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 this 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 $5 per vehicle. Visitor lot hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please enjoy your day on our campus, and take the 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.

Einstein Bros. Bagels
Founders Memorial Library, lower level.
The Grill at Huskie Den
Holmes Student Center, ground floor.
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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 N-I-U 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 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. The Learning Commons has it all.

Williston Hall
Here, you’ll find our Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Williston Hall also houses Registration and Records, the Graduate School and International Affairs, where you can learn about our many study abroad opportunities.

Swen Parson Hall
Swen Parson Hall is home to our Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, the Student Employment Office and the Bursar’s Office. Guided by our helpful staff, 80% of students receive some type of financial assistance at NIU. You’ll also find the NIU College of Law here.

Altgeld Hall
Our oldest building, Altgeld Hall dates back to the university’s opening in 1899. Our castle — one of five similar castles built at universities throughout Illinois — features our Esports Arena, a can’t-miss on campus. Huskies play seven days a week, with 24 open play computers, nine console gaming areas, tabletop gaming areas, a VR room and more. Our castle also houses a showpiece auditorium, a solarium, a massive board room, the president’s office and the NIU Art Museum. Be sure to stop by the garden near the east entrance for a selfie with our most famous grotesque, or “Olive Goyle” as we like to call her.

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 skates, 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 the NIU School of Art and Design, where you’ll find two galleries, one displaying graduate work and a main gallery that exhibits student work and work by professional artists. The building connects to our music building, with its gallery that exhibits student work and work by professional artists. The building also features courts for basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and floor hockey, a jogging and walking track, and a remodeled fitness and strength-training room.

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 diverse programs and initiatives. You’ll find resources to succeed and a community here.

Campus Life Building
To your right, our 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 300-plus organizations to collaborate and houses the offices of the Student Government Association and Fraternity and Sorority Life.

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

Neptune Residence Hall
At the heart of campus, Neptune boasts a fireplace lounge. We house more than 3,500 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-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Colleges
H1 Business — Barsema Hall
E4 Education
• Dean’s Office — Graham Hall
• Student Services — Gabel Hall
H2 Engineering and Engineering Technology — College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Building
G3 Health and Human Sciences — Wirtz Hall
G4 Law — Swen Parson Hall
F4 Liberal Arts and Sciences — Zulauf Hall
H4 Visual and Performing Arts — Music Building

Schools and Departments
H1 Accountancy — Barsema Hall
G3 Allied Health and Communicative Disorders — Wirtz Hall
E4 Anthropology — Stevens Building
H4 Art and Design — Jack Arends Building
G5 Biological Sciences — Montgomery Hall
G4 Chemistry and Biochemistry — Faraday Hall
F4 Communication — Watson Hall
G5 Computer Science — Psychology-Computer Science Building
E4 Counseling and Higher Education — Gabel Hall
E4 Curriculum and Instruction — Gabel Hall
F4 Economics — Zulauf Hall
E4 Educational Technology, Research and Assessment — Gabel Hall
H2 Electrical Engineering — Engineering Building
F4 English — Reavis Hall
G5 Environmental Studies — Montgomery Hall
G3 Family and Consumer Sciences — Wirtz Hall
H1 Finance — Barsema Hall
G4 Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences — Davis Hall
G4 Geology and Environmental Geoscience — Davis Hall
G3 Health Studies — Wirtz Hall
F4 History — Zulauf Hall
G3 Interdisciplinary Health Professions — Wirtz Hall
H2 Industrial and Systems Engineering — Engineering Building
H3 Kinesiology and Physical Education — Anderson Hall

Resources
G3 Academic Advising — Campus Life Building
G3 Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — Health Services Building
G4 Asian American Resource Center — Health Services
G5 Center for Black Studies
G3 Center for Burma Studies — Pottinger House
G3 Center for Latin and Latin American Studies — Latino Resource Center
G3 Center for Southeast Asian Studies
G3 Center for Student Assistance — Campus Life Building
F4 Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality — Reavis Hall
G3 CHANCE Program — Campus Life Building
E4 Child Development and Family Center
G3 Commuter and Off-Campus Programs — Campus Life Building
G3 Counseling and Consultation Services — Campus Life Building
G3 Disability Resource Center — Campus Life Building

Sports and Recreation
C4-D4 Chessick Practice Center
A3-B4 Convocation Center
E3-4 Evans Field House
C4-D4 Huskie Stadium
B2-3 Outdoor Recreation
D4-E4 Sports Complex
Neptune East

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