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- College of Law
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Doctoral Degrees and Specializations

- Adult and Higher Education
- Community College Leadership
- Art and Design Education
- Audiology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
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- Curriculum and Instruction
- Curriculum Leadership
- Secondary Education
- Literacy Education
- Economics
- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- 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

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Master’s Degrees and Specializations

- Accountancy
- Accounting Science (Leadership)
- Adapted Physical Education
- Adult and Higher Education
- Aging Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Human Development and Family Studies
- Applied Probability and Statistics
- Art
  - Art History (Research)
  - 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
- Data Analytics
- Digital Marketing
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Educational Administration
- Educational Psychology
- Educational Research and Evaluation
- Electrical Engineering
  - Applied Radio Frequency
- Engineering
- Elementary Education
- Engineering Management
- English
- 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)
- Exercise Physiology and Fitness Leadership
- 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

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Certificates of Graduate Study

Adapted Physical Education
Adult Education
Advanced Qualitative Methodology in Education
Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Education
Applied Mechanics
Applied Statistics
Art History
Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist for People with Visual Impairments
Behavior Analyst
Bioinformatics
Business Analytics Using SAP Software
Computer Aided Design/Manufacturing/Engineering
Children’s and Young Adult Literature/Media
College Teaching
Data Analytics Using SAS Software-SAS Joint Certificate Program
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
Enterprise Management Using SAP Software
Entrepreneurship
Facilities Management
Family and Child Development
Finance
Financial Engineering
Foreign Language Instructional Technology
Foundation of Accountancy
Foundations of Education and Policy Studies
French Language, Literature and Culture
Geographic Information Analysis
German Language, Literature, and Culture
Gerontology
Higher Education Administration
Homeland Security
Industrial Control
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
Mobile Programming
Museum Studies
Postsecondary Developmental Literacy and Language Instruction
Public Management
Quality Control of Manufacturing Processes
Response to Intervention
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
Teaching English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education
Technical Writing
Thermal, Fluid and Energy Systems
Trauma-Informed Counseling
Vibration, Robots, and Control Systems
VLSI Design
Women’s and Gender Studies
Workplace Learning and Performance

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Affordability
- Estimate how much your NIU education will cost by using our tuition calculator.
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Rankings
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- Top 125 Public Schools
- Top 225 National Universities

15 different areas of study rated
- #4 City Management and Urban Policy
- #15 Public Finance and Budgeting
- #37 Public Management Administration
- #37 Rehabilitation Counseling
- #45 Audiology
- #52 Public Affairs
- #64 Physical Therapy
- #81 Speech-Language Pathology
- #98 History
- #124 Part-time MBA
- #124 English
- #135 Clinical Psychology
- #146 Physics
- #144 Law

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- Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s)
- Service (encouraging students to give something back to their community)
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Accounting Degree Review ranks NIU
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