Big school benefits.
Small school friendliness.

NIU faculty are scholars, teachers, researchers, mentors and academic leaders who bring a diverse range of expertise and experiences into the classroom. They’re here to get to know you, listen to your story and watch you achieve amazing outcomes.

Undergraduates conduct 20,100 hours of research annually.

1,100 Instructional faculty

16:1 Student to faculty ratio
Our success is your success.

Our job is to make sure that the work you do here helps you earn a great job.

AcademicsPLUS: Customize your general education with pathways. You’ll get a head start in your area of interest, and the transcript notation you earn will display your specialized study to employers and graduate schools. Pathways:
• Creativity, Innovation and Change.
• Global Connections.
• Health and Wellness.
• Learning.
• Origins and Influences.
• Social Justice and Diversity.
• Sustainability.

JobsPLUS: Earn and learn. NIU can help you turn your day or night job into professional development. By partnering with local businesses, we’ll help you learn skills that employers are looking for.

EngagePLUS: Gain a competitive edge. Engaged learning experiences allow you to gain hands-on experience in your field of study and see if your future career will be a good fit. EngagePLUS provides a way for you to achieve recognition for these experiences by earning transcript notations, making you stand out to employers and graduate schools.

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Blaze your own trail.

There’s more than one pathway to academic excellence, an exciting campus life and career opportunities.

Undecided? The Academic Advising Center will help you identify your interests, values and skills. We’ll assist you when selecting courses to help you explore and even suggest majors or career paths that play to your strengths.

Take the next step toward an NIU education.

Review first-year application requirements.  
go.niu.edu/criteria

Review transfer application requirements.  
go.niu.edu/transfercriteria

Explore academic programs.  
go.niu.edu/undergrad

Schedule a visit.  
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You dream it. We’ll help you be it.
It’s all about you!

It sounds cliché but it’s true — what you get out of college is what you put into it. NIU makes it easy to immerse yourself in learning with programs that tap into what moves you.

Study Abroad
Employers like to hire graduates who’ve seen something of the world. With our Study Abroad programs, you can stay anywhere from 10 days up to a year in one of 75 countries. Financial aid and scholarships can help you make it happen.

Accelerated Programs
You say you’re a high-achieving student who wants a faster track out of school and into the world? Check out our accelerated programs that let you finish your M.A., M.S. or J.D. in six years instead of seven. Available for nearly a dozen degrees.

University Honors Program
The NIU Honors Program nurtures motivated and disciplined students in order to achieve their highest potential. Get access to exclusive courses, scholarships, research opportunities, peer mentoring and the opportunity to live in honors-student housing.

Career Services
If you’re serious about building a career for your future, you’ll want to get to know our Career Services team. They will help connect you with top places to work in Chicago and beyond.

Students in the McKearn Fellows Program completed a clean water service project for a village in Nepal.
**Come for the research opportunities. Stay for the people you’ll meet.**

Some universities think that research is only for faculty and graduate students. Not NIU.

We know that undergraduates often have big ideas for research, so we give you the chance to do it on campus, in the community and even in another country. Undergraduate research and artistry programs at NIU allow you to explore the unknown through hands-on work with faculty members.

Inquire about questions that interest you, work with a faculty mentor and build a foundation for professional or graduate work. You may do undergraduate research in your major or another field of interest.
Majors

Accountancy (B.S.)
Actuarial Science (B.S.)
Anthropology (B.A. or B.S.)
  Environment and Evolution
  General Anthropology
  Language, Culture and Mind
  Social Complexity and Inequality
Applied Management (B.S.)
  (Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment)
  Instructional Technology, Training and Evaluation
Applied Management (B.S.) (School of Public and Global Affairs)
  Public Service
Art (B.A. or B.S.)
Art and Design Education (B.S.Ed.)
Art History (B.A.)
Art Studio and Design (B.F.A.)
  Art Studio
    - Ceramics
    - Drawing
    - Fiber
    - Illustration
    - Metalwork, Jewelry Design and Digital Fabrication
    - Painting
    - Printmaking
    - Sculpture
  Design and Media Arts
    - Photography
    - Time Arts
    - Visual Communication
Biological Sciences (B.S.)
Biomedical Engineering (B.S.)
  Biomechanics and Biomaterials
  Biomedical Instrumentation, Sensors and Signal Processing
Business Administration (B.S.)
Chemistry (B.S.)
  Biochemistry
  Chemistry
  Chemistry for Pre-professional Students
  Secondary Teaching
Communication Studies (B.A. or B.S.)
  Advocacy and Public Communication
  Media Studies
  Organizational/Corporate Communication
Communicative Disorders (B.S.)
Computer Science (B.S.)
  Computational Software
  Enterprise Software
  Software Development
Dance Performance (B.F.A.)
Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
Economics (B.A. or B.S.)
  Financial Economics (B.S. only)
Electrical Engineering (B.S.)
Elementary Education (B.S.Ed.)
  Bilingual/ESL
  Elementary Mathematics Education
  Reading Teacher
  Special Education
English (B.A. or B.S.)
  English Studies in Literature
  English Studies in Writing
  English Studies Leading to Secondary Licensure in English Language Arts
Environmental Studies (B.A. or B.S.)
  Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration
  Educator Licensure – Environmental Science
  Energy Studies
  Environmental Policy
  Nature in Society
  Water Sciences
Fashion Merchandising (B.S.)
Finance (B.S.)
Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.G.S.)
Geography (B.A. or B.S.)
  Geography
  Geomatics (B.S. only)
Geology and Environmental Geosciences (B.S.)
  Earth and Space Science Education
  Environmental Geosciences
  Geology
Health Sciences (B.S.)
  Degree Completion
  General
  Pre-Physical Therapy
History (B.A. or B.S.)
Hospitability and Tourism Management (B.S.)
Human Development and Family Sciences, Comprehensive Major (B.S.)
- Child Development
- Family and Individual Development
- Family Social Services

Industrial and Systems Engineering (B.S.)
- Engineering Management
- Health Systems Engineering
- Manufacturing Systems

Journalism (B.A. or B.S.)

Management (B.S.)
- Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility
- Human Resource Management
- Leadership and Management

Marketing (B.S.)

Mathematical Sciences (B.S.)
- Applied Mathematics
- Computational Mathematics
- General
- Mathematics Education

Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)
- Advanced Computing and Simulation
- Mechatronics and Robotics
- Sustainable Energy

Mechatronics Engineering (B.S.)

Medical Laboratory Sciences (B.S.)

Meteorology (B.S.)

Middle Level Teaching and Learning (B.S.Ed.)

Music (B.A.)

Music (B.M.)
- Composition
- Music Education
- Performance

Nonprofit and NGO Studies (B.A. or B.S.)

Nursing (B.S.)

Nutrition, Dietetics and Wellness (B.S.)

Operations and Information Management (B.S.)

Philosophy (B.A. or B.S.)

Physical Education (B.S.Ed.)

Physics (B.S.)
- Applied Physics
- Professional Physics for Graduate Study
- Secondary School Teaching

Political Science (B.A. or B.S.)
- International Politics
- Justice and Democracy: The American Experiment
- Politics and Governance
- Public Administration and Service
- Public Law

Psychology (B.A. or B.S.)

Public Health (B.S.)
- Environment and Health
- General Public Health
- Health Administration
- Health Promotion

Rehabilitation and Disability Services (B.S.)

Sociology (B.A. or B.S.)

Special Education (B.S.Ed.)
- Learning Behavior Specialist I with PEL
- Special Populations
- Visual Impairments with PEL
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

Sport Management (B.S.)

Statistics (B.S.)

Technology (B.S.)
- Applied Manufacturing Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Energy and Environmental Technology
- Industrial Management and Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Theatre Arts (B.F.A.)
- Acting
- Design and Technology

Theatre Studies (B.A.)

World Languages and Cultures (B.A.)
- French and Francophone Studies
- German Studies
- Spanish and Hispanic Studies

Pre-professional Studies
- Combined Degree Program in Physics and Engineering
- Pre-dentistry
- Pre-law
- Pre-medicine
- Pre-optometry
- Pre-pharmacy
- Pre-veterinary Medicine