The NIU

One Book

Your Guide to Becoming a Successful Huskie

2022-2023

Northern Illinois University
Your Future. Our Focus.
Huskie Fight Song

Huskies, come on you Huskies,
and make a score or two.
Huskies, you’re Northern Huskies,
the team to pull us through.

Forward, together forward
there’s victory in view.
Come on you Huskies,
fight on you Huskies

and win for N.I.U.

H-U-S-K-I-E-S...
Go Huskies!
Welcome from President Freeman

I’m very proud to be NIU’s president and thrilled to welcome you to our Huskie family.

All of us at NIU recognize that this has been an incredible year of change and challenges for you because of COVID-19. We hope that your time at NIU is a new beginning and opportunity to learn, grow and build relationships that will support you for a lifetime. I want you to know that when you’re a Huskie, we’ll be with you every step of the way and beyond.

As an NIU student, you’ll find our world-class faculty and staff excited to help you explore your interests, find your passions and develop your talents so that you can be successful and stand out. I encourage you to seek out the many ways to get involved — whether through faculty-mentored research and artistry, community service or through our more than 320 student organizations. We provide all students a welcoming home to develop your voice, contribute new ideas and have fun.

Most importantly, each of you has access to multiple resources to support your diverse academic, social and emotional needs. Huskies are known for working hard and not being afraid to ask for help, so please don’t hesitate to let us know what we can do to support you.

Your bright future at NIU begins now.

Go Huskies,

Lisa Freeman
President,
Northern Illinois University
Welcome to Northern Illinois University!

We’re so glad you’re part of our NIU family! You’re going to find that we’re a community that truly cares about your success both in and out of the classroom. That’s why you received this OneBook — to help you transition to life at NIU.

In this book, you’ll be introduced to some of our many departments and resources. These departments and resources are here for you — to help you succeed from your very first day all the way to graduation. So, read the OneBook very carefully — and hang on to it — you’ll definitely refer to it over the next few years.

At the end of each chapter, you’ll see a list of tips and reminders. These tips and reminders are things you should know and understand as you enter into NIU. They really work — so please read them carefully!

Let’s get started. Go ahead and take a look at your first set of tips for success.

Tips for Success — Using the OneBook

1. Save the link to this PDF in case you want to reference it during your Orientation and advising session, or throughout your time at NIU.
2. Be sure to share this with your family so they too have an opportunity to look through the OneBook. There’s lots of information inside that will be helpful for them to know.
3. The OneBook is available to everyone on the NIU website. This way you’ll always have access to it no matter where you are on or off campus. You’ll find it at niu.edu/orientation.

Content in this book is accurate as of May 2021. Information is subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date information visit niu.edu.
Your Future. Our Focus.
Learning at NIU

No matter what you choose to study, our focus is to help you achieve your goals. The NIU baccalaureate degree experience enables graduates to think critically, create and communicate by participating in an engaged learning environment to prepare for success in a diverse, global society.
Understanding Your Curriculum

As an undergraduate student, you’re working to earn either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), a Bachelor of Science (B.S.), a Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.), a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), a Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), or a Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degree. The difference has to do with the types of courses you’ll take.

Don’t worry, your advisor will help you along the way to make sure you complete the right courses. Just know you’re going to need to complete at least 120 credit hours to graduate. However, some majors might require more. You’ll earn these credit hours by taking classes in your major along with general education courses. It’s a good idea for you to get familiar with our Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.niu.edu). The catalog will outline what classes and requirements you’ll need to earn your degree.

What Are Credit Hours?

You’ll hear advisors and students refer to something called “credits” or “credit hours.” Credit hours are tied to each class you take at NIU. For example, English 103 is three credit hours. Credit hours roughly refer to the number of hours per week you spend in class.
What Are My Major Requirements?
Your major requirement courses are specific to your individual major or program of study. You’ll take courses that will give you major-specific detailed knowledge, such as foundational understanding of concepts, terms and processes. Major requirements include not only courses within your given discipline but also necessary courses in other disciplines. Again, your advisor and our Undergraduate Catalog will outline what’s needed to complete your degree.

What Are General Education Requirements?
The Progressive Learning in Undergraduate Studies (PLUS) General Education Program at NIU provides you foundational skills and a breadth of knowledge through study in a variety of different topics. You’ll take two types of coursework to fulfill your PLUS General Education Program requirements:

1. Foundational Studies courses help you develop competencies to succeed academically and personally. The types of classes you’ll take to complete this requirement include English, oral communication and math.
2. Knowledge Domain courses will help you continue to develop the foundational competencies as well as expose you to broad ideas, disciplines and ways of thinking critically about information. The Knowledge Domains are: Creativity and Critical Analysis, Nature and Technology, and Society and Culture. You’ll take courses in each of these Knowledge Domains.

Your academic advisor will help you track your progress toward this important requirement. For more information about the types of courses you’ll take, visit catalog.niu.edu.
As an NIU student participant in the McKinley “Deacon” Davis CHANCE Program, you’re continuing a proud history of student success and excellence. CHANCE has a history of identifying, recruiting, preparing and graduating students who will continue to engage in lifelong learning, and demonstrate academic competence and a commitment to civic involvement.

CHANCE students benefit from diverse, supportive and empowering services during their NIU Huskie career. CHANCE services include:

- Individual and group academic, personal and career counseling.
- Financial aid counseling.
- Academic monitoring and follow-up throughout your undergraduate career.
- Tutorial assistance.
- Academic skills-enhancement courses.
- An introductory university experience course taught by a CHANCE counselor.
- Peer mentoring for first-year and transfer students.
- Leadership conferences.

The CHANCE program office is located in Campus Life Building 240. Call 815-753-0201 for more information about the program.
Registering for Classes

Adding Classes in MyNIU (a Basic Overview)

1. After logging in to MyNIU, click on Student Center.
2. Select the Enroll link.
3. Click the Search button to search for a class, or enter the class number in the Enter Class Nbr box and click Enter.
4. Find the course and click on Class Details. (See below example for what you might see.)
5. If you believe this course is correct, click on Select Class.
6. Click Next to continue with the enrollment process.
7. To add more classes repeat the steps above.
8. When finished adding classes, click Proceed to Step 2 of 3 in bottom right-hand corner.
9. Click the Finish Enrolling button to complete the three-step process. If you don’t click Finish Enrolling, you won’t be enrolled in the classes you’ve selected.

To view your class schedule click the My Class Schedule button.

Things To Do First:

Check your enrollment appointment. Log in to MyNIU and click on Student Center. Click on Enrollment Date to find the exact time you can register. Typically, the more credit hours you have, the sooner you can register.

In the Student Center, you can also check if you have a registration hold. A hold might be placed on your account for a variety of reasons, mainly to make sure you take care of a requirement or obligation critical to your success at NIU. Make sure to contact the office that placed a hold to learn more.

Section gives more information about the class, including description, prerequisites (PRQ), corequisites (CRQ) and class notes. If a class requires a permit, it will say who is allowed to take the class. A PRQ must be taken before the class you want to enroll in; a CRQ can be taken before or during the same term.

If you see a P, H or T listed in the section number, the course is reserved for certain groups.

P = Permit required. Contact the department offering the course on how to get a permit.
H = Honors section. Reserved for honors students only.

LEC is a course lecture. Some lectures may also require you to take a recitation (REC) and/or a lab (LAB). If that’s the case, you must enroll in these components when you register for the course or you’ll not be able to register.

A link to the Huskie Books and Gear bookstore where current textbooks and prices will be available. Not generally available until the month before classes begin.

Instruction Mode gives information about the meeting format of the class. You will see face-to-face, online or a combination of online and face-to-face, which is considered a hybrid course.
Schedule Sample
The schedule below shows a student registered for 16 credit hours. Remember, that for every one credit hour you register, you’ll need to spend two to three hours outside of class studying each week. For example, if you register for 16 credit hours, you’ll need to budget at least 32 hours of study time outside of class during the week. This is important to remember if you have a job or are planning on joining a student organization.

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Dates and Deadlines
Make sure you’re aware of important academic dates and deadlines including course withdrawal/add deadlines and university holidays by checking the Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.niu.edu). Just click on Academic Calendar.

Buying Your Books
1. Visit go.niu.edu/huskiebooks. Have your schedule ready — you’ll need the semester, department where your class is taught, course and section number.
2. Don’t be afraid to compare prices with other online retailers. Just be very careful you’re selecting the correct book. Choose the retailer and price that’s right for you and your budget.
3. Check out! You can pick up your books during move-in weekend or at your convenience.

Can I Rent Books?
That depends. Not all books are available to rent. If your textbook is available to rent, the option will appear when you shop online at go.niu.edu/huskiebooks. Most rental books will be half the price of a new or used textbook.

Can I Use My Financial Aid to Pay for My Books?
If you have financial aid available, you sure can. You can charge up to $700 to your bursar’s account from the bookstore. This is called your book charge account.
Life in the Classroom

Your very first week of classes at NIU is always exciting. You’ll find that the first day of each class is similar for all your classes. Your professor or instructor will share the expectations they have for you in their class, discuss what you’re going to learn, explain the importance of participation/attendance and share how grades are determined.
Syllabus

Your professors or instructors should give you a course syllabus too. This syllabus will include the most important information about the class. You’ll find course objectives, expectations, assignments, dates of exams/ quizzes, university requirements and faculty contact information. It’s a good idea to put all important dates from the course syllabus in your planner right away. This will help with planning your time later in the semester.

Instructor Information: This section includes important contact information for your instructor. You’ll see their office location, phone number and email. Your instructor also lists office hours, which are times they set aside each week to meet with you. So make sure to take advantage of them and visit your instructor to ask for help and get questions answered.

Course Description: This section includes an in-depth description of what you’re going to learn in this class. It also points out if you need any prerequisites (PRQ), a requirement that must be fulfilled before you enroll in a desired class, or corequisites (CRQ), a course you would take at the same time. When you enroll in a class via MyNIU, you’ll see if you’ve met the PRQ or need to take a CRQ.

Required Readings. Every syllabus outlines what course materials you’ll need. Some may be required, some may be optional. You’ll find items such as books you’ll have to buy/rent, or items you can find in Blackboard or on reserve at the library. Read carefully and ask questions of your instructor if you need help finding the appropriate class materials.

Grades and Grading Policies. Within this section are things you need to do or goals you need to meet to be successful. Professors and instructors all do this differently, so it’s important to see how assignments/tests are weighted.

Academic Integrity. This is a very important policy to read and, if not followed, can have a major impact on your grade and/or future in your class and at NIU. For more information on this policy, visit the Student Code of Conduct at go.niu.edu/studentcodeofconduct.
**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:**
This policy is on every syllabus. See Page 22 to learn more about receiving an accommodation through the Disability Resource Center.

**Help:** Within this section, your instructor will share information about how to get help in their class. See Page 22 for more information on tutoring assistance.

**Course Schedule and Assignments:** This last section outlines your assignments, quizzes and exams. Use this section and put all of your due dates into your planner. It’ll help you later on.

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**Blackboard**

Blackboard is a course management system that allows professors or instructors to add and organize course resources for you to access online. To access Blackboard, just visit webcourses.niu.edu. You’re going to need your Z-ID and password to log in.

Once you log in to Blackboard, you’ll see your courses listed under the My Courses tab on the left-hand side of the page. You can also click on the Courses tab at the upper left-hand corner of the page to get a listing of the courses you have registered for that have a Blackboard course website.

Now, most professors or instructors do use Blackboard; however, some don’t. Or some professors or instructors won’t update Blackboard until after the semester starts. Refer to your syllabus. Most professors or instructors will indicate if they’re going to use Blackboard.

Blackboard is a great tool to help monitor your class performance. Your professors or instructors will put grades for assignments in your Blackboard. However, your official final grade for classes and GPA are always found in MyNIU.
Academic Advising

Academic advisors help you translate your goals and interests into an effective and successful educational experience. They help you understand and navigate academic requirements, policies and procedures while guiding you in course selection.

Think of your advisor as a tour guide. You wouldn’t go on a tour alone in a foreign country; don’t try to go it alone in your education. Advisors have vast insight and provide immeasurable perspective and assistance. Make a point to see them at least once each semester.

Your advisor will:
• Encourage you to become engaged in your education and meet your goals.
• Help you understand the academic and administrative processes of NIU.
• Provide correct information needed to plan your academic path.
• Provide necessary referrals to campus resources.
• Monitor your progress toward completion of your degree.

To make the most of your advising experience, you should do the following:
• Academic advising appointments for spring semester should be completed by October, and by March for fall.
• Take proactive steps to learn about the policies, procedures and rules of NIU and your academic college at catalog.niu.edu.
• Make sure you’re aware of important academic dates and deadlines including withdrawal (course or semester), add/drop and university holidays by checking the Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.niu.edu). Just click on Academic Calendar.
• Understand university, general education and your major’s and/or minor’s requirements.
• Seek out information and make decisions regarding your academic/career goals.
• Take advantage of campus resources (found throughout this book).

Prepare for your advising appointment by:
• Reviewing your Academic Requirements Report (found in MyNIU).
• Looking at your previous advising meeting materials and the Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.niu.edu).
• Writing down questions you have for your advisor.
• Asking for help.
• Assuming final responsibility for course scheduling, program planning and successful completion of graduation requirements.

College Advising Information

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Academic Advising Center
815-753-2573
go.niu.edu/advisingcenter
Academic Opportunities

Huskies Engage

NIU provides our students with many opportunities to grow as leaders, to prepare for careers and to become engaged community members and citizens who successfully transition from campus to the world. Huskies Engage is your source to find broad experiences that fit your interests, time commitment and academic major. Learn more about program categories and search for experiences that interest you at go.niu.edu/huskiesengage.

Study Abroad

Want to experience new cultures, gain global competency, learn a new language, take unique classes, grow as an individual, strengthen your résumé and connect with people from all over the world?

At NIU, you’ll find our Study Abroad Office (niu.edu/study-abroad) has over 300 program options (no matter what your major) in 80 different countries. You can study abroad for a week, a full academic year or anywhere in between.

Programs are led by NIU faculty or through NIU-affiliate partners. Classes you take will be included in your NIU transcript and GPA. The best part is, it’s totally affordable!

Want to learn more? Visit the Study Abroad Office in Williston Hall, Room 417. They have Study Abroad 101 sessions every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. You can also check out the Study Abroad Fair in the fall to help you explore the program options.

Fast Facts:

- NIU’s longest running program, NIU at Oxford, has been running since 1969.
- France is the top choice for NIU students studying abroad.
- About a quarter (26%) of NIU study abroad students are Pell Grant recipients.
Major and Career Planning

Major and career planning can seem overwhelming. You’re not alone, though. We have many people and resources designated to help you along the way. We’ve listed a few resources below, but know you can always talk with your academic advisor or career advisor about major and career planning.

