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The information in this handbook is current as of June 2014 and is subject to change without notice. The full, ten-digit phone number must be dialed for calls in the local area and calls to the university from off-campus phones. Use only the seven-digit number when calling an on-campus number from an on-campus phone.
Welcome from the President

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Greetings,

Like many of you, I am new to Northern Illinois University, having stepped into the job of president on July 1, 2013.

Taking over the leadership of a university is a big job, but then so is starting your college career. I have the advantage of a lifetime spent in higher education to guide me as I embark on my latest journey. You too have access to an extensive set of resources, and this Student Handbook will help you find them.

Whether you need help making changes to your schedule for the first semester of your freshman year, or want some assistance tuning up your resume for interviews during your final semester on campus, this publication can help you find them. It will also provide general information on the university and its rules; tips on everything from staying safe to studying well; to finding ways to get along with everyone from faculty to roommates. You can even find the words to the Huskie Fight Song, and much, much more. I urge you to take a few moments now to familiarize yourself with this publication today, and bookmark this site for easy access to information as questions arise throughout your time on campus.

Douglas D. Baker
President

Welcome to Northern

Somewhere amid all the decisions you have been making in the last few months, you chose to come to Northern.

That decision opened the door to a new environment with educational challenges and responsibilities that may seem staggering at times. At NIU, you will have the opportunity to develop relationships with distinguished faculty members, administrators, and other students. You have come to study and learn in an atmosphere of diversity enriched by the resources that only a large university can provide.

Although any new environment holds a certain amount of confusion for a newcomer, we want you to feel at home as quickly as possible. Myths, mazes, and hassles included (most of which are temporary), Northern is a great place. It may take some time, however, to get used to the university and to feel a part of it. Most of the information that you need to get started will be shared during UNIV 101/201 and can be found in this brief handbook. Here you will find expanded information on campus resources, descriptions of campus organizations, and even suggestions for exploring local shopping, restaurants, and recreation. Part of the fun of adjusting to a new environment is making discoveries for yourself. So relax, be yourself, and watch the pieces fall into place. Help of all kinds is near if you need it, but it takes two. Speak up—communicate—and you’ll find life at Northern quite enjoyable.

The 2013-2014 Student Success Team (pictured on the cover of this handbook) joins me in welcoming you to Northern. Best wishes as you begin your NIU career, and GO HUSKIES!

Denise L. Rode, Ed.D.
Director, First- and Second-Year Experience
Your First Year at NIU

Orientation
Your one-day orientation program is your first day on campus as an NIU student. Here, you will become familiar with the campus and its resources, begin the academic planning process, learn about important university resources to help you succeed at NIU, and register for first-semester courses. You will also meet many people who are here to support you in your college experience, including your orientation leader, an academic advisor, and your classmates.

Welcome Days
Because your transition to college is a continuing process rather than a single event, Northern invites you to participate in Welcome Days, several days of activities designed to help new students feel at home before classes begin. Included in Welcome Days are a new student picnic, Huskie Family Welcome, an organization fair to help new students learn about co-curricular opportunities, and other events that take place in residence halls and across the campus. The schedule for Welcome Days 2014 can be found at www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement/welcomedays.

DeKalb Corn Fest
The City of DeKalb (population 44,098) hosts its biggest event of the year the last weekend of August in downtown DeKalb. Live music, free sweet corn, carnival rides, vendors of all types, and 3k and 10k races highlight this festival. Students are encouraged to attend and learn about their new community. More information can be found at www.cornfest.com.

First-Year Experience/Transfer Transitions
This collection of programs for new freshmen and transfer students is designed to support you in your transition to life at NIU. New students are introduced to the UNIV (University Experience) 101 and 201 courses at orientation. In 2013, 55% of the freshman class enrolled in UNIV 101, a one-credit-hour elective course focused on academic and social success at NIU. Transfer students are encouraged to enroll for UNIV 201, which helps them make a positive transition to a new academic environment. The UNIV sections are limited to approximately 20 students and are taught by faculty and staff members who are interested in helping new students make the most of their in-class and out-of-class experiences. NIU and national research confirms that, as a group, students who complete UNIV courses have higher grade point averages and retention rates than students who don’t enroll in the courses.

Also included in First- and Second-Year Experience are the Student Faculty Links Mentoring program, the First-Year Success Series, the Common Reading Experience, Transfer2Transfer peer mentoring, and REACH—a peer-to-peer calling program to connect first-year students with upper-division students who can help them access resources such as academic advising, financial aid, and student organizations. Go to www.niu.edu/fsye for more information.

Office of Student Academic Success
The staff of the Office of Student Academic Success (OSAS) provides resources and services to help you to explore Northern’s academic possibilities and to realize your academic potential. OSAS has Student Success Specialists to help students navigate university resources, policies, and procedures. Student Success Specialists work in concert with faculty and staff to assist students with any challenges they might encounter on the path to graduation. OSAS also offers several student success programs including the Early Alert program, Mid-Semester Check, Destination Graduation, Edible Education, Financial Cents, and the Northern Lights Ambassadors leadership and mentoring program. OSAS also oversees MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible), MAP-Works is a program that strives to positively impact first-year students by helping them establish positive academic habits. All freshmen and transfer students are urged to participate by taking a survey that is sent to them via e-mail during the first part of their fall semester. Students can learn more at www.niu.edu/osas, osas@niu.edu, or 815-753-5721.

Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL)
The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) is dedicated to providing opportunities for undergraduates to engage in hands-on learning. Engaged learning opportunities such as undergraduate research (Research Rookies, URA, USOAR, SROP), Themed Learning Communities (TLCs), and civic engagement (Huskie Service Scholars, FAST) help to enhance your classroom learning experience, apply theory to practical situations, and reveal your passions. These programs aim to develop your critical thinking skills; make connections with fellow students, faculty, and staff; foster your creativity; and prepare you for success in a diverse, global society. Check out OSEEL’s programs at www.oseel.niu.edu or contact the office via e-mail (engage@niu.edu) or by phone (815-753-8154).

Volunteer Opportunities
NIU students volunteer countless hours of service annually for campus, local, and global causes. Here are two major campus service events:

- Involving approximately 2,000 students, NIU Cares Day in April gives students a chance to give back to the DeKalb community through clean up, repair, and other service projects. For more information, go to http://niucaresday.niu.edu or contact niucaresday@niu.edu

- Relay for Life, another April event, is sponsored by the Colleges Against Cancer chapter at NIU to promote awareness about cancer, and raise money for the American Cancer Society. In 2014, more than $41,000 was raised at NIU. For more information on participating in Relay for Life, e-mail relayforlifeniu@gmail.com.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Student Involvement & Leadership Development at 815-753-1421.
University Colleges

The university is organized into twelve major divisions: Academic Affairs; Administration; Finance; Information Technology; Intercollegiate Athletics; International Affairs; Marketing and Communications; Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development; Public Safety and Community Relations; Research and Innovation Partnerships; Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; and University Advancement. Each division is headed by a Vice President reporting to the President, who is responsible for the overall management of the institution. The President reports to the Board of Trustees.

Under the leadership of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Division of Academic Affairs is responsible for six undergraduate colleges (Business, Education, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts), the College of Law, the Graduate School, the University Libraries, and a wide range of academic and student support services.

Each undergraduate college is headed by a dean, who is assisted by an associate dean. The colleges are divided into departments and/or schools, each of which is headed by a chair or director. Teachers in each department may be instructors, or faculty holding the rank of full professor, associate professor, or assistant professor. Every undergraduate student chooses a major in a department governed by one of the six colleges with undergraduate programs. Each college serves many students, offering courses, advice, and activities appropriate to the disciplines involved.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Undergraduate Information—Barsema Hall 201
815-753-1325, www.cob.niu.edu/advising

The College of Business is among the elite business schools accredited at the undergraduate and graduate levels by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College of Business offers six undergraduate programs: Accountancy, Business Administration, Finance, Management, Marketing, and Operations & Information Management. The College has centralized advising, with all advising beginning in the Undergraduate Studies Academic Advising & Student Services office. Once students are enrolled in the upper-level programs (300/400 level business courses), they may contact the departmental advisors for advising in their specific major. The office locations and telephone numbers are the following:

- Accountancy, Barsema Hall 345, 815-753-1637, www.cob.niu.edu/accy
- Business Administration, Barsema Hall 245, 815-753-0099, www.cob.niu.edu/bsba
- Finance, Barsema Hall 236, 815-753-1114, www.cob.niu.edu/fina
- Management, Barsema Hall 245, 815-753-1124, www.cob.niu.edu/mgmt
- Marketing, Barsema Hall 128, 815-753-1714, www.cob.niu.edu/mktg
- Undergraduate Studies in Business, Barsema Hall 201, 815-753-1325, www.cob.niu.edu/academicadvising

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Undergraduate Information—Engineering Building 331
815-753-1442, www.niu.edu/ceet

The College of Engineering & Engineering Technology (CEET) includes four departments:

- Electrical Engineering with emphases in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering, 815-753-9974, www.niu.edu/ee
- Mechanical Engineering with emphases in Mechatronics and Advanced Computing and Simulation, 815-753-9979, www.niu.edu/me
- Technology, 815-753-1349, www.niu.edu/tech

The undergraduate programs in Electrical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Technology, and Manufacturing Engineering Technology programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The emphasis in Industrial Technology Management is accredited by the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE, formerly NAIT).
COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES
Undergraduate Information—Wirtz Hall 227
815-753-1891, www.chhs.niu.edu

The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) prepares graduates for careers to enhance the life of individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan. Motivated students work with faculty committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service. CHHS graduates have excellent opportunities for employment in high-demand fields such as health care, human services, apparel merchandising, and hospitality management. Graduates promote healthy lifestyles and effective communication, assist with health or family problems, teach children from birth through high school, and lead in the military. Alumni hold leadership positions in their fields, as well as in national and international organizations.

The College of Health and Human Sciences includes three schools and one department:

• School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders with programs in Communicative Disorders, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Rehabilitation Services. 815.753.1484, www.chhs.niu.edu/ahcd;
• School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences with emphases in Child Development; Early Childhood Studies; Family and Individual Development; Family Social Services; Hospitality; Nutrition, Health, and Wellness; Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising; and educator licensure in Family and Consumer Sciences. 815.753.1543, www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns;
• Department of Military Science offers a minor in Military Science and Reserve Officers' Training Corp. 815-752-7682, www.chhs.niu.edu/militaryscience; and
• School of Nursing and Health Studies with programs in Nursing and in Public Health with emphases in General Public Health; Health Administration; Environment and Health; and Health Promotion; and a major in Health Education. 815.753.1231 or 815.1384, www.chhs.niu.edu/nuhs.

There are eleven accredited programs in the College and over 400 external practicum sites that provide opportunities for students to learn, participate in research, and work in the community.

Each student in the college is assigned an academic advisor and encouraged to meet with that advisor each semester. Freshmen, sophomores, and pre-majors are advised by the CHHS advising team in the college office. The team helps students meet requirements for admission to limited admission programs, and complete general education requirements. Upper-division students are advised by faculty or professional advisors in each school.

