

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



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Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) is a comprehensive state university serving more than 12,000 commuter students. Located on 67 acres in an attractive residential area on the northwest side of Chicago, the university offers more than 80 undergraduate and graduate majors. Dedicated to both excellence and affordability, the university serves a population diverse in age, culture and language, including many returning adult students, recent immigrants and people who are the first in their families to attend college. They represent a wide range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds and bring a variety and wealth of experiences that help enhance classroom learning. Nationally recognized as the “most diverse university in the Midwest,” NEIU

ranks among the top 20 universities in the U.S. for producing Hispanic and Asian graduates with baccalaureate degrees in computer science and education. NEIU is the only Illinois public university that is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution.

The university is divided into four colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business and Management, Education and the Graduate College, with three learning sites around Chicago. The Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies on Chicago's southeast side has been serving the educational needs of Chicago's inner-city community for more than 40 years. The Chicago Teachers' Center, located at River West Plaza, has been an educational center for elementary and secondary schoolteachers for 27 years. El Centro de Recursos Educativos (El Centro) on the northwest side has served Chicago's adult Hispanic-American community for more than 25 years.

NEIU offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs to a broad spectrum of students to foster student growth and development. To this end, NEIU attaches primary importance to excellence in teaching. The university also offers students the opportunity to strengthen academic foundations or participate in rigorous independent study. Because program quality is enhanced by professional activities outside the classroom on the part of faculty, emphasis also is given to applied research and to academic and public service. Students and faculty enjoy many opportunities to integrate field-based learning, research and service with classroom instruction. Recognizing the advantage that international experience brings in education and the workplace, the university offers short-term and traditional study-abroad programs.

University faculty members are leaders in the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning. The Internet is used routinely to provide students with access to essential course materials and to support communication among students and faculty inside the classroom and beyond. To support such innovation, the university provides students with state-of-the-art computer labs and has been increasing the level of technology available to faculty in the classroom. Faculty development and support is available through the Center for Teaching and Learning, which encourages faculty members to combine the best of traditional face-to-face instruction with the latest enhancements in online learning. The Ronald Williams Library provides additional support for excellence in teaching and learning with a strong offering of traditional and electronic information resources and services.

NEIU recognizes the importance of creating a student-centered learning environment. The Fine Arts Center supports the academic programs in the departments of Art, Music and Dance, and Speech and Performing Arts. The Recital Hall, which attracts touring professionals as well as student and faculty artists, has been recognized by both performers and music critics for exceptional acoustics. The Wellness Center at the Physical Education Complex features state-of-the-art equipment designed to encourage exercise and a healthful lifestyle. The university also is committed to enhancing the overall beauty of the campus through the restoration of native prairie grasses and flowers.

Northeastern Illinois University is an exciting and dynamic institution that offers a quality education at an affordable price. Students explore new educational and professional opportunities in friendly surroundings, learn from experienced professors, and receive the attention needed to thrive and prepare for future education or a successful career in a challenging world.

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