Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University (NIU) is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university that opens doors to opportunity for students from all backgrounds. We combine academic excellence with exceptional value – more than one-third of our graduates leave with zero debt.

Choose from more than 100 academic programs of study spanning business, engineering, health sciences, arts, education and more, all taught by expert faculty. You'll learn from professors who are active researchers and innovators in their fields.

We're committed to your success from day one. Whether you're a first-generation college student, exploring your passions as a freshman, or a transfer student with clear career goals, our comprehensive support services will help you thrive. Join our vibrant community where students' diverse talents, cultures, and perspectives enrich our academics and campus life. With our location just 65 miles west of Chicago, you'll have access to research projects, internships and career connections while enjoying the benefits of a close-knit campus community. At NIU, we prepare you for a lifetime of success.

Criteria for **Freshman Admission** through **Direct Admission:**

Students who graduate from secondary school prior to enrollment at NIU will be eligible for **direct admission** if they have a high school GPA of *3.00 on a 4.00 scale*.

If you did not get an offer of Direct Admission to Northern Illinois University and your cumulative high school GPA is a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, you will be considered for **Admission** via **holistic review**:

> The holistic review process is for those with less than a 3.00 high school GPA. This process considers your individual situation, involvement, and achievements in addition to your academic record. As part of the process, NIU will ask you to provide one or more of the following:
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> - Responses to the holistic review questions.
> - Grades from the first semester of your senior year.
> - An interview.

Criteria for **Transfer Admission** through **Direct Admission:**

> To be eligible for **Direct Admission** to the institution as a transfer student, a student must have graduated high school or completed high school equivalency and completed 24 or more transferable credit-hours (after graduation from high school) of post-secondary coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a cumulative

GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. (Advanced Placement, IB and CLEP credit hours are not considered for admission credit hours.)

Note: Limited admission programs, or programs that require portfolio review or audition may have additional requirements. Please check the requirements for your intended major.

To learn more about undergraduate admissions at NIU, visit our website at niu.edu/admissions.