CHHS programs may have non-academic requirements for admission and/or progression through the program such as background checks and immunizations. For details, consult the Undergraduate Catalog or program handbook, or academic advisor.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Undergraduate Information—Zulauf Hall 201
815-753-0114, www.niu.edu/clas

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) offers majors and minors in 17 departments, two divisions, and seven research centers encompassing the humanities, social sciences, and mathematical and natural sciences. CLAS provides the majority of courses that comprise the general education program for all NIU students. The college also participates in many interdisciplinary and certificate programs and offers secondary certification preparation in biology, chemistry, English, geology, history, mathematics, physics, sciences, and other subjects:

• Anthropology, 815-753-0246, www.niu.edu/anthro
• Biological Sciences, 815-753-0433, www.bios.niu.edu
• Chemistry and Biochemistry, 815-753-1131, www.niu.edu/chembio
• Communication, 815-753-1563, www.niu.edu/comm
• Computer Science, 815-753-0378, www.cs.niu.edu
• Economics, 815-753-1031, www.niu.edu/econ
• English, 815-753-0611, www.engl.niu.edu
• Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, 815-753-6563, www.niu.edu/ese/
• Foreign Languages and Literatures, 815-753-1501, www.niu.edu/forlangs
• Geography, 815-753-0631, http://globe.geog.niu.edu
• Geology and Environmental Geosciences, 815-753-1943, www.niu.edu/geology
• History, 815-753-0131, www.niu.edu/history
• Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, 815-753-1531, www.niu.edu/latinostudies
• Mathematical Sciences, 815-753-0566, www.math.niu.edu
• Center for Non-Governmental Organizations Leadership and Development, www.niu.edu/ngold/
• Philosophy, 815-753-0331, www.niu.edu/phil
• Physics, 815-753-1772, www.physics.niu.edu
• Political Science, 815-753-1011, www.polisci.niu.edu
• Psychology, 815-753-0372, www.niu.edu/psyc
• Division of Public Administration, 815-753-0184, www.mpa.niu.edu
• Sociology, 815-753-0365, www.sociology.niu.edu
• Center for Southeast Asian Studies, www.cseas.niu.edu/cseas/
• Women’s Studies, www.niu.edu/wstudies/

COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
Undergraduate Information—Grant South Tower A 3rd Floor
815-753-1635, www.vpa.niu.edu

The College of Visual & Performing Arts is composed of the Schools of Art, Music, and Theatre and Dance. All offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs and are accredited, respectively, by the National Associations of Schools of Art and Design, Schools of Music, and Schools of Theatre. Each school is very active in enhancing the cultural life of the university and surrounding community through a large number of exhibitions, concerts, and productions held throughout the year.

Academic advising is available to all students through their major school. Each student is expected to take the initiative to establish and maintain contact with an advisor in the student’s area of study:

• Art, Jack Arends Hall 216, 815-753-1473, http://art.niu.edu
• Music, Music Building 140, 815-753-1551, www.niu.edu/music
• Theatre and Dance, Grant South- Tower A, 3rd floor 216, 815-753-8269, www.niu.edu/theatre
**Student Body and Faculty**

**FACULTY**
The NIU teaching faculty of approximately 1,135 conducts courses according to the most appropriate design for the subject matter. Each professor determines the academic and attendance requirements for his or her own classes and is available to consult with students during scheduled office hours and by appointment.

Eighty percent of Northern’s full-time faculty members hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their fields. The student-to-faculty ratio at NIU is about 18 to 1.

In 2013-2014, 80 percent of freshman courses had 30 or fewer students. Overall, only two percent of all Northern undergraduate courses had more than 100 students; 78 percent had 30 or fewer. The average class size overall was 28 students. Typically, classes with large numbers of students are taught in a lecture format two or three days per week, and small lab or recitation sections are taught one day per week. The lab/recitation sections are designed to facilitate class discussion, debate, and review of the lecture sessions by smaller groups of students.

Faculty members at NIU hold academic ranks that reflect such factors as tenure, scholarly activity, and service to the university. The highest faculty rank is professor, followed by associate professor, assistant professor, and instructor.

Graduate assistants, who are students in master’s, sixth-year, or doctoral degree programs, assist the faculty in teaching, research, and other academic activities. Those who help the faculty in teaching are called teaching assistants or TAs.

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**Fall 2013 Enrollment**

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**Total (21,138)**

- Undergraduate (15,409)
- Satellite/Off-campus (1,999)
- Law (304)

- Academically, Northern’s students average a score of 22 on the ACT exam and rank in the 62nd percentile in high school class rank.

- Fifty percent of students are male and 50 percent are female. In the fall of 2013, there were 719 international students (representing about 122 countries) enrolled at NIU.
Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Altgeld Hall 208, 815-753-1573
www.stuaff.niu.edu/stuaff

Through its staff and services in the following offices, the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management serves as a resource, referral center, and general liaison for student concerns: Admissions; Asian American Center; Campus Child Care Center; Campus Recreation; Career Services; Community Standards & Student Conduct; Disability Resource Center; Counseling & Student Development Center; Financial Aid; Gender & Sexuality Resource Center; Health Enhancement; Health Services; Housing & Dining; Latino Resource Center; Military Student Services; Northern Star; Off-Campus & Non-Traditional Student Services; Orientation; Planning & Assessment; Scholarship Office; Student Involvement & Leadership Development; and Students’ Legal Assistance.

The Division provides the following services:
- Admissions processing
- Career planning and placement assistance
- Child care
- Crisis intervention
- Developmental and supportive programming for diverse groups including (but not limited to) students who are African American, Asian, Latino, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender), military students and veterans, and women
- Disability services and support
- Financial aid
- Health care
- Housing and dining
- Information and news
- Leadership development
- Legal assistance
- Misconduct adjudication
- Orientation
- Personal counseling
- Recreation opportunities
- Scholarship assistance
- Services for off-campus and non-traditional students
- Student employment and graduate assistantship opportunities
- Student organization advisement
- Wellness education.

ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER
429 Garden Road, 815-752-1177
www.niu.edu/aac

The Asian American Center creates an inclusive environment where Asian American students cultivate a strong sense of community at NIU and where campus and community partners raise awareness about the rich cultural heritage of Asian Americans. The Asian American Center enhances the quality of college life for Asian American students by providing student-centered services, student learning opportunities, leadership development, student organizational advisement, and educational/cultural programs. In short, the Asian American Center provides a welcoming environment and a “home away from home” for students.

CAMPUS CHILD CARE
On Annie Glidden Road, southwest of Gabel and Graham Halls, 815-753-0125
www.ccc.niu.edu

Campus Child Care offers quality care and education for children (ages three months to five years) of NIU students, faculty, and staff. The Center is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NIU CCC has also achieved the Gold Circle of Quality status through Excelebrate Illinois. Both serve as indicators of a high quality early childhood program. The Center is staffed by qualified teachers who have either an associate's or bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or in a related field, and by student workers who serve as teacher aides in the classroom. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with full- and half-day options available, during fall, spring, and summer semesters. The Center is also open, and between semesters for those who need full-day care.

CAMPUS RECREATION
Student Recreation Center (main office), 815-753-0231
www.niu.edu/campusrec

A variety of programs and services awaits students at Campus Recreation Center. Students can work out in the cardiovascular/weight rooms or free weight rooms, receive advice from a personal trainer or nutrition intern, get away on an outdoor weekend trip, or rent gear and plan a trip themselves. They also can join an intramural team, sign up to play an individual or dual sport, or join a sport club and compete against other universities. Whatever the interest, the staff can help students get started. Campus Recreation offers services at the following locations: Student Recreation Center, Chick Evans Field House, the Adventure Center, the new Outdoor Recreation Sport Complex, Gilbert Hall Fitness Center, New Hall Fitness Center, outdoor basketball courts, and two swimming pools.

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Campus Recreation offers lap swim, open swim, swim instruction, and lifeguard certifications and recertification’s at two pool facilities on campus: Gabel Pool, located on the west side of campus, and Anderson Pool, located on the east side of campus.

Fitness/Wellness
Certified trainers assist students in designing personal training workout programs tailored to their specific needs. The new Personal Training Studio offers top-of-the-line equipment in a private workout space. Whether a student is looking to manage their weight, add muscle, or deal with difficult food allergies, Campus Recreation Graduate Nutrition interns help students make healthy food choices through nutrition coaching. Group Fitness instructors offer over 35 group fitness classes every week including: Zumba™, Body Combat™, Yoga, Pilates, and Spin. Huskie Fit Club gives students the advantages of Nutrition Services and Personal Training in a motivating, team atmosphere.
Outdoor Adventures
Outdoor Adventures offers trips, equipment rentals, and team building. Outdoor Adventure trips aim to provide a variety of enjoyable and affordable positive experiences from clinics to lengthy expeditions such as rock climbing, skiing, hiking, kayaking, and more. Trips are designed to be fun yet educational, and allow individuals and groups to learn the skills necessary to enjoy the outdoors. These trips promote responsible stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

The Adventure Center provides outdoor gear rental for sponsored or personal outdoor adventure trips, along with a resource library to help participants plan their own trips.

The Outdoor Adventure program offers custom adventure trips and teambuilding workshops available to groups of all sizes who want to improve their communication, leadership, or just to get to know each other better.

Open Recreation/Drop-in Play
Open Recreation offers over 100 hours per week of recreation and work-out time for students. The Student Recreation Center offers eight multipurpose courts that accommodate basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, and table tennis.

The cardio and strength training room offers Precor and Woodway Treadmills; Precor and Life Fitness elliptical trainers; Life Fitness upright and recumbent bikes; Life Fitness Climber; a full line of Matrix, Cybex, Life Fitness and Precor weight selector stations; medicine balls; and eight televisions.

Chick Evans Field House offers two multipurpose courts for basketball and volleyball, two multipurpose courts for indoor soccer and floor hockey, and a 3-lane, 1/7 mile jogging and walking track.

Outdoor Recreation Complex
This expansive new outdoor facility features brand new natural and artificial multipurpose fields. The fields are able to accommodate softball, baseball, rugby, flag football, lacrosse, soccer, ultimate frisbee, Quidditch, and more. The Complex serves as home to Campus Recreation Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs and offers a new expansive space for open recreation and special event space for students and the NIU community. Equipment check-out and light concessions are offered to patrons. The Complex also features two patio areas with benches and tables to relax and hang out with friends.

New Residence Hall Fitness Center
Students who live on campus have access to a new fitness center which has 15 cardio stations (ellipticals, arc trainers, treadmills, and bikes) and a complete line of strength training equipment. Students working out on cardio machines are able to watch and listen to four televisions.

Gilbert Hall Fitness Center
The Gilbert Hall Fitness Room opened in the fall of 2013, providing a work-out facility for all on-campus residents. The Gilbert Hall Fitness Room is located on the south side of the lower level of Gilbert Hall and features ellipticals, arc trainers, treadmills, free weights, and additional machines and equipment.

Sport Clubs
Student organizations recognized by the Student Association compete in league play with other universities in sports and martial arts—aikido, baseball, bass fishing, cricket, disc golf, dodgeball equestrian, fencing, figure skating, gymnastics, ice hockey, jujitsu (brazilian), lacrosse, power lifting, Quidditch, men’s rugby, women’s rugby, roller hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, triathlon, ultimate frisbee, men’s volleyball, women’s volleyball, water polo, and water-ski & wakeboard.

Accessibility
Campus Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services. To facilitate opportunities for people with and without disabilities to engage in leisure pursuits together, Campus Recreation provides inclusion support services including, but not limited to, staff support, sign language interpreters, and adaptive equipment. Contact Campus Recreation to arrange for services.

CAREER SERVICES
Campus Life Building 220, 815-753-1641
www.gethired.niu.edu

This office provides all NIU students with comprehensive career services including:

- Résumé and cover letter review and assistance with other job search correspondence;
- Campus interviews for all majors with employers who offer varied career opportunities;
- University-wide job and internship fairs held during the fall and spring semesters; Graduate/Professional School Fair in the fall semester; and an Educators’ Job Fair in the spring semester;
- Individual career counseling and decision making, featuring a website for majors, with corresponding career options;
- Online job search software for current students and alumni that features job and internship postings through the Huskies Get Hired system, utilizing eRecruiting at www.gethired.niu.edu;
- Career counselors to assist with career-related concerns, as well as internship and job searches;
- Career testing/assessments where appropriate;
- Workshops on résumé writing, interviewing, and job search strategies;
- Fart-time, temporary, and seasonal employment listings for current students;
- Credentials service for education majors;
- Assisting in the acquisition of job experiences in students’ majors through cooperative education positions and internships with employers.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS & STUDENT CONDUCT
Campus Life Building 280, 815-753-1571
www.niu.edu/communitystandards

The student conduct process provides an internal method of handling alleged violations of the NIU Student Code of Conduct and provides due process in all student conduct matters. Community Standards & Student Conduct has responsibility for coordinating the student conduct process
and provides information for the university community about the student conduct process.

Questions about appropriate conduct, alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct, and the student conduct process itself should be directed to this office. The office also responds to incidents of alleged misconduct by student organizations. Regulations and policies which outline appropriate conduct for students are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, the university catalogs, and other official university publications. Complete information on the student conduct process and copies of the Student Code of Conduct may be obtained from the office, as well as online at www.niu.edu/communitystandards.