Career Services

Discovering your future begins at Career Services, where you’ll get help establishing your career goals and creating a plan to achieve them. Quick and convenient drop-in services and scheduled appointments are available to support your career path:

Explore careers. Career Services can help you connect your major to a career that’s right for you. Their staff will help you identify your interests and priorities through career testing and online tools.

Build your skills. To help you become a well-qualified candidate for internships, jobs and graduate school, Career Services staff can show you the skills needed for the occupations you’re considering. Their team will help you put together a plan to gain the experiences and competencies you’ll need for career success.

Share your story. Looking for coaching about résumés, cover letters, LinkedIn, interview strategies or networking skills? Want to create a search strategy to find an internship, job or graduate program? Career Services can help you share your qualifications with employers and graduate schools.

Connect with employers. Career Services hosts career fairs throughout the year so you can connect to a potential internship or job. Use Huskies Get Hired at go.niu.edu/huskiesgethired, the internship/job posting database for NIU students and alumni, to search for opportunities.

Visit Career Services at the Campus Life Building, Room 220, on the web at CareerServices.niu.edu or call 815-753-1642.

Academic Advising Center

The Academic Advising Center (niu.edu/advising) is the academic home for students whose major is “Undecided-Any College” and students who choose to explore their options prior to deciding on a major. They assist students in selecting a major that best fits their personal, academic and career goals. The Academic Advising Center is also the home for students whose major is “Undecided Liberal Arts and Sciences.” They provide pre-professional health advising for those students who are considering pursuing careers in the medical field.

Majors and Minors Fair

The Majors and Minors Fair happens every year and offers you the opportunity to learn more about majors and minors and how they connect to various careers. Be on the lookout for when the dates are announced.
University Honors Program

Built on 50 years of excellence, the University Honors Program at NIU offers high-achieving and highly motivated students the opportunity to elevate their educational pursuits through curricular and cocurricular endeavors. Specifically, students in the University Honors Program have access to:

- Priority registration for courses.
- Honors-only advising.
- Smaller class sizes taught by award-winning professors.
- Priority spots for adittance into graduate programs and courses.
- Honors-only scholarships, grants and fellowships.
- An Honors Living-learning Community in New Hall.
- Honors-only computer lab with free printing.
- Honors Preferred Program providing discounts for Honors students at local businesses.
- Externship program to job-shadow NIU alumni.

If you’re a part of the University Honors Program and complete either Associate University Honors or Full University Honors, you’ll also receive regalia to wear during commencement and an official notation on your transcript upon graduation from NIU. For more information on requirements and to apply, visit niu.edu/honors.

University Honors Program
Campus Life Building, Room 110
honors@niu.edu

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Orientation and First Year Programs

Orientation and First Year Programs (OFP) is an office dedicated to supporting you in your first year. Focusing on helping you build community and ensuring that you feel welcomed and at home is a priority in your first year.

This office collaborates with departments and offices across campus to ensure that you have the opportunity to become deeply engaged and connected, to establish healthy relationships and to gain the knowledge necessary to succeed academically and personally.

To be successful in your first year at NIU:

Week of Welcome (WOW)

WOW is an exclusive experience for all incoming students. The focus is on getting you connected to campus through meetings with your academic college so you can learn about important campus resources, understand what it means to be part of our Huskie community and to celebrate Huskie Pride. Some exciting events to look forward to will focus on:

- Huskie pride.
- Community building.
- Developing a sense of belonging.
- And more.
Common Reading Experience (CRE)

At NIU, the Common Reading Experience is a campus initiative designed to promote discussions focused on building a sense of community and providing exposure to diverse perspectives.

The current CRE book is, “Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood” by Trevor Noah. Noah depicts his upbringing through stories that encapsulate his experiences and offers insight into many issues facing young adults today including identity, coping with racism and the influence that family has on an individual’s life. Through this narration, he brings a highly affective, lighthearted approach to encourage readers to contemplate sensitive and meaningful topics relevant to current issues.

Stay up to date with ongoing programming supporting the CRE at go.niu.edu/CRE.

Make Connections

NIU offers several programs for students with diverse backgrounds, as well as programs that will connect you with fellow students, while other programs will connect you with alumni or faculty members.

OFP oversees two mentoring programs—Transfer2Transfer and Student-Faculty/Staff Links. Transfer2Transfer (T2T) matches incoming transfer students with another student who has successfully transferred to NIU within the past year. Student-Faculty/Staff Links provides an opportunity for students to connect one-on-one with an NIU faculty or staff member who can help them learn the ropes of university life, how to get involved on campus, find answers to academic and personal questions, locate and use university and community resources, set goals and learn how to succeed at NIU.

First Year Success Series

The First Year Success Series is designed to help you reach key milestones in your first year. Through this programming, you’ll be able to participate in activities, programs and workshops that promote academic success and integration into the campus community, as well as receive support through key areas of adjustment. To see our updated schedule of events, visit go.niu.edu/fyss.
NIU has opportunities that allow you to engage through undergraduate research programs that connect with your interests and major. Start with programs listed below to discover exciting ways of learning beyond the classroom lecture.

**Research Rookies.** Research Rookies (RR) is an academic-year-long program that provides you with a chance to explore your research interests while gaining the skills and knowledge needed to effectively conduct professional research. RR spend the fall semester identifying their faculty mentor and participating in research exploration activities, then transition to working alongside the faculty member on their research project. RR receive a $500 stipend upon completion of the program and have access to up to $200 of project expenses funds. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/researchrookies.

**Huskie Community Scholars.** Huskie Community Scholars (HCS) is an academic-year-long program that allows incoming freshmen or first-year transfer students to make an impact on specific local social issues or community needs by working side by side with faculty and regional nonprofits on community-based research projects. HCS are able to leverage their passion for community engagement and gain valuable skills related to research, teamwork, project management, cultural competencies and communication through participation in the program. HCS receive a partial tuition waiver for participation in the program. HCS is geared toward first-generation or Pell Grant-eligible students. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/huskiecommunityscholars.
Additional Academic Resources

NIU has lots of academic resources all here for you. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Not sure where to start? You can always talk with your academic advisor. They’re happy to point you in the right direction.

University Libraries: Vital to Your Success

University Libraries will play an important role in your success. NIU has three libraries that you can use.

- **Founders Memorial Library.** The main library consists of five levels and houses all general collections as well as Government Publications, Rare Books and Special Collections, University Archives and the Regional History Center, and the Southeast Asian Collection. Caribou Coffee and Einstein Bros. Bagels are located on the lower level. OneCard ID Services is located in Room 104.

- **Faraday Library.** This library serves faculty and students in the disciplines of chemistry and physics, and is located in Room 212 of Faraday Hall.

- **Music Library.** This branch library, located on the first floor of the Music Building, supports the programs in the School of Music.

At the main library, you can do more than just check out books:

- Receive research help and library instruction from library faculty. Help is available via phone, chat, email or one-on-one appointments.
- Use the online catalog to search for books and other materials.
- Access thousands of e-books, magazines, journals and newspapers through online databases.
- Request materials not owned or accessible at NIU through interlibrary loan systems.
- Visit the Accessibility Resource Room (ARR), located on the first floor, to use assistive technology for students with disabilities.
- Take advantage of the numerous desktop computers or check out a laptop.
- Find some quiet time in individual and group study rooms.
- Print, copy or scan your documents.
- Discover more library resources and services at library.niu.edu.

The NIU OneBook 21
1. **Go to class!** That seems obvious, but it’s important to remember. How can you be successful if you’re not actually in class?

2. **Use a planner.** It’ll be your most important tool. It doesn’t matter if you use your phone or you buy a paper calendar, you’re just going to need a system to organize your class schedule, assignments, deadlines, involvements, jobs and just life in general. Pick whatever works for you — just make sure to use it.

3. **Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor every semester.** Your advisor is one of the most important people you’ll interact with at NIU. Meet with them every semester before you register. This person will make sure you stay on track and meet your ultimate goal: graduation.

4. **Get to know your professors.** They’re people too and can help you if you’re struggling in class or you’re just really interested in the topic they teach. Don’t be afraid to introduce yourself and visit them during their office hours.

5. **Ask for help.** Let’s face it, at some point in the next few years (or months) you’re going to need help with a class or an assignment. Ask the people around you (professor, advisor, community advisor, anyone) where you need to go to get help. You’ll be glad you did.

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**Huskie Academic Support Center**

The combined services of the Huskie Academic Support Center will provide one-on-one and group support for many of your classes. The Huskie Academic Support Center will continue to offer writing/research support for all your writing/oral communication-related projects through the Writing Center coaches. It will also provide content-based tutoring from Supplementary Instruction Leaders (SILs), particularly for lower-level STEM courses. Peer Academic Coaches (PACs) will help you polish your studying, reading and test-taking skills.

Check out the Huskie Academic Support Center website or email us at hasc@niu.edu for more information.

**Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

The DRC uses the definition of disability as stated in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA of 1990 and the ADAAA of 2008. If you had any accommodations in high school or in your previous institution, or you recently acquired a disability but have not had disability-related services in the past, please contact the DRC if you would like to register for services. Such services include but are not limited to testing accommodations (preferred seating, extended testing time), sign language interpreters, note-taking, e-books and assistive technology.

Contact the DRC to set up your initial conversation with the staff. Call 815-753-1303 or visit niu.edu/disability.
NIU OneCard

Your Official NIU Identification Card

How Do I Get My OneCard?
Submit your picture for your OneCard today. All new students are issued their student ID during their first semester, and submitting your picture online is a great way to avoid long lines at the OneCard office in the fall. Learn more about online photo submissions at go.niu.edu/onecard.

How Do I Use My OneCard?

- Identification
- Print/Copy Services
- Book Charge Program
- University Library Services
- Laundry
- Recreation and Wellness
- Health Services
- Huskie Bus Line
- Huskie Bucks
- Meal Plans/Dining Dollars
- Door Access
- Athletic Events
- Student Voting
- Transcripts

1 Requires a deposit of funds.
2 Financial aid program.
3 Selected/Purchased through Housing and Residential Services.
4 Required for living in residence halls and some academic/administrative building access.

What Are Huskie Bucks?
The Huskie Bucks program is a prepaid debit account system that you can use both on and off campus. You’ll use Huskie Bucks for printing and copying documents, for laundry services and vending machines, and at any on-campus dining location. Some restaurants in DeKalb even participate in our Huskie Bucks program.

The best part is, any funds left in your Huskie Bucks account at the end of the semester automatically roll over and are available next semester.

Depositing to your Huskie Bucks account is easy. Just visit the OneCard office with cash or a check, or go online at go.niu.edu/hb-deposit with your credit or debit card. NIU accepts American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa. All deposits are made in real time.

Things to Remember:
- You must be enrolled in at least one class to use your OneCard.
- Don’t be in possession of another student’s OneCard.
- Purchases made with your OneCard for books and supplies use the book charge account, which is separate from Huskie Bucks. The book charge account is tied to your financial aid status.
- Visit go.niu.edu/eat for a quick list of all dining locations and restaurants where Huskie Bucks are accepted.
- Download the NIU mobile app. You’ll be able to check your Huskie Bucks account balance.

OneCard Office
Founders Memorial Library, Main Level, Room 104
onecard@niu.edu
niu.edu/OneCard
815-753-9569
Technology Use

Technology is such an important part of achieving success both in and out of the classroom. The cool part is, here at NIU, you don’t even need to own a computer to have access to online resources.
Computer Labs

We have technology labs and study lounges around campus with access to common applications and web browsers. Find a lab that’s open near you and a list of available software by checking out go.niu.edu/labs.

Anywhere Printing

You may bring a small printer for your room, but you can always use ours. All you need is your OneCard and funds in your Huskie Bucks account. Send your print to our cloud and pick it up from any of our cloud-connected printers.

Here are a few quick facts about printing on campus:

1. Visit anywhereprints.niu.edu to download the app and to learn more.
2. Printing costs 5 cents (black and white) and 12 cents (color).
3. Mobile printing is available from your smartphone or tablet. Start by sending an email message from your NIU email account to anywhereprints@niu.edu.
   a. They’ll email you back. Make sure you check this return email from an NIU-connected device, either on a device using a wired NIU network port or from NIUwireless (not NIUguest).
   b. Read the instructions in the email and then click the link provided to register your NIU email address.
   c. When prompted, you may need to click Continue to verify your server identity and then enter your NIU account ID (your Z-ID) and password, then click Log on.
   d. Return to your email and look for a new message titled Confirmation Required. Read the message and click to confirm.

Visit anywhereprints.niu.edu to download the app and discover where the 200-plus AnywherePrinters are located.

NIU Mobile Apps

These apps (for Android or iOS devices) make your life as a student so much easier. What can you do with the apps? Lots!

**NIU App:**
- Access your undergraduate catalog.
- Check out Huskie Link (student organizations).
- View the Huskie Line Bus tracking system.
- Access Blackboard.
- Read NIU Today (campus news).
- Manage your NIU OneCard.
- Keep up with Huskie athletics (schedules, scores, news).

**MyNIU:**
- Check your grades.
- Register for courses.
- View financial aid information.
- Update personal records.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for Students

We have implemented an MFA as the primary solution to increase the security of your email accounts. The use of MFA has significantly reduced the number of compromised accounts from malicious phishing attempts.

It’s a tool used to secure your information by requiring two factors of authentication prior to access.

**What does this mean for you?**
This means you will use both your password and a code texted to your cell phone to log in. Download the Microsoft Authenticator mobile app for free on either Google Play or the Apple App Store. Be prepared to provide a phone number as a means of authentication prior to login.

For more information, please visit go.niu.edu/multifactor. If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please contact the Service Desk at 815-753-8100 or servicedesk@niu.edu.
Your NIU Email, Calendar and Collaboration Suite

One of the many perks of being an official NIU student is that you automatically receive many helpful tools.

Using Your NIU Email

We know that you know how to use email. We just want to make sure you know how to communicate with NIU in a professional and respectful manner. Writing emails to professors or university officials might be a bit different than what you’re used to — it’s not like texting or tweeting. It’s important that you communicate in a clear and respectful way.

Here’s an example of an email to a professor:

Hello,

My name is NIU Huskie and I’m currently enrolled in your UNIV 101 course on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-1:50 p.m. I had a few questions about our upcoming assignment and wanted to schedule a time to meet with you individually.

Unfortunately, I have another class during your assigned office hours. Any chance we can find another time that works for both of us? I’m flexible (outside of classes), so let me know what you’d prefer.

Thank you,

NIU Huskie
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Now this is just an example, but is a good place to start when drafting an email to your professors or other university officials. Trust us, you’re more likely to receive a quick response if you take this approach.

Here are some quick do’s and don’ts when emailing:

Do:
- Say hello.
- Introduce yourself.
- Give them some context regarding how they may know you. Your professor may teach up to four classes.
- Use punctuation.
- Use full sentences.
- Be respectful.
- Provide your name and Z-ID at the end.

Don’t:
- Treat it as a text message.
- Abbreviate words.
- Use emojis.
- Tell them what they need to do.
- Be rude or disrespectful.
- End without signing your name.

