Graduate Studies Application for Admission

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN ST. PAUL

Applicant Information

Contact Information

LEGAL FIRST NAME _____ FULL MIDDLE NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

PREFERRED FIRST NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____ PREVIOUS NAME(S) _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE _____–_____–_____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____/_____/_____ BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(____)_____ HOME PHONE (____)_____ WORK (____)_____ CELL

E-MAIL (OPTIONAL) _____ *The e-mail you provide will be used to send your transfer credit evaluation and confidential username and password upon admission. For more information about use of e-mail see unwsp.edu/web/registrar/ferpa.*

Enrollment Preferences

Preferred enrollment date: ☐ FALL / AUGUST _____ (Year) ☐ SPRING / JANUARY _____ (Year) ☐ SUMMER / MAY _____ (Year)

Intended program and concentration (if applicable): _____

Preferred program format: ☐ ON SITE ☐ ONLINE ☐ BLENDED

Financial Information

Will you be receiving tuition assistance from your employer or other outside scholarships? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please list anticipated annual benefit amount: $_____

Please list any immediate family members who are currently enrolled at University of Northwestern (if interested in family discount):

NAME _____ NORTHWESTERN ID _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

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For more information about the financial aid application process visit unwsp.edu/gradstudies.

Current Employer Information

EMPLOYER | START DATE | POSITION/TITLE

Previous College Education

Please list *all* postsecondary institutions at which you have registered, taken classes, or received a degree. You must submit official transcripts to University of Northwestern – St. Paul from each institution. Attach additional sheet if needed.

NAME OF INSTITUTION | DATES ATTENDED/REGISTERED | DEGREE RECEIVED ☐ YES ☐ NO | IF YES, LIST

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Background

Are you currently active in the U.S. military or a veteran? ☐ NO ☐ YES *If yes, attach Duty Orders or a copy of form DD214*

What is your ethnicity?* ☐ HISPANIC OR LATINO ☐ NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO

What is your race?* Mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

☐ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE ☐ BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ☐ WHITE
☐ ASIAN ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER ☐ OTHER: _____

**Providing the information above is voluntary and will not be used in a discriminatory manner. These questions comply with the U.S. Department of Education's standards for ethnic and racial data collection.*

Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If no, country of citizenship: _____ Country of birth: _____

Your current immigration status: _____

Attach one of the following: Copy of Green Card, Alien Resident Card, I-9, Student Visa.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, please attach a one- to two-paragraph explanation.

Faith Statement

Have you entrusted yourself to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Northwestern believes that the Bible alone is the final authority and standard in all matters of faith and personal conduct.

Do you agree? ☐ I AGREE ☐ I DO NOT AGREE ☐ I'M NOT SURE

Comments: _____

Church Information

CHURCH NAME | DENOMINATION | CITY/STATE

Essays

Your application to Northwestern includes a required essay. Please see Application Checklist for details or visit unwsp.edu/gradstudies.

Application Acknowledgement

Academic Support

You should be certain that you are prepared to meet the required level of academic rigor at University of Northwestern – St. Paul.

It is your responsibility to contact the appropriate office(s) to receive information about academic support prior to registering for classes. Contact the ALPHA Center at 651-628-3316 or unwsp.edu/alpha regarding tutoring information; contact DOSS (Disabilities Office for Support Services) at 651-286-7746 or unwsp.edu/doss regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or reasonable accommodation information; contact the Admissions Office at 888-362-8715/651-631-5200 or unwsp.edu regarding information about other services.

☐ I understand that contacting the appropriate offices for any needed academic support is my responsibility.

Computer Requirements

You should have a laptop or desktop computer and be familiar with its operation before the first day of class. Access to and a working knowledge of Microsoft Office (2007 or later) is also required and will help you complete coursework efficiently. Your computer should have high-speed Internet access and a standard Internet browser (Internet Explorer 9 or higher, Firefox, Chrome, or Safari). Common technology tasks required for most courses include e-mailing, adding attachments, uploading/downloading files, searching, applying safe online practices, viewing video or Flash-based media, and installing basic software/plug-ins. Read complete computer requirements at unwsp.edu/gradstudies; click 'Apply.'

