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# NIU Facts at a Glance

**Date Chartered:** 1895

**Location:** DeKalb (population 40,000); 65 miles west of Chicago

**Alumni of record:** 186,000

**Total student enrollment** (fall 2003): 25,260

Undergraduate: 18,275

Graduate: 6,651

College of Law: 334

**Faculty/Staff** (fall 2003): 3,841

Instructional faculty: 1,239

Administrative and professional staff: 891

Operating staff: 1,711

**Instructor/Student ratio** (2002-03 academic year): 1:18

## **Campus size**

DeKalb main campus: 756.55 acres; 60 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, including 80 apartment units): 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: 40

**Degrees conferred (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., Ph.D.

**Majors:** 52 undergraduate majors; 54 graduate majors (74 graduate programs)

**Minors:** 61

## Student Profile

(Source: Office of Institutional Research)

### *Enrollment (Fall 2003)*

	<i>On-campus</i>	<i>Off-campus</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Undergraduate</i>	18,011	264	<b>18,275</b>
<i>Graduate</i>	4,144	2,507	<b>6,651</b>
<i>Law</i>	334		<b>334</b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>22,489</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>25,260</b>

### *Student Age (Fall 2003)*

Average undergraduate student: 22

Average graduate student: 34

### *Degrees Awarded, 2002-2003 Academic Year*

3,740 undergraduate

1,608 graduate

**5,348 total**

### *International Students (Fall 2003)*

(Source: International Student and Faculty Office)

In 2003, 1,587 nonimmigrant visa holders and 715 permanent residents representing 94 countries were enrolled at Northern Illinois University. India represents the most visa holders with 318, followed by the People's Republic of China (121), Korea (36), Japan (24), Pakistan (23), Mexico (21), and Taiwan (20).

***Ethnic/Racial Categories: Undergraduate (Fall 2003)***

White: 73%                      Hispanic/Latino: 6.5%  
Black: 13.1%                  Native American: less than 1%  
Asian: 6.1%

***Male/Female Categories: All Students (Fall 2003)***

Male: 44.9%    Female: 55.1%

***High School Class Ranks and ACT Scores (Fall 2003)***

(Source: Testing Services)

Avg. high school class rank (percentile) for NIU freshmen: 63.18

Avg. ACT score for NIU freshmen: 21.97

National average ACT score for high school graduates: 20.8

## **Athletics**

(Source: Sports Information Office)

National Affiliation: NCAA Division 1

Conference Affiliation: Mid-American Conference

***Men's***

baseball, basketball, football#, golf, soccer, tennis, wrestling

***Women's***

basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, indoor/outdoor track and field

*# Division 1A status*

***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.

## **Tuition and Fees**

(Source: Office of Admissions website)

Here is a "typical" annual budget for the 2003-2004 school year (tuition for upper-division students will be slightly higher):

### **Tuition and General Fees \$5,373**

(15 credit hours per semester, includes a technology surcharge. Out of state tuition: \$9, 275)

### **Room and Board \$4,550**

(For a double room, basic meal plan. Other meal plans available.)

#### **Required Expenses**

***Illinois Residents \$9,923***

***Out-of-State Residents \$13,825***

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

### **Estimated Additional Expenses**

Medical Insurance \$427

(Refundable upon proof of insurance coverage)

Books \$900

Transportation \$450

Personal/Miscellaneous \$1,700

#### **Total Annual Budget**

***Illinois Residents \$13,400***

***Out-of-State Residents \$17,302***

## History

<b>Chartered:</b>	1895 Northern Illinois State Normal School
<b>Classes started:</b>	September 12, 1899
<b>Name changes:</b>	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-

## 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  
Catherine M. Adduci, River Forest  
George A. Moser, Barrington Hills  
Manuel "Manny" Sanchez, Lisle  
Myron E. Siegel, Bannockburn  
Gary J. Skoien, Inverness  
Barbara Giorgi Vella, Rockford  
Kevin J. Miller, DeKalb (student trustee)

### *Board Staff*

Eddie R. Williams, treasurer  
Anne C. Kaplan, assistant secretary/assistant treasurer  
Katherine 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**