COUNSELING & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Campus Life Building 200, 815-753-1206
www.niu.edu/csdc

The services of this office are described under “Health and Wellness Resources” on page 31.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
Health Services Building, fourth floor
Voice phone 815-753-1303
Video phone 815-217-2243
www.niu.edu/caar

The mission of the Disability Resource Center is to create an accessible, inclusive, sustainable learning environment where disability is recognized as an aspect of diversity that is integral to the campus community and to society. Students with disabilities may connect with the Disability Resource Center to identify available resources, including accommodations in and out of the classroom. Resources provided are individualized for each student and vary depending upon the nature of each student’s disability. Any student with a disability seeking academic accommodations or assistance in removing disability related barriers is welcome to contact the Disability Resource Center to set up an initial conversation.

HEALTH ENHANCEMENT
Evans Field House 139, 815-753-9755
www.health.niu.edu

The services of this office are described under “Health and Wellness Resources” on page 31.

HEALTH SERVICES
Health Services Building, 815-753-1311
www.niu.edu/healthservices

The services of this office are described under “Health and Wellness Resources” on page 30.

HOUSING & DINING
Neptune East Lobby, 815-753-1525
www.niu.edu/housing

The services of this office are described under “Living on Campus” on page 19.

LATINO RESOURCE CENTER
515 Garden Road, 815-753-1986
www.niu.edu/lrc

The Latino Resource Center (LRC) is designed to serve the Latina/o student population. The mission of the LRC is to promote a social justice agenda as well as an inclusive environment. The LRC achieves this mission by offering mentoring programs, leadership programs, peer support groups, and academic advancement programs such as De Mujer a Mujer Latina Assistance Program (LAP), Mentoring for Academic Success/Freshmen Receiving Experience and Study Habits (MARS/FRESH), Supporting Opportunities for Latinos (SOL), and the Adela de la Torre Honor Society (ATHS). The LRC is also a leading force in the local celebration of Latino Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

The LRC also possesses a strong commitment to the following:

- Providing a safe space for all students irrespective of nationality, language, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, or immigrant status.
- Understanding the value of family involvement in a student’s educational journey and engaging the family unit through outreach initiatives and community collaboration.
- Promoting an agenda that supports Latino student success by actively participating in nationwide and statewide movements and seeking ways to collaborate with local entities.
- Developing programs that not only target the needs of students but also focus on the immediate issues and concerns of our community.

GENDER & SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER
Women’s Resource Center Building
105 Normal Road, 815-753-5428
www.niu.edu/lgbt/resourcecenter

The Center acknowledges the historical impacts of women and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer identities, while advocating for equity for all. The center is a home away from home for all persons, inclusive of sexual and gender identities, including all forms of masculinity and femininity, while challenging societal constructs of gender and sexuality norms.

The Center serves as a central location of resources and support where acceptance of intersectional identities, including race, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religion and lack thereof, national/immigration status, socioeconomic status, veteran and non-veteran status is encouraged and celebrated. Through leadership development, internships, advocacy, campus and academic engagement, professional development opportunities, and with collaborative community, state, and national partners, alumni and other stakeholders, we aim for social justice, especially for underrepresented gender and sexual identities.

MILITARY STUDENT SERVICES
Adams Hall 409, 815-753-0691
E-mail: mss@niu.edu
http://www.niu.edu/militaryservices

The Military Student Services (MSS) office provides comprehensive resources and a single point of contact for military and veteran students (and their families) who attend Northern Illinois University. This office certifies students for federal veterans’ benefits, the Illinois Veterans Grant, MIA/POW Scholarship, Illinois National Guard Grant, veterans’ dependents’ benefits, and tutorial assistance benefits. In addition to processing educational benefits, the MSS provides programs, services, and resources to help veteran and military students acclimate to NIU and learn how to successfully use their military experience to augment and enrich their academic experience.
OFF-CAMPUS & NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
Holmes Student Center 023J/K, Basement Level
815-753-9999
E-mail: CommNonTrad@niu.edu
www.niu.edu/comnontrad

Off-Campus & Non-Traditional Student Services supports and enhances the educational, interpersonal, and social experiences of off-campus, commuter, transfer, and non-traditional students. The department focuses on the needs of students who live off campus, as well as those who consider themselves non-traditional (including, but not limited to, students who are 24 years old or older, those who have dependents, those who are married, widowed, or divorced, and/or those who are military veterans). In addition to a comfortable lounge area for students, an adjacent computer lab provides a convenient location to meet students’ computing needs. Staff members in this department help off-campus and non-traditional students locate necessary services, support their housing search process, and provide students with educational, social, and supportive programming that will aid students in their academic journey.

ORIENTATION OFFICE
Holmes Student Center 023D, Basement Level
815-753-1535, www.orientation.niu.edu

The services of this office are described under “Your First Year at NIU” on page 3.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE
Swen Parson Hall 245K, 815-753-4829
www.scholarships.niu.edu

The services of this office are described under “Money Matters” on page 17.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
Swen Parson 245, 815-753-1395
www.niu.edu/fa/index

The services of this office are described under “Money Matters” on page 18.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Campus Life Building 150, 815-753-1421
www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement

This department is dedicated to helping students become actively engaged in campus life. The office provides opportunities for students to pursue their interests while developing and enhancing skills for effective leadership.

Functional and support areas include the following:
- Student Association (student government)
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Campus Activities Board
- Event Production Services
- Leadership Academy
- Community Service
- Student Organization Services

STUDENTS’ LEGAL ASSISTANCE
Campus Life Building 120, 815-753-1701
www.niu.edu/legal

Student activity fees, allocated by the NIU Student Association, support the services of two licensed attorneys who make information and aid available to students in a wide variety of cases including landlord/tenant, criminal misdemeanor, consumer, personal injury, discrimination, employer/employee, domestic relations, public benefits, and traffic violations.

Assistance includes advice and consultation, advocacy, and, in appropriate circumstances, court representation. In addition to its direct services, the office has an extensive preventive law program that attempts, when possible, to prevent problems through community education. Appointments should be made in advance by calling between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Emergency information is available after hours.

STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

In accordance with applicable statutes and regulations, NIU is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, including sexual harassment, religion, age, physical and mental disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, political affiliation, or any other factor unrelated to professional qualifications, and will comply with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and orders pertaining to nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action.

Student Safety and Security

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFE CAMPUS

The NIU Department of Police & Public Safety practices comprehensive community policing to ensure the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff. That means that the university’s Department of Police & Public Safety works with the entire campus community to create a safe atmosphere, augmenting around-the-clock police patrols of campus with programs to educate students on how to avoid dangerous situations, and networking extensively with the campus community to proactively detect potential problems and solve them before trouble arises.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY
395 Wirtz Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115 (located on the east side of campus, adjacent to the Health Services Building)
911 (emergency)
815-753-1212 (non-emergency)
www.niu.edu/PublicSafety

PARTNERSHIPS IN CAMPUS SAFETY

With approximately 21,400 students, Northern Illinois University is as large as many of Chicago’s suburbs. The Northern Illinois University Department of Police & Public Safety is a dedicated team of police, safety, and security professionals committed to ensuring a safe environment in support of higher learning. There are police officers and security guards patrolling the campus community around-the-clock in patrol cars, bicycles, and foot patrol. The Department of Police & Public Safety uses a community policing philosophy to proactively address public safety issues such as crime and the fear of crime. A community policing approach includes
building and maintaining partnerships while using collaborative problem-solving techniques in an effort to improve the quality of life in the community. NIU Police & Public Safety partners with all university departments, the DeKalb Police Department, and other police agencies to address quality of life issues that impact the safety or our student, faculty, and visitor population.

A Full-Time Police Department
The police department has approximately 60 full-time sworn police officers that patrol the campus and the surrounding community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. NIU police officers are academy trained and certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. NIU police officers are conservators of the peace and have all powers possessed by municipal, county, and state police. As such, NIU Police proactively investigate violations of University rules and regulations as well as make arrests for violations of municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and State statutes. In addition to police powers, several of the officers are certified as Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, and there is always a minimum of one Paramedic on duty at all times.

NIU Police and DeKalb Police have an established partnership to provide overlapping police services in DeKalb’s northwest neighborhoods adjacent to the NIU campus. NIU police officers regularly patrol beyond campus boundaries, focusing on DeKalb neighborhoods with significant student populations, including “Greek Row,” a neighborhood with 23 fraternity and sorority houses. Using a collaborative approach to policing as a force multiplier, we conduct joint patrols and foster new policing strategies to enhance safety on the campus and nearby community.

Emergency Communications Center
The Department of Police & Public Safety staffs a full time 911 Emergency Communications Center. Trained Police Telecommunicators are working around the clock providing safe, competent, and caring public safety communications services to first responders and the campus community. Police & Public Safety personnel communicate using StarCom21, the official statewide public safety radio network of Illinois. This extensive communications network provides emergency responders highly reliable, high-speed mobile connectivity in every corner of the state.

Security Guard Force
There are approximately 16 full-time unarmed security guards that meet many safety and security needs for the department and the community. This security guard unit serves as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police and a valuable partner in crime prevention and physical security of the campus. Security officers assist with opening and securing buildings as well as drive the Huskie Safe Line vehicles to ensure safe transportation on and around campus.

Building Access Control
The Department of Police & Public Safety works collaboratively with NIU Housing & Dining to provide a safe and secure environment for students living in residence halls. The Department of Police & Public Safety is responsible for controlling access to the residence halls after hours. Resident Hall Assistants are trained and supervised by Police & Public Safety and perform access control operations, including identification checks to control entry to a residence hall as well as the guest sign-in register. Community Advisors are student staff members living on each floor and work under the direct supervision of a Hall Director or Graduate Hall Director. Students are required to sign in all guests after 11 p.m. Entrance doors to the building are alarmed and detect unauthorized entry.

All rooms have locks, and stairwell doors and elevators require keys to control access between floors. Most residence hall buildings are equipped with security cameras.

Huskie Patrol
The Huskie Patrol was established in 1996 and this dedicated team of student employees is an integral part of safety and security on campus. The Huskie Patrol officers are equipped with radios and provide an additional campus security presence on weeknights from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. The Huskie Patrol has a history of thwarting criminal activity because of the vigilant watch of these dedicated student employees. They serve as the “eyes and ears” of campus police, providing after-hour safety escorts for staff, faculty, students, and visitors.

POLICE, SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES
The NIU campus is designed with safety and crime prevention in mind. Parking lots, pathways, and common areas are well lit, and landscaping is designed to enhance safety and create a sense of safety on campus. The Department of Police & Public Safety has several programs and services centered on safety and security. The services we provide affirm Northern Illinois University’s commitment to safety and improving the quality of life of the campus and surrounding community. As a complement to physical security, the Department of Police & Public Safety also provides additional safety and security services to those who need assistance.

Walk Safe. This free service provides walking escorts anywhere on campus and is provided 24 hours a day. On weeknights between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. the service is provided by Huskie Patrol and can be reached by calling 815-753-9658. Any other time, call Police & Public Safety at 815-753-1212.

Safe Line Service. This shuttle system is designed to provide safe “no questions asked” transportation services to NIU students within the campus community during late night hours. The service operates every evening between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. The shuttle ride service travels a fixed route with 35 pick-up and drop-off locations for your convenience. Riders can simply go to the closest stop and wait for the van by the sign that says “Huskie Safe Line.” The handicap accessible shuttle ride service is available by calling 815-753-2222 to request the service.

Motorist Assistance. The Department of Police & Public Safety is available to assist motorists on campus who have locked their keys in their car, need to jump-start their battery, or require help changing a flat tire. For assistance, call 815-753-1212.

STUDENT SAFETY AWARENESS
Colleges and universities are safe places. That’s good news, but it can often lead to students letting down their guard. While we do all we can to help protect you, there’s nothing more vital to your safety than personal vigilance and common sense. Toward that goal, the Department of Police & Public Safety offers a wide range of educational courses that are available. Courses include Theft Prevention, Identify Theft Prevention, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and Sexual Assault Prevention.