☐ I understand that I am required to have access to the Internet and the Microsoft Office Suite for the duration of my program.

Application Signature

I affirm with my signature that I have read the *Declaration of Christian Community*. If I am accepted and subsequently enroll as a student, I will gladly adhere to its spirit and standards and will seek to be a positive, active member of the University of Northwestern – St. Paul community.

I affirm that all information contained in this application, including any attached documentation containing personal information that I have provided, is accurate, complete and honestly presented.

I affirm that I have accurately represented my previous academic experience.

SIGNATURE PRINT NAME DATE

PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONS AND REVIEW ADMISSION CRITERIA ON BACK

Northwestern Connection

Please tell us how you first heard about the Center for Graduate Studies.

☐ UNWSP.EDU Website: _____

☐ Other Website: _____

☐ Facebook / Social media: _____

☐ Radio: _____

☐ Referral / Word of mouth: _____

☐ Event: _____

☐ Direct mail: _____

☐ Other: _____

What one factor was most influential in your decision to apply to University of Northwestern – St. Paul?

_____

Student Referrals

Please let us know if you know others who may want to learn more about University of Northwestern – St. Paul.
You may also submit referrals at unwsp.edu/gradreferral.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL

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Admission Criteria

The following are criteria for admitting students into the Center for Graduate Studies:

1. Evidence of a new birth in Jesus Christ.
2. Willingness to abide by the conduct expectations as outlined in the "Declaration of Christian Community." (unwsp.edu/dcc)
3. Likelihood of academic success at Northwestern.
4. Bachelor's degree from a regionally, nationally, professionally, or specialized accredited institution as listed in the Higher Education Directory.
5. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or provisional admittance with cumulative GPA of 2.8–2.99.
6. Submission of application and required essay(s).
7. Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions (undergraduate and graduate) at which the applicant previously registered, whether or not transferable credits were earned.

University of Northwestern – St. Paul is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org, 312-263-0456).

University of Northwestern – St. Paul is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institutuion. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

Graduate Studies Application Checklist

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN ST. PAUL

Congratulations on your decision to apply to University of Northwestern – St. Paul! After the information listed below is received, you will be notified within two weeks of our admission decision.

Your application will be considered complete when the following have been received:

- ☐ **Completed, signed application**—4 pages
- ☐ **Application fee of $50** (check or money order payable to University of Northwestern)
- ☐ **Official transcripts** from all postsecondary institutions (undergraduate and graduate) at which you have previously registered, whether or not transferable credits were earned. Include notation of earned degree(s).
- ☐ **Admission essay**

  Your application to Northwestern must include a two-part 1,000-word essay and includes responses as indicated below.

  PART 1. INTENTION

  Explain your reasons for applying for graduate admission at Northwestern by answering these questions:

  - Why are you pursuing a master's degree?
  - Why do you want to attend University of Northwestern – St. Paul for this degree?
  - What are your career goals?
  - How will this degree help you achieve these goals?

  PART 2. PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

  Describe an experience in your professional or personal life that challenged you to rely on your Christian worldview.

  Be specific and include your name in the header of the document. Your essay will be evaluated for content and academic quality.

- ☐ **If cumulative GPA is less than 3.0, submit the following:**

  ACADEMIC ESSAY: Using essay criteria noted above, please include a 500-word essay to:

  - Explain the circumstances surrounding your previous academic performance
  - Provide a supporting statement that describes your plan to succeed

Please contact your admission counselor if you have any questions about the application process.

Completed application and official sealed transcript(s) should be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

University of Northwestern – St. Paul
GCE Admissions
3003 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55113-1598

PHONE 651-631-5200 | 888-362-8715
FAX 651-628-3269
WEB unwsp.edu/gradstudies
E-MAIL gceadmissions@unwsp.edu

A Declaration of Christian Community

WE WILL HONOR CHRIST

We at University of Northwestern – St. Paul and Northwestern Media have decided that whatever we do, for as long as we choose to be involved in this community, as students, teachers, administrators, on the board of trustees, as employees of the university or the radio ministry, wherever we choose to live, our relationship to Jesus Christ and commitment to obey God's Word will be at the very center. This promise to God and to each other is what binds us together and sets us apart from the world. We believe that it is our duty, honor and delight to live under the Lordship of Christ, to study His Holy Scriptures, to reach all nations with the gospel of salvation through faith in Christ and teach them how to be disciples, to participate in the relentless and joyous pursuit of His truth, and we believe it is our privilege and responsibility to live in community with other believers who feel the same.

