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NIU Facts at a Glance

Date Chartered: 1895

Location: DeKalb (population 45,750); 65 miles west of Chicago

Alumni of Record: 210,000

Total Student Enrollment: 24,397

Undergraduate: 18,431

Graduate: 5,669

College of Law: 297

Total Faculty/Staff: 3,971

Instructional faculty: 1,284

Administrative and professional staff: 951

Operating staff: 1,736

Instructor/Student Ratio: 1:17

Campus Size

DeKalb main campus: 756 acres; 64 major buildings

Lorado Taft Field Campus (near Oregon, Illinois): 144 acres

NIU Rockford: 10 acres

NIU Hoffman Estates: 3.93 acres, plus an additional land donation of 20 acres

NIU Naperville: 11.2 acres

Student Housing Capacity (on campus): 6,000

Radio Stations: WNIJ 89.5 FM, 50,000 watts; WNIU 90.5 FM (National Public Radio); WKDI 93.5 FM (student operated)

College Structure: Seven (7) degree-granting colleges – Business, Education, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts

Academic Information

Number of academic departments: 39

Degrees offered (22): Au.D., B.A., B.F.A., B.G.S., B.M., B.S., B.S.Ed., Ed.D., Ed.S., J.D., M.A., M.A.S., M.B.A., M.F.A., M.M., M.P.A., M.P.H., M.P.T., M.S., M.S.Ed., M.S.T. (Master of Science in Taxation), M.S.T. (Master of Science in Teaching), Ph.D.

Undergraduate

Majors: 63

Minors: 61

Emphases: 71

Pre-professional programs: 8

Graduate

Programs: 76

Areas of Study: 114

Student Profile

Enrollment

	<i>On-campus</i>	<i>Off-campus</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Undergraduate</i>	18,069	362	18,431
<i>Graduate</i>	3,854	1,815	5,669
<i>Law</i>	297		297
Total	22,220	2,177	24,397

Average Student Age

Undergraduate: 21

Graduate: 32

Degrees Awarded, 2007-08 Academic Year

Undergraduate: 3,979

Graduate: 1,856

Total: 5,835

International Students

NIU has 751 international students, from 87 different countries.

Ethnic/Racial Categories—Undergraduate

White: 71.1%

Hispanic/Latino: 7.5%

Black: 14.3%

Native American: less than 1%

Asian: 5.7%

Male/Female Categories

Male: 46.9% Female: 53.1%

Average High School Class Ranks and ACT Scores

High School Class Rank (percentile) for NIU freshmen: 62.04

High School Grade Point Average for NIU freshmen: 3.08

ACT Score for NIU freshmen: 22.07

National Average ACT Score for high school graduates: 21.1

Athletics

National Affiliation: NCAA Division 1

Conference Affiliation: Mid-American Conference

Men

baseball

basketball

football*

golf

soccer

tennis

wrestling

Women

basketball

cross country

golf

gymnastics

soccer

softball

tennis

volleyball

indoor/outdoor track and field

Athletic Colors: Cardinal and black. In all printed materials pertaining to NIU intercollegiate athletics, cardinal is defined as ink color PMS 200.

Mascot: The mascot for all NIU athletic teams is the Huskie.

Athletic Department Logo: The Huskie logo is a licensed property of NIU; its use is restricted to promoting sports activities.

**Division IA status*

Tuition and Fees

(Source: Office of Admissions website)

Here is a "typical" estimated annual budget for the fall 2008–spring 2009 academic year (Contact the Bursar's Office for current official tuition and fee schedules):

Required Expenses

A flexible, revolving credit plan allows spreading payments throughout each semester.

Tuition and General Fees	\$8,524
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Includes a technology surcharge. 15 credit hours per semester. Out-of-State Tuition and Fees \$15,244.

Room and Board	\$7,270
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For a double room, basic meal plan. Other meal plans available.

Total Required Expenses

Illinois Residents	\$15,794
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<i>Out-of-State Residents</i>	<i>\$22,514</i>
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Estimated Additional Expenses

Medical Insurance	\$754
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Refundable upon proof of insurance coverage.

Books/Supplies	\$1,200
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Transportation	\$500
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Personal/Miscellaneous	\$1,772
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Total Annual Budget

Illinois Residents	\$20,020
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<i>Out-of-State Residents</i>	<i>\$26,740</i>
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History

Chartered:	1895 Northern Illinois State Normal School
Classes started:	September 12, 1899
Name changes:	1921 Northern Illinois State Teachers College 1955 Northern Illinois State College 1957 Northern Illinois University

Presidents

1. John W. Cook, July 1899–August 1919
2. J. Stanley Brown, August 1919–July 1927
3. J. Clifton Brown, July 1927–August 1929
4. Karl L. Adams, October 1929–December 1948 (died in office)
5. Leslie A. Holmes, February 1949–September 1967
6. Rhoten A. Smith, September 1967–August 1971
7. Richard J. Nelson, August 1971–February 1978
William R. Monat (acting), February 1978–July 1978
8. William R. Monat, July 1978–September 1984
John E. La Tourette (acting), September 1984–July 1985
9. Clyde J. Wingfield, July 1985–May 1986
10. John E. La Tourette, May 1986–May 2000
11. John G. Peters, June 2000–present

Governing Structure

Board of Trustees: Northern Illinois University is governed by the NIU Board of Trustees, established January 1996 by an act of the Illinois General Assembly. Seven voting members are appointed by the governor to serve staggered six-year terms. One voting student, elected by the NIU student body, serves a one-year term.

Members

Robert T. Boey, Sycamore
John R. Butler, Chicago
Cherilyn G. Murer, Homer Glen
Manuel “Manny” Sanchez, Lisle
Myron E. Siegel, Bannockburn
Marc J. Strauss, DeKalb
Barbara Giorgi Vella, Rockford
DuJuan Smith, DeKalb (student trustee)

Board Staff

Eddie R. Williams, treasurer
Anne C. Kaplan, assistant secretary/assistant treasurer
Kathryn A. Buettner, second assistant secretary
Kenneth L. Davidson, general counsel and board of trustees parliamentarian

Distances

Located in DeKalb, Northern Illinois University is:

- 55 miles northwest of **Argonne National Laboratory** (Argonne)
- 30 miles west of **Aurora**
- 65 miles west of **Chicago**
- 29 miles west of **Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory** (Batavia)
- 40 miles southwest of **Hoffman Estates**
- 35 miles east of **Lorado Taft Field Campus** (Oregon)
- 130 miles southwest of **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
- 36 miles west of **Naperville**
- 60 miles southwest of **O'Hare International Airport**
- 45 miles southeast of **Rockford**
- 183 miles northeast of **Springfield**