SAFETY TIPS
Students can help ensure personal safety by observing the guidelines that follow:

The Department of Police & Public Safety encourages students to be alert, take precautions, and report crimes and suspicious activities. Staying well informed and taking preventive action will help in maintaining the safest possible environment on campus. Students can help ensure personal safety by observing the following guidelines:
When Walking

- Avoid walking alone after dark. If you absolutely have to walk alone, walk purposefully, know where you’re going, and project a confident image.
- Be aware of your surroundings – Don’t wear headphones or use other electronics that distract you.
- Tell people where you’re going and when you expect to return.
- Keep to well lit, busy routes. Avoid shortcuts and areas that are isolated or hidden by dense shrubbery.
- When walking at night, walk in well-lit areas with companions or take advantage of the Safe Line Service or Huskie Student Patrol escorts.
- If you feel uneasy, cross the street, locate an emergency phone, or enter a place of business, even if you just left it.
- Don’t carry a lot of cash or credit cards.
- Know where emergency phones and campus call boxes are located.

In the Car

- Have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle, and look inside before getting in. Once inside, lock doors and roll up windows.
- While driving, never leave your purse or other valuables on the seat next to you. Always leave your car in gear while stopped, and leave room to maneuver between yourself and other stopped vehicles.
- Never allow another vehicle to follow you home. If you feel you’re being followed, drive to the nearest place of business where people are present, and call the police.
- Park in well-lit areas and always lock your vehicle. Lock valuables in the trunk or hide them under the seats.
- Be a Smart Samaritan – Don’t pull over to help someone in a stopped or disabled vehicle, especially at night or on a deserted road. Call for help and keep driving. This may seem obvious, but never pick up hitchhikers.
- Follow all rules of the road when driving a car, walking, riding a bicycle, or using other forms of personal transportation such as rollerblades, skateboards, or scooters.

Prevent Interpersonal Violence

If you or a friend have experienced any of the following, consider talking with someone at the Counseling & Student Development Center, Health Services, Community Standards & Student Conduct, or Police & Public Safety:

- Stalking: Willful and repeated following or harassing of another person that threatens his or her safety or causes emotional distress. It’s important to contact the police at the first sign of harassment so that information can be gathered and documented. Common elements of stalking include annoying or threatening phone calls and/or e-mails, unwanted letters or gifts, showing up uninvited at the victim’s home, place of work, or class, taking photos or spying on the victim, and intimidating or threatening the victim.
- Sexual Harassment: Any unwelcome sexual advance or request for sexual favors made by an executive, administrative staff, or faculty member to a student, or any conduct of a sexual nature that substantially interferes with the student’s educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
- Domestic Violence: Emotional and verbal abuse as well as hitting, throwing things, and other physical aggression. It often occurs between people who have an ongoing relationship.

- Sexual Abuse: Intentional sexual touching or fondling by another person without permission.
- Date/Acquaintance Rape: Sexual assault committed by someone you know. It includes forced, manipulated, or coerced sexual contact.
- Sexual Assault: Forced penetration or penetration without your permission of any orifice of your body by another person.

More Tips for Personal Protection:

- There’s strength in numbers. Go to parties or clubs with a friend, and be responsible for each other.
- Have a pre-planned signal to let your friend know that you want to leave or need help.
- Don’t use alcohol or any other substance to the extent that it could hinder your ability to verbally or non-verbally refuse consent; according to Illinois state law, consent cannot be given when a person is intoxicated with alcohol, unconscious, or asleep.
- Date-rape drugs such as GHP, Rohypnol (roofies), and Ketamine (Special K) are odorless and tasteless, making it easy for someone to slip them into your drink. The impact? A 4- to 6-hour sedated state that will make you lose inhibitions, succumb to drowsiness, slur your speech, and forget what happens. Never leave a drink unattended. Never drink from common sources such as punch bowls. Never accept drinks from strangers.
- Trust your gut instinct. Guard your personal space. If someone makes you uncomfortable, never hesitate to remove yourself from the situation or ask for help.
- End the night early if your date becomes drunk or abusive. No one deserves physical or emotional abuse—No One.
- Learn self-defense from a licensed professional instructor. If you choose to carry a chemical spray, take necessary classes.

At Your Residence Hall

Access to all residence halls is controlled. Students are required to provide identification to gain entry to the building and must sign in all guests. The staff at building checkpoints is hired, trained, and supervised by the NIU Department of Police & Public Safety. Doors to the buildings are alarmed to detect unauthorized entrance. All rooms have locks, and stairwell doors and elevators require keys to control access between floors. Most residence hall buildings are equipped with security cameras.

Use the following guidelines for safety in the residence halls:

- Be prepared – Keep emergency numbers next to the phone and program them into your cell phone.
- Lock your doors and windows. Many burglaries take place when students leave their doors unlocked, or open, while leaving their rooms unattended. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to get in and out—with your stuff!
- Lock up when you’re alone or asleep (first-floor windows, too).
- Don’t leave messages on your door announcing that you’re gone and when you’ll be back.
- Keep your blinds pulled at night and when you’re out so that thieves can’t see what’s “available” to them.
- Keep a copy of the NIU Emergency Guide in a place where you can get your hands on it fast.
Prevent Bike Theft:
- Don’t endanger yourself and others by propping open outer doors to the building. (If you see this, close it and/or report it immediately to the hall staff.)
- Don’t open your door without first checking to see who’s there, and don’t let a stranger into your room, onto your floor, or into the building.
- Immediately report any security violation or hazard in or around the residence halls. This includes solicitors, anyone who is not a resident or escorted guest, or suspicious-looking individuals.
- Use appropriate caution, especially at night or at times of low traffic, when going to remote or dimly lit areas in or around buildings (for example; basements, laundry rooms, parking lots).

Guard Your Keys:
- Don’t leave keys in hiding places.
- Carry them with you and report lost or stolen keys immediately.
- Don’t attach your keys to anything that contains your IDs, including your NIU OneCard.

Protect Your Valuables:
- Don’t leave money, wallets, checkbooks, jewelry, or other valuables in open view.
- Install a safety lock or tracker on your laptop.
- Huskie Bucks and meal plans on your NIU OneCard are not protected with a PIN.

Prevent Bike Theft:
- Always lock your bike, even if you’re just leaving it for a few minutes. Lock your bike to a bike rack or other immovable object in a well-lit area.
- Use a good quality lock such as a hardened alloy, U-shaped lock.
- Use quick-release tires or bike seats.
- Always remove or secure your components and accessories.
- Register your bike or other valuables with the NIU Department of Police & Public Safety, and use their engraving equipment. They are located at 375 Wirtz Drive (next to the Health Services Building), 815-753-1212.

Be Aware of Financial Scams:
- Bank fraud. Unsuspecting students are often approached online or in person by “recruiters” or “friends” asking if they want to make some extra money by providing their debit cards and PIN numbers in exchange for a promise to split money from the fraudulent withdrawals. After a few days of fraudulent withdrawals, the student must make a police report of fraudulent activity on their bank account directly to the financial institution. This quick cash opportunity encourages students to take the bait. Students who participate in this scheme and report their cards as “stolen” can be charged with a crime among other substantial financial penalties.
- Financial scams targeting consumers with poor credit who are tricked into paying upfront fees in hopes of receiving credit cards or personal loans; and phony sweepstakes offers asking for payment to claim a prize that doesn’t really exist.
- Auction site postings that feature non-existent or falsely represented merchandise.
- E-mails from foreign countries promising large sums of cash in exchange for assistance with bank account transfers.

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft and Internet Scams:
- Keep items containing personal information in a safe place. Better yet, destroy personal information on receipts, credit card offers, insurance forms, and bank statements.
- “Phishing” is the illegal act of sending official-looking e-mails over the Internet in the hope of deceiving unsuspecting consumers into providing their credit card information, passwords, or other personal information. Don’t give out any personal identification numbers, such as your Social Security Number or driver’s license number, to anyone unless you are absolutely sure it is required by law and the recipient is reputable. (Only employers and financial institutions are required by law to collect SSNs.)
- Put outgoing mail (especially bill payments) in U.S. Post Office boxes instead of leaving it in your mailbox. Remove mail from your mailbox promptly.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles and statements. Follow up with companies if your bills or checks don’t arrive on time. A thief may have changed your billing address to cover his or her tracks.
- Keep credit cards and ATM cards in a safe place, and keep your PIN number secret. Report stolen cards immediately.
- Use caution with e-mails that request information. Never provide your personal, financial, or account information in response to an e-mail request. If you’re unsure, don’t click on the links. Instead, type the web address into the browser address bar.
- Don’t open e-mail attachments from people you don’t know.
- Avoid downloading free software unless it’s from a reputable company. Many free programs are just a device for delivering adware and spyware.
- Install virus protection software and a firewall, and check for updates regularly. Virus protection software is available for NIU Students to download from NIU ITS Safe Computing at www.its.niu.edu/its/security/safe_computing.shtml.

Social Media and Online Dating Caution:
- It’s wise to be wary of anyone you meet on the Internet. Since websites feel like anonymous places, people can easily misrepresent themselves. Your date could be lying about more than appearance— he or she could be concealing a criminal past.
- If you participate in social media, chat rooms, maintain a blog, or post photos of yourself on a personal web page, you may be vulnerable to cyber stalking. Cyber stalking is a form of harassment that often includes sending threatening emails; posting malicious information about you on various websites; and posing as you online in order to defame your character.
SAFETY OF OTHERS
Sometimes you may notice others who seem stressed or appear to be struggling. Below are some common signs of distress that might warrant consultation.

Emotional Signs:
- Mood shifts
- Hyper-activity, restlessness, confusion.
- Reports of depressed mood (for example; sadness, hopelessness) or references to suicide.
- Crying or angry outbursts at unexpected times.
- Expressed feelings of worthlessness or lack of control.
- Agitated or irrational behavior.

Behavioral Signs:
- Changes in eating, sleeping, spending habits, personal hygiene.
- Social withdrawal or excessive dependency.
- Indications of alcohol or drug abuse.
- Sudden changes in behavior patterns or routines.

Academic/Work-Related Signs:
- Noticeable blocks to learning (for example; perfectionism, missed classes or assignments).
- Unexplained absences from school or work.
- Expressing excessive concerns about failure
- Significant shifts in involvement with activities.
- Incapacitating test or performance anxiety
- Difficulty concentrating or decreased motivation/lack of motivation

Relationship Issues:
- Significant life changes or crises (for example; death of a parent, family divorce).
- Problems in relationships or other social interactions

Steps to Take
If you already have a relationship with the person of concern, you might be in a good position to talk with the individual and determine the need for further assistance. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable with the individual:
- Call 911 or involve NIU Police & Public Safety (815-753-1212).
- Do not meet with the person alone.
- Document, noting the date, time, location, description of event, and others who were present.
- All references to suicide must be taken seriously rather than discounted or ignored. Consult with Counseling & Student Development Center (815-753-1206) immediately, or call 911 if immediate harm is evident.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON CAMPUS
The state’s concealed carry legislation allows Northern Illinois University to continue its practice of prohibiting guns on campus. THE POSESSION AND CARRYING OF WEAPONS ON NIU PROPERTY REMAINS ILLEGAL AND PROHIBITED. Only licensed individuals with written permission from NIU Police & Public Safety may carry a firearm.

Other weapons banned from campus include air soft guns, spring guns, stun gun/taser, BB guns, shotguns, rifles, handguns, pellet guns, and any other dangerous weapon or instrument of like character. These other prohibited weapons include bow and arrows, brass knuckles, clubs, knives longer than three inches, dirk, switchblade knife, stiletto, axe, hatchet, or other dangerous weapon or instrument of like character. This extends to all property owned or controlled by the university including, but not limited to, places outside of the DeKalb campus where university classes, programs, and activities are held. If you see a gun or any other weapon, report it to NIU Police & Public Safety immediately. Your vigilance contributes to the safety of our entire campus community.

Violations of this prohibition will subject persons to arrest and referral for criminal prosecution, as well as appropriate discipline up to and including expulsion from the university and/or termination from employment. If a person believed to be in violation of this prohibition is encountered, please call the NIU Department of Police and Public Safety at 815-753-1212.

TIPLINE
You can call TipLine at 815-753-TIPS to report information about illegal activities and/or violations of the NIU Student Code of Conduct without revealing your name. If your tip leads to an arrest or a finding of a violation of the NIU Student Code of Conduct, you’ll receive a cash reward.

