Northeastern offers over 40 majors.

You’re going to college, and the possibilities are endless! What will be your major? Only you can decide, but we can help you make some of the most important decisions about your future.

Apply online! It’s easy and you’ll have access to your application portal where you can upload and track documents, view and print admission letter, and accept admission offers. Visit neiu.edu/apply to begin!

Application Deadlines

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Admission Application Process

1. Select which Applicant Type you identify with and follow the Admission Application Requirements Checklist in this application booklet to complete each requirement.

2. Applications are considered complete when the Admissions Office has received all required application materials on the checklist.

3. Applications are reviewed in date order based on the date the file is complete. Once reviewed, the applicant will be notified of the admission decision.

Important Information for Freshmen and Transfer Students

Beginning in Fall 2021, NEIU will be test optional. Standardized test scores are not required for admission to the University. Applicants, however, are encouraged to submit test scores in order to meet some scholarship and prerequisite requirements. Test scores also can be helpful with determining your placement in math and English courses. Transfer students with less than 24 semester hours must meet freshman requirements.

General Information for Applicants

1. A non-refundable $30 application fee (or application fee waiver from your high school or community college counselor, for those who qualify) is required with the application. Any application received without the application fee or waiver will not be processed. Do not send cash.

2. The application and all materials, such as official transcripts, test scores, and immigration documents, are required by the application deadline. Coursework listed on another school’s transcripts is not acceptable.

3. Current official transcripts and test scores must be in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Courses taken at colleges or universities outside of the United States must be evaluated by a member of NACES (https://www.naces.org/members) for equivalence of our undergraduate degree. A course-by-course evaluation is required. Counselors may submit supporting documents on behalf of their students to admissiondocs@neiu.edu.

4. All documents submitted become the property of the University and will not be released to the student or outside party for any reason.

5. If you are a permanent resident, please submit a copy of your permanent resident card. If you have been granted asylum, refugee status, or are adjusting your status, you must submit appropriate documentation from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. If you are on a visa or are an international applicant, you must submit a copy of your valid, non-expired visa.

6. Applicants who served in the U.S. Armed Forces should submit a copy of DD-214, copy 4. You may also submit your Joint Services Transcript for possible transfer credit.

7. Applicants who are admitted while still enrolled in high school will have a registration hold placed on their record which will prevent further registration until final official transcripts with graduation date posted are received by the Admissions Office. Applicants who are enrolled in college credits and/or in the process of completing an associate degree should submit their final transcripts when grades or degree are posted. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that Northeastern has the most up-to-date transcripts to ensure transfer credit is awarded and to avoid taking duplicate coursework.

8. The University reserves the right to rescind your admission if your final college/university cumulative GPA falls below our minimum admission requirements.

9. This application is valid only for the semester for which you are applying. If you do not enroll in that semester, you must either defer your admission to the next semester, or you will need to submit a new application for a future semester. The application term may be changed one time per application, provided the request is made prior to the application deadline. To defer your email, please send an email to defer-admission@neiu.edu.
## Admission Application Requirements Checklist

### Applicant Type

**Freshman**
Applicant who has not attended college or university after high school

- Application fee: $30 check or money order*
- Official ACT/SAT Scores: Though test scores are not required and will not be used to make an admission decision, we encourage students to submit them to determine math and English course placement and scholarship eligibility.
- Official high school transcript or GED document: Students with completed GEDs: If you are 18 years of age, or older, you can be considered for admission. The SAT or ACT is required if you are under 21 years of age.

**Transfer**
Applicant who has been enrolled in college or university after high school

- Application fee: $30 check or money order*
- Official College Transcript(s): For all colleges, universities, or trade schools attended.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (4.0 scale) from all colleges or universities attended. Must be in good academic standing at last college or university attended.
- Official ACT/SAT Scores: If applicant has earned less than 24 semester hours of college credit.
- High School Transcript: If applicant has earned less than 24 semester hours of college credit.

**Readmission**
Applicant who has attended Northeastern in a degree-seeking program, but stopped out for three consecutive semesters (summer included)

- Application fee: $30 check or money order
- Official College Transcript(s): For all colleges, universities, or trade schools attended after stop out.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (4.0 scale) from all colleges or universities attended. Must be in good academic standing at last college or university attended.

**Second Bachelor's**
Applicant who has earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and wishes to complete a second bachelor's

- Application fee: $30 check or money order
- Official College Transcript(s): From college or university that awarded first bachelor's degree.

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### Additional Requirements for:

**International Students**
Applicant who is on an F or B1/B2 visa who plans to enroll as an international student

- Application fee: $30 check or money order
- Official ACT/SAT Scores: Required for freshman applicants: Though test scores are not required and will not be used to make an admission decision, we encourage students to submit them to determine math and English course placement and scholarship eligibility.
- ECE, EP or WES evaluation of high school and/or all colleges or universities attended outside the United States.
- Official transcripts from high school or college attended within the United States.

**Required for I-20 Processing**

- TOEFL or IELTS scores
- Bank letters with amount in U.S. dollars
- Northeastern Financial Statement
- Copy of I-94 (if already in U.S.)
- Copy of visa (if already in U.S.)
- Copy of I-20 (if already in U.S.)

**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**
Nontraditional Degree Program open to returning adults with no earned bachelor's degree

- Application fee: $30 check or money order
- Official ACT/SAT Scores: Required for freshman applicants: Though test scores are not required and will not be used to make an admission decision, we encourage students to submit them to determine math and English course placement and scholarship eligibility.
- High School Transcript: If applicant has earned less than 24 semester hours of college credit.
- Official College Transcript(s): For all colleges, universities, or trade schools attended.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (4.0 scale) from all colleges or universities attended. Must be in good academic standing at last college or university attended full-time.
- Attendance at pre-admission workshop.

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*Application fee waivers are accepted. Please see your high school or community college counselor.*
# Undergraduate Admission Application

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If yes, when did you last attend? _______________

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(Please print clearly. This email address will become your application portal login. Additionally, we will communicate with you via email regarding your application status.)

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Information in this section is being requested so that we may demonstrate compliance with federal requirements. Your response will not affect admission decision.

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<th>Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina (Person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)?</th>
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Select one or more of the following races:
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

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<th>Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ)?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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Have either of your parents/guardians completed a bachelor's degree or higher? Yes | No |

Are you interested in campus housing? Yes | No
**Additional Information**

**What is your intended major?** (See list below. Select only one.)

**Which location are you interested in attending?**
- [ ] Main Campus
- [ ] El Centro
- [ ] Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies

**Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, on active duty, a Reservist or in the National Guard?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Are you the spouse or dependent child of a U.S. Armed Forces veteran?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**High School/GED Information**

Name of high school from which you graduated (or will graduate)  
City  
State or Country  
Zip or Postal Code

Graduation/Expected Date  Have you completed/earned a GED?  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No

**College, University and Post-Secondary Information**

List all colleges, universities or post-secondary schools (including trade school) attended, regardless of accreditation. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the University. Please list in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent school attended. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

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**Admission Application Certification**

This application must be signed by the applicant before any action can be taken by the Admissions Office. I understand that withholding information requested on this application, including attendance at any other institution or giving false information, may make me ineligible for admission to Northeastern Illinois University and that my admission may be rescinded and class registration canceled, if already admitted. I have read and understand all instructions and information on this application. I understand that, during the admissions process, Northeastern may communicate information intended only for me at the personal email account listed on this application. I certify that the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete.