WE WILL STRIVE FOR CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

We, as members of Northwestern's Christ-centered community, will strive to love our God and each other as He loves us (Matt. 22:37–39): with kindness, mercy, faithfulness, gentleness, grace, patience and perseverance (Gal. 5:22, 23; Jas. 1:4). We will love what is good and abhor what is evil (Rom. 12:9). We will seek righteousness and justice. We are willing to be as servants to each other. We will encourage and support each other (Heb. 10:24). We value the passionate exchange of ideas, but we will strive to resolve conflicts with humility, kindness, mutual respect and Christ-like love (Col. 3:13, 14). We are to be faithful witnesses to the gospel (1 Pet. 3:15), people of integrity, practicing good works and self-control, with lives filled with prayer, joy and thanksgiving (1 Thess. 5:15–22).

AS EMPLOYEES, WE WILL SEEK CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

As employees of Northwestern, we agree to put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives and work. We will strive to live and work in Christ-like community, dedicated to each other and our God, for the betterment of His Kingdom, His people and to Northwestern. We will respect each other: our peers, our students, our listeners, those to whom we answer and those who answer to us (1 Pet. 2:17), knowing that Christ has brought us together to further His plan and for His glory. We will value individuality and work for commonality (Phil. 2:2). We will strive to protect the weakest members of our community (Psa. 41:1). We voluntarily abstain from certain activities that might draw us or others away from God (1 Cor. 8:9–13; Gal. 5:19–21), particularly on behalf of those students and listeners who are new to their freedom and have placed themselves in our environment or in our care.

AS LEADERS, WE WILL SEEK CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

As leaders in the Northwestern community, whether serving as a manager, director, department head, vice president, cabinet member, president or board member, we will be prayerful in our decisions, receptive to the needs of the community, dedicated to the present and future welfare of Northwestern. We will be good stewards of the responsibilities that have been temporarily placed in our care, and seek God's wisdom with humility and a servant heart, and pursue excellence with compassion and Christ-like love (Col. 3:12).

AS FACULTY MEMBERS, WE WILL SEEK CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

As faculty members, we dedicate ourselves to our students and to each other in the community for the glory of God and the relentless and joyous pursuit of His truth. We will strive for excellence as teachers and as scholars. We will be good stewards of the responsibilities of our positions, building up and encouraging those around us (1 Thess. 5:11), and be faithful mentors and instructors to the students whom God has temporarily entrusted to our care.

AS STUDENTS, WE WILL SEEK CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

As students at University of Northwestern, we will strive to create an atmosphere of Christ-centered community. We will put our relationship with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives and our studies (Gal. 2:20). As students, we agree to watch out for each other, support each other, encourage each other, push ourselves and each other to work our hardest, to live with integrity, to pursue God's truth, to do our very best for the benefit of ourselves and other students, the benefit of University of Northwestern, its faculty and staff, and for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17). In our language and our actions, we will honor and respect those in leadership positions. We will consider the weaknesses of others as important as our own freedoms or personal strengths for the greater good (Rom. 14:19–21), acknowledging that each student comes to Northwestern from a different place in his or her spiritual journey. We agree to protect the weaker members of the community, even ourselves. We will depend on each other and be dependable. We understand that many rules and guidelines at University of Northwestern, instituted and followed by the whole community for the safety and benefit of all, were created to instruct and steer us into right choices, foster true Christ-centered community during our years here, and teach us how to spread Christ-centered community to others.