Be a Reliable Witness
If you should become a victim of a crime, or you observe a crime being committed, an accurate description will help the police identify the perpetrator. Remember the following pointers:
- Pay attention to distinguishing features such as birthmarks, tattoos, scars, moles, or facial characteristics. Start from the head and work downward.
- Write down what you saw as soon as possible after the incident, and do not discuss your description or other details with other witnesses.
- Do not hesitate to tell the police everything you saw, no matter how insignificant it seems.
- Use all of your senses—sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste—whatever is appropriate for the situation.
- Pay attention to language—words (especially peculiar terms), accent, tone of voice.

ARMED THREATS
Your response to a violent person, to someone with a weapon, or to an active shooter will depend upon circumstances at the time. The following tips are easy to remember in such a situation, but remember that improvisation is critical when dealing with dangerous circumstances. Most important—Always do whatever is necessary to survive.
- Escape if you can. RUN away if possible, and call 911 once you’re safe.
- If you can’t escape, then HIDE if you can do so safely, preferably where you’ll have protection from the firing of a weapon. Call 911 only if you will not reveal your position.
- If you can’t run or hide, then you should FIGHT with everything you have until you have an opening to escape, help arrives, or your attacker is defeated.
- Notify the police as soon as it’s safe to do so, and provide as much information as possible (see “Be a Reliable Witness”). If you’re in a group, only one of you should call 911.
- Once you’re safe, remain where you are until you receive the “All Clear” from a trusted source, preferably the police or an emergency service provider.
MISSING STUDENT ALERT
If a member of the university community believes that a student is missing, he or she should immediately notify the NIU Department of Police & Public Safety by calling 815-753-1212. If necessary, Police & Public Safety will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation. In circumstances where the investigation determines that the student is missing, the missing student protocol will be activated.

Initial emergency contact information is gathered at the time a student applies to NIU. A broadcast e-mail message is distributed annually to all students whether living on campus or off campus by the end of September. The e-mail provides an overview of the Higher Education Opportunity Act and explains how missing persons are identified, what the university’s response is when missing students are identified, and how students should update their contact information.

When a missing person is identified, the NIU Department of Police & Public Safety enters relevant student data into an appropriate database and involves other law enforcement agencies if necessary. Additionally, the NIU Police will initiate the emergency contact procedures designated by the student. If the missing student is under 18 years of age, and is not an emancipated minor, the NIU Police will notify the student’s parent or legal guardian after they have determined that the student has been missing. An “emancipated minor” is a minor who is legally allowed to conduct a business on his or her own behalf or for their own account outside the influence of a parent or guardian.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
Ensuring the safety of students is one of the most important tasks at Northern Illinois University. Understanding that families want information about their student quickly, the University has procedures in place to notify students of situations that may impact their welfare and provide directions in emergencies. To facilitate a notification, NIU has the capability to issue Safety Bulletins. Upon learning of a possible emergency, the Chief of Police will consult with University Officials and the President to determine the legitimacy and level of the emergency, who to notify, the content of the notification, and initiate the mass notification system.

Safety Bulletins may be delivered by all or a combination of the following methods of distribution:
- Text message and/or phone call to students and employees
- NIU Home Page
- Current Safety Bulletins web page
- E-mail sent to all niu.edu e-mail addresses
- NIU Safety Bulletins on Facebook
- @NIUSafety on Twitter
- Fire Panels/Loud Speakers in Campus Buildings
- IPTV

There are three categories of Safety Bulletins to notify students of important information and enhance personal safety:

Emergency Alert
An Emergency Alert is a mass notification broadcast that is initiated upon confirmation that an emergency is currently occurring, or imminently threatening the health or safety of people on campus. The intent of an Emergency Alert is to notify as many people as possible, as rapidly as possible, of a dangerous situation with instructions and follow-up information as needed. Depending on the emergency, an Emergency Alert may be limited to the location of the emergency on campus, such as a hazardous material spill or a small fire.

Emergency Alert Example: “Police Emergency at (on campus location). Remain indoors, seek immediate indoor shelter and deny entry (lockdown) now!”

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- IPTV

Timely Warning
A Timely Warning is a mass notification broadcast that is initiated when a crime has occurred on or near campus and is considered by NIU Police to represent a continuing but not an immediate threat to the campus community. Timely Warnings will be updated with additional information as it becomes available. The intent of a Timely Warning is to provide the timely information necessary to allow people to protect themselves and aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The following crimes are considered for a Timely Warning in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act: Homicide, manslaughter, forcible and non-forcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, liquor law violations, drug violation, illegal weapon possession, hate crimes, larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction/vandalism of property and any other crime involving bodily injury.

NIU Timely Warning Example: “Armed Robbery 7PM (off campus location). Male suspect last seen running west. Stay aware & avoid area if possible.” This example text message of a Timely Warning can be supplemented with an email and a post on the NIU Safety Bulletin webpage, providing updates or additional information, i.e. physical descriptions, reporting instructions, and safety tips.

An NIU Timely Warning may be delivered by all or a combination of the following methods of distribution:
- Text Message to Students and Employees
- Email to students, employees and parents
- Current Safety Bulletins web page
- NIU Safety Bulletins on Facebook
- @NIUSafety on Twitter
Community Awareness Bulletin
A Community Awareness Bulletin is a mass notification broadcast that is initiated to disseminate information about important topics that are in the interest of the well-being of the community. The intent of a Community Awareness Bulletin is to advise the campus community about health and safety issues (crime prevention, traffic and weather info) so people can make informed decisions.


An NIU Community Awareness Bulletin may be delivered by all or a combination of the following methods of distribution:
- Text Message to Students and Employees
- Email to students, employees and parents
- Current Safety Bulletins web page
- NIU Safety Bulletins on Facebook
- @NIUSafety on Twitter
- Fliers and Leaflets

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMPUS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

How will I (or my family) know if there is a campus emergency or disaster?
In case of an emergency, on-campus students are notified through a variety of channels:
- All students, faculty, and staff have university e-mail accounts that are automatically subscribed to the NIU Emergency Alert System that provides emergency warnings. NIU students have the ability to register up to two additional contacts to receive emergency alerts. These contacts can be parents, spouses, family members, or anyone else.
- Security Bulletins are posted at www.niu.edu/emergencyinfo/bulletins/index.shtml.
- Broadcast voice mails can be sent to landline phones on campus. Students can subscribe to this free service by calling 815-752-5900.
- All campus buildings are equipped with weather radios to warn campus officials of the approach of dangerous weather, and emergency sirens are located on and around campus. For weather emergencies, call the NIU Weather Hotline at 815-752-6736. Hearing impaired students can contact a TTY line at 815-753-9703.
- Local television and radio stations broadcast information when emergencies occur.

Which campus and community units respond to emergencies?
The NIU Department of Police & Public Safety is fortunate to be able to call upon the resources of multiple law enforcement agencies—campus, municipal, county, and state—in times of emergency. The university regularly interacts with local police and fire departments to plan and coordinate responses to emergencies on campus. Community advisors and other residence hall staff members receive training in how to react to a wide variety of emergencies. The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management has trained professionals organized into crisis response teams to provide care and support for students both during and after emergencies.

How will my family know that I am safe?
The university cannot contact families individually to update them on the well-being of their student. For this reason, discuss with your son or daughter the importance of touching base with you regularly, and especially in the event of an emergency or disaster on campus so that they can put your mind at ease.

How does the university handle students who have psychological disturbances?
NIU’s Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) trains faculty and staff members to recognize when a student is in emotional distress or experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Training includes helping students obtain professional assistance. The Center has a staff of psychologists and counselors who provide a wide range of counseling services and outreach programs. Services are free and confidential.

WHOM TO CALL: CAMPUS SERVICE UNITS
The following list offers telephone numbers and websites of campus units that deal with issues of personal health, safety, and empowerment; substance abuse prevention, assessment, and treatment; and legal assistance:
Affirmative Action & Diversity Resources
815-753-1118
www.hr.niu.edu/ServiceAreas/DiversityResources/

Community Standards & Student Conduct
815-753-1571 or -1572
www.niu.edu/communitystandards

Counseling & Student Development Center
815-753-1206
www.niu.edu/csdc

DeKalb County Crime Stoppers
815-895-3272
www.dekalbcounty.org

Health Enhancement
815-753-9755
www.niu.edu/health

Health Services
815-753-1311
www.niu.edu/healthservices

Huskie Bus Line
815-758-6900
www.huskieline.com

Huskie Student Patrol (6 p.m. to 2 a.m.)
815-753-9658

Huskie Safe Line Service (11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.)
815-753-2222
http://niu.edu/publicsafety/huskie-safe-line/

Interpersonal Violence Response Team (IVRT)
815-753-6102
www.niu.edu/about/safety/2009/services

NIU TipLine
815-753-8477 (TIPS)
www.stuaff.niu.edu/tipline

Ombudsperson
815-753-1414
www.niu.edu/ombuds
Northern’s Interpersonal Violence Response Team (IVRT) assists victims of rape, attempted rape, and assault. Services are confidential, and receiving services (including collection of medical evidence) does not mean a victim must prosecute the case. Offices providing services include the following:

**Health Services, 815-753-1311**  
Emergency medical treatment as necessary, medical follow-up and/or referral as necessary.

**Department of Police & Public Safety, 815-753-1212**  
Investigation of reported cases of relationship violence by interviewing the survivor and collecting evidence, follow-up investigation for possible prosecution.

**Counseling & Student Development Center, 815-753-1206**  
815-753-1212 after business hours for on-call counselor  
Face-to-face counseling and follow-up support during medical examination and police investigation, support, and counseling for secondary survivors.

**Community Standards and Student Conduct, 815-753-1571**  
Judicial review of the relationship violence, when appropriate; issuing a temporary sanction to assure survivor’s safety.

**Safe Passage (off campus), 815-756-5228 (24 hours)**  
Crisis intervention for dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 24-hour access to support for students. Other services include legal advocacy, medical advocacy, counseling, shelter, and abuser services.

**Victim Advocacy Series, 815-753-9748**  
Advocacy services to help victims navigate the various systems within the University needed for their safety and recovery, including support during a medical examination, police investigation, or judicial hearing.

**Kishwaukee Hospital, 815-756-1521 (24 hours)**  
Provides 24-hour confidential medical evaluation and treatment, including forensic evidence collection. For locations outside DeKalb County, go to a local emergency room or immediate care facility.

**Money Matters**

**APPROXIMATE COST AND ESTIMATED BUDGET**

Northern is noted for providing a high-quality education for a reasonable cost. Here is a breakdown of a “typical” student budget for one year (fall and spring semesters in 2013-2014). Costs will vary for each student, but the following schedule can be used to estimate the cost for the year.

**Tuition**  
$9,072  
This figure represents the cost of 15 on-campus semester hours per semester. The cost will vary with the number of hours enrolled. (Add $9,072 if not a resident of the State of Illinois.) Some courses may have additional fees for equipment and materials.

**Fees**  
$2,685  
Student fees include the facilities, services, athletic, student resource and activity fees, as well as a technology surcharge. These help to fund many of the services, organizations, and activities available to students while enrolled at NIU.

**Room and Board**  
$9,610  
This figure represents the average cost for a double room in Grant B Towers, Neptune, and Lincoln Residence Halls, and a Huskie 65 Meal Plan. The final housing assignment will determine whether the cost will be higher or lower.

**Student Health Insurance**  
$1,060  
For a limited time this fee can be waived with proof of equal or better insurance coverage.

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*For the tuition and fee rates for 2014-2015 and more detailed tuition and payment policy information, check the Bursar’s Office website at www.niu.edu/bursar. A health service fee is included as part of the fees and entitles students to services at Health Services, which is staffed by a wide range of health care professionals.

