Welcome to NIU!

Let’s take a walk.

Can’t make our tour times or simply want to explore campus on your own? Follow the route on our campus map to experience a self-guided tour.

On your tour loop, you’ll visit hot spots for student life, academics and much more. You’ll find convenient parking in our visitor lot near the MLK Commons and Founders Memorial Library for $6 per vehicle. Learn about our parking options for visitors at go.niu.edu/visitor-parking.

Please enjoy your day on our campus, and take your time to talk with any students, staff and faculty you encounter. They’ll be glad to tell you what makes Huskie life so special.

Tag us on social media at #HuskiePride!
Quick bite?
Check out these campus favorites.
The Grill at Huskie Den — Holmes Student Center, ground floor.
Starbucks — Holmes Student Center, ground floor.
Three Sons Bistro — Barsema Hall, ground floor.
Qdoba Mexican Eats — Holmes Student Center, ground floor.

Guide to the buildings

Residence Halls
Here’s where Huskies live on campus. With single and double rooms, suites, cluster living, coed and single-gender floors, we’re all about options. We also offer unique residential communities with floors on campus tied to interests, majors and more.

Academic
These are the buildings where our proud Huskies go to class.

Recreational
Whether you’re looking for places to unwind after class, exercise, compete in a pickup game or take in a sporting event, you’ll find it all here. We’re especially proud of our Huskie Stadium, where pride can be heard, seen and felt.

Culture
Huskies inspire, connect and broaden their cultural knowledge at our art museums and cultural resource centers: The Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies, Disability Resource Center, Latino Resource Center, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and Undocumented Student Support.

Resources
Providing vital assets for our Huskies.
The Tour

MLK Commons
Featuring our new, giant, Instagrammable NIU sculpture, a historic bust of Martin Luther King Jr. and “The Balance of Equality” — a striking monumental form of King’s vision — our commons bursts with Huskie pride and history. Trust us, you’re going to want to take a pic or two.

Founders Memorial Library
Following your MLK Commons photo shoot, stop by Founders Memorial Library, with its Einstein Bros. Bagels, computer lab, countless study areas and, of course, millions of volumes of books and collections. This is where Huskies pick up their OneCard — their official student ID. And, new to the library, our Founders Learning Commons provides Huskies everything they need to succeed. Writing and research advice. Access to or help with a laptop. Technology resources. Spaces to collaborate with classmates. Our Learning Commons has it all.

East Lagoon
One of the most beloved, scenic spots on campus, the East Lagoon’s fountain and gentle waters provide the perfect background for a walk or picnic. Huskies can enjoy a bonfire in our bonfire pit or hang a hammock and strum a ukulele along the water’s edge. Winter brings ice skating, while the canoes and kayaks come out on warmer days. We even rent out boats through Outdoor Adventures.

Jack Arends Hall
Jack Arends Hall houses our NIU School of Art and Design where you’ll find two gallery spaces; one displaying graduate work and a main gallery that exhibits student work and work by professional artists. This building is next to our Music Building, with its concert and recital halls. Our Huskies put on more than 200 free performances a year.

Gilbert Residence Hall
Transfer students, juniors and seniors live in our recently renovated Gilbert Hall, near arts, engineering and business classes. Like our popular Fanny Ruth Patterson Complex (formerly called New Hall), Gilbert has its own fitness room. Behind Gilbert, Wirtz Hall is home to our College of Health and Human Sciences.

Health Services and ADEI
On your left, you’ll see where we house our Health Services and Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. An extension of Northwestern Medicine, our student health center is in the hands of one of the top medical systems in the nation. We’re also proud of ADEI’s many award-winning programs and initiatives. You’ll find resources to succeed and a community here.

Peters Campus Life Building
To your right, our Peters Campus Life Building is a central spot for student programs and services. This is the place for commuter resources, Career Services, Military and Veteran Services, Undocumented Student Support, University Honors, the Disability Resource Center, CHANCE — a unique campuswide support system — and the Northern Star student newspaper. Inside, you’ll also find our Center for Student Assistance; a one-stop shop to help students address issues that affect them personally or academically.

Holmes Student Center
You can’t miss our HSC — the tallest building in our friendly hometown of DeKalb. The hub of campus, the center was just recently overhauled. You’ll find Starbucks, Qdoba Mexican Eats and our Grill at Huskie Den. You’ll also find our 78-room hotel, the Depot convenience store, bowling, billiards, an expanded bookstore and plenty of places to relax — even cozy spots by our new fireplace. You’ll also find OASIS, our Organization and Student Involvement Suite. OASIS provides space for members of our clubs and 200 student organizations to collaborate, and houses the offices of the Student Government Association and Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Neptune Residence Hall
At the heart of campus, Neptune boasts a fireplace lounge. We house nearly 4,000 students a year in our residence halls, each with its own options and perks. All make you feel at home. You can compare the amenities of our halls to find the one that’s a great fit for your lifestyle at go.niu.edu/compare-halls.

Evans Field House
Part of our Military Sciences Program, NIU Huskie ROTC students find a home here at Evans Field House. The Field House also features courts for basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and floor hockey, a jogging and walking track, and a remodeled fitness and strength-training room.

Questions?
Contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 815-753-0446 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.