

Northwestern Facts and Figures

Class of 2029

53,321

TOTAL APPLICANTS

7.4%

ADMIT RATE

2,139

STUDENTS

ABOUT

50%

OF THE CLASS
ADMITTED THROUGH
EARLY DECISION

Our Undergraduate Student Body*

28% Asian American or Pacific Islander

13% Black or African American

16% Hispanic or Latinx/e

2% Native or Indigenous

48% White

4% Did not report

15% First-generation college students

22% Pell Grant recipients

12% International students

110+ Countries represented

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and reflect our undergraduate population during the 2024–25 academic year. Our reporting method tracks domestic students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities, so the numbers will exceed 100%; 22% of students indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

75% OF UNDERGRADS
COMBINE TWO OR
MORE AREAS OF STUDY



OUR 9,000 UNDERGRADS
COME FROM MORE THAN
100 COUNTRIES

90+ LANGUAGES
SPOKEN BY THE
CLASS OF 2029

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 / Éwê / 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

50+%
OF UNDERGRADUATES
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

\$250
MILLION+
IN FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED ANNUALLY

■ FINANCIAL AID

Northwestern meets 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all undergraduates students and does so with loan-free financial aid packages. 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

Northwestern remains test-optional and does not require ACT or SAT scores from first-year or transfer candidates applying for full-time undergraduate study.

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