

Admission to the Traditional Undergraduate Program

Contact the Office of Admissions at 651-631-5110 or 800-827-6827, admissions@nwc.edu, or nwc.edu/admissions.

Visiting Campus

A campus visit—whether a personal appointment or a special admissions event—is the best way for you to get a real handle on how you feel about Northwestern. We invite you to visit as often as you like.

Prospective students are encouraged to schedule a campus visit for an interview with an admission counselor, a campus tour, and the daily chapel service. The visit can include appointments with the Financial Aid Office, Registrar, faculty members, coaches, or directors.

Applying to Northwestern

Please arrange to have the following sent to the Office of Admissions:

- Biographical and essays portions of the application (You may send it in separately from the other pieces of the application.)
- Official high school transcript
- ACT/SAT test results (Northwestern recommends, but does not require, the writing section of the ACT exam.) Other standardized test scores may be accepted for PSEO and Early College applicants.

Prospective students who demonstrate potential to impact the College community through unique abilities, character, skills, or background will be shown preference in the admission process.

The College does not discriminate on grounds of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, or disability. Admission to Northwestern College does not guarantee any unique or specific disability related accommodations. Prospective students with such concerns should contact the Disabilities Office of Support Services (DOSS) at 651-631-5221 or 800-692-4020, ext. 5221 (see also page 14).

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL SEMESTER

The New Student application deadline is August 1. However, the College strongly recommends applying prior to May 1. Admission may close prior to deadline dates if enrollment availability fills up. The deadline for PSEO and Early College is July 15.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING SEMESTER

The New Student application deadline is December 15. Admission may close prior to this date if enrollment availability fills up. The deadline for PSEO and Early College is December 1.

Admission Criteria

The following are criteria for admission to Northwestern's traditional undergraduate program:

1. Evidence of a new birth in Jesus Christ.
2. Likelihood of a successful college experience.
3. High school/home school diploma or GED certificate.
4. Transcripts for all courses attempted, whether high school or college.
5. ACT/SAT/TOEFL scores.
6. Ability to contribute to the College "community of excellence."
7. Willingness to contribute to, and abide by, the patterns of life and conduct of the Northwestern community as outlined in the Declaration of Christian Community found in the application packet and the "Community Guidelines" in the Student Handbook.

Admission of International Students

The College is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students.

In addition to the regular admission criteria outlined previously, special admission procedures are necessary for students who are not citizens of the United States. Evidence of sufficient financial resources must be presented prior to admission, which must occur before student visa arrangements can be made. International students are encouraged to have all processes completed by April 1.

For students from non-English speaking countries, English language capability must be demonstrated by a score of at least 530 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 197 on the computer-based TOEFL, a 72 on the web-based TOEFL exam, or a score of at least 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. In the absence of any ACT/SAT score or writing placement examination results, all students for whom English is not the first language are required to start their English composition sequence with LAN0009. For further information, contact the Office of Admissions.

Transitional Admission

A limited number of students with below-standard academic credentials can be admitted to the Transition-to-College Program. Unless low entrance examination scores are clearly offset by academic success in the classroom, students with ACT composite scores of 17 or below (or SAT Critical Reading and Mathematics combined scores of 850 or below), if admitted, must be enrolled in this program. The Transition-to-College Program entails the following stipulations:

1. First-semester enrollment includes the Study Strategies course (STS0009) plus other courses as required:
 - **ENG0009** if ACT English score is 18 or below or
 - **LAN0009** for students whose first language is not English,
 - **MAT0008** if ACT Mathematics score is 17 or below and major does not require College Algebra,
 - **RDG0009** if ACT Reading score is 16 or below
2. Students are allowed to register for up to 15 credits per semester.
3. Students are allowed to participate in one co-curricular activity per semester.
4. Students are assigned a first year advisor who assists them in planning their studies and transition into their chosen major.
5. Once students have completed the required courses and have attained good academic standing (see page 29), they are assigned an advisor in their major.