Need Help?

Having trouble accessing any of your NIU accounts? Password issues? NIU offers a self-service password reset. View go.niu.edu/sspr for complete details and a link to password.niu.edu to change your password. If you need more assistance, submit a request at it.niu.edu or call the DoIT Service Desk at 815-753-8100.

Questions about technology in the residence halls? See Page 41 for more info.

LinkedIn Learning

As a new student, you’ll get a free subscription to LinkedIn Learning. It’s a part of LinkedIn and a leading online learning platform that can help you learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve your goals. What a great resource! You can benefit from what it has to offer, no matter your major. For more information, just visit go.niu.edu/inlearning.

Free Subscription to Microsoft Office

Visit go.niu.edu/365 and download the entire Office application suite. You can install it on your phone, laptop or tablet. When you do, you receive 1TB of storage in OneDrive.

Tips for Success: Technology Use

1. Download the NIU app and the MyNIU app now. You’ll use these apps often.
2. Begin checking your NIU email daily — you never know when you’ll get something that requires a response. You don’t want anything important going overlooked.
3. Remember that as a student you get Office365 for free. Trust us, you’ll use this. Go to go.niu.edu/365 and download before you get to campus. You’ll be glad you did.
Attending college is a significant financial investment in your future, more so than any other investment you’ve probably ever made. In addition to making sure you get the most out of your investment, we have numerous resources to help you manage your costs.
Financial Aid Timeline

To be eligible for any financial aid, you must complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid at isac.org.

You must apply every year (as soon as possible after Oct. 1 for the following school year). In early spring, you’ll be notified through an official financial aid offer notification of your eligibility for grants, scholarships, work-study or loans from federal or state programs. There are five steps you should keep in mind regarding financial aid.

Step One:
Complete your FAFSA at studentaid.gov. Some Illinois residents may be eligible to fill out the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid at isac.org. 
**Timeline:** Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 for the following school year.

Step Two:
If required, submit additional documents to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and consistently check MyNIU for any additional information that may require your attention in your to-do list. **Timeline:** ASAP.

Step Three:
Review your financial aid offer notification, which will be sent in paper and electronically. **Timeline:** Beginning mid-March and ongoing.

Step Four:
Complete entrance counseling, promissory notes and annual student loan acknowledgment. **Timeline:** Complete before bill is due to avoid late fees associated with the loan amounts.

Step Five:
Receive your financial aid funds. **Timeline:** Any accepted financial aid will appear on MyNIU as pending financial aid. Two weeks after classes begin, funds will be applied to your account, and charges and credit balance refunds (if applicable) will begin to be processed.

Have You Checked Your Financial Aid Status?
Just log on to your MyNIU and check your status. If you have financial aid questions, you can always call 815-753-1395 or toll free at 800-892-3050 during university business hours.

Changes in Financial Situation
If your family has had a decrease in income or financial resources as compared to what was reported on your FAFSA, make sure to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office to inquire about a special circumstances appeal.

Types of Financial Aid

**Scholarships/checks**
Merit scholarships are offered at the time of admission based on academic credentials. Scholarships will appear as part of your financial aid package. Scholarships don’t have to be repaid.

If you’re receiving a nonuniversity scholarship, checks should be sent to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and will be directly applied to your bursar’s account (your financial account with NIU).

**Work-study**
A work-study offer is a form of financial aid and is not guaranteed. Work-study is earned as wages by working on and off campus with eligible employers. To use the eligibility offered on your offer notification, you must apply for a federal work-study job and be hired.

**Grants**
Grants are gift aid offered based on demonstrated financial need. Grants don’t have to be repaid.

**Loans**
Loans are funds that are borrowed to help pay for educational expenses. Loans must be repaid, usually with interest.
Common Questions

What is cost of attendance?
Tuition and fees are charged per credit hour according to your student classification and residency status. Illinois undergraduates are charged also per the term of initial enrollment as required by the truth-in-tuition law. A great tool to help you estimate your cost of attendance is the NIU Planning and Cost Estimator (go.niu.edu/estimatetuition). You’ll be able to estimate tuition costs, mandatory fees, housing and other costs.

Are there any required undergraduate student fees?
Simple answer, yes. There are mandatory general student fees that are charged based on the number of credit hours you take. Check out niu.edu/bursar/tuition to learn more information and read an explanation of the individual fees.

Why was I charged for student health insurance? How do I cancel this policy?
You’re automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance (SHI) plan if you’re taking at least nine on campus semester hours. The fee will appear on your bursar account. If you have comparable health insurance coverage, you may cancel the SHI by submitting a waiver to niu.edu/shi by the 10th day of classes. See Page 59 for additional details.

I’ve received grants and scholarships, but I still don’t have enough to cover my entire bill. What do I do?
Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office to talk through your options. You can call them at 815-753-1395 or toll free at 800-892-3050. Or feel free to stop by Swen Parson Hall, Room 245 to speak with a counselor.

Is there an easy way to look for scholarships?
Yes! You can use MyScholarships, which is the campuswide scholarship application system for NIU. In MyScholarships, you can apply for multiple competitive scholarships simultaneously. While the majority of NIU scholarships can be found in MyScholarships, you should check with your academic department to see if they have any other opportunities not available in the system. To start looking for scholarships, visit go.niu.edu/myscholarships. A common deadline is Jan. 31 for the following academic year.

When are payments due?
Payments of all your charges for a term are due on the 28th of the month specified on your account. You can view your term due dates by visiting go.niu.edu/bill. You can pay your full account balance at this time or an amount less than the full amount unless enrolled in the Huskie Installment Plan (see below). If you can’t pay the total amount due by the due date, you’ll be charged a late fee of 1.08% on the remaining unpaid portion, with a minimum late fee charge of $0.50.

What is the Huskie Installment Plan?
The Huskie Installment Plan (HIP) is a payment option designed to provide budgetary assistance in meeting your semester education expenses. Through HIP, instead of making a lump-sum payment at the beginning of each semester, you can spread the payments for your semester over four monthly installments. Participation is based per semester. You’ll need to submit a completed application for each semester you wish to participate in the plan. A nonrefundable participation fee of $50 will be charged to your account and divided among the monthly installments. For more information and to sign up, visit go.niu.edu/hip.

Where can I see my account statement?
In your MyNIU account, select the Financial Account tile. Click on the drop-down arrow next to Account Services, then click on View Account Statements. New account statements (e-bills) are available to view in MyNIU on the established account statement issued date. To view dates, please visit go.niu.edu/bill. Current students can still receive a printed statement by emailing bursar@niu.edu using their Z-ID email address.

Where can I see the total charges and payments for each semester?
After logging in to MyNIU, select the Financial Account tile. From the left navigation, click on Charges Due. Also in the Financial Account tile, the Term Account Detail option will show you the total charges, payments...
received, financial aid, pending financial aid (if prior to the disbursement of funds) and refunds (if applicable) processed within each term.

Where do I pay my bill?
1. You can make payments in MyNIU. Once you log in, click on the Financial Account tile. From the left navigation click Make a Payment. When you pay online, you can use an electronic check (no convenience charge) or a credit/debit card (a convenience fee is charged). NIU accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.
• If you’re having trouble making an online payment, please contact the DoIT Service Desk at 815-753-8100.
2. Feel free to make a payment in person (Office of the Bursar in Swen Parson Hall, Room 235). Credit card or debit card payments are not accepted in person at the Office of the Bursar.
3. You can also pay via mail. Send payment to:
   Northern Illinois University
   Office of the Bursar
   1425 W. Lincoln Highway
   DeKalb, IL 60115-2828
   Just make sure to include your Z-ID in the memo section of the check you send.
4. You may also use one of the drop boxes. One is located on the wall to the left of the main entrance of the Bursar’s Office in Swen Parson Hall, Room 235. The other is located in the Founders Memorial Library in front of the OneCard Office. For drop box payments, please be sure that your Z-ID is written in the memo section of the check and that the check is in a sealed envelope.
5. If you’re an international student, NIU has partnered with Flywire (go.niu.edu/flywire). Flywire is an innovative and streamlined way to make international tuition payments.

I’ll be getting a refund. What should I do?
To receive a credit balance refund, you must have financial aid or a payment in excess of your charges. Refunds are mailed to your local address and aren’t available for pickup. If your local address isn’t on file, the check will be mailed to your permanent address. For the most timely and reliable delivery of a credit balance refund, we recommend that you sign up for direct deposit (go.niu.edu/direct) to have your refund directly deposited to your personal bank account.

What happens if I don’t pay my entire bill by the due date?
If you pay less than the total amount due by the respective due date, you’ll be assessed a monthly late payment fee of 1.08% on the remaining unpaid portion, with a minimum late fee charge of $0.50.

If I don’t pay my entire bill by the due date, will I be kicked out of classes?
NIU does not kick you out of class for an unpaid bill. However, if you have a past-due balance remaining, in addition to the assessment of late payment fees, you’ll have a hold placed on your records. This hold will prohibit you from obtaining official transcripts and/or registering for future term classes until the account balance is paid in full.

How can my family view and pay my bill?
You can register up to two members of your family for Shared Access (go.niu.edu/shared-access). By signing up, you can select your family to access such information as your academics, financials and/or your to-do list. You’ll just need to log on to MyNIU and find “Share My Information” in the Student Center (select MyNIU Self Service Quick Links icon). Once you do this, your family member will receive information via email on how to finish the Shared Access setup. When this is complete, family members will log on to their portal and click on the “Make a Payment” link in the Finances section.

What is my financial responsibility as a student?
You accept financial responsibility for the cost related to your registration at the university which may include costs related to our residence halls, meal plan or other services. Also understand, in the event your account is past due, late payment fees will be applied to your past-due amount. Continued failure to pay your past-due debt may result in your debt being listed with the State Comptroller’s Offset Program, and, if necessary, referred to a collection agency, credit bureau and/or authorized legal action for the collection of your debt. You’re then responsible for all fees and costs incurred by the university in the collection of your past-due debt, including collection fees and/or attorney’s fees.

Student Privacy
The Registration and Records Office at NIU strictly adheres to the policies governing students’ education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended in 1998. Before you enter college, your parental guardian(s) have access to your education records. Now that you’re taking classes at the college level, that changes. You’re now in charge of your records and you get to determine who will receive what information. For example, who is able to see your financials and grades.

If you’d like to give your family access to your information, you can do so by using Shared Access in MyNIU. It’ll allow you to grant two people access to your student information including admissions, academics, financial statements, financial aid and your to-do list. For more information on FERPA and NIU policies about your student record privacy, visit go.niu.edu/records.
For more information on Shared Access, visit go.niu.edu/shared-access.
Finding an On-campus Job

Looking for an on-campus job? Well, at NIU we have lots of opportunities to find on-campus employment regardless of your financial aid status.

NIU has four types of employment opportunities:

- **Regular student employment.** These types of jobs are open to all students regardless of your financial aid status.
- **Federal work-study employment.** Federal work-study is offered as part of the financial aid package based on demonstrated financial need. If you're eligible, you can earn up to the amount listed on your financial aid offer notification letter and part of your wages will be subsidized by the federal government. Work-study positions will be noted in the postings. If you're not eligible for work-study, you can apply for a regular student employment position or internship.
- **Community service.** NIU offers several off-campus work-study positions in the community or off-campus agencies. These positions require federal work-study and are also posted on the Student Employment website.
- **On-campus internships.** These internships consist of both regular and work-study opportunities. An internship will provide you with direct experience in a work setting and allows you to apply what you have learned from faculty in the classroom. An internship may or may not offer academic credit. If it does offer credit, you’ll have to complete assignments from a supervising faculty member. Some on-campus internships may be paid and others are volunteer positions.

Student on-campus employment opportunities are now advertised on Huskies Get Hired, go.niu.edu/huskiesgethired. Create a free account on Huskies Get Hired to search and apply for hundreds of internships and part-time and full-time jobs, including on-campus positions.
Military Veterans

Military and Veteran Services provides a wide range of services to military students and their families. To learn more about educational benefits, services and programs, visit niu.edu/military-veteran, call 815-753-0691 or stop by and visit our office and student lounge in the Campus Life Building, Room 160.

Banking Options on Campus and in DeKalb/Sycamore

You probably already have a bank back in your hometown. NIU has ATMs from various banks located around campus. DeKalb and Sycamore also have numerous banking locations. Make sure to ask your local bank if they have a location in or around NIU.

Tips for Success: Managing College Costs

1. Don't forget, you can find your billing statement on MyNIU. Financial information will be available as soon as you've registered for classes. For billing and payment dates, check out go.niu.edu/bill.
2. Our financial advisors educate and advise students and their family members on Financial Aid, Tuition and Fees and Financial Literacy. Student Financial Advising Services (SFAS) also connects students to other campus support services. To schedule an appointment: English: go.niu.edu/SFAS or Spanish: go.niu.edu/SFAS-SP.
3. Remember to sign up your family for Shared Access at go.niu.edu/shared-access. You'll be able to give up to two people access to your academics, financials and to-do list. It's easy to set up.
4. Want a campus job? Visit go.niu.edu/huskiesgethired to create your application. We recommend doing this sooner rather than later. Jobs fill up quickly after the start of the semester.
Joining our Huskie Community

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Your new community at NIU celebrates diversity in all its forms including gender, race, ethnicity, ability, spirituality, sexuality, age and all individual identities. We believe that engaging across differences will enrich your learning and personal growth while at NIU.
Celebrating Diversity

The experiences and perspectives you bring to NIU will add to what makes us special as a community.

You’re going to meet lots of other students (both domestic and international) who value the diversity that comprises our community. We want you to celebrate your own culture on campus because we know this will help make your experience here more familiar and successful.

You’ll begin to understand the differences around you by asking questions and engaging with others. Take the challenge to find common ground with others as you connect with them. By learning in an environment filled with students, faculty and staff from a wide range of backgrounds, you’ll find an environment where stereotypes are challenged, experiences are shared and minds are opened. This experience lays the groundwork for your career by preparing you to work and live with people from all backgrounds upon graduation.

By giving you the skills needed to understand and embrace differences, we open your mind to new areas of study, enhance awareness to the needs of the underserved and give you the tools to effect social change.

The Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI) is committed to addressing issues of equity, justice and human dignity (niu.edu/diversity). ADEI provides programs, houses the diversity and cultural resource centers, and works with the NIU community to cultivate equity, build an inclusive community, and promote social justice education and awareness. You can participate in social justice workshops, activism programs, attend Conversations about Diversity and Equity (CODE) educational workshops, Diversity Dialogues Series and Huskie Conversation Cafés. ADEI is located in the Health Services Building, fourth floor. Contact ADEI at 815-753-8387.

The Northern Pact

The Northern Pact outlines the values of the NIU community and describes how you can help support them. We expect each member of the university community to agree to and follow the pact. By doing so, you can help us create a more caring, connected campus.

Curiosity and Creativity

I am actively involved in the learning experience.
I am open to new ideas and creative problem-solving.
I am interested in innovative research, artistry and scholarship.

