enhance organizational productivity and performance.
- Provides assistance in the implementation of training programs that address the societal and institutional needs of developing countries.
- Enhances the human resource potentials of professionals and organizations from many countries including Armenia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Thailand.

**Recent Clients**

ITO has served various organizations and institutions from many parts of the world:

- The Academy for Educational Development (AED)
- AMIDEAST
- Cyprus Fulbright Commission
- ESAN—Graduate School of Business, Peru
- Kuwait National Petroleum Company
- Kyungnam University (South Korea)
- Ministry of Economic Planning, Kenya
- Ministry of Education, Chile
- PACT
- PRAGMA Corporation
- UNICEF
- U.S. Department of State—Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs
- USAID
- The World Bank

**Training Philosophy:** ITO’s training programs emphasize active learning methodologies to maximize learner participation. Participatory processes are built into the training design and implemented through a learner-centered training approach.

**Special Strengths of ITO**

- Designs high-impact, innovative, responsive, and flexible programs that are tailored to clients’ professional needs.
- Draws upon the expertise of faculty resources for on-site field training programs.
- Facilitates in-country consultation services for client organizations worldwide.
- Provides opportunities for exchanging ideas and networking with peer professionals from around the world.
- Provides a dynamic learning environment with a college town atmosphere.
- Offers a safe, comfortable and cost-effective living accommodation for training participants.
- Proximity to Chicago allows access to the diverse resources of business, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies.