Hey Huskies! You’re almost done with your first semester as a student at Northern Illinois University. Can you believe it? By now you have learned so much about how to be a fantastic student, but don’t give up now. In a couple of weeks, finals week will be upon us. Keep your stride going and finish the semester out strong. Tie up any loose ends in your classes, register for classes for next semester and start studying for those final exams. Finals week can be a bit overwhelming. Don’t worry, there are still plenty of things around NIU that can keep balance in your life. Stay organized, stay involved and study like a Huskie. Before we part for a little over a month, First- and Second-Year Experience would like to wish you the best of luck with final exams and a wonderful winter break.
What’s Coming Up?

Academic Calendar:

Thanksgiving Break (University Closed)
November 21 - November 25

Classes End
December 8

Final Examinations
December 10 - December 15

Winter Break
December 16 - January 13

Classes Begin
January 14

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (University Closed)
January 21

Ready to get involved for your spring semester?

Get acquainted with Huskies Get Connected to learn more about all of the great opportunities available to you as a student at NIU! This one-on-one consultation can help you find your next involvement, on-campus job, service opportunity and more. Request an appointment here to speak with one of our Student Success Team members.
Huskie Spotlight

Q&A

Fact about yourself:

I enjoy reading and writing!

Favorite thing about NIU:

“My favorite thing about NIU is that I am always meeting new people who have similar interests as mine whether it be through classes or friends.”

One thing you wish you did your first year at NIU:

“My first year at NIU I wish I was more involved in a group; however, I did go to a few events that took place on campus.”

Tip for finals week:

“My tip for finals week is start early in the day so you aren’t up at midnight trying to cram. I would also recommend that you give yourself small breaks between large study times.”
As first-year students, you have your whole college career ahead of you. Don’t miss out on any experiences that may advance your academic and professional career. Career Services offers opportunities to create connections in your academic, engaged and career-related learning. Check out these resources designed for you:

- What can I do with my major?
  - Career Counseling
- How do I make a perfect résumé or cover letter?
  - Create Your Résumé or Cover Letter
- How do I find an internship or job that I will enjoy?
  - Utilize Huskies Get Hired

MyScholarships

Having trouble finding scholarships? Tired of filling out the same questions for every application? Use MyScholarships to apply for multiple competitive scholarships using a general application. Many scholarships have a deadline of Jan. 31, so fill out your application today.

If you have any further questions, stop by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office in Swen Parson Hall 245.
OSEEL Offers UNIQUE Leadership and Service Opportunities!

GILD: Global Internship and Leadership Development

- Study abroad in Bucerias, Mexico.
- Experience an immersive cultural experience.
- Interdisciplinary 3-week internship (3 credits)
- Cultural diversity pre-departure course (3 credits).
- Professional experience gained by working with business entrepreneurs.
- Week-long leadership development retreat in Mexico.

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Applications close Dec. 9.
Apply through the Study Abroad Office.

HAB: Huskie Alternative Breaks

- Opportunity to travel during spring break.
- Make a difference in communities around the country.
- Meet other NIU students and influential community members.
- Service learning experience within your major/area of interest.

Focuses: Immigration (South Bend, IN)
Environment (Golden Pond, KY)
Civic Engagement (Memphis, TN)

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Applications close Nov. 15.
A message from Division of Student Affairs:

We are here for you! At one time or another, everyone feels stressed, depressed, or anxious. Emotional support comes in a variety of shapes and sizes here at NIU. We care about you and value you as an essential member of the Huskie family.

Where can you find support?

• Faculty members: Utilize their office hours. They are here to help you be successful in the classroom when you are having a difficult time managing the transition to college.

• NIU staff: There are lots of staff members in offices across campus who care about you. Don’t hesitate to ask for help. The Division of Student Affairs is made up of staff who are dedicated to supporting you through your NIU journey.

• Counseling and Consultation Services: They’re here for you! They provide mental health support to all students. They’re a team of trained professionals committed to helping you achieve your academic and personal goals.

• Helping Huskies Thrive: This program hosts event and provides resources to help you learn about how to help someone in need, help someone in crisis or help yourself academically, socially or with your own mental health concerns.

Your mental and emotional health are important to us and we are here to support you!

Students’ Legal Assistance
CLEANING YOUR RECORD FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Did you know that more than 72 percent of employers require a background check for employment?

Expungement clears qualifying arrests and charges from public record. Expunging your record will prevent most employers from considering past arrests or convictions during the hiring process. Schedule an appointment with NIU Students’ Legal Assistance today to clear your background for free.

Students’ Legal Assistance
Campus Life Building, Room 120
815-753-1701