Graduate School

Your Future. Our Focus.
Thrive in an authentic college-town atmosphere only 65 miles west of downtown Chicago. With over 19,000 total students including nearly 5,000 graduate students, we have a diverse and inclusive community. In fact, our community reaches far beyond DeKalb, with off-site campuses in Rockford, Hoffman Estates, Naperville, Chicago and Oregon, Illinois.

We are proud to have 150,000 NIU alumni living in Illinois!
Advance your education and career with a post-secondary degree from NIU.

88 degree offerings within a wide variety of disciplines

66 master’s degrees with 46 specializations

81 certificates of graduate study

22 doctoral degrees with six specializations

100+ online courses in 10 different degree-granting programs and nine certifications

CollegeChoice.net named NIU one of the 50 Safest Large Colleges and Universities in America.

Seven Colleges
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Visual and Performing Arts

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Begin Your Pursuit and Transmission of Knowledge

Our faculty display excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, artistry and engagement to earn the High Research Activity University classification from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. With a 15:1 student-instructional faculty ratio, you’ll receive personal attention from professors who will engage you in research and professional activities.

You’re invited to contribute to the intellectual life at Northern Illinois University through creative work, independent study, scholarly inquiry and expression, culminating in your thesis or dissertation. Examine over two million volumes as well as periodicals, government publications, microforms, maps, recordings, audiovisual materials, electronic databases and resources stored in the six-branch NIU University Libraries, including the flagship Founders Memorial Library. Strive to one day be able submit your work for publication to the Northern Illinois University Press, one of three state-supported presses in Illinois, to support and enhance NIU’s research mission.
### Doctoral Degrees and Specializations

- Adult and Higher Education
- Art Education
- Audiology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Counselor Education and Supervision
- Curriculum and Instruction
  - Curriculum Leadership
  - Secondary Education
  - Literacy Education
- Economics
- Educational Administration
- Educational Psychology
- English
  - British and American Literature
  - Rhetoric and Composition
  - Language and Linguistics
  - Professional and Technical Writing
  - Film and Literature
- Geography
- Geology
- Health Sciences
- History
- Instructional Technology
- Mathematical Sciences
- Nursing Practice
  - Nanoscience
  - Physical Therapy
  - Physics
  - Political Science
  - Psychology

For a current listing of Doctoral Degree Programs visit: [go.niu.edu/DoctoralPrograms](go.niu.edu/DoctoralPrograms)

### Master’s Degrees and Specializations

- Accounting Science (Leadership)
- Adult and Higher Education
- Anthropology
- Applied Family and Child Studies
- Applied Probability and Statistics
- Art
  - Art History
  - Studio
- Biological Sciences
- Bioinformatics
- Biology Teaching
- Human Anatomical Sciences
- Business Administration
- Chicago
- Evening
- Executive
- Fast-Trak
- One-Year
- Chemistry
- Educator Licensure
- Communication Studies
- Rhetorical Studies
- Media Studies
- Interpersonal, Organizational, and Persuasive Communication
- Journalism
- Communicative Disorders
- Audiology
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Computer Science
- Counseling
  - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - School Counseling
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Educational Administration
- Educational Psychology
- Educational Research and Evaluation
- Electrical Engineering
  - Applied Radio Frequency
- Engineering
- Elementary Education
- Engineering Management
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- British and American Literature
- English Education
- Linguistics
- Film and Literature
- Literature and Rhetoric/Composition
- Rhetoric and Professional Writing
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Financial Risk Management
- Foreign Languages
- Spanish
- Foundations of Education
- Fine Arts
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Public History
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Industrial Management
- Engineering Management
- Instructional Technology
- Integrated Systems Engineering
- Kinesiology and Physical Education
  - Adapted Physical Education
  - Exercise Physiology and Fitness
  - Leadership
  - Pedagogy and Curriculum
  - Development in Physical Education
  - Sport and Exercise Psychology
  - Literacy Education
  - Management Information Systems
  - Mathematics
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Music
  - Music Education
  - Performance
  - Individualized Specialization
- Nursing
  - Adult-Gerontology
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Nursing Education
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Health
  - Health Promotion
  - Health Services Management
  - Rehabilitation Counseling
  - School Business Management
  - Sociology
  - General Sociology
  - Criminology
- Special Education
  - Advanced Special Education Practices
  - Vision Rehabilitation Therapy
  - Early Childhood Special Education
  - Learning Behavior Specialist I
  - Orientation and Mobility
  - Visual Impairments
- Sport Management
- Taxation
- M.S. Teaching
- M.A. Teaching
- Teaching Licensures
  - Art Education
  - Engineering Education
  - Geoscience Education
  - Chemistry
  - Health Education (6-12 and Middle School)
  - Middle School Mathematics Education
- Theater Arts
  - Acting
  - Design and Technology
  - Costume Design
  - Lighting Design
  - Scene Design
  - Theatre Technology

For a current listing of Master’s Degree Programs visit: [go.niu.edu/MastersPrograms](go.niu.edu/MastersPrograms)
Certificates of Graduate Study

