

# Class of 2025 Facts and Figures

## 47,636

TOTAL APPLICANTS

## 7%

ADMIT RATE

## 2,086

STUDENTS IN  
FIRST YEAR CLASS

ABOUT

## 1/2

OF FIRST-YEAR CLASS  
ADMITTED THROUGH  
EARLY DECISION

## Our Students Are<sup>1</sup>:

**1.9%** Native or Indigenous

**24.4%** Asian American

**12%** Black or African American

**16.8%** Hispanic or Latinx

**10.3%** International

**52.4%** White

**15.1%** First-generation college students

**21.3%** Pell Grant recipients

<sup>1</sup>Our reporting method tracks students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities in each category, so the numbers will exceed 100 percent. Over 20 percent of our first-year class indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

## >95%

ARE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT  
OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASS

**71%** OF UNDERGRADS COMBINE TWO OR MORE AREAS OF STUDY



Our 8,000+ undergrads come from more than

**105 COUNTRIES**

**70+ languages used**

Afrikaans / Akan / Albanian / American Sign Language / Amharic / Armenian / Bengali / Bosnian / Bulgarian / Cantonese / Catalan-Valencian-Balear / Creole / Danish / Dholuo / Dutch / English / Éwé / Farsi / Filipino / French / German / Gikuyu / Greek / Guarani / Gujarati / Haitian Creole / Hebrew / Hindi / Hungarian / Indonesian / Italian / Japanese / Kamba / Kannada / Khmer / Kirundi / Korean / Latvian / Malay / Malayalam / Mandarin / Marathi / Norwegian / Polish / Portuguese / Punjabi / Romanian / Russian / Rwanda, Kinyarwanda / Serbian / Shona / Somali / Spanish / Swahili / Tagalog / Tajiki / Tamil / Tatar / Telugu / Thai / Tigrigna / Turkish / Ukrainian / Urdu / Vietnamese / Wolof / Yoruba

**61%**  
OF UNDERGRADUATES  
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$200+**  
**MILLION**

IN NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID  
AWARDED IN 2020-21

#### ■ FINANCIAL AID:

Northwestern meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students with loan-free financial aid packages. A very limited amount of need-based financial aid is available to international students. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE to apply for financial aid.

#### ■ FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students can submit an application from either The Common Application or the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success; Northwestern has no application preference. The Questbridge application is accepted in conjunction with either The Common Application or the Coalition application.

#### ■ EARLY DECISION:


Applicants to our Early Decision admission round agree to withdraw all applications at other colleges and enroll at Northwestern if admitted. Given early applicants' high level of interest and the high concentration of academic and personal strengths represented across the early applicant pool, our Early Decision acceptance rate is typically higher than that of Regular Decision.


#### ■ STANDARDIZED TESTING POLICY:


Northwestern adopted a test-optional policy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and remains test-optional for students applying for Fall 2022. As such, we are not including testing data on our profile this year. A decision about our testing policy for future cycles will be announced by early 2022.


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