ADMISSIONS

Dual Admissions

The dual admissions agreement has been developed to provide a seamless transition in the transfer process from participating community colleges to NIU. Students who are admissible to NIU and to the participating community colleges are eligible to benefit from the dual admissions agreement. Students indicate an intention to participate in this agreement by signing a statement of intent that includes their primary area of academic interest at the time of their admissions to NIU and the participating community college. All students taking part in the dual admissions agreement are subject to the same admissions, matriculation, and degree requirements governing all other NIU and participating community college students. Students who participate in the dual admissions agreement and earn an A.A. or A.S. degree will be entitled to the same academic benefits as undergraduates new to NIU regardless of previous enrollment at NIU. Currently, agreements are in place with Black Hawk College, City Colleges of Chicago, College of DuPage, College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, Harper College, Highland Community College, Illinois Valley Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kishwaukee College, McHenry County College, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Oakton Community College, Rock Valley College, Sauk Valley Community College, Triton College, and Waubonsee Community College.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Attendance

The university does not use a “cut” system. Each instructor decides whether to excuse class absences and determines how to permit make-up work.

If a student will be absent from classes for a week or more because of an accident, illness, or other emergency, instructors will be notified of the absence only if students or their parents request it through the Division of Student Affairs. Health Services will not release information about students unless they provide a written request.

Leaves of absence will be granted for volunteer services related to disaster relief in accordance with applicable Illinois statutes or executive orders issued by the State of Illinois in response to emergency situations. To initiate a leave of absence, students should contact their College Dean’s office, or the vice provost (or the vice provost’s delegate) for any student who has no college affiliation. Following the period of volunteer service, Registration and Records will facilitate reenrollment of the student.

Students are expected to comply with each individual instructor’s established attendance policy. It is recommended that students avoid registering for classes in which they would amass significant absences. In the case of an absence
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due to required attendance at a university-sponsored event such as a department trip, performing arts activity, ROTC function, or athletic competition, reasonable attempts shall be made by faculty members to allow the student to make up missed work. Students are responsible for completing the work assigned and/or due on the days they are absent for university-sponsored events. Both the sponsoring unit and the student should inform the faculty member as soon as possible in the semester in order for arrangements to be made for completing missed assignments, examinations or other required course work. The student is required to provide each instructor with an official notification in advance of the absence (e.g., a letter from the chair of the sponsoring department, the head of the sponsoring unit, or the coach).