Adapted Physical Education
Adult Education
Advanced Qualitative Methodology in Education
Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Education
Advanced Teaching Practices
Applied Mechanics
Applied Statistics
Art History
Assistive Technology Specialist
Behavior Analyst
Behavior Intervention Specialist
Bioinformatics
Business Analytics Using SAP Software
Computer Aided Design/Manufacturing/Engineering
Career Development
Children’s and Young Adult Literature/Media
College Teaching
Curricular and Pedagogical Practices in Social Justice Education
Curriculum Adaptations Specialist
Digital Image Processing
Digital Signal Processing
Digital Systems
Director of Special Education
Distance Education
Eating Disorders and Obesity
Education in English Language Arts
Elementary Mathematics Teaching
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Education
Environmental Health and Safety
Facilities Management
Family Nurse Practitioner
Family and Child Development
Finance
Foreign Language Instructional Technology
Foundation of Accountancy
Foundations of Education and Policy Studies
Geographic Information Analysis
German Language, Literature, and Culture
Gerontology
Health Education
Healthcare Policy and Management
Higher Education
Homeland Security
Industrial Control
Industrial Project Management
Industrial Workplace Design Systems
Innovative Teaching with Common Core Standards in Elementary Education
Integrated Manufacturing Systems
Integrated Systems Engineering
Interdisciplinary Study of Language and Literacy
International Business
Law and Women’s and Gender Studies
Leadership in Aging Services
Lean Six Sigma
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies
Logistics
Management Information Systems
Managerial Leadership
Medical Family Therapy and Counseling
Middle School Literacy
Mobile Programming
Multiple Disabilities Specialist
Museum Studies
Nursing Education
Outdoor Education
Postsecondary Developmental Literacy and Language Instruction
Problem-Based Learning in Educational Psychology
Public Health
Public Management
Quality Control of Manufacturing Processes
Reading Specialist
Response to Intervention
School Counseling
Semiconductor Devices
Semiconductor Fabrication
Simulation, Modeling and Data Analysis
Southeast Asian Studies
Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture
Sport and Exercise Psychology
Sport Management
Strategic Marketing
Systems Management
Teaching English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education
Technical Logistics
Technical Writing
Thermal, Fluid and Energy Systems
Traffic Safety Education
Trauma-Informed Counseling
Vibration, Robots, and Control Systems
VLSI Design
Women’s and Gender Studies
Workplace Learning and Performance

For a current listing of Certificates of Graduate Study visit:

go.niu.edu/GradCertificates

Licensure Programs

Administrative Endorsements to a Professional Educator License
Principal Endorsement
Chief School Business Official Endorsement
Superintendent Endorsement
Educator Licenses
Administrative
General Administrative
Superintendent
Chief School Business Official
Early Childhood (Birth through Grade 3)
Elementary (1-6)
Director of Special Education
High School (9-12)
Biological Science
Chemistry
English
Family and Consumer Sciences
Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Health Education
History
Mathematics
Physical Education
Physics
Social Science (Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology)
Library Information Specialist
Middle School (5-8)
School Counseling
School Service Personnel Guidance
Secondary Educator
Secondary English Language Arts
Secondary Science
Special K-12 Media
Reading
Standard Special License (K-12)
Art
Blind and Partially Seeing
French
German
Learning Behavior Specialist I
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
Technology Specialist
**Take the first step. Apply today.**

**You’ll need:**
- A baccalaureate or higher degree
- A minimum 2.75 overall GPA on a 4.00 system or a 3.20 GPA with 15 or more semester hours of graduate work at an accredited institution

For exceptions and more details, visit go.niu.edu/gradcatalog.

**Submit your documents.**

All of your materials (except art portfolios and music auditions) must be uploaded through our online application.

- An application and application fee
- Letters of recommendation
- Official test scores — GRE, MAT or GMAT. Check your program’s admission requirements at go.niu.edu/GradPrograms to see what scores, if any, are required. If you are an international student, you must also submit TOEFL or IELTS scores
- A statement of purpose
- An official transcript from all institutions attended

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**Affordability**

- Estimate how much your NIU education will cost by using our tuition calculator.
- **Applying for scholarships is easy!** Fill out one form for multiple awards with AcademicWorks.
- Learn about individual departments that offer graduate assistantships and additional scholarships to keep you engaged in important mentored research, teaching or service while you are a full-time student.
- **Pursue competitively awarded fellowships** that include a stipend and a waiver of over 70 percent of the base-rate for in-state tuition.

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**Rankings**

**CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAMS’ NATIONAL RANKINGS**

U.S. News & World Report ranks NIU

- **Top 125** Public Schools
- **Top 225** National Universities

15 different areas of study rated

- #6 City Management and Urban Policy
- #14 Public Finance and Budgeting
- #30 Public Management Administration
- #37 Rehabilitation Counseling
- #45 Audiology
- #45 Public Affairs
- #64 Physical Therapy
- #81 Speech-Language Pathology
- #104 History
- #113 Earth Sciences
- #124 Part-time MBA
- #134 English
- #135 Clinical Psychology
- #142 Physics
- #144 Law

Washington Monthly’s 2015 National Universities Rankings places NIU in the top 200 for

- **Research** (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.Ds)
- **Service** (encouraging students to give something back to their community)
- **Social Mobility** (recruiting and graduating low-income students)

Accounting Degree Review ranks NIU

- **Top 25** Graduate Accounting Programs
College Town Feel with Big City Opportunities

Feel the energy of a community full of pride and history! DeKalb is known for its support of the NIU Huskies as well as being home to the “Father of Barbed Wire,” Joseph Glidden. Immerse yourself in DeKalb’s abundant shopping, dining, cultural destinations and local flair. Enjoy events like Corn Fest and Kite Fest along with a variety of sports and entertainment at the NIU Convocation Center.

Take advantage of nearby Chicago’s globally diversified economy with 160 company headquarters, 30 Fortune 500 company headquarters, 12 Fortune Global 500 and 10 Financial Times Global 500 companies. It’s only a 1:15 drive to the Chicago Loop, or you can take the METRA train from the Elburn stop to the Ogilvie Transportation Center. We even have shuttle service from our campus to the Elburn station.

Looking for a location closer to home or work? You can also use convenient satellite campuses throughout the region in Naperville, Hoffman Estates, Rockford and Laredo Taft.