Equity and Inclusion

I seek and appreciate the diverse perspectives of the NIU community.
I consider how my actions and words affect other people.
I respect all members of the university community.

Ethics and Integrity

I value global perspectives and the work of building a better society.
I behave ethically in and out of the classroom.
I am accountable to myself and my community.

Service and Responsibility

I work to learn about and address local, national and global challenges and take responsibility for creating change.
I share the knowledge I gain and use it to support my community.
I explore opportunities to achieve my academic, personal and professional goals.

Pride in My Pack

I am a Huskie and I take pride in my pack. I support the values of the NIU community with my words and actions. By taking care of myself and others, I support the health and well-being of the entire university community.
Supporting a Diverse Community

We know that student engagement, identity development, cultural exploration and affirming communities are important for all students. You’ll find NIU academic diversity centers located throughout campus that offer minors and certificates. There are also diversity and cultural resource centers and other campus resources to further enrich your experiences.

- The **Asian American Resource Center** ([niu.edu/aac](http://niu.edu/aac)) enhances the quality of life for Asian American students through mentoring programs, academic support and student organization events. The **Center for Southeast Asian Studies** ([niu.edu/cseas](http://niu.edu/cseas)) provides academic programs along with the **Center for Burma Studies** ([niu.edu/burma](http://niu.edu/burma)). Additionally, NIU offers an Asian American Studies certificate program. The certificate program is designed to provide interested students with a strong sense of the Asian American experience and its impact on individuals, their communities and this nation. All of these programs give students an opportunity to experience the rich Asian and Asian American heritage through exhibitions, courses, programs and events.

- The **Center for Black Studies** ([niu.edu/blackstudies](http://niu.edu/blackstudies)) plays a significant, essential and unique role in supporting and advocating for African American students at NIU and the DeKalb community. In addition, the Center for Black Studies facilitates social and academic support and exploration of African/African American history and culture through its offerings of events, programming and the Black Studies minor. The Black Studies minor serves as a complement to any major and provides students the opportunity to learn more about the culture and history of the African diaspora.

- The **Disability Resource Center** ([niu.edu/disability](http://niu.edu/disability)) supports students with disabilities in achieving success through accommodations and other reduction of barriers by creating inclusive spaces within the classroom and other educational experiences.

- The **Gender and Sexuality Resource Center** ([niu.edu/gsrc](http://niu.edu/gsrc)) serves as a home for all persons, inclusive of sexual and gender identities, and all forms of masculinity and femininity. It’s a central location for resources and support, where acceptance of intersectional identities is encouraged and celebrated. You’ll also find eight academic programs through the **Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality** ([niu.edu/cswgs](http://niu.edu/cswgs)).

- **International Student and Scholar Services** ([niu.edu/isfo](http://niu.edu/isfo)) advises international students on ways to succeed academically, socially and culturally at NIU. Staff work to keep you informed regarding the federal regulations pertaining to your status as a nonimmigrant in the United States (in F, J or H status).

- The **Latino Resource Center** ([niu.edu/lrc](http://niu.edu/lrc)) is a diversity and cultural resource center under the Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion designed to serve the Latino population. It promotes a social justice agenda, as well as fostering an inclusive environment seeking to recruit, retain, empower and advance Latino students. The mission is achieved by offering mentoring and leadership programs, peer support groups and academic advancement programs. The **Center for Latino and Latin American Studies** ([niu.edu/latinostudies](http://niu.edu/latinostudies)) offers classes and a program minor to learn more about these cultures.

- The **Center for Student Assistance** (CSA) provides programs and services that support NIU students, including Commuter and Off-Campus Programs, Military and Veteran Services, and Students’ Legal Assistance. The CSA also has various care and support services, including pregnancy accommodations, the Huskie Food Pantry, student advocacy and assists in NIU’s COVID-19 response.

- The **Office for Undocumented Student Support** aims to create a climate of respect for all by addressing emerging and complex issues surrounding undocumented and mixed-status students. The office focuses on increasing access, retention and graduation rates for students affected by immigration status. The office also aims to raise awareness, challenge assumptions, facilitate conversations, influence university policy and create a support network for students and advocates to reduce equity gaps for undocumented and mixed-status students. For more information, contact Sandy López, coordinator for Undocumented Student Support, at slopez1@niu.edu or visit [niu.edu/undocumented](http://niu.edu/undocumented).
We know that coming to college for the first time can be an exciting and overwhelming experience. If you’re the first person in your family to go to college, congratulations! Attending college is a major accomplishment and we’re here to help you navigate your new community. It may seem to you that you’re entering a school with its own unspoken rules and culture norms. At NIU, you’ll find a large community of students just like you. In fact, 53% of students who started at NIU in 2017 are considered first-generation (first gen), too. You’re considered a first-gen if your parents/legal guardians have not completed a bachelor’s degree and/or the highest degree attained was no higher than a high school diploma or equivalent. So, you’re not alone — and you’ll find a community of faculty and staff who are dedicated to helping you succeed.

For more information about being first-gen, visit niu.edu/first-generation.

Tips for Success: Just for First-gens

1. Join Breaking Barriers. Breaking Barriers is a student organization made up of other first-gen students. During meetings, you’ll discuss areas of struggle such as seeking out financial aid, time management, career preparedness and networking. You can learn more at go.niu.edu/BreakingBarriers.
2. Sign up for UNIV 101 (see Page 19). It’s a great way to make connections with NIU staff, juniors/seniors and other students.
3. Mentors are so important! NIU has great mentoring programs (see Page 19). Having the support system that a mentor can provide is key.
4. Encourage your family members to stay connected with Family Connections (go.niu.edu/familyconnectionstalk). We’ll send them regular communications with helpful information about NIU.
5. As discussed in the Learning at NIU section, meeting with your advisor every semester is so important. They can connect you to other aspects of campus, too.
6. Apply to become a Huskie Community Scholar. This program provides a partial tuition waiver while it connects you to a supportive peer network engaging in regular service-learning activities on campus and in the community. Learn more at go.niu.edu/huskiecommunityscholars.

Tips for Success: Your New Community

1. Don’t forget, you can find your billing statement on MyNIU. Financial information will be available as soon as you’ve registered for classes. For billing and payment dates, check out go.niu.edu/bill.
2. College is a great time to learn about others who are different from you. Be open to learning from other students. To do so, you must open your mind to new perspectives first.
3. NIU has lots of programs and opportunities to engage in dialogue about difference. Take advantage of them — these are always free. Nervous about going alone? Bring a friend!
4. Wear red and black on Fridays to express your Huskie spirit while showing support for the Northern Pact.
Religion and Spirituality

We’re a diverse community and we support your spiritual journey.

ACRO is an organization of professional religious leaders (not students) who work intentionally with our students. Visit go.niu.edu/acro or see below for a list of religious organizations around campus.

**Jewish Group**

**Hillel**

Jewish Student Movement
Congregation Beth Shalom
820 Russell Road
815-756-1010
Rabbi Julie Adler
rabbij@bethshalomdekalb.org
bethshalomdekalb.org
Facebook: NIU Hillel

**Pagan, Wiccan, Nature Ministries**

**Circle Sanctuary**

John Dickerman
815-508-4691
dickermanjohn@gmail.com
Facebook: NIU Pagan Student Association

**Universalist Ministry**

**UU Fellowship of DeKalb**

158 N. Fourth St.
Rev. Allen Harden
815-756-7089
office@uufdekalb.org
uufdekalb.org
Facebook: uufdekalb

**Islamic Ministry**

**Muslim Students Association**

801 Normal Road
815-753-7839
niumsa@gmail.com
Five daily prayers, Friday prayer at 1:15 p.m.
Ramadan — Iftar and Eid prayers

**Christian Ministries**

**Prebyterian Campus Ministry**

Presbyterian Church — USA
Westminster Presbyterian Church
850 N. Annie Glidden Road
815-765-2905
westminsterdekalb.org
christianed@westminsterdekalb.org
Sunday worship at 10 a.m., bagels at 11:15 a.m.
Thursday dinner and Oasis at 7 p.m.

**The Inclusive Collective at NIU**

Associated with the United Methodist Church
815-200-9105
Facebook | Instagram: @letsgetinclusiveniu
letsgetinclusiveniu.org
“Fueling Young Adults through Jesus-rooted Soul Work.”

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

Dan McConkie, Campus Representative
mcconkie7@gmail.com
801-657-8646
institute.lds.org
Weekly campus meetings

**Campus Advance**

Phil and Jill Perez
pperez@chicagochurch.org
jperez@chicagochurch.org
630-803-3036
Facebook: NIU Campus Advance
DeKalb Church of Christ
425 Fisk Ave.
Sunday worship at 10 a.m.
Small group and individual Bible studies

**Campus Missions International**

Campus Life Building, Room 100
Thomas May, Director
cmidekalb.org
info@cmidekalb.org
thomasmay@ao.com
815-519-5214
Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m.

**Network of Nations**

A Christian community offering hospitality to international students through: Intercultural Cafe, Intercultural Market (food pantry), airport pickup for first-time international students, GloW Global Women’s Group, Revelation 7 (Bible study), English conversation groups, small groups, events and outings.
Lisa Dietrich, Executive Director
campuspastor@graceplaceniu.com
Facebook: Grace Place NIU

**Lutheran Student Fellowship**

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Rev. Marty Marks, Pastor
Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road
815-756-6669
rev@godwithusILC.org
immanuelaidekalb.com
Facebook: Refuge (LSF) at NIU
Sunday traditional worship at 8 a.m.
Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m.

**Grace Place**

A ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Mack Patrick, Pastor
401 Normal Road
815-714-9610
campuspastor@graceplaceniu.com
Facebook: Grace Place NIU

**Cru**

Caleb Hoover
caleb.hoover@cru.org
630-940-5336
Facebook: NIU Cru

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

Sonalia Ramirez
sonalia.ramirez@intervarsity.org
847-609-4871
Facebook: InterVarsity at NIU

**Baptist Campus Ministry**

**Judson Fellowship**

Pastor Zach Dyrrda
815-756-2131
449 Normal Road
baptistcampusministryniu.com

**New Global Destiny International**

**Vision Ministries**

Apostle Bishop Bridget C. Outlaw,
Senior Pastor and Founder
3016 W. 63rd St.
Chicago, IL 60632
773-510-9774
newglobaldestiny@gmail.com

**Newman Catholic Student Center**

Fr. Kyle Manno
512 Normal Road
815-787-7770
newmanniu.org
Facebook: @NewmanCatholicNIU
Instagram: @NewmanatNIU
Weekend Mass: Saturday at 4:30 p.m. or Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 8 p.m.
Life at NIU

We know that your life at NIU is going to be more than just going to classes. You’re going to be living on or commuting to campus every day. It’s very exciting to enter a new community, but probably is a bit overwhelming at the same time. We’ve broken it down in this section to help you out.
Move-In Day

Getting ready to move into your new home can definitely be overwhelming. You probably have tons of questions about what you need, what it’s going to be like and how it all works. Don’t worry, we’ve got you covered.

Don’t forget to bring:

• Towels and shower stuff.
• Pillows and sheets.
• Fan.
• Lamp.
• Your computer.
• TV (Talk with your roommate — you really only need one TV).
• Items to decorate and make it like home.

You’ll want to leave these items at home:

• Refrigerator.
• Microwave.
• Mattresses or large furniture.
• Open-element cooking appliances (like a toaster).
• Candles.
• Halogen lamps.
• Plastic trash can.
• Any animal but a fish.
• Personal routers and access points.

NIU will provide you with a “MicroFridge.” It’s a microwave and refrigerator combo unit that’s perfect for those late-night snacks once the dining halls have closed. Everything else is simply against the rules. Not sure about something? Just ask or visit go.niu.edu/packing.

OK, so now that you know exactly what to bring, you’re probably wondering how Move-In Days actually works. NIU manages residence hall move-in with scheduled appointments for students over three separate days. This allows for a safe and efficient process for you and your family. Housing and Residential Services will send out information in early August on how to make your appointment.

It’s a simple four step process:

Step 1: Arrive on campus based on your confirmed scheduled move-in time.
Step 2: Pull up.
Step 3: Unload with help from your family.
Step 4: Pull away and park.
Step 5: Unpack all your stuff.

Easy enough, right? Well, maybe it’s a bit more complicated than that. Check out go.niu.edu/moveinday for specific instructions for you to get to your residence hall. There will be plenty of staff around to direct and help you — just listen carefully. We definitely don’t want to see you or your family members end up with an NIU souvenir (the parking ticket will be located on the windshield).
Living in the Halls

Living in the residence halls is an exciting change! In many cases you’re sharing a room, bathroom, floor and building with many new friends. We call this community living at NIU.

For most new students, sharing a community and a room will be a new experience. Along with this comes expectations for how you treat one another, care for the facilities and demonstrate appropriate behavior. The Housing Handbook and Policies (go.niu.edu/housinghandbook) provides most of what you need to know. The Housing Handbook and Policies outline housing procedures, policies, the housing contract terms and conditions, university guidelines and technology support.

Safety and Security

The main entrance and all outside doors to each building are secured 24 hours a day. Only NIU students, faculty and staff can enter residential facilities with the use of their OneCard. In the evenings, you and any guests you’ll have need proper identification in order to gain entry into the residence halls.

• Main desk staff and access control provide security to your hall at night.
• You’ll have to show your NIU OneCard to gain entrance to your hall.

When it comes to the safety of your residence hall, make sure you:

• Don’t ever duplicate or modify your room key or OneCard.
• Don’t use anyone else’s room key or OneCard.

Have more questions about staying safe while on campus? Check out Pages 52-54.

Guest Policies

Guests are limited to only other current NIU students who live on campus. You can have other NIU residence hall students stay with you overnight in your residence hall room, but they can only stay for a maximum of 72 hours within a seven-day period. Make sure you’ve received permission from your roommate/clustermate first. You’re responsible for your guests, so make sure they’re with you at all times. Your guest must be registered and show proper identification with the front desk of your residence hall. For more information, view the Housing Handbook (go.niu.edu/housinghandbook).

Your Community Advisor (CA)

For many of our new students (probably including you), this may be the first time sharing a living space with someone else — or lots of new people. We know that different issues or questions may come up throughout the year, so that’s why we have resources available to support you.

CAs are trained student leaders whose primary responsibility is to support you with whatever you may need and to be a resource. Now here’s the trick — use them!

What would you need them for?

• Building community. Your CA will help you get to know your new community.
• Help finding a building or resource on campus.
• Something isn’t working or is broken in your space.
• You and your roommate/clustermate/suitemate may not be getting along.
• People are being too loud during quiet hours.
• You’re struggling being away from home.
• You need to find tutoring for certain classes.
• And much more. Just ask your CA.
Roommate Agreement
A new roommate/clustermate/suitemate is pretty exciting. You may know who you’re sharing a space with already, or you may not. Regardless, it’s an opportunity to get to know someone else who might be completely different from you.