Admission of Special Students

The Special Student classification at Northwestern College is designed for persons who desire to enroll for selected courses but do not intend to complete a certificate or degree program. The Office of Admissions will provide an abbreviated form of the application to students applying for this status.

Admission as a Special Student does not imply eligibility to complete a certificate or degree program and does not grant eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

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Early Admission

Students who have not yet graduated from high school may be considered for admission at the end of their junior year. To qualify, the student must demonstrate exceptional academic ability, as evidenced by high grades in the subject areas of intended college study, and present above-average test scores. A major consideration for Early Admission is an evaluation by an appropriate secondary school administrator concerning the candidate’s maturity and likelihood of success at the college level. An interview with the Director of Admissions is required.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

The PSEO program offers high school students an opportunity to save time and money by earning college credit while still in high school.

Northwestern offers online and on-campus courses that are approved for high-school students’ participation through PSEO. Contact Undergraduate Online Learning at 651-631-5300 or 888-216-0069. See also pages 31 and 122.

Credit by Examination (AP/IB/CLEP/DANTES)

Credit for selected courses may be secured by students who demonstrate competency by means of scores on standardized examinations such as

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) or by locally constructed examinations (see also page 40). A student may receive a maximum of 32 credits by these means. Specific information including courses and requirements, may be secured from the Registrar.

Students may not take a lower-level CLEP or DANTES examination in an area in which they have completed a higher-level course. Credits may not be earned through CLEP or DANTES examinations whose content duplicates credit previously earned.

Further information may be obtained by going to nwc.edu/registrar and selecting the **Credit by Examination** link.

Readmission

Students wishing to be readmitted after an absence of one semester or more must complete the Re-enrollment form. This form can be obtained by calling 651-631-5248; 800-692-4020, ext. #5248; or by going to nwc.edu/registrar.

A student who has been academically suspended may petition for readmission to the College two semesters after termination using the Re-enrollment form. Summer sessions are not counted in the required two semesters. Evidence must be supplied to support the request.

College Costs

Northwestern College offers quality education, comfortable housing, and excellent meals at the lowest possible cost. Charges listed are for the 2012–2013 school year.

Traditional Undergraduate Tuition, Room & Board, & Other Charges Per Semester

TUITION

12–18 credits	\$13,370
Per credit 19 or over	\$735
Per credit 11 or less	\$1,140
Summer school per credit	\$410

HOUSING & FOOD SERVICE

Room (INCLUDING LOCAL TELEPHONE)	\$2,410
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MEAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS*

Residential Students:	Dining Funds	Dining Fee	Total Cost/ Semester
Freshmen/Sophomores (LESS THAN 60 CREDITS EARNED)	\$1,400	\$295	\$1,695
Juniors (60–89 CREDITS EARNED)	\$650	\$245	\$895
Senior (90+ CREDITS EARNED)	\$100	\$95	\$195
Commuter Students:	Dining Funds	Dining Fee	Total Cost/ Semester
Freshmen/Sophomores (LESS THAN 60 CREDITS EARNED)	\$200	\$95	\$295
Juniors/Seniors (60+ CREDITS EARNED)	\$100	\$95	\$195

Dining Funds – these are the funds students use to purchase food in any of the dining locations on campus. Students receive a 20% discount at the cash register and are not subject to sales tax when paying with dining funds. Students can add dining funds at any time during the semester, for an additional cost.

Dining Fee – this fee covers utility costs, facility maintenance costs, equipment purchases and repairs, and administrative costs in the dining facilities.

Exceptions to Meal Plan Requirements

- Any commuter student who has class on campus fewer than two days per week may apply for an exemption.
- Students with serious medical dietary conditions may request an adjustment or an exemption. These are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

A **Residential Student** is any student living in Northwestern College residence halls.

A **Commuter Student** is any student living off-campus who is enrolled as a traditional undergraduate student and taking 12 or more credits, including both traditional undergraduate and Undergraduate Online Learning credits.

*Meal Plan Information