Applicant Signature  
Date of Signature

**Undergraduate Majors**

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
Anthropology  
Art  
Art Education  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Communication, Media and Theatre  
Computer Science  
Earth Science  
Economics  
English  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Geography  
Global Studies  
Graphic Design  
History  
Justice Studies  
Latina/o & Latin American Studies

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**College of Business and Management**  
Accounting  
Finance  
General Business Administration  
Management  
Marketing

**Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education**  
Community Health  
Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Human Resource Development  
Human Resource Development - University Center  
Middle Level Education  
Physical Education  
Special Education  
Urban Community Studies

**Nontraditional Degree Programs**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
University Without Walls

**Other**  
Undeclared/Undecided

**For Office Use Only:**

Form of payment:  
- [ ] Cash  
- [ ] Check  
- [ ] Waiver  
- [ ] Credit Card  
- [ ] Online

Payment verified by:  
Initials  Date

Changeover/Deferment requested:  
Semester  Date

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# Next Steps

Congratulations! You have applied for admission to Northeastern Illinois University. Please keep this section to use as a guide to understanding what comes next.

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<td><strong>1. Application Processing</strong></td>
<td>The application portal is where you can check the status of your application, print your decision letter, accept or decline your admission offer, and register for campus events. In order to access this information, it is extremely important that you follow the instructions below to activate your portal.</td>
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<td>Once we enter your application into our database, we will send you an email requesting that you activate your NEIU application portal. This important step will enable you to manage and monitor the progress of your application. The step-by-step instructions are located to the right.</td>
<td>• NEIU will send an email to the email address you provided on your application. The subject line will be “Applicant Online Account Creation.” Click on the link to your online portal.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Application Completion Notification</strong></td>
<td>• On the Please Confirm Your Identity page, enter your date of birth in the format the system indicates. Click the Verify button.</td>
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<td>After your application is complete, we will let you know via email.</td>
<td>• On the Create New Account page, enter the same email address from your application in the Confirm Email Address field.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Admission Decision</strong></td>
<td>• Enter a password of your choice in the Password and Confirm Password fields. Click the Create Account button.</td>
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<td>Within 10 days of your application completion notification, we will send an admission decision to the permanent mailing address listed on your application.</td>
<td>• You are now logged into the application portal and can return to view the status of your application at any time.</td>
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**If your application for admission is accepted:** Congratulations! You will find a copy of your acceptance letter, which includes your NEIU student ID number, in the application portal. The letter will also include important next steps to help you ready to enroll in classes at Northeastern. |

**If your application for admission is denied:** Don’t give up! Carefully read the instructions included with your decision letter. Alternate options for admission will be included for you to consider.

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**Success Starts Here**

Once you are admitted as a first-year student we will work with you to connect you to the program that best fits your needs. Our programs include:

**Proyecto Pa’Lante**

Started in 1972, Proyecto Pa’Lante was established as an educational outreach program to promote college access for the Latino community, providing academic support services on campus. It currently provides a holistic approach to enhance student learning, intercultural competencies, and leadership development with a continued focus on Latinx culture and bilingual and bicultural support.

**The Wentworth Scholars**

The Wentworth Scholars Program assists with the academic and social transition to the University by providing programs and services that foster a sense of belonging, the development of academic and social skills, and the identification of a clear academic and career path. The program is named after Daniel S. Wentworth, the first principal of the Cook County Normal School, founded in 1867, which later became Northeastern Illinois University.

**El Centro Scholars**

Based at our El Centro location, El Centro Scholars offers freshman students a holistic college experience by creating a campus culture that enhances student learning, academic success, and leadership development through its cohort system. El Centro embraces students from all backgrounds and lived experiences—traditional and transfer students alike.

**Carruthers Center Scholars**

The Carruthers Center, located in Chicago’s historic Bronzeville neighborhood, takes pride in being an African-centered institution that provides educational opportunities within a culturally comfortable and easily accessible setting. The freshman cohort at Carruthers provides a supportive structure to ensure the successful transition to college.

**Support opportunities:**
- Intensive advising
- Three-credit seminars focused on navigating the transition to college
- Academic skill-building workshops
- Peer mentors to help you along the way
- Assistance in navigating financial aid
- Scholarships
- Priority consideration for all Northeastern Summer Bridge Programs
- Caring, supportive and enthusiastic staff

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Our Locations

Northeastern Illinois University offers classes at three locations in Chicago.

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