Whether you know your roommate ahead of time, sharing a space can potentially be challenging at times. We want to make sure you’re communicating with your new roommate and are on the same page (sleeping hours, use of TV, sharing of items, etc.). During your first few days living on campus, you and your roommate will be asked to submit a roommate agreement.

You’ll discuss your roommate agreement with your CA and you can revisit it as often as you need.

Students in the New Residence Hall will complete a mini-suite and cluster agreement form.

Rental and Property Insurance
In an effort to provide peace of mind for you and your family, we encourage you to carry personal property insurance as NIU is not responsible for damage to your property. We recommend reviewing your homeowner’s policies to determine if any coverage gaps exist. If so, it’s best to consult with your insurance agent about purchasing rental insurance. Housing and Residential Services cannot be held responsible for damage to residents’ property.

Important Residence Hall Services

Doing Laundry
- You can only use Huskie Bucks to pay for laundry (see Page 23 for more info on Huskie Bucks). A wash cycle costs $2 and dryers are free.
- Find out which washers and dryers are available before making a trip to the laundry room and sign up for an email notification when your laundry is done at go.niu.edu/yourlaundry.

Technology
You’ll have access to NIU wireless in your room and all public areas in your residence hall. Most rooms also have one Ethernet port for direct connections.

If you’re having issues with your computer, tablet or mobile device, the ResTech Service Desk can help you use technology on campus for free. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/restech.

For campus technology information, see Page 24.

NOTE: Personal routers and access points aren’t permitted in the residence halls.

You’ve Got Mail
We know that sometimes you just need a care package from home to brighten up your day.

When you live on campus, you can pick up mail 24/7 at your own mailbox (or a shared mailbox if you have a roommate) near your residence hall’s front desk. If you get a package, we’ll let you know through email; then just stop by your front desk anytime with your OneCard to pick it up.

Mail is delivered Monday through Saturday (except holidays) while classes are in session. We only accept mail and packages addressed to current residents. When you move out of the residence halls, we’ll forward mail to your permanent address on MyNIU.

Addressing Mail to Residents
Full Resident Name
Hall and Room Number (Include side A, B, C or D tower/wing)
Street Address
DeKalb, IL 60115

Example
John Doe
New Hall East 114G1
501 North Annie Glidden Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

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Living Off Campus and Commuting

Whether you’re commuting from home or you’ve decided to move in with your friends somewhere off campus, NIU still wants to make sure you have what you need to be successful.

The Lounge

Need a space to relax in between classes? Commuter and Off-Campus Programs is located in the Campus Life Building, which includes a lounge located in Room 170. It’s open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week. This space comes equipped with just about everything you need. Make sure to check out niu.edu/commuter for more details.

The Lounge includes:

- Couches, tables and chairs.
- Computer lab.
- Full kitchen with full-sized refrigerator.
- 40-inch TV.

You’ll find lots of lounge areas and other great places to study around campus.

Parking

As a commuter student, parking might be one of the most important aspects as you head into a new semester. All students must purchase a parking permit to park on campus. These can be purchased for a discounted rate online at prkapp.niu.edu.

For a more in-depth look at parking on campus and various permit rates, see Page 48.

Carpool Connections

Are you looking to share a ride to campus? Connect with other students using the NIU Carpool Connections Facebook group. To join the Facebook group, please submit an intake form (go.niu.edu/carpool) using a valid Z-ID.

Feel free to post your travel needs and connect with other students by responding to their posts. Please include where you’re traveling from and your typical weekly schedule. It might also be helpful to mention whether you’re willing to drive all or some of the time, or whether you need a lift.

Dining

Hungry, but worried you’ll lose your parking spot? No worries! Campus dining offers a variety of food options all within walking distance of your classes. Food spots include Founders Memorial Library, the Holmes Student Center, Barsema Hall and of course our residential dining centers. You won’t have to go far to find something you’ll enjoy. Off-campus meal plans are available, too.

For a full list of locations and hours of operation, please visit go.niu.edu/eat.
Your Apartment Lease
We definitely recommend you bring your lease to Students’ Legal Assistance before signing it. Check out how to schedule an appointment or other services at go.niu.edu/studentlegal.

Still looking for a place to live? Commuter and Off-Campus Programs can help. Check out their website to find links to various management companies in the surrounding area at niu.edu/commuter/housing.

Bad Weather
This should come as no surprise, but we get snow. Sometimes ice. Or other times it’s just really, really cold. If you’re commuting from outside the DeKalb/Sycamore area, we want to make sure that you’re staying safe on the road. You can always:

• Stay at the Hotel at Holmes (winter weather rates available).
• Stay with a friend in the area.

If you have class but aren’t sure if the university is closed due to bad weather, use these resources before hitting the road:

• The NIU website. The announcement will be listed on the homepage.
• Emergency text alerts. Sign up by including your cell phone number in MyNIU. Check out go.niu.edu/text for more details.
• Blackboard. Many professors/instructors will post announcements here. (See Page 13.)

NIU’s social media pages:
• @NIULive (Twitter).
• Northern Illinois University (Facebook).
• northern_illinois_university (Instagram).

Tips for Success: Life at NIU
1. If you’re living on campus, connect with your roommate(s) before Move-In Day. That way you’ll figure out who’s bringing what. It’ll make the transition go that much more smoothly.
2. Commuting? Make sure you arrive early to give yourself enough time to find a parking space. You may need to check one or two alternate parking locations. There are many spaces to park, but the ones closest to academic buildings fill up fast.
3. Add funds to your Huskie Bucks account. This account can be used for so many things. Keep in mind that you must have money in this account if you plan to do laundry in the residence halls.
4. Review the Move-In Day policies and procedures at go.niu.edu/moveinday. We know that day might be a bit overwhelming, so knowing the game plan ahead of time can be beneficial.

Child Care Options
The Child Development and Family Center is located on the east side of Annie Glidden Road behind Graham Hall. The CDFC cares for children in two buildings: the main Campus Child Care building and Gabel Hall Annex. It offers quality care to children ages 3 months to 5 years.

CDFC is licensed through the state of Illinois and accredited through NAEYC’s Academy of Early Childhood Program Accreditation, which serves as an indicator of a high-quality program.

The Child Development and Family Center is a research center and home to the Child Development practicum experience, as well as an excellent training site for early childhood professionals.

It’s also the home for the Preschool For All Expansion program. This program is a free kindergarten-readiness program for qualifying 4-year-olds and their families. If your child is younger, consider the CCAMPIS grant.

For more information on both of these programs, rates and an application, visit go.niu.edu/cdfc.
Eating at NIU

One great perk at NIU is having so many dining options. Whether you live in the residence halls, off campus or you commute, Campus Dining Services has plenty of nutritious dining options across campus.
Eating on Campus

Who’s Hungry?
The NIU campus has so many great options for dining, you’ll work up an appetite just choosing where to eat. And all meal plans are available to any NIU student. Whether you live on campus, off campus or commute, there are plans that ensure you won’t go hungry.

Where Can I Eat?
The question is more like where can’t you eat? Great food is available across campus, including:
• Barsema Hall — Three Sons Bistro.
• Stevenson Towers — Stevenson Retail Dining Center including deli, grill, pizzeria and the Dog Pound C-store.
• New Hall and Neptune Hall feature All You Care to Eat dining centers.

Holmes Student Center
The menu of dining options at the Holmes Student Center offer:
• Qdoba.
• Starbucks.
• The Grill at the Huskie Den.
• The Depot C-store.
Enjoy food and drinks across campus with your meal plan, Dining Dollars or Huskie Bucks.

GrubHub
Campus Dining Services has partnered with GrubHub!
Download the app and conveniently use your mobile device to place pick-up orders from Starbucks, Qdoba, Einstein Bros. Bagels and the Grill at the Huskie Den. GrubHub accepts Dining Dollars and Huskie Bucks in addition to debit and credit cards.

Meal Plans
If you’re living in a residence hall, the Huskie Block 12 is included in your room and board rate. However, if you’re looking for more weekly meals, we also offer the Huskie Block 15 and 19 for an additional charge. All Huskie Block Plans include residential dining, meal exchange, the to-go option and 100 Dining Dollars. With these plans, unused meals expire at the end of the week and Dining Dollars expire at the end of the semester. Huskie Block Plans are great because they allow you to eat where, when and whatever you’d like from all dining locations across campus. More Dining Dollars can be added to any plan at any time.

Let’s recap: your Huskie Block Plan includes 12, 15 or 19 weekly meal swipes that you can use for dine-in or takeout from our All You Care to Eat dining centers including Neptune and New Hall. These meal swipes can also be used for meal exchange at Stevenson’s Retail dining center including the Dog Pound C-store and The Depot during hours of operation, as well as the Grill at the Huskie Den and Qdoba during specified hours. It also includes 100 Dining Dollars to use throughout the semester at all campus dining locations.

Off-campus students, we have meal plans and Dining Dollar levels available to you that provide variety, flexibility, money-saving and the convenience of eating while on campus. Our Huskie Block Plans come with 300 Dining Dollars and 25, 50, 75 or 100 meal swipes that are good throughout the entire semester. Like our residential Huskie Block Plans, meal swipes can be used for dine-in or take out from our All You Care to Eat dining centers, or they can be used for meal exchange at Stevenson’s Retail dining center including the Dog Pound C-store and The Depot during hours of operation, as well as the Grill at the Huskie Den and Qdoba during specified hours. Your 300 Dining Dollars can be used at all campus dining locations. If you want to eat on campus but aren’t sure how often you’ll be on campus, our Dining Dollar level plans may be the perfect fit. The more you buy, the more you save. One more additional perk, all meal plans and Dining Dollar levels are billed to your student account and loaded to your OneCard. Talk about convenience!

For a list of campus dining locations, operating hours and more information visit dining.niu.edu.

Recoup Soup
Feeling under the weather and living in the residence halls? We offer to-go Recoup Soup from October to March. Our soups are free of the top eight allergens, including gluten. Your NIU OneCard must be swiped.

Choose one of the following soups:
• Chicken noodle
• Vegetable (vegan)

To order your Recoup Soup, please call:
• New Hall: 815-753-7652
• Neptune: 815-753-0548
• Stevenson: in-person

Visit go.niu.edu/recoupsoups for more information.
Healthy Eating

While we know many students enjoy pizza and chicken tenders, that doesn’t mean you can’t eat nutritious meals. We’ve got resources to make healthy eating easy!

MyDining
MyDining provides nutrition and food allergy information to help you make decisions about the foods you choose to fill your plate. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/mydining.

Healthy Huskie Choices
To help you navigate healthy choices within the dining halls, we’ve identified Healthy Huskie food choices using guidelines developed by our registered dietitian nutritionist. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/nut-well.

MyPaw
To consume a balanced meal, fill your plate with foods from all food groups to resemble the MyPaw plate. Plant-based foods are emphasized with MyPaw and provide the essential vitamins, minerals and disease-fighting nutrients to keep you energized and at your best when you’re pushed to your limits with the college life. Protein and dairy foods provide a feeling of satisfaction when eating and are essential to your strength and stamina. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/nut-well.

Allergies and Alternate Diets
If you have a dietary need, food allergies or intolerances, we can help. First, visit go.niu.edu/foodoptions. You’ll find lots of helpful information on this site but we still want to hear from you. Visit go.niu.edu/nutritionquestion and get in touch with our registered dietitian nutritionist.

Tips for Success: Eating in College
1. Your body and brain need fuel throughout the day. Aim to eat a meal or snack about every three to four hours.
2. Store nonperishable foods in your room. These quick options are helpful when you are running to class, headed to the Recreation Center or off to a meeting. Peanut butter, nuts, seeds, dried fruits, oatmeal and whole grain crackers all make great options.
3. Eat mindfully and enjoy your food. Try to avoid eating in front of the TV, mobile device or computer. Set aside time and a comfortable space to eat so you can focus on your food.
4. For nutrition programs and one-on-one support, visit niu.edu/nutrition.
At first, campus can seem a bit large. Over time, campus will seem smaller and smaller because you’ll know your way around. This section gives an overview of ways to get around campus.
Parking

We’ll keep it simple for you in case you’re interested in parking anywhere on campus. You’ll buy a parking permit online and we’ll mail it to you after it’s been purchased.

We have a few different kinds of permits:

- **Orange** = If you live in the residence halls.
- **Yellow** = If you commute.
- **Green** = If you want a free permit.

Visit niu.edu/parking to learn more, compare costs and find out what permit is right for you.

Not sure where to park? You’re not alone. Lots do fill up, but there’s always a spot for you somewhere. Check out go.niu.edu/findparking to figure out where it might make the most sense for you to park each day you’re on campus.

Off-campus Parking

Students finalizing off-campus housing plans should make themselves aware of city of DeKalb street parking restrictions. Some landlords include an off-street parking fee in your monthly rent; others may not be able to guarantee an off-street parking space. For more information, please visit cityofdekalb.com.
City of DeKalb Public Transit

If you live in the areas surrounding campus, you probably live by a Huskie Line bus stop. Visit cityofdekalb.com for more information.

The 16 public transit routes that operate in and around the NIU campus and surrounding area include routes that go to the residence halls, routes that travel off campus and routes that go into the surrounding DeKalb community with access to shopping, entertainment and medical facilities.

All routes are free to NIU students. Most routes operate between 7 a.m. and midnight. Bus routes can be tracked in real time via the GPS tracking application, ETA Spot. Users can download the application free of charge in the Apple and Android app stores.

Getting Around Outside of DeKalb

Elburn Shuttle — Hotel Desk
What’s great about the NIU location is that we’re very close to the Elburn Metra train station. We’ve got a shuttle bus that can take you there, too. This service operates daily and is identified as the Route 12.

Visit NIUTickets.com to purchase your ticket. It costs $4 for students. For information about Metra train fares and schedules, visit MetraRail.com. For the Elburn shuttle bus, visit go.niu.edu/ElburnBus.

Greyhound Bus Service
The Holmes Student Center is among seven stops on a Greyhound Bus Lines route between Chicago and Davenport, Iowa. The route also includes stops in Rochelle, Dixon and Moline. Greyhound will service all cities on the route four times per day, seven days per week.

Tickets can be purchased online through the Greyhound website at greyhound.com or through Greyhound’s mobile app.
More Transportation Resources

Zipcar

Get this — even if you don’t have a car on campus, you can borrow one of ours. Whether it’s for a quick trip to the store, a weekend getaway with friends or you just want to explore the area, you can make it happen.

NIU has partnered with Zipcar to bring self-service, on-demand car sharing to the area. To use Zipcars, simply register as a member, reserve a car online or by phone, use your Zipcard to enter the car and drive away. When you’re done, return the car to the same location where you picked it up.

As a member you get:
- Access to Zipcars 24/7.
- Discounted hourly rates for faculty, staff and students ages 18 and older. Rates start at just $7.50 per hour or $69 per day. These rates are subject to change.
- Free gas, insurance and maintenance.