*A Student Health Insurance Plan is included as part of Northern’s fees for those enrolled for nine or more on-campus hours. Students who have equal or better insurance may have this fee waived by completing the waiver process online at www.niu.edu/healthservices within the first 15 calendar days of each semester.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

Swen Parson Hall 245, 815-753-1395 or 1-800-892-3050, www.niu.edu/fa
E-mail: finaid@niu.edu

NIU participates in a number of federal and state assistance programs that include scholarships, grants, loans, and Work-Study programs. A complete description of each program is available from the Student Financial Aid Office in Swen Parson Hall 245 or at www.niu.edu/fa.
The major programs are as follows:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- State of Illinois Monetary Award Program Grant (MAP)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH)
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)
- Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan for Undergraduate Students
- NIU Huskie Advantage Grant
- Educational benefits for veterans
- Illinois Veterans Grant
- Federal ROTC and Illinois State ROTC Scholarship
- Illinois National Guard Grant
- MIA/POW Scholarship

To apply for financial aid, complete the 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. It’s highly recommended that students complete their 2014 taxes as soon as possible and file the FAFSA early!

FINANCIAL CENTS

The financial decisions that students make today can affect them for years to come. NIU Financial Cents is a comprehensive financial literacy program that provides students with educational opportunities and resources to make informed financial decisions. This is accomplished through programming, workshops, information booths, and campus referrals. Visit the Financial Cents website at http://www.niu.edu/financialcents/.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

Swen Parson Hall 245K, 815-753-4829
www.scholarships.niu.edu

The Scholarship Office works in coordination with the Student Financial Aid Office to connect prospective and current NIU students with various scholarship resources. Staff members are available to answer questions and provide tips on where and how to apply for scholarships, clarification on scholarship procedures and requirements, financial advocacy for students facing hardship, and referrals to other NIU offices and resources.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Payment of all charges on students’ accounts is due seven days prior to the start of the term to which the charges apply. Account Statements are issued 30 days prior to the payment due date and are mailed to your permanent address. A schedule of billing and payment due dates can be found on the NIU Bursar website http://www.niu.edu/bursar/payments/duedates.

Students can also access their account information directly by logging into MyNIU and can pay their account via credit/debit card or e-check through this login. The student’s MyNIU account will show all charges for tuition, fees, and NIU housing, as well as credits for financial aid awarded and accepted through the Student Financial Aid Office prior to the billing notice date. Students who make less than a full payment will be assessed a late fee.

See the Bursar’s website at www.niu.edu/bursar for more information about payment procedures.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Swen Parson Hall 232, 815-753-1394
www.hr.niu.edu

About 3,000 students are employed on campus each year. They work in a variety of positions, including, but not limited to, food service, athletics, the library, the Convocation Center, departmental offices, residence halls, and the Holmes Student Center. Students with office and computer skills are especially needed. Opportunities also exist in data entry, life guarding, tutoring, recreation, and audio/visual areas. Students seeking employment in campus offices or departments should visit the Human Resource Services student employment website. Some departments on campus, such as Housing & Dining, also accept paper applications. Students can visit departmental websites for more information on these positions. For questions about student employment guidelines, contact the Student Employment Office.

The Immigration Law of 1986 requires all newly hired students to present proper identification before starting work. The Student Employment Handbook provides further information and can be found at http://www.hr.niu.edu/resources/index.cfm.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Career Services
Campus Life Building Room 220, 815-753-1641
www.gethired.niu.edu

The Job Location and Development program is designed to aid all eligible NIU students in finding part-time and temporary off-campus employment. Information about job openings is posted on Huskies Get Hired by utilizing Victor eRecruiting, an online job search database for students and employers, at www.niu.edu/careerservices.

Living On Campus

RESIDENCE HALLS
815-753-1525, www.niu.edu/housing

Housing & Dining provides innovative residential and dining programs, services, and facilities that foster academic success and personal growth.

Living in the residence halls is an important and memorable part of a student’s growth at NIU. Living on campus provides valuable opportunities to make new friends, become part of a learning community, participate in campus activities, and discover more about oneself.

Each year, approximately 5,000 NIU students live in six residence hall complexes and the Northern View Community apartments. First-year involvement in NIU residence halls can be a key contributor to a student’s academic and personal success. Housing & Dining uses its resources to ensure that every resident is comfortable and safe, receives academic support, can live a healthy lifestyle, and becomes part of a community.

Each housing complex serves as a “hometown” for residents, offering amenities that help students succeed in all aspects of their lives. Each area features a main reception desk that operates 24 hours a day, easy access to residential dining options, and convenient laundry facilities. Residents have access to study lounges, computer labs, meeting spaces, and social areas. Residents’ rooms in six halls have wireless Internet. There is also wireless Internet in public spaces throughout all of the halls.
Professional Staff: Each building has a full-time or graduate assistant hall director living in the hall who is on call to assist students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hall directors have or are pursuing a graduate degree, often in higher education or counseling. These staff members manage a hall’s daily operations and implement the hall’s educational and student development programs. Information, counseling, conflict resolution, and crisis intervention services are available, as are referrals and follow-up consultation.

Community Advisors: A Community Advisor (CA) is a carefully selected and trained student who lives on a hall floor. Many activities, events, and outings are led by the floor’s CA, who also directs the floor’s residential curriculum. The CAs’ core responsibilities are to build a sense of community among floor residents, to help students grow as individuals, and to listen to student concerns.

Hall Programming: To support the academic mission of the university, each residence hall develops programs, activities, events, and functions designed to enhance students’ learning environment. More than 1,000 educational programs are presented annually in the halls. Academics, culture, health, and student development are the most popular topics.

Academic Support: Faculty, professional staff, and community partners contribute to the educational curriculum that all residents experience. Most halls have classrooms that offer college credit courses to students, as well as in-hall tutoring centers to help improve their academic work. Residents have access to the Writing Center in Stevenson Towers, which serves the campus with trained consultants who help students with any stage of the writing process.

Student Leadership: Each hall has its own governing council with committees that plan educational, cultural, and social programs. Hall councils are elected by residents, govern halls according to housing policy guidelines, and advise hall staff of general student needs. New students are encouraged to represent their floors, go to meetings, and develop programs with their CAs. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) coordinates activities within the halls, provides an avenue for student involvement in residence hall life, and represents residents’ interests within the housing and dining system.

Hall Safety: Security is enhanced by locking floor doors 24/7 and requiring proof of residence for entry after 11 p.m. Community Safety Centers in each of the halls offer the comforting presence of professionals trained as both sworn police officers and EMTs.

Policies and Procedures: Specific residence hall policies are explained in the Housing Contract, the Contract Addendum, and the online Guide Post policy and procedure manual. Guide Post, located at www.housing.niu.edu/guidepost, explains many important policies, resources, and community expectations. Hard copies may be requested through a residence hall community main desk or the Residential Administration Office in East Neptune Hall.

Financial Responsibility
Payments for housing are billed to students’ permanent addresses. Students can view their financial account online via MyNIU 24/7. The Bursar’s Office handles payment issues and provides complete information in the materials issued to students at orientation.

Property Insurance
The university is not responsible for students’ personal property. This includes damage, loss, fire, theft, or flood. Many family insurance policies provide coverage for the personal property of students who are living away from home. Housing & Dining recommends that every student obtain sufficient insurance coverage. As part of college preparations, students should record the serial numbers of all valuable equipment that will be kept in their room, keep a copy of that information in a separate location, and register bicycles and electronic devices with NIU Department of Police & Public Safety.

RESIDENCE HALL DINING
815-753-0561, www.niu.edu/dining

Meal Plan choices for residents:

Huskie Unlimited Access: this plan provides unlimited access throughout the semester to any of the all-you-care-to-eat dining centers on campus, plus 75 Flex Dollars and 6 guest meals. Guest meals and Flex Dollars expire at the end of the semester.

Huskie 65: this plan provides 65 dining dollars each week of the semester for purchases either in our grab n’ go locations or on a “flat fee” basis in our all-you-care-to-eat dining centers. Unused dollars expire at the end of each week.

Huskie 90: this plan provides 90 dining dollars each week of the semester for purchases either in our grab n’ go locations or on a “flat fee” basis in our all-you-care-to-eat dining centers. Unused dollars expire at the end of each week.

Dining Rates are available on the Housing & Dining website: www.niu.edu/dining.

RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS

Lifestyle Options: Most NIU residents live on coed floors in a room with one roommate. Students are most successful when they live in the lifestyle that is most comfortable for them. One lifestyle does not fit all students. The following lifestyle options allow students to choose their floor preferences:

- Coed
- Single gender

Living Learning Communities (LLCs): LLCs are co-sponsored by Housing & Dining and academic departments. Dedicated faculty members serve as guides to students as they share their academic experiences and hone residents’ professional skills. LLCs bring together faculty with groups of motivated students who learn where they live. Special programs, speakers, field trips, and activities geared to the students in each residence hall or floor build added value for students. Living Learning Communities include:

- Business Careers House
- Exploring Majors House
- Fine Arts House
- Foreign Language House
- Health Professions House
- Honors House
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) House
- Green Living Community
- Teacher Education and Certification House (TEACH)
- Transfer House
- Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) Community
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Ally (LGBTQA) Community

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What will be in my room when I arrive?

- Twin bed and mattress
- Desk and chair
- Chest of drawers
- MicroFridge® (combination refrigerator/freezer/microwave) or refrigerator
- High-speed Internet service
- TV cable service
- Closet or wardrobe
- Draperies or blinds

Necessary Items to Bring

- Bedding: Pillow, blankets, and twin-sized sheets
- Towels and washcloths
- Metal wastebasket (not plastic)
- Toiletries
- Alarm clock
- Headphones for music
- Shower caddy
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener, and dryer sheets
- Laundry basket or bag
- Bathrobe, clothes hangers
- UL-Approved power strip(s)

Other Useful Items

- Fan (preferably a desk fan to take up less room)
- Computer (student’s choice of desktop or a laptop) and Ethernet cable for Internet connection
- Unmanaged hub or switch (to connect more than one Internet-capable device to the network)
- Television and coaxial cable
- Study lamps
- Foam pad for bed
- Closet organizer
- Shower shoes (like flip-flops)
- First-aid kit
- Plastic drinking tumblers
- Microwave-safe cooking bowls, plates, and plastic utensils
- Paper towels/napkins
- Cleaning supplies (wipes, dusting cloths, etc.)
- Room decorations (bring poster putty for hanging items on the walls)
- Rug or carpet
- Umbrella

What Not to Bring

- Wireless router (not allowed)
- Pets (except for fish, 5-gallon aquarium or less)
- Candles, incense, oil lamps, and other flammable devices
- Hot plates, toaster, toaster ovens, open-element cooking appliances
- Space heaters
- Firearms and weapons
- Halogen lamps
- Plastic wastebaskets
- Waterbeds

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR NEW STUDENTS, TRANSFER STUDENTS, AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Who is required to live in the Residence Halls?

All single, new students with fewer than 30 credit hours who will not have reached their 21st birthday by September 1, and who are not residing with their parents or legal guardians, or are not the custodial parent of a dependent child, must live in university residence halls. To expedite compliance with the residency requirement, students must apply for a residence hall room or seek an exemption promptly by submitting documentation that verifies their exemption request.

Can I pick my roommate?

Students can select their own roommates. When students choose their housing assignment, preferred roommates should coordinate to select a room assignment together online.

What does it mean to live on a coed floor?

On coed floors, men and women live in alternating rooms along a hallway with separate bathroom facilities provided on each floor. A single gender floor option is also available.

What is a Quiet Lifestyle floor?

Several floors are set aside for students who desire a quiet living and learning setting. Students who wish to live on these floors must sign and abide by the Residence Hall Quiet Lifestyle Agreement, which sets 24/7 quiet hours for the community.

Can my friends come to my room?

As long as both roommates agree, guests are welcome at any time of day and can stay up to 72 hours. After 11 p.m., all guests must be registered at the main desk. To have an overnight visitor, a resident must have the advance permission of his or her roommate(s).

Can I contact my roommate before Opening Day?

Communications before Opening Day can help roommates coordinate what to bring and get to know each other a little better. Housing will mail residents roommate information over the summer.

When can I move into the halls?

Residence halls open for fall at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2014.

Where can I do my laundry?

Each area has washers and dryers located on a lower level floor. In the New Residence Hall, machines are located within each cluster. Laundry machines are activated by the Huskie Bucks on a student’s OneCard ID.

Can I bring my own computer to campus?

Yes. Each residence hall room is equipped with wireless Internet and at least one high-speed Ethernet connection to the Internet. Residents who bring their own computer to campus must provide their own Ethernet cable; in rooms where residents share a connection, the university will provide a hub and one cable to connect the hub to the jack.

Housing & Dining has its own technology Helpdesk where residents can get help with their personal computers, getting online, and using other Internet-capable devices such as gaming systems, tablets and smart phones in the residence halls.
Are there computers available for student use?
Computer labs are located in most residential areas and are open 24/7. Any resident may use the lab in any residence hall. All hall labs have Windows PCs as well as laser printers, scanners, and adaptive technology stations. For a complete overview of residence hall technology, see www.restech.niu.edu.

What if my room needs to be repaired?
Simply call the Work Request Office (815-753-4948) or click on Room Repairs at www.housing.niu.edu to fill out an online work request form.

How will I get my mail?
Mail is delivered daily, Monday through Saturday. Pick up postage-due letters, parcel post, and special deliveries at the front desk. Mailboxes are located in the main lobby of each hall. Packages can be mailed at the DeKalb Post Office or its satellite locations (see page 27).

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Some transfer students may find it difficult to plug into university life when they first come to NIU. For some, the activities at a major university may seem very different from those experienced at a community college or another institution. Living off-campus may not supply the ready-made activities that residence halls provide, and an extra effort must be made to seek out social interaction. It is important for transfer students to become involved with college activities outside the classroom that can add to the total experience at NIU. One way is to live in the residence halls and participate in some of the programs hosted by the residence hall staff and student organizations.

The Transfer House, a Living Learning Community located in Stevenson Towers, is a great place for new transfer students to live. This option provides floors just for transfer students where social and educational activities are geared towards their needs and interests. Additionally, a cluster is reserved in the New Residence Hall for transfer students who are also in the Honors program.

STUDENTS WITH FAMILIES
What housing does NIU provide for partnered or single-parent students?
The Northern View Community is a university-operated apartment complex located on the western edge of campus. The community offers one-, two-, and three-bedroom units for students at least two years post high school, students with dependents, partnered students, graduate and law students, and other students looking for a more independent setting. Residents enjoy full kitchens, washers and dryers, and high-speed Internet access in each unit. Northern View also features a community center complete with a 24-hour computer lab, game room, study rooms, playrooms, and wireless Internet throughout. The Huskie Bus Line serves Northern View residents. For more information regarding this unique housing option, visit www.niu.edu/NorthernView.

Living Off Campus
What resources are available to help find housing for upper-division students and non-traditional students?
When upper-division students choose to live off campus in local apartment complexes, they are typically first-time renters. Off-Campus & Non-Traditional Student Services offers many resources to help students throughout their apartment search and selection process. Call 815-753-9999 or visit www.niu.edu/commonrad for information.

For information on rental rates at large complexes, listings of students in search of roommates, or local maps, click on the Off-Campus Housing link on the website. Two printed publications (the Housing Guide and the Apartment Hunter’s Guide) advertise many of the apartment complexes serving the NIU community. These resources can be obtained in this office as well as at many campus locations. Many local property managers also participate in the annual Off-Campus Housing Fair, allowing students to interact with local property managers in a convenient location on campus.

As a first-time renter, how can I avoid problems?
A written agreement between a tenant and landlord or between roommates is often a good idea. Clarify in advance when rent is due or who pays for utilities. Such an agreement avoids misunderstandings that can arise later. Contact Students’ Legal Assistance in the Campus Life Building, or call them at 815-753-1701, for assistance with any legal concerns or landlord-tenant problems. A PDF copy of the DeKalb Tenant’s Handbook is also available online at www.niu.edu/Legal/topics/landlord/overview.shtml.

First-time renters should bring many of the same items listed for residence hall students. Additionally, renters will need the following:
- Bed
- Desk and chair
- Bookshelves
- Kitchen table and chairs
- Pots and pans
- Dishes and glasses
- Flatware and knives
- Can opener
- Dishpan and drainer
- Ice cube trays
- Hardware, such as hammer, nails, and screwdrivers
- Garbage can and bags
- Laundry items
- Iron and ironing board
- Hangers
- Mop and bucket
- Cleaning supplies and dust cloths
- Towels and washcloths for kitchen and bathroom
- Bath mat
- Flashlight and batteries
- Lamps and light bulbs
- Power strips

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**Registration & Records**

**Williston Hall 220, 815-753-0681  
www.reg.niu.edu/regrec**

How do I find out what classes are being offered at NIU?
The schedule of classes is available on MyNIU (https://myniu.niu.edu). Students can log on to MyNIU with their Z-ID and password and click the “Search for Classes” button. For assistance with passwords, visit the Information Technology Services (ITS) website at www.its.niu.edu or call the ITS HelpDesk at 815-753-8100. A completely searchable Schedule of Classes is available online and contains real-time information.

A printable schedule of classes in PDF format is also available. For specific information, visit Registration & Records website and click on “Course Information.” Students can sign in to MyNIU using their Account ID/Z-ID and password >click on MyNIU Student Center >Click the Search for Classes button. For assistance with Account ID/Z-ID and passwords, contact visit the Information Technology Services (ITS) website or contact the ITS HelpDesk at 815-753-8100.

An academic calendar, which includes the add/drop deadlines, is accessible at: http://www.reg.niu.edu/regrec and click on “Dates & Deadlines.”

How do I register?
Registration is done online through MyNIU. Log on to MyNIU (https://myniu.niu.edu) with your Z-ID and password.

Changes to your schedule are allowed through the add/drop period. All schedule changes during the add/drop period are made online through MyNIU.

After the established drop deadlines, all course load reductions become withdrawals, with the exception of last-half session courses. All requests to withdraw from a course after the add/drop deadline must be initiated and processed through the student’s major college office.

When can I register?
Undergraduate students are issued enrollment appointments for registration based on the total number of credit hours earned including in-progress units, transfer, proficiency, and NIU hours. Students can view the start date and time of their enrollment appointment for a specific term online through MyNIU.

Note: New freshman and transfer undergraduates may register only after attending orientation and an advising session.


How do I get a copy of my class schedule?
Student class schedules are available online through MyNIU-Student System immediately after registering for classes.

What are variable credit courses?
Some courses are offered for a range of credit hours. The valid range of credit hours is listed on MyNIU next to the “Units” field. Before registering, students will need to consult with the department to determine the number of credit hours they will earn and for which they should register. Please note that variable hour courses default to the lowest number available in the range for that course. Be sure you check the number of hours for which you are enrolling for before you click on the “finish enrolling” button.

What is the class number?
The class number is a unique number that identifies a course section. This is the number students use to add, drop, swap, or change variable credit hours for a specific section. Some sections require permission to enroll. Contact the academic department offering the course to request permission to enroll.

What are courses with components?
Some courses have required components, meaning that there are two or more separate components of a course, such as a lecture and a lab that must be taken during the same term. The class detail information on the schedule of classes on MyNIU will display the required components. Students will be required to register for all components of the course.

**College Persistence and Graduation**

Retention and graduation patterns at Northern Illinois University are similar to those of other public universities with selective admission standards. For the five most recent freshman classes for which data is available (2008-2012), 71 percent of freshmen returned for the second year, 60 percent for the third year, and 56 percent for the fourth year.

Ability and Preparation Make a Difference.
Over half of all freshmen (51 percent) graduate from NIU. Their average grade point at graduation is 3.09/4.00. Of the students who have graduated from NIU, 89 percent graduated within five years or less.

The First Year Is the Hardest.
About 49 percent of the students who do not graduate leave the university during or after their first year, and 81 percent of those who do not graduate leave before their third year. Students leave for a variety of personal, financial, and academic reasons. About 70 percent of the non-returning students transfer to other Illinois institutions to pursue their education.

Of graduates who were part of the 2007 freshman class, 53 percent graduated within four years or less, and 90 percent graduated within five years or less.

Overall, Northern’s fall 2013 entering freshman class had an average high school class rank (percentile) of 62 and an average ACT score of 22.

**IS A COLLEGE EDUCATION WORTH THE COST IN TIME, ENERGY, AND DOLLARS?**
The answer is unequivocally yes. As society continues to be transformed at a staggering pace, there is an increasing demand for educated workers who are educationally prepared to succeed.

Although the costs of an education at Northern Illinois University and other institutions of higher education have risen over the past years, they are far outweighed by the benefits of that education.

According to research reported in A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education’s Commission on the Future of Higher Education (2006), a person with a bachelor’s degree will earn an average of at least $2.1 million—more than twice as much as a worker with only a high school diploma—over a lifetime. And the editors of Money magazine, in August 2013 article, estimated the return on investment for a college education at about 12% over a lifetime. At that rate, an NIU graduate can expect to make up his or her cost quickly and continue to collect extra benefits into the future.
TEN TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS:

1. **Attend your classes.**
   In many courses, attendance and participation are tracked to factor into the final grade. Students who regularly attend class benefit as professors share valuable information, answer questions, and provide study strategies. The research is clear: “Attending class helps students pass courses, graduate from college, and increase their future earning potential” (Randy Moore, University of Minnesota, 2006).

2. **Make a good start.**
   Students whose first-year grade point average falls below a "C" and/or who withdraw from a number of courses during their first semester sometimes experience difficulty catching up. If study habits need improvement or if personal counseling is needed, you should seek assistance from the campus resources offered. Help is always available; however, no one may know you need help unless you take the initiative.

3. **Meet with an academic advisor regularly.**
   Students gain from academic, intellectual, and vocational interaction with faculty. Neither the Undergraduate Catalog nor folklore from fellow students can provide the guidance, stimulation, and insights of regular conferences with an academic advisor. For students undecided about a major, the Academic Advising Center is the best place to work out a schedule of courses that will help them make maximum progress toward a degree in the field they eventually choose.

4. **Follow your four-year degree path.**
   NIU has developed four-year graduation plans for every major. The goal of the degree paths is to promote student success by guiding you to the completion of an undergraduate degree within a reasonable amount of time. Degree paths show the proper timing and pacing of major and general education requirements and assist you in taking ownership of your education. They can also help you prepare for meetings with your academic advisors. The four-year time frame reinforces the notion that the average student should be able to graduate within four years.

5. **Participate in MAP-Works.**
   MAP-Works is a first-year success program for new freshmen and transfer students. This survey-based tool helps students establish roots and develop positive habits in order to succeed at NIU. Participation in MAP-Works increases first year success by accomplishing the following:
   - Providing early intervention to students who may benefit from additional assistance;
   - Aligning student expectations with actual outcomes;
   - Cultivating student involvement; and
   - Facilitating the social and emotional transition to college.

6. **Become involved in First-Year Experience, Themed Learning Communities, or other first-year programs.**
   NIU offers programs (UNIV 101, UNIV 201, Student-Faculty Links, First-Year Success Series, Transfer2Transfer, and REACH) that are specifically designed to provide new students with opportunities to get connected at Northern. Students who become involved in campus life are more likely to persist in and be satisfied with their college experience. See pages 3 and 24 for more information on First-Year Connections and other high-impact first-year programs.

7. **Get involved in campus life.**
   Much learning and personal development occur outside the classroom. There are more than 200 clubs and organizations at Northern to meet any interest and need; also, you can create your own activity. A student involved beyond the classroom tends to view the university as a collection of human beings rather than simply as buildings made of bricks and glass. Students are encouraged to check with Student Involvement & Leadership Development, Campus Recreation, the Student Association, a faculty member in their college, or a residence hall staff member to find avenues for involvement. Every organization is looking for active participants.

8. **Work.**
   Working for wages is a necessity for many students, but work is also a means of making friends, decreasing boredom, and, if the employment is on campus, of becoming involved in the university. Statistics reveal that students who work on campus are more likely to complete their education. A word of caution: Don’t overdo it. Work should be limited to a maximum of 15-20 hours each week.

9. **Live on or near campus.**
   At least half of your learning experiences will take place outside the classroom, often in the living environment. Residence hall and group housing arrangements are recommended for the support they provide to student residents. Students who live at home and commute often find it more difficult to become involved.

