



Northwestern University

Website: <http://www.northwestern.edu/>

Northwestern University is a private research university in Evanston, Illinois. The university was founded in 1851. Northwestern started with just two faculty members and 10 students in its first class.

In addition to the campus at Evanston, the university also has a campus in Chicago and a campus in Education City in Qatar. The main campus in Evanston sits on 240 acres while the Chicago campus is situated on 25 acres. Northwestern's undergraduate and graduate programs operate on a 10-week quarter system. Typically, students take four courses every quarter and spend three quarters on campus. In order to graduate, students are required to have completed at least 12 quarters.

The university's library system consists of four libraries on the main campus, three on the Chicago campus, and two affiliated ones. The library has more than 4.6 million volumes. It has one of the largest Africana collections in the world as well as an extensive collection of early edition printed music.

Northwestern has 8,497 undergraduates and 7,880 graduate students spread across its campuses. About half of its students are female and 35% are minorities. Additionally 5% of its undergraduates are international students, and 20% of graduate students are international. The students represent all 50 states as well as 50 countries. Northwestern is a selective school, accepting only 26% of students who applied.

Northwestern is a large university offering 123 undergraduate degrees and 145 professional and graduate degrees. Some of the most popular majors at the school include communications studies, economics, biology, history, political science, journalism, and psychology. The university's undergraduate programs consistently rank among the best in the nation. Its Kellogg School of Management also ranks as one of the top business schools in the country. Its schools of law and medicine are also among the top 20 in the country.

The university was one of the founding members in the Big Ten conference and is the only private university in the conference. Northwestern participates in the NCAA Division I with 19 varsity teams. The university has a number of notable sports teams including lacrosse, football, and basketball.

A large percentage of students are involved in sororities and fraternities at Northwestern—approximately 38% of women and 32% of men. There are many other student organizations at the school. Its daily newspaper is published during weekdays and has a radio station that broadcasts to

Chicago and surrounding suburbs. The university has a number of dance companies, improv groups, community service groups, and political groups.

Northwestern maintains a very high level of research activity. The university has partnered with many corporations. There are numerous research centers at the university including the Buffet Center for International and Comparative Studies, the Program of African Studies, and the Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center.

Some of the university's famous alumni include Stephen Colbert, John Paul Stevens, Charlton Heston, Joe Girardi, Rahm Emanuel, and Jerry Reinsdorf. Other affiliates have won prestigious awards such as the Nobel Prize. Northwestern is one of the best research universities in the country.