Interested? Check out go.niu.edu/zip for more information.

Having a Visitor to Campus?

Visitor permits may be purchased at one of the three pay stations on campus or online at prkapp.niu.edu. These are located at the Recreation Center, Campus Life Building and Anderson Hall. The visitor permit allows parking in just about every lot. The daily fee is $5. For more information, visit niu.edu/parking.

Tips for Success:
Getting Around NIU

1. Make sure to purchase your permit ahead of time.
2. Review the Huskie Line bus schedule — we know it can seem confusing at first, but it’s really not once you get the hang of it. Trust us; it’ll make your life so much easier. Questions? Ask someone.
3. Download ETA SPOT app from the Apple Store or Google Play. ETA SPOT lets you know where the Huskie Line buses are at all times.
Protecting Our Pack

Our No. 1 priority is the safety and security of all students, faculty, staff, guests and community. We’re committed to maintaining a safe campus environment. Your safety is our focus. We offer late night transportation services, self-defense classes and more.

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Our Officers

The NIU Department of Police and Public Safety provides service and protection to the university campus and community. Our police officers have powers of arrest in the state of Illinois and are certified emergency medical technicians. Police operations include proactive patrol, crime prevention, criminal investigation, evidence collection, paramedic services, traffic management and training. Our public safety section includes our telecommunications, security guards and access control.

Collaboration is an important part of our jobs. We work with other organizations on and off campus. For example, our officers attend meetings in sorority houses, fraternity houses and residence halls. We provide dozens of safety education programs and services to help students, faculty, staff, visitors and members of the surrounding communities. We work closely with the DeKalb Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to proactively reduce crime and address quality of life issues in our community.

Keeping Safe and Smart

Here’s the reality: Stuff happens no matter where you live. What’s different about NIU and your hometown, however, is that we’re going to tell you about these incidents as quickly as possible and offer you multiple options for learning how to proactively protect yourself.

Follow these tips to help keep yourself and others safe on and off campus:

• Shut and lock your doors when leaving rooms and never leave property unattended.
• Report any criminal behavior to the campus police at 815-753-1212.
• Learn the location of community safety centers and emergency assistance call boxes.
• When walking at night, walk in well-lit areas with companions or take advantage of the Huskie Line buses or Huskie Safe Walk escorts.
• Follow all rules of the road when driving a car, walking, riding a bicycle or using other forms of personal transportation such as rollerblades, skateboards or scooters.
• Make wise decisions regarding alcohol use and other risky behaviors.
• Attend a R.A.D. Women’s Self-Defense Training (go.niu.edu/rad) to learn safety and self-defense techniques. You’ll also learn risk reduction strategies, safety awareness, safety tips, basic stances and hands-on defense training.
• Mark your property so it can be identified if it’s stolen and later recovered.
• Call 815-753-TIPS (8477) to provide information that may help the police solve crimes. Your call will remain anonymous. Tips that result in an arrest or university judicial action are eligible for a cash reward of up to $250.
Safety Resources

Here are free services designed to help you stay safe or to support you if you’re the victim of a crime.

Huskie Patrol
Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., you can contact the Huskie Patrol at 815-753-9658. Trained patrol members will meet and escort you to residence halls, parking lots or any other destination on campus free of charge.

Motorist Assistance
Having car trouble on campus? Help is only a phone call away. The Department of Police and Public Safety can help if you’ve locked your keys in your car, need to jump-start your car or require help changing a flat tire. For assistance call 815-753-1212.

NIU Safety Bulletins
NIU safety bulletins (go.niu.edu/sb) inform you about crimes that recently occurred on or near campus so you can take appropriate precautions. They also work to prevent similar crimes and assist us in identifying offenders.

Safety bulletins are issued via NIU email, our safety app and our social media channels when an incident occurs that should be brought to the immediate attention of the university community. All NIU email addresses are automatically enrolled in the university’s emergency notification system. When appropriate, we also notify the community of emergency situations using text messaging, sirens and weather radios, broadcast voicemail messages, in-building public address announcements, broadcast messages, and via internet protocol television (IPTV).

Center for Student Assistance
As part of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Center for Student Assistance (CSA) houses many services that can help assist you on your path at NIU. The CSA is home to Students’ Legal Assistance and can help you navigate legal and nonlegal issues you might experience during your time. The CSA provides support regarding student conflict resolution, advocacy and victim services, pregnancy accommodations as well as food and housing insecurities. For more information visit go.niu.edu/assistance.

Download the NIU Safe App
NIU Safe provides a wide range of new safety features for all students, faculty and staff. These include a Mobile Blue Light, Friend Walk, Virtual Walk, Anonymous Crime Reporting, Campus Maps and Emergency Notification.
Have you ever been concerned about a situation, wanted to help, but didn’t? Attend a 90-minute interactive training session that can help you recognize clues that something may be wrong, enhance the feelings of responsibility to safely intervene, and increase the commitment and sense of empowerment to act. For more information and to sign up, visit go.niu.edu/requestbystander.

Students’ Legal Assistance
Students’ Legal Assistance (SLA) is available to assist current NIU students in understanding and solving their legal problems. Funded through student fees, SLA can provide confidential legal advice, counsel and limited representation for currently enrolled students. Staff can advise or represent students in a variety of legal areas including but not limited to tenant disputes, misdemeanors, expungements, traffic violations and small claims consumer disputes. Legal matters the program cannot process are referred to other appropriate resources.

Sexual Misconduct
Resources are available to students who have been impacted by sexual misconduct, which includes sexual and gender harassment, sexual assault, stalking and dating and domestic violence. Information about these resources is found at niu.edu/sexual-misconduct. Students may also contact the Title IX Coordinator to request supportive measures or learn more about the Sexual Misconduct Policy and Complaint Procedures (go.niu.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy), which prohibits individuals from engaging in sexual misconduct.

Do You Know?

- The NIU Student Code of Conduct (niu.edu/conduct) establishes academic and behavior standards for all students both on and off campus.
- The most common violations of the student code of conduct include noise violations and underage drinking. Serious violations can result in mandatory education, fines or dismissal from the university.
- Academic misconduct including plagiarism, cheating and fraud may result in lower academic grades or dismissal.
- Any violation of the university’s alcohol or drug policy by someone under the age of 21 includes a notification to the parent/guardian of the violation.
- Remember that as a student you represent yourself, your family and the university. Huskies are active participants in their community and ensure that community standards are followed. It’s on each of us to make NIU a great place to learn and live.

Bias Incident Reporting
NIU expects a high level of responsible behavior by students, faculty and staff on and off campus. If something should happen where you feel that you have been a victim of discrimination or harassment based on gender, race, religion, sexual preference or physical ability, you should report it to the appropriate authority.

If you have observed or experienced a bias incident, please report it by using any of the following options:

- Complete the form found at go.niu.edu/form if you wish to remain anonymous.
- Call our Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at 815-753-8387.
- Visit our Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Altgeld Hall, Room 215.

Tips for Success – Protecting Our Pack

1. Bringing a bike to campus? Make sure to register it with NIU Police. For more information on how to do this, visit go.niu.edu/bike.
2. Bringing an electronic device to campus? You should register it, too. For more information on how to do this, visit go.niu.edu/device.
3. What expectations might your family have for you regarding your safety and decisions about alcohol? Talk with them before coming to school so you understand how they feel.
4. Don’t be afraid to speak up! If you see something that doesn’t seem right, tell someone who can help. Now that you’re part of our NIU community, you should be an active bystander.
Being part of the NIU community means being a part of the DeKalb/Sycamore community, too. What’s great about living here is the combination of urban, suburban and rural amenities all in one charming community.
Living in DeKalb

The following list is a just a sampling of DeKalb/Sycamore venues. Plus, check out dekalbcountyvb.com, dekalb.org and sycamorechamber.com for events happening in DeKalb, Sycamore and the local businesses.

**Grocery**
- AB Supermarket-Carniceria: 1612 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Aldi: 2540 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- GuruKrupa Indian Grocery: 1005 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Hy-Vee of Sycamore: 2700 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
- Imboden’s Meat Market: 1106 N. First St., DeKalb
- Jewel-Osco: 1320 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Meijer: 541 Puri Pkwy., Sycamore
- Ruby’s Asian Market: 1406 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Schnucks: 975 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb

**Pharmacies**
- CVS: 1022 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Jewel-Osco: 1320 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Lehan Drugs: 1407 S. Fourth St., DeKalb
- Target/CVS: 2555 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Walmart: 2300 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Walgreens: 100 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb

**Shopping**
- Best Buy: 2074 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Blain’s Farm & Fleet: 1300 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
- Cracker Barrel Country Store: 118 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Dollar Tree: 118 N. Third St., DeKalb
- T.J. Maxx: 2353 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Target: 2520 Sycamore Road, DeKalb

**Hair/Beauty**
- Dana’s Day Spa: 202 E. Locust St., DeKalb
- Dolce Vita Salon & Day Spa: 2525 Bethany Road, Sycamore
- Final Fadez: 901 Lucinda Ave., DeKalb
- Hair Cuttery: 927 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb
- My 1 Hair Solution: 818 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Roc’s Barber Shop: 114 E. Hillcrest Dr., DeKalb
- Studio One: 1007 N. First St., DeKalb
- T’S Barber & Braiding Shop: 138 S. Second St., DeKalb
- Ulta Beauty: 2064 Sycamore Road, DeKalb

**Eating**
- Arby’s: 2000 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Barb City Bagels: 118 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Bean’s Wok’n Roll: 1402 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Buffalo Wild Wings: 2466 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Burger King: 913 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Burritoville: 1026 Hillcrest Dr., DeKalb
- Chili’s Grill and Bar: 2370 Sycamore Rd No. 4, DeKalb
- Chili’s Grill and Bar: 1219 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- China House: 1900 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Chipotle Mexican Grill: 1013 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Culvers: 1262 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Domino’s Pizza: 901 Lucinda Ave. Suite I, DeKalb
- Egg Haven Pancakes and Cafe: 2562 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Ellwood Steak and Fish House: 2219 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Fanatici: 1215 Blackhawk Road, DeKalb
- Fatty’s Pub and Grille: 1312 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Fushi Yami Hibachi & Sushi: 822 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Giordano’s: 1840 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
- Happy Wok: 1190 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Hillside Restaurant: 121 N. Second St., DeKalb
- Huddle, The: 817 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- IHOP: 131 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb
- Jamah: 209 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Jersey Mike’s Subs: 103 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb
- Junction, The: 816 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Lincoln Inn, The: 240 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Los 3 Burritos: 185 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Los Rancheros: 2350 A Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Lukulos: 890 Pappas Dr., DeKalb
- McDonald’s: 805 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Noodles and Company: 2561 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Panda Express: 2434 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Panda House: 901 Lucinda Ave., DeKalb
- Panera Bread: 2476 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- Pizza Pro’s: 1205 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Pizza Villa: 824 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Popeye’s Louisiana Kitchen: 1127 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Portillo’s Hot Dogs: 1780 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
- Pottbelly Sandwich Shop: 1013 W Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Rosita’s Mexican Restaurant: 642 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Sharks Fish and Chicken: 901 Lucinda Ave., DeKalb
- Sonic Drive-In: 1115 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Tapa La Luna: 226 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Texas Roadhouse: 1950 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
- Thai Pavilion: 131 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Texas Roadhouse: 215 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Vinny’s Pizza: 221 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Yen Ching: 810 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb

**Coffee/Sweets**
- Common Grounds Coffee and Books: 131 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Dairy Queen: 1780 Sycamore Road, DeKalb
- DeKalb Confectionary: 149 N. Second St., DeKalb
- Dunkin’: 1101 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Elleson’s Bakery: 1101 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
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- Thai Pavilion: 131 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
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- Dunkin’: 1101 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb
- Elleson’s Bakery: 344 W. State St., Sycamore
- La Michoacana Ice Cream Bar: 162 W. Lincoln Highway DeKalb
- Ollie’s Frozen Custard: 1780 DeKalb Road, DeKalb
- Portillo’s Hot Dogs: 1780 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore
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For more options and to see which restaurants accept Huskie Bucks, visit go.niu.edu/eatingoffcampus.
With the DeKalb (43,862) and Sycamore (17,519) populations, you can always find something going on. One of our biggest community events is DeKalb Corn Fest, during the last week in August, which attracts more than 50,000 visitors! In the late fall, Sycamore hosts the state’s largest autumn festival, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. In addition to these annual events, the community is full of activities and entertainment venues year-round.

**Tips for Success — Living in DeKalb**

1. Going to NIU means living in DeKalb, too. Explore your surrounding area and experience what the greater community has to offer.
2. DeKalb and Sycamore have lots of chain restaurants, but we encourage you to try some local eats!
3. Make sure to check out Corn Fest (late August), DeKalb Kite Fest (September) and Sycamore Pumpkin Festival (October). There’s always something fun going on in the local community.
Being healthy is an important part of doing well in college. We’ve got lots of resources to help you along the way.
Northwestern Medicine Student Health Center at NIU

Feeling under the weather? Got a twisted ankle? No need to head home. Northwestern Medicine Student Health Center at NIU will provide the same level of care and expertise you might expect from your family physician at our clinic right on campus. For more information call 815-306-2777 or go to the web page, niu.nm.org.

All NIU students paying on-campus tuition and fees can receive most clinic services at no cost. Some services may require payment, for which the clinic accepts most major insurance plans, including the NIU Student Health Insurance plan.

Northwestern Medicine Student Health Center at NIU, located in the Health Services Building at 385 Wirtz Drive, is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and care is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis.

In addition to primary care services, the clinic offers:
- Laboratory.
- On-site X-ray.
- Preventative medicine.
- Psychiatry.

The clinic also offers on-site pharmacy dispensing. Should you choose to fill your prescription elsewhere, you can find a listing of other pharmacies in DeKalb and Sycamore on Page 56.

Student Health Insurance

If you are enrolled in nine or more classes assigned to the main DeKalb campus, regardless of their modality, you will be automatically billed for the NIU student health insurance plan. The fee will appear on your Bursar account. If you have comparable health insurance coverage, you may cancel the SHI, but you must submit a waiver and proof of your coverage. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/shi or call 753-0122.

Immunizations

If you are enrolled in classes assigned to the main DeKalb campus, regardless of their modality, you are required by the Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) to provide proof of immunity for a variety of vaccines. Documentation of immunity must be complete and on file at Health Services by Aug. 1 (if you’re enrolling for fall), Jan. 1 (if enrolling for spring) and June 1 (if enrolling for summer). For more information on what vaccines, you need and how to submit documentation, visit go.niu.edu/immunizations or call 753-9585. To review the state required form, visit go.niu.edu/healthforms. Keep in mind that if you fail to provide the required immunization documentation by the above date, the university will place a hold on your registration.
Counseling and Consultation Services

College can be one of the most exciting times of your life. It can also be one of the most stressful and challenging. Counseling and Consultation Services (CCS) is here to help you maintain good mental health throughout your time at NIU. Our staff of mental health professionals is here to help you address your concerns. The first step is to contact CCS to schedule an initial consultation appointment. You’ll meet with a counselor to discuss your specific concerns and goals in order to identify counseling options to meet your needs. This could include meeting with a counselor for individual sessions, attending group counseling or connecting you with a professional in the community who has the expertise to assist you.

Crisis Care
If you’re experiencing a mental health emergency, you can call 815-753-1206 to speak with a counselor 24 hours a day. Please call 911 if you have concerns about your immediate safety or the safety of others. You can also call CCS to speak with a counselor if you are worried about an NIU student who is experiencing mental health concerns. Consultation support is always available.

Student Wellness at CCS
Wellness is much more than merely physical health, exercise or nutrition. It’s the full integration of your physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Engaging in the wellness process allows you to learn about yourself, enhance your well-being and improve your quality of life. Everyone’s optimal wellness is different, depending on your own needs, experiences, personality and circumstances. Wellness is a conscious, self-directed, dynamic process of trying to achieve your potential. Student Wellness staff provide programs, services and helpful information to aid with this process and support your overall well-being.

Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention
You’ll find that our NIU community is committed to your health, safety and academic success. Due to this commitment, we’ll require you to participate in an online learning module on healthy decision-making for college. It’s up to all of us to create a safe community that promotes the well-being of our entire campus.

The training is a confidential, personalized and interactive science-based program that educates students on alcohol consumption, cannabis use, and other health and wellness topics. This training is mandatory for all new students. All you have to do is wait for us to send an email to your official NIU account with instructions and details. You can anticipate this email close to the start of the semester.

NIU provides and maintains an optimally healthy and safe working and living environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Tobacco-free
In accordance with the Smoke-free Campus Act, which prohibits smoking on all Illinois state-supported higher education institutions including public university and community college campuses, NIU became tobacco-free July 1, 2015.

Cannabis-free
Despite changes in state laws, it remains unlawful to possess, use or sell cannabis in any form on the NIU campus. Because NIU receives funding from the federal government, we must abide by the rules in the Drug Free Schools Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act, which means that possessing or using cannabis on campus remains illegal.

Free of Other Drugs
The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act also covers regulations to provide a drug-free environment on college campuses. NIU supports an environment where academics and research are at the forefront, and compliance with this act is central to those efforts.

Updating your Emergency Contact and Medical Information.
It’s important for NIU to have your most up-to-date emergency and mental health contact information. Head to MyNIU Student Center and see Personal Information where you’ll find the links to add emergency and mental health contact information.
NIU Recreation
Have Fun, Live Well, Feel Your Best!

There are so many ways to participate in NIU Recreation activities! During an average year, we have:

- 341 Intramural Teams
- 20-plus Club Sports
- 763 Group Fitness Classes
- 430 Personal Training Sessions
- 899 Nutrition Coaching Sessions
- 73 Different Outdoor Trips and Special Events
- 76 Different Types of Gear Available to Rent
- 18 Local, State and National Park Visits
Do you know that NIU students who participated in NIU Recreation activities reported increased skills in leadership, time management, problem-solving, ability to multitask, self-confidence, multicultural awareness, communication, concentration, group cooperation, being adventurous, developing friendships and felt a sense of belonging?

Also, students reported increased physical strength, athletic ability, fitness level, ability to handle stress, balance, overall health, weight control, feeling of well-being and ability to get a good night’s sleep.

Participating in NIU Recreation’s programs help you succeed.

Wellness is much more than merely physical health, exercise or nutrition. It is the full integration of states of physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Each of these seven dimensions act and interact in ways that contribute to our own quality of life. Engaging in the wellness process allows you to learn about yourself and gives you the opportunity to make decisions to enhance your well-being. Everyone’s optimal wellness is different, depending on your own needs, experiences, personality and circumstances. Wellness is a conscious, self-directed, dynamic process of trying to achieve your potential.

Steps to Get Started

Come play at NIU Recreation right away! As soon as the semester starts, head on over. Remember, you have to be enrolled in classes at the DeKalb campus to use any NIU Recreation facility, or you can purchase a student membership. Just swipe — your OneCard gets you into all of the NIU Recreation locations.

What you can do:

- Exercise on cardio equipment, jog/run on indoor tracks, strength train, play basketball, volleyball, racquetball, tennis, badminton, pingpong, pickleball, wallyball and more.
- Check out a variety of sport and exercise equipment with your OneCard — most of them are free.
- Store your stuff. Day and rental lockers are available.

All facilities are accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact NIU Recreation at 815-753-0231.

NIU Recreation Facilities

**Recreation Center (RC).** Cardio and strength training, eight multipurpose courts, indoor track, fitness studios, racquetball courts, boxing and plyometric room, and more.

**Adventure Center (AC).** The headquarters for Outdoor Adventures (located within the RC) is the place to rent outdoor gear, register for adventure trips or get advice on planning your own trip.

**Chick Evans Fieldhouse (FH).** Includes a more private cardio and strength training room, four multipurpose courts, indoor track and activity rooms.

**Anderson Hall Pool.** Located on the lower level of Anderson Hall, this five-lane lap pool offers lap swimming. Men’s and women’s locker room and shower facilities are available to all swimmers.

**Outdoor Recreation Sports Complex (ORSC).** Has multipurpose fields that accommodate baseball, flag football, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball and Ultimate Frisbee, and are dedicated to intramurals and sport clubs.
Ways to Engage with NIU Recreation

• Drop in and exercise or play a pickup game with friends.
• Join one of 20-plus club sports (go.niu.edu/sportclubs). Club sports are a great way to stay healthy, active and compete against other schools.
• Compete in intramural sports (go.niu.edu/intramural) with two levels of play: competitive or recreational.
• Schedule a nutrition coaching session (niu.edu/nutrition) and learn to eat healthier, improve your focus for class and promote feeling better. Get started with a free 30-minute meet-the-nutrition-coach session.
• Grab some friends and get personalized training (go.niu.edu/smallgroup). You can sign up for a time convenient for you.
• Schedule a free equipment orientation with a fitness assistant (go.niu.edu/personaltraining) to learn how to use the various exercise equipment we offer. You can schedule an equipment orientation for yourself or a group of your friends.
• Schedule a fitness assessment with a personal trainer to create a workout plan that meets your individual needs.
• Go on an Outdoor Adventure trip (go.niu.edu/outdooradventures). Expert staff offer adventure trips, outdoor gear rentals, custom trips, team-building and resources to plan your own adventure.
• Choose from a ton of fitness classes offered weekly. Classes range from strength, cardio, dance and yoga. To find out more visit go.niu.edu/fitnessclasses.

Get Rewarded!

Earn cool stuff! Who doesn’t like a little swag as incentive for a workout?

35 Class Challenge (go.niu.edu/35cc1)
— Become part of #FITFAM by attending 35 group fitness classes during a semester. Anyone completing the challenge gets an exclusive, free T-shirt. Be sure to check in at the pass checker desk before each class.

Tips for Success:
Health and Wellness

1. Submit all appropriate immunization records before the deadline and opt out of Student Health Insurance (if needed).
2. Complete Part 1 of AlcoholEdu by the deadline stated in your email.
3. Update your emergency and mental health contact information in MyNIU. It’s important that we have this information.
4. Visit NIU Recreation and find out what you’ll want to get involved in. There are endless options and opportunities.

Stay Informed
NIU Recreation’s website provides up-to-date information on hours, field status and the activity details you need to be a part of NIU Recreation.

Website
niu.edu/recreation

Facebook
NIU Recreation

Instagram
NIU_Recreation

Twitter
@NIURecreation
Involvement and Engagement

One thing’s for sure — NIU students are involved and engaged on campus. We know that students who participate on campus — in addition to just going to class — earn higher grades, graduate in four years, feel at home away from home, feel satisfied with their social life and are more appealing to employers after college.
Involvement Opportunities

So, what does it mean to be involved? It can mean joining an organization and being a member. It can also mean being a leader in that organization. Being involved on campus is also going to an event (sporting, concert, etc.), working on campus or engaging with faculty outside of the classroom. Read this section carefully. You’re bound to find something that appeals to you.

There are so many ways to get involved at NIU! No matter what your interests, you’ll find your fit.

300-plus Recognized Student Organizations

361 Department Events Held in 2020-2021

500 Student Organization Events Each Year

5,000-plus Students Involved in an Organization in 2020-2021
That’s over 57% of full-time undergraduates.

Student Organizations

For the latest list of NIU organizations that promote diversity, visit Huskie Link (niu.presence.io). This resource provides information about all of the organizations on campus, publishes the latest event schedules and keeps track of your involvement. Also, see Page 67 of this book to learn more about being engaged and involved on campus.
Involvement Fair

Make your college years count by getting involved at NIU. With more than 300 student organizations on campus, you’ll be sure to find one (or more) that interests you. The Involvement Fair is an opportunity early on in the fall semester for you to learn more about what numerous student organizations and departments have to offer. You’ll also have an opportunity to meet student organization leaders, NIU staff and faculty members and not-for-profit community agencies.

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Looking forward to getting the most out of your time at NIU? Don’t spend your weekends traveling home — join CAB for fun events on weeknights and weekends throughout the school year.

CAB events are planned for students by students who love hosting concerts, parties, comedy shows, gaming events and more for students attend. Almost all CAB events are free to NIU students. Homecoming week in October has events every day, most planned by the students of CAB. If you love planning events and getting involved, you can be a member of the CAB team too! You can find CAB on the ground floor of the Holmes Student Center, or visit niu.edu/cab.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA (niu.edu/sa) is the primary student government at NIU. Members of SGA serve as the voice of the student body to NIU’s administration and advocate for students within the city of DeKalb and state of Illinois. SGA is responsible for allocating a budget of $1.2 million to student organizations and campus departments.

You can hone your leadership skills by running for a position on the student senate. The senate recognizes new student organizations and has standing committees focused on improving various facets of the campus community. The senate sets aside seats for incoming students every fall semester so you can get started right away.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

RHA is the governing body of our residence halls and is the second-largest student-led organization on campus. Operating under the motto of “Voice, Community, Change,” RHA serves as the representative voice for the on-campus population — advocating for positive change and improvements within the residence hall community.

RHA provides social and educational programs throughout the year, which are open to all students living on campus. You can be involved in the planning and shaping of your residence hall events, or just bring your friends down to enjoy the experiences. RHA members create developmental leadership opportunities within Community Council and attend leadership conferences throughout the country where our delegations have recently won a multitude of state, regional and national awards. RHA also runs two on-campus game rooms: the New York City Lounge located in Grant North and the New Orleans Room located in the basement of Stevenson C Tower. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/rha.

Environmental Sustainability

NIU has lots of synergy surrounding environmental sustainability. Our students lead the way with active groups such as the Green Paws Environmental Alliance and the Collegiate Association of Unreasonable Social Entrepreneurs. The Student Government Association has the director of environmental affairs work with students and groups to plan events and create opportunities to get involved with environmental initiatives on campus.

The NIU Green Team works with students, faculty and staff to find ways to increase engagement and decrease our collective impact on the environment. Students have been essential in the success of the Green Team — through class projects, internships, independent research and student organization initiatives.

Learn more about environmental sustainability and how you can get involved at NIU at niu.edu/sustainability.
Student Organizations

One of the best ways to get involved in campus life is through a student organization. Joining an organization is a great way of meeting new people, developing critical skills for your career and life, and having fun in college. NIU has more than 300 student organizations registered with the Student Association. These groups fall within the following categories:

- Academic interest and professional.
- Community service.
- Diversity and cultural.
- Governing bodies.
- Fraternity and sorority.
- Honorary society.
- Military.
- Political.
- Programming and performing.
- Public media and communication.
- Recreational and sports.
- Religious.
- Social justice, advocacy and support.
- Special interest.

You can browse the list of student organizations using Huskie Link (niu.presence.io) found in the Quick Links tab on the NIU homepage. Huskie Link is a portal where each organization has its own webpage and contact information. Use Huskie Link to search for organizations by interest and learn about events the organizations are hosting.

Another great opportunity for connecting with student organizations is the Involvement Fair during the first few weeks of the fall semester. This is the largest gathering of student organizations each year, allowing you to meet student organization leaders, NIU staff and faculty members, and not-for-profit community agencies.

Freedom of Expression

When members of the university community or the public choose to express their thoughts and opinions — be that through words, peaceful actions or visuals — all should expect some form of opposing views. The role of university administration is not to weigh in on the varying perspectives, but rather to foster an environment in which differences can be explored, ideas challenged and society advanced. These points and counterpoints might be contrary to public opinion and NIU’s values of civility, collegiality, diversity and inclusiveness, but our First Amendment protects virtually all speech, no matter how unorthodox, offensive or distasteful. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/express.

Study Abroad

Want to experience new cultures, gain global competency, learn a new language, take unique classes, grow as an individual, strengthen your résumé and connect with people from all over the world? At NIU, you’ll find our Study Abroad Office (niu.edu/study-abroad) has over 300 program options (no matter what your major) in 80 different countries. You can study abroad for a week, a full academic year or anywhere in between.

Programs are led by NIU faculty or through NIU-affiliate partners, and classes you take will be included in your NIU transcript and GPA. The best part is, it’s totally affordable.

Want to learn more? Visit the Study Abroad Office in Williston Hall, Room 417. They have Study Abroad 101 sessions every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. You can also check out the Study Abroad Fair in the fall to help you explore the program options.

Northern Star

The Northern Star is the student-produced, independent media at NIU. The Northern Star covers NIU campus news, DeKalb news, NIU Huskie sports and northern Illinois entertainment.

The newspaper has published continuously since 1899. It originally was called the Northern Illinois, until 1954 when it was renamed the Northern Star. The Northern Star Online was launched in 1995.

The newspaper publishes Monday and Thursday during the academic year and weekly during the summer sessions. Exceptions to publication are holidays, semester breaks and exam periods. Pick up a copy or read the Star online at northernstar.info.

Visual and Performing Arts

Support our Visual and Performing Arts programs (niu.edu/cvpa). Want to see one of the world’s leading steelpan bands? No problem — they’re Huskies! Partial to theater? No worries — we’ve got a great theater department, too. From art museums to theater and musical performances, there’s always an opportunity to check out the outstanding work of your classmates.

Music Ensembles

Whether you want to continue to sing in choir, try opera, play in band or orchestra, learn how to play the steelpan or any other numerous world instruments, our School of Music welcomes and encourages all students to participate. There’s also great opportunities and scholarships to join the Huskie Marching Band. Ensembles are often one or two credit hour courses with rehearsals two to three times a week. Some ensembles do require an audition to determine level and placement, but other ensembles have no audition required. Learn more at go.niu.edu/ensembles.
Fraternity and Sorority Life

You might have heard college students saying “Go Greek!” They’re talking about fraternities and sororities, or Greek life.

Unlike what you see in the media and movies, fraternities and sororities are student organizations founded on three basic pillars:

- Academic excellence.
- Community service/civic engagement.
- Brotherhood/sisterhood.