NORTHWESTERN WILL BE SET APART

We pledge to set ourselves apart as a community of believers for the glory of God. We will hold ourselves accountable to each other, so that, with the sustaining support of the Holy Spirit, we will stand together against the dangers of our fallen world and our own sinful impulses. We stand together against all that the Bible clearly condemns: greed and materialism, dishonesty (plagiarism included), prejudice, social injustice, impurity and debauchery, casual and disrespectful use of the name of the Lord, drunkenness, violent behavior, occult practices, hatred, jealousy, pride and discord, immodesty in dress or behavior, sexual immorality (including the use of pornography), premarital sex, homosexual behavior and all other sexual relations outside the bounds of marriage between one man and one woman, murder/homicide (including abortion), slander, gossip, gluttony, vulgar or obscene language and any activities that are illegal (Col. 3:5–11; Gal. 5: 19–21; Rom. 1:21–27; 1 Cor. 6:9–10).

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We also stand together to better carry each other's burdens (Rom. 14:19–21). We understand that sometimes, for the cause of a stronger, safer society and workplace and the gentle support of each other, we are called to exercise our freedom to abstain from activities that might cause others to fall away.

We stand together to protect our community from any illegal or dangerously addictive substances, knowing they can destroy the lives of all who become entangled with them. The sale, possession, and use of non-medicinal drugs, and the recreational use and abuse of over-the-counter and pharmaceutical drugs are strictly prohibited.

We do not care to participate in society's casual acceptance of gambling. Any games of chance where money or valuables are risked on the outcome will not be promoted and should be avoided by all members.

The Bible clearly demonstrates that throughout the cultures of the Old and New Testaments, the moderate use of alcohol is accepted and prevalent (e.g. 1 Tim. 5:23; Isa. 55:1). In our contemporary American culture, however, the abuse of alcohol has been the cause of tremendous heartache and tragedy, particularly in the hands of the young, and we will stand together as a community to make sure that the use of alcohol will not be promoted, nor its abuse tolerated at Northwestern (cf. Prov. 23:20; Eph. 5:18).

Likewise, Northwestern will not participate in society's casual acceptance of tobacco, a substance whose highly addictive qualities and life-threatening potential have been well documented. Although the Bible does not deal directly with the use of tobacco, the Lord clearly expects His children to value their own lives as well as protect the lives of others (cf. Gen. 9:6; John 15:13).

We agree and accept that Northwestern and all its functions will be alcohol and tobacco free. This includes on or around all campus properties, owned or leased, all college vehicles, whether on or off campus and all Northwestern events, wherever they may be held.

As members of the Northwestern community who are not traditional undergraduates, we will refrain from the consumption of any tobacco products or alcoholic beverages at any Northwestern-related event or gathering, formal or informal, and/or at any public or private setting in which any traditional undergraduate members are or are likely to be present.

If we are traditional undergraduates, we will refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.
We agree to abide by the student and employee handbooks for specific guidelines, information on special provisions (for example, the sacramental use of wine) and all related disciplinary procedures.

WE WILL EXERCISE RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM

As faithful followers of Christ and as members of Northwestern, we will exercise our God-given freedoms responsibly, with thoughtful discretion. In all matters of entertainment and culture, we will keep as a guide the words of Philippians 4:8: "Finally, Brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

We agree not to participate in any kind of entertainment that could be considered immodest, prurient, or harmfully violent (cf. Gal. 5:19–23). We will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and hold each other accountable (Matt. 18:15–19) when participating in all forms of amusements and entertainment, such as television, music, video, video games, movies, Internet, concerts and dancing.

A COMMUNITY WITHOUT BORDERS

We seek a joyous and enriching community, set apart for the glory of God, inhabited by people who treat each other with Christ-like love, humility and kindness, working together for the benefit of Northwestern in the pursuit of God's truth and the spread of His gospel.

As long as I enjoy the privilege of membership, wherever I am in the world, I will strive to represent my community with integrity. I will remember that I am, above all, an ambassador of Christ and His Kingdom. Officially, I will consider myself a member of the University of Northwestern community for the entire length of my employment, my leadership role, and/or my association as a student.

THIS IS MY COVENANT

This document is a formal statement of individual commitment and shared purpose. I understand that, if I am accepted into University of Northwestern, I will be a productive member of the community and I will choose to live by the principles and expectations contained in this Declaration of Christian Community. I also understand that failure to live within these guidelines can result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the University.

I want to be a member of this Christ-centered community. I will follow these guidelines with integrity, and I want to experience the privileges and benefits that, by God's grace, each community member hopes and expects to enjoy.