

Class of 2028 Facts and Figures

50,018

TOTAL APPLICANTS

7.6%

ADMIT RATE

2,105

STUDENTS IN
FIRST-YEAR CLASS

ABOUT

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OF FIRST-YEAR CLASS
ADMITTED THROUGH
EARLY DECISION

Our students are:¹

26% Asian American or Pacific Islander

15% Black or African American

18% Hispanic or Latinx/e

3% Native or Indigenous

43% White

6% Did not report

56% BIPOC²

16% First-generation college students

20% Pell Grant recipients

13% International

¹Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and reflect class makeup per official October 2024 census. Our reporting method tracks domestic students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities, so the numbers will exceed 100%. For the Class of 2028, 22% of students indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

²dictionary.com/browse/bipoc

76% OF UNDERGRADS
COMBINE TWO OR
MORE AREAS OF STUDY



OUR 8,000+ UNDERGRADS
COME FROM MORE THAN
100 COUNTRIES

90+ LANGUAGES
SPOKEN BY THE
CLASS OF 2028

Akan / American Sign Language / Amharic / Arabic / Armenian / Awadhi / Azerbaijani / Baluchi / Belarusan / Bemba / Bengali / Bosnian / Bulgarian / Burmese / Cantonese / Catalan-Valencian-Balear / Chinese / Creole / Croatian / Czech / Dutch / English / Éwé / Filipino / French / Fulah / Ganda / German, Standard / German, Swiss / Gikuyu / Greek / Gujarati / Haitian Creole / Hausa / Hawaiian / Hebrew / Hindi / Hungarian / Igbo / Indonesian / Italian / Japanese / Kabyle / Kamba / Kannada / Kanuri / Kazakh / Khmer, Central / Kirundi / Konkani / Korean / Kurdish / Malay / Malayalam / Mandarin / Mandingo / Marathi / Marwari / Mòoré / Nepali / Nyanja / Oromo / Persian, Farsi / Polish / Portuguese / Punjabi / Quechua / Romanian / Russian / Rwanda, Kinyarwanda / Serbian / Shona / Sinhala / Slovak / Somali / Spanish / Swahili / Swedish / Tagalog / Tamil / Telugu / Thai / Thai, Southern / Tigrigna / Turkish / Twi / Ukrainian / Urdu / Vietnamese / Yoruba

60+%
OF UNDERGRADUATES
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

\$265+
MILLION
IN NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED IN 2024-25

■ FINANCIAL AID

Northwestern meets 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students and does so with loan-free financial aid packaging. A very limited amount of need-based financial aid is available to international students. All students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile to apply for financial aid.

■ FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS

Students can apply through the Common Application or the Coalition with Scoir Application. We are also a QuestBridge partner school; students can apply through QuestBridge whether or not they participate in the National Match process.

■ EARLY DECISION

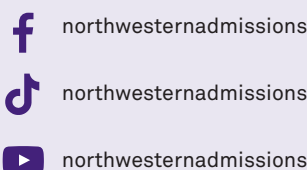
Applicants to our Early Decision admission round agree to withdraw all applications at other colleges and enroll at Northwestern if admitted. Given early applicants' high level of interest and the high concentration of academic and personal strengths represented across the early applicant pool, our Early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

■ STANDARDIZED TESTING POLICY

Northwestern adopted a test-optional policy in 2020 and remains test-optional for students applying for fall 2025. Consequently, 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 2025.

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