10. **Carry a “full load.”**
    To complete the graduation requirement of 120 credit hours in 8 semesters requires an average load of 15 hours per semester. It is best to complete at least 15 hours each semester or as close to this number as your personal situation allows. Unnecessary course withdrawals may require you to spend an extra semester or more in pursuit of a degree. Almost any type of needed assistance is offered by one of many student support offices.
Academic Success and Enrichment

Northern's academic programs are designed to combine traditional classroom learning with exciting experiences outside the classroom walls, including international study, internships, independent study, and field and laboratory work.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

NIU provides a multifaceted advising system to meet students’ individual advising needs. Within each college and department, faculty and staff advisors provide accurate information on academic programs, policies, procedures, and deadlines. Students who have not yet selected a major or college receive advising assistance from the Academic Advising Center.

Advisors can help students in the following ways:
- Selecting a major
- Designing a program of study that meets individual interests and goals
- Mapping out a schedule
- Monitoring academic progress
- Clarifying career goals

Students also play an important role in academic advising. It is the student’s responsibility to do the following:
- Read and use NIU’s Undergraduate Catalog
- Know the requirements of a particular program
- Monitor academic progress by using NIU’s four-year degree paths
- Seek advising on a regular basis
- Schedule and keep advising appointments
- Be prepared for advising sessions
- Utilize the Office of Student Academic Success: www.niu.edu/osas/

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

Academic Advising Center Building 107, 815-753-2573
www.aac.niu.edu

The Academic Advising Center provides a variety of services to help undecided students achieve their personal, academic, and career goals at the university. While the advising focus is on undecided students, the Center is also available to students who are exploring their major options. Advisors in the Academic Advising Center, with knowledge of NIU’s many resources, can help students identify and make progress toward their academic goals. The Center provides the following information and assistance:
- Major and career exploration
- General education requirements
- Course scheduling
- Beginning courses that assist in exploring possible majors or fields of study
- University resources for success
- Academic rules and regulations
- Activities and opportunities to enhance your academic experience
- Academic warning, probation, and dismissal

ACCESS/TUTORING

Williston Hall 100, 815-753-1141 (SI), 815-753-0203 (PAL), 815-753-1141 (A+)
www.tutoring.niu.edu

ACCESS provides free campus-wide tutoring and academic support services to undergraduates through Peer Assisted Learning (PAL), Supplemental Instruction (SI), and the A+ program. PAL offers individualized, appointment-based tutoring in most 100- and 200-level general education courses. PAL walk-in tutoring centers are open to all students in several residence halls. Appointments are not required. SI is a learning assistance program that targets historically difficult courses. SI leaders attend class with students and hold regularly scheduled out-of-class study sessions to help students learn more effectively. The A+ Program provides one-on-one or small-group instruction in effective reading or study strategies by appointment.

CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES

Lincoln Terrace, 815-753-1709
www.cbs.niu.edu

The Center for Black Studies is an academic and research center that offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Black Studies. The Center is a place where students can go for advising, information regarding academic and professional resources, and networking. In addition, the Center seeks to stimulate students’ professional and career interests through the sponsorship of a speakers series and cultural events. The Center also does research and collects and analyzes data on all aspects of the African experience in Africa and the African Diaspora.

CENTER FOR LATINO AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

515 Garden Road, 815-753-1531
www.niu.edu/latinos/studies

The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary research and teaching unit that offers students, faculty, and the community a variety of programs that are designed to broaden knowledge and understanding about Latinos in the United States and Latin American civilization.

The Center offers a minor in Latino and Latin American Studies and a graduate concentration in Latin American Studies. Courses eligible for the minor and graduate concentration are offered in a variety of disciplines.

In addition, the Center sponsors First-Year Experience (UNIV 101 and 201 courses, REACH, the First-and Second-Year Success Series, Student-Faculty Links, Transfer2Transfer peer mentoring, and the Common Reading initiative), and coordinates with units across the campus to offer other programs that help first-year and transfer students succeed at NIU.

FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Altgeld Hall 100, 815-753-0028
www.niu.edu/fsye

This office sponsors First-Year Experience (UNIV 101 and 201 courses, REACH, the First-and Second-Year Success Series, Student-Faculty Links, Transfer2Transfer peer mentoring, and the Common Reading initiative), and coordinates with units across the campus to offer other programs that help first-year and transfer students succeed at NIU.

The First-Year Common Reading Program provides a common academic experience for all first-year students. New students are introduced to the book, which is used in many first-year courses, at orientation, and are encouraged to read it before fall classes begin. A number of campus-wide programs on the common reading will take place during the fall semester, including service projects, guest speakers, and community-building events. Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation is the Common Reading for 2014-2015.
The Second-Year Experience (Y2@NIU) is an initiative to support sophomore students as they progress to graduation at NIU. Opportunities to heighten campus involvement, develop leadership skills, learn about individual strengths, select or confirm a major, advance toward a career, and serve the University and community are available through this developing program.

Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL)
The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) is dedicated to providing opportunities for undergraduates to engage in hands-on learning. Engaged learning opportunities such as undergraduate research (Research Rookies, URA, USOAR, SROP), Themed Learning Communities (TLCs), and civic engagement (Huskie Service Scholars, FAST) help to enhance your classroom learning experience, apply theory to practical situations, and reveal your passions. These programs aim to develop your critical thinking skills; make connections with fellow students, faculty, and staff; foster your creativity; and prepare you for success in a diverse, global society. Check out OSEEL’s programs at www.oseel.niu.edu or contact the office via e-mail (engage@niu.edu) or by phone (815-753-8154).

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Adams Hall 419, 815-753-1142
www.sss.niu.edu
Student Support Services is a federally funded program that provides individual assistance to enhance students’ graduation potential. The program provides academic, career, and personal counseling to qualifying students; a computer lab; peer mentoring; cultural events and trips; and career and leadership courses. Student Support Services also has three student organizations to provide resources and development to participants. TRIO Scholars, College Parents’ Group, and Mentoring Valuable Peers (MVP) plan and develop activities throughout the year. Graduate school planning, job search strategies, and life planning are other services available to students.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE
Williston Hall 417, 815-753-0700
www.niu.edu/studyabroad
NIU students can earn credit while traveling the world. The Study Abroad Office provides university-wide support for study abroad programs. The university encourages students from all majors and fields of interest to receive part of their education in an international environment.

NIU offers programs in many disciplines and in many countries around the world. Costs vary according to the program location and length. All approved courses taken on a study abroad program will appear on students’ NIU transcripts and will be factored into students’ grade point average. Programs are available during the semester or academic year, as well as during the summer session, spring break, and winter break.

Programs with courses taught in English are available in most countries. Programs are also available that offer foreign language courses at all levels. For more advanced speakers, there are programs taught entirely in the language of the host country. Financial aid can make study abroad affordable. Most forms of grants and loans may apply. Scholarships are available that may also be applied to a study abroad experience.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION
Williston Hall 100, 815-753-1141
www.tutoring.niu.edu
Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a peer tutoring program designed to enhance student performance and academic achievement in historically difficult courses.

TESTING SERVICES
Adams Hall 128, 815-753-1203
www.niu.edu/testing
Testing Services provides information about a wide range of tests and testing programs, and administers many of the tests associated with undergraduate admissions, course placement, core competency, credit by proficiency, departmental qualification requirements, university graduation requirements, and admission to graduate and professional schools. Testing Services maintains files of test scores and serves as the campus location to which scores on tests taken elsewhere may be directed. Included in this group are scores from the Advanced Placement Program Examinations (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), ACT, and SAT programs.

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM
Campus Life Building 110, 815-753-0694
www.honors.niu.edu
The University Honors Program has enjoyed a proud history of success at Northern Illinois University. Through enriched academic experiences and co-curricular opportunities, the University Honors Program serves undergraduates who are committed to pursuing excellence in their studies and lives, and wish to enhance their college education. Students can take advantage of the University Honors Program’s more personalized educational environment with its small, interactive courses, special advising, and the University Honors House Living Learning Community located in the New Residential Complex.

The University Honors Program requires incoming freshmen to have achieved an ACT composite score of 27 or above and rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Currently enrolled students at NIU and transfer students need a cumulative 3.2 GPA. Thus, it is possible to join the program even if one is not admitted as an incoming freshman.

To graduate with University Honors, a student must complete a minimum of 27 credit hours of Honors coursework, of which 12 credits must be outside the major area and 12 credits must be upper division courses. The coursework includes a lower division seminar (Cornerstone), an upper division seminar (Honors Seminar), and a Capstone project (Senior Thesis). The overall cumulative GPA must be at least a 3.20, and the GPA in Honors courses must be at least a 3.20.

NIU students and transfer students with significant amounts of credit earned, at either NIU or other academic institutions, may work toward earning Upper Division Honors. To be awarded Upper Division Honors, students must earn 12 credits in honors classes at the 300-400 level with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Included in these 12 hours is an upper division seminar (Honors Seminar) and a Capstone project (Senior Thesis).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
Normal Road, 815-753-1995
www.ulib.niu.edu
The University Libraries consist of Founders Memorial Library, the Music Library, Faraday Library, and the Regional History Center/University Archives. Over 770,000 people use these facilities each year. Founders Memorial Library has five levels with 290,000 square feet of space and seating capacity for 1,400 students. The University Libraries’ collections contain over two million volumes, over 28,000 current periodicals (25,000+ are electronic full-text journals), 1.3 million government publications, 3.2 million microforms, and 250,000 maps, in addition to numerous CDs, videos, and DVDs.

To Check Out Materials
A student must present a valid NIU OneCard to check out library materials. Materials other than reserve books may be renewed in person or through the online catalog.
To Find Information
Reference librarians provide a variety of information services including reference desk assistance and instruction in the location and evaluation of print and electronic information sources. They can be contacted in person or via phone, online chat, or e-mail.

Library Services for Persons with Disabilities
Founders Memorial Library provides a specialized study room containing variable speed recorders, print magnifiers, Brailers, talking book machines, books on tape, and selected reference books in Braille and large print. Specialized assistance for students with disabilities is available through the Research and Reference department.

Photocopy Services
Photocopy machines, including one color copier, are available throughout the library system. Document Services maintains a Copier Service help desk on the first floor to assist all users.

The Libraries are a participant in the University’s Anywhere, Anytime network printing program, which allow students to send print requests to anywhere, anytime printers located across the campus.

Library Hours
Visit the library website (www.ulib.niu.edu), or call the library at 815-753-1995 for hours of operation.

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER
Stevenson Towers South Lower Level, 815-753-6636
www.uwc.niu.edu

At the University Writing Center (UWC), all writers at Northern Illinois University may talk one-on-one with trained consultants about their writing. Writers can discuss topics and ideas, gain further understanding of writing assignments, and identify strategies for planning, organizing, and developing drafts. UWC consultants will help writers identify better ways to use language, learn appropriate methods of persuading readers, integrate critical reading and thinking skills into written form, and discover effective use of sources and correct documentation. UWC consultants assist writers in identifying the different types of writing required for various disciplines. They also assist with résumés and applications for internships, scholarships, and/or careers. The UWC also offers tutoring for writing in selected foreign languages.

Essential Services

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & DIVERSITY RESOURCES (AADR)
1515 W. Lincoln Hwy.
815-753-1118 or 815-753-2303
www.hr.niu.edu/ServiceAreas/DiversityResources/
E-mail: aadr@niu.edu

AADR is a multifaceted department committed to ensuring that equal employment opportunities and diversity exist throughout the university community. AADR is responsible for investigating allegations of conduct which may violate NIU’s Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Employees and Students. Those who believe that a violation of the university’s policy has occurred are advised to seek direction from AADR. An affirmative action complaint may be filed by contacting AADR for an appointment to discuss the nature of the complaint, or by completing an Affirmative Action Complaint form. This form, as well as more information about the university’s policy and filing a complaint, can be obtained from AADR, its website, or Human Resource Services.

ASSOCIATION OF CAMPUS RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The Association of Campus Religious Organizations (ACRO) is an organization of professional leaders (not students) of the religious groups that are recognized by the university as intentionally working with NIU students. Meeting monthly, this group fosters communication between various religious groups as well as with NIU administrators and services. ACRO participates in the orientation of new NIU students, presenting information about all of its member organizations. A list of all religious organizations registered with Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, and members of ACRO can be found in the back of this handbook.

BANKING SERVICES ON CAMPUS