Fraternity and sorority life provide a chance for students to meet friends with similar integrity and values and create a family away from home. When you join Greek life, you’re holding yourself to a higher standard, living up to values and goals of academic excellence, and giving back to the community around you.

At NIU, over 900 undergraduate students (8%) are part of a fraternity or a sorority. Our Greek system includes:

- Four governing councils.
- Forty-one chapters.
- Community service hours totaling 1,499 and $8,705 donated in the fall 2020 semester.
- An all-Greek cumulative GPA of 2.955 in the fall 2020 semester.
- Various cultures, faiths and backgrounds.

Nationally, students who join fraternities and sororities tend to graduate at higher rates and with higher GPAs than students who do not go Greek. The benefits of joining a fraternity or sorority include:

- Lifelong friendships.
- Social and career networking opportunities during and after college.
- Event planning and marketing experience.
- Charity fundraising events.
- Community service events.
- Social events.
- Leadership opportunities.

Fraternity and sorority members at NIU span all cultures, backgrounds, faiths and interests. Most groups at NIU are national organizations that have a headquarters somewhere in the United States, and have many chapters at colleges and universities across the country and across the world. The Greek chapters at NIU include men’s, women’s and coed organizations.

How to Join

Fraternities and sororities belong to one of four councils. Please note that all chapters have a minimum GPA requirement of typically 2.5 or higher for new members to join.

- Interfraternity Council (IFC) (go.niu.edu/interfraternity) consists of 14 men’s chapters. Recruitment is typically the second week of class in the fall and spring semesters. IFC allows first-semester students to become members.
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC, Divine Nine) (go.niu.edu/panhellenic) has eight chapters made up of men’s and women’s organizations. Recruitment will vary by chapter, but you’ll need at least 15 NIU credit hours to be eligible for membership.
- Panhellenic Association (PHA) (go.niu.edu/panhellenicassociation) consists of eight women’s chapters. Formal recruitment is in September with only five of the eight chapters participating. PHA allows first-semester students to become members.
- United Greek Council (UGC) (go.niu.edu/unitedgreek) has 15 chapters made up of both men’s and women’s organizations. Recruitment will vary by chapter. Some chapters allow first-semester freshmen while others require 15 credit hours.

To learn more about fraternities and sororities, visit go.niu.edu/NIUFSL.
Community Engagement and Volunteerism

NIU Cares

Each year, we host opportunities to learn about the local area, community issues and what it means to be a responsible, engaged citizen who contributes to their community. Through panels and sessions, students engage in understanding more about their community. Through projects, Huskies contribute to the communities in which they live. Visit go.niu.edu/niucaresday for more information on how you can become engaged in Huskies Care.

Huskie Food Pantry

(Open weekly)

Since 2014, the Huskie Food Pantry has served over 1,400 NIU students experiencing food insecurity. For current hours, volunteer information and policies, please visit go.niu.edu/foodpantry.
NIU Athletics events are a great way for Huskie students, fans, alumni and the local community to come together throughout the year. Best of all, admission to all NIU Athletics regular season home events is absolutely free for students. For ticketed sports, NIU Athletics will create a My Huskies account for enrolled students to claim their free ticket to the game and purchase tickets — at a reduced rate — for family or friends to Huskie football, basketball or volleyball games. More information will be sent to students via email in August. For more, visit NIUHuskies.com/MyHuskies.

On game days, students can also use their OneCard to gain admission.

Overall, the Huskies field 16 NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics programs that compete in the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

NIU’s 16 intercollegiate sports are:

- Men’s Basketball
- Baseball
- Football
- Men’s Golf
- Men’s Soccer
- Men’s Tennis
- Softball
- Women’s Basketball
- Women’s Cross Country
- Women’s Golf
- Women’s Gymnastics
- Women’s Soccer
- Women’s Tennis
- Women’s Track and Field
- Wrestling
- Volleyball

All NIU home facilities are conveniently located on the west side of campus. Teams play at Huskie Stadium (football), the NIU Convocation Center (basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, wrestling), Ralph McKinzie Field (baseball), Mary M. Bell Field (softball) and the Huskie Soccer/Track and Field Complex (soccer, track and field).

For more on the Huskies, check out NIUHuskies.com/MyHuskies and download the free NIU Huskies mobile app on your phone. Follow niuhuskies on Instagram and NIUAthletics on Twitter.

2022 Home Football Schedule

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<td>Wednesday, Nov. 16</td>
<td>vs. Miami</td>
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Huskie Traditions and Cheers

While in Huskie Country, you’ll want to make sure that you’re familiar with a handful of the tradition and cheers conducted at various sporting events. It’s another way to showcase your Huskie spirit and provide some energy for our student athletes.

Huskie Kickoff Key Jingle. At football games, when it’s NIU’s turn to kick off, everyone pulls out their keys and jingles them in anticipation of the kick.

Huskie “First Down.” At football games, when NIU achieves a first down the announcer will say, “And that’s good for another Huskie...” then you yell, “FIRST DOWN!”

Red and Black. During sporting events, the cheerleaders will assign sections of the crowd either the color red or black. When they point to your section you scream out your assigned color. It’s a competition to see which color can yell the loudest. Get your voice ready though, this tends to go on for a while.

The Huskie Fight Song. Every student has to learn the Huskie Fight Song. It’s kind of a thing, so you don’t want to be the only one not singing! Check out the inside front cover of this book for the entire song.

Homecoming

Homecoming week takes place each fall semester. It’s a week full of fun, traditions and celebrations. Check out niu.edu/homecoming for date announcements, schedules and information.

Family Weekend

Family Weekend takes place each fall semester. It’s a great time to invite your family to campus so they can learn more about your life as a Huskie. Plus, there are tons of fun events and things to do. Visit go.niu.edu/familyweekend each May for date announcements, registration, schedules and additional information.
NIU values the partnership we have with our students’ families. Families play such an important role in the lives of our students. We encourage you to share the checklist below with your family. These prompts will help to ensure that you have a fulfilling college experience, as well as achieve academic and personal success.

**Transition Checklist**

To best help you and your student prepare for the first semester, make sure you keep this OneBook and review the transition checklist below.

**Staying connected.**

- [ ] Discuss expectations on how to stay in touch. Are you going to text or call? How often?
- [ ] Talk to your student about expectations regarding academics and safety.
- [ ] Discuss Shared Access. What information will your student share with you? go.niu.edu/FERPA.
- [ ] Review your student’s class schedule with them and discuss time management and study skills.

**Paying the bill.** (See Page 27.)

- [ ] All bill and payment info and dates can be found by visiting go.niu.edu/bill.

**Prepare for move-in.**

- [ ] Schedule your student’s move-in appointment.
- [ ] Find out what your student needs to bring. go.niu.edu/packing.
- [ ] Make sure your student has prepared their laptop or computer prior to move in. go.niu.edu/restech.
- [ ] Review move-in procedures and parking information. go.niu.edu/moveinday.
- [ ] Is your student bringing a car to campus? Make sure they order the proper parking permit. prkapp.niu.edu.

**Prepare for your student’s first semester.**

- [ ] Have your student add your cell phone number to NIU’s Emergency Notification System for Safety Bulletin Text Messages. Your student can do this in MyNIU. go.niu.edu/MyNIU.
- [ ] Your student is automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance plan if they are taking at least nine semester hours.

If you have comparable health insurance coverage, you may request a waiver of the NIU Student Health Insurance plan. For deadlines and other information, visit niu.edu/shi.

- [ ] Your student MUST submit proof of immunity. This is due Aug. 1, 2021. For more information and to submit your form, visit go.niu.edu/immuniz.
- [ ] Make sure your student has completed AlcoholEDU for College. Information on taking the module and its deadline will be sent to your student’s NIU email.
- [ ] Ask your student to print off their fall schedule. Sometimes over the summer, class locations change.
- [ ] After your student has moved into their residence hall, encourage them to find their classrooms before the first day of classes.
- [ ] Is your student commuting? Encourage them to do a practice commute and find parking area(s) and classrooms.
- [ ] Encourage your student to participate in Welcome Days activities that take place during the first month of classes. niu.edu/welcomedays.

**Working toward a successful first semester.**

- [ ] Students who join a club or other involvement usually have a higher GPA.
- [ ] Remind your student to make an appointment with their academic advisor (October).
- [ ] Coach your student to visit their instructors’ office hours. Faculty are required to list their office hours on your student’s syllabus. Getting to know faculty can help your student feel more comfortable if they are struggling in class.
- [ ] Encourage your student to get help if needed.

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**Your Role**

You know your student best and therefore know when it’s time for them to utilize campus resources. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to help support your student. Key things to remember:

1. Sign up to stay connected (go.niu.edu/connectfamily) with Family Connections. We’ll send you regular communications with helpful information about NIU.
2. Encourage your student to advocate for themselves. Our staff and faculty are here to help when students reach out, and it’s heartening to see them growing into young adults.
3. Attend campus events. Family Weekend is a great time to come back to campus to learn more about your student’s NIU experience.
### NIU Academic Calendar

For the complete NIU Academic Calendar visit catalog.niu.edu.

#### 2021-2022

**Fall Semester 2021**
- Aug. 23: Monday, Classes Begin
- Sept. 6: Monday, Labor Day (University Closed)
- Nov. 24: Wednesday, Thanksgiving Break Begins (No Classes Wednesday)
- Nov. 29: Monday, Classes Resume
- Dec. 4: Saturday, Classes End
- Dec. 6-11: Monday-Saturday, Final Exams
- Dec. 11: Saturday, Term Ends

**Spring Semester 2022**
- Jan. 17: Monday, MLK Day (University Closed)
- Jan. 18: Tuesday, Classes Begin
- March 14-20: Sunday-Sunday, Spring Recess
- March 21: Monday, Classes Resume
- April 24: Sunday, Honors Day
- May 5: Thursday, Classes End
- May 6: Friday, Reading Day
- May 7, 9-13: Saturday, Monday-Friday, Final Exams
- May 13: Friday, Term Ends

#### 2023-2024

**Fall Semester 2023**
- Aug. 28: Monday, Classes Begin
- Sept. 4: Monday, Labor Day (University Closed)
- Nov. 22: Wednesday, Thanksgiving Break Begins (No Classes Wednesday)
- Nov. 27: Monday, Classes Resume
- Dec. 9: Saturday, Classes End
- Dec. 11-16: Monday-Saturday, Final Exams
- Dec. 16: Saturday, Term Ends

**Spring Semester 2024**
- Jan. 15: Monday, MLK Day (University Closed)
- Jan. 16: Tuesday, Classes Begin
- March 10-17: Sunday-Sunday, Spring Recess
- March 18: Monday, Classes Resume
- April 21: Sunday, Honors Day
- May 2: Thursday, Classes End
- May 3: Friday, Reading Day
- May 4, 6-10: Saturday, Monday-Friday, Final Exams
- May 10: Friday, Term Ends

#### 2022-2023

**Fall Semester 2022**
- Aug. 22: Monday, Classes Begin
- Sept. 5: Monday, Labor Day (University Closed)
- Nov. 23: Wednesday, Thanksgiving Break Begins (No Classes Wednesday)
- Nov. 28: Monday, Classes Resume
- Dec. 3: Saturday, Classes End
- Dec. 5-10: Monday-Saturday, Final Exams
- Dec. 11: Saturday, Term Ends

**Spring Semester 2023**
- Jan. 16: Monday, MLK Day (University Closed)
- Jan. 17: Tuesday, Classes Begin
- March 12-19: Sunday-Sunday, Spring Recess
- March 20: Monday, Classes Resume
- April 23: Sunday, Honors Day
- May 4: Thursday, Classes End
- May 5: Friday, Reading Day
- May 6, 8-12: Saturday, Monday-Friday, Final Exams
- May 12: Friday, Term Ends

#### 2024-2025

**Fall Semester 2024**
- Aug. 26: Monday, Classes Begin
- Sept. 2: Monday, Labor Day (University Closed)
- Nov. 27: Wednesday, Thanksgiving Break Begins (No Classes Wednesday)
- Dec. 2: Monday, Classes Resume
- Dec. 7: Saturday, Classes End
- Dec. 9-14: Monday-Saturday, Final Exams
- Dec. 14: Saturday, Term Ends

**Spring Semester 2025**
- Jan. 13: Tuesday, MLK Day (University Closed)
- Jan. 20: Tuesday, Classes Begin
- March 9-16: Sunday-Sunday, Spring Recess
- March 17: Monday, Classes Resume
- April 13: Sunday, Honors Day
- May 1: Thursday, Classes End
- May 2: Friday, Reading Day
- May 3, 5-9: Saturday, Monday-Friday, Final Exams
- May 9: Friday, Term Ends
Campus Freshens Up
The heart of campus is looking better than ever!

After its renovation in fall 2019, the Holmes Student Center is once again the beating heart of campus with its many dining options for you and your friends to choose from.

If all you need is a morning pick-me-up, then Starbucks is the place to go. They’re fully licensed and offer a full selection of premium coffee drinks, breakfast sandwiches and pastries. If you’re on the run between classes, you can stop by The Depot C-store for a snack, cold beverage or a grab and go deli sandwich. If you’ve got the time, pull up a chair and have a seat at the Grill at the Huskie Den to enjoy half-pound, all-beef burgers, signature entrees, salads, wraps and so much more. In a hurry? No worries! Take it to go. And, for those days you’re craving a burrito with chips and guacamole, you can go south of the border without leaving campus to Qdoba Mexican Eats.

All four are located on the ground floor of the Holmes Student Center.

These new dining options are definite crowd pleasers that you’ll be sure to enjoy.
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<td>Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL)</td>
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Directions to NIU
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Illinois Council on Economic Education (IC EE) ..... 155 North Third Street, Suite 504
NIU Broadcast Center ................................. 801 North First Street
NIU School of Nursing ................................. 1240 Normal Road
Wellness Literacy Center ............................ 3100 Sycamore Road
William R. Monat Building ......................... Social Science Research Institute
Third and Locust Streets

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Other NIU Campuses

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Gender-neutral washrooms are available in the following buildings:
- Adams Hall.
- Altgeld Hall.
- Campus Recreation Center.
- Convocation Center.
- Center for Black Studies.
- Cole Hall.
- Founders Memorial Library.
- Gabel Hall.
- Gender and Sexuality Resource Center.
- Grant Residence Hall.
- Health Services.
- Holmes Student Center.
- Neptune Hall North.
- Stevens Building.
For specific locations, please consult go.niu.edu/trans.

Nursing and lactation spaces are available in the following areas:
- Barcena Hall.
- Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality.
- Child Development and Family Center.
- Employee Assistance Program.
- Gender and Sexuality Resource Center.
- Health Services, Women’s Health Clinic.
- Commuter and Off-Campus Programs.
- University Libraries.
- School of Family and Consumer Sciences.
For specific locations and times, please consult go.niu.edu/lactation.
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