

Under-graduate

Admission Application

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 neu.edu/apply to begin!

Application Deadlines

Domestic Deadlines

Fall Semester: July 15

Spring Semester: November 1

Summer Semester: April 1

International Deadlines

Fall Semester: June 15

Spring Semester: October 1

Summer Semester: March 1

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.

Admissions Office

Telephone: (773) 442-4050

Fax: (773) 442-4020

Email: admrec@neu.edu

Website: admissions.neu.edu

Mail application to:

Northeastern Illinois University
Admissions Office
5500 North St. Louis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625-4699

Title IX

NEIU prohibits sexual harassment. For more information, contact the Title IX Coordinator:

5500 North St. Louis Avenue
Office C-216
Chicago, IL 60625
(773) 442-5412
titleix@neu.edu

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@neu.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 form 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@neu.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.

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
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

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

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.)

Additional Requirements for:

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 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

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



Please remember to:

- Attach \$30 application fee payable to: Northeastern Illinois University.
- Sign and date the application.
- Verify your email address is correct.

Undergraduate Admission Application

Applicant type: (Check only one. See checklist for details.)

- Freshman Transfer Readmission Second Bachelor's

Are you an International applicant? Yes No

Semester applying for: (The application semester may be changed one time per application, provided the request is made prior to the start of the original semester.)

- Fall Spring Full Summer/First Half Summer Second Half Summer Year: _____

Have you previously attended Northeastern? Yes No If yes, when did you last attend? _____

Please provide legal name. Using shortened, abbreviated or nicknames will cause delays in processing and may require you to submit proof of legal name.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Preferred First Name	Previous Last Name
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Are you a resident of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri or Wisconsin? Yes No

Permanent Address	City	State (or Country)	Zip or Postal Code
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Social Security Number

Why do we ask for your Social Security Number (SSN)?

Your SSN is requested pursuant to Public Law 93-579 for the University's system of student records, as well as for compliance with federal and state reporting requirements. A SSN is required if you are applying for financial aid but is not required for admission to the University. Supplying a SSN ensures that you will be able to claim the American Opportunity Tax Credit, if you are eligible, on your federal tax return.

Telephone Number (_____)_____ Cell Phone Number (_____)_____ May we contact you through cell phone text messaging? Yes No

Email Address _____ Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
(Please print clearly. This email address will become your application portal login. Additionally, we will communicate with you via email regarding your application status.)

Gender: Male Female Trans Non-binary Prefer not to disclose Other _____

Parent Name _____ Phone (_____)_____ Email _____

Parent Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone (_____)_____ Relationship _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Visa or International Visa Type _____ Expiration _____ Country of Citizenship _____
(If you check visa or International, please provide ALL visa information to the right.)

Permanent Resident Adjustment of Status/Other

Refugee/Asylum Undocumented

Optional Information
(Does not affect the admission decision)

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

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)? Yes No

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

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ)? Yes No

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.

Name/Campus	City	State	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Degree/Hours Earned

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
Earth Science
Economics
English
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Geography
Global Studies
Graphic Design
History
Justice Studies
Latina/o & Latin American Studies
Mathematics

Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Psychology - University Center
Social Work
Social Work - University Center
Sociology
Spanish
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

College of Business and Management

Accounting
Computer Science
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 _____ Processed by _____

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.

After Turning in Your Application

1. Application Processing

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.

2. Application Completion Notification

After your application is complete, we will let you know via email.

3. Admission Decision

Within 10 days of your application completion notification, we will send an admission decision to the permanent mailing address listed on your application.

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 get 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.

Activating Your Application Portal

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.

- 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.
- On the *Please Confirm Your Identity* page, enter your date of birth in the format the system indicates. Click the Verify button.
- On the *Create New Account* page, enter the same email address from your application in the *Confirm Email Address* field.
- Enter a password of your choice in the *Password* and *Confirm Password* fields. Click the Create Account button.
- You are now logged into the application portal and can return to view the status of your application at any time.

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.

Project Success

Established in 1968 as an educational access and equity program, the main focus was to recruit and retain African American students. Today, Project Success remains dedicated to access and equity by serving students of all races, ethnicities, nationalities and backgrounds by providing support services that help students build a strong academic and social foundation.

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.

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.

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.

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

Our Locations

Northeastern Illinois University offers classes at three locations in Chicago.



Main Campus

North Park neighborhood
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago, Illinois



El Centro

Avondale neighborhood
3390 N. Avondale Ave.
Chicago, Illinois



Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies

Bronzeville neighborhood
700 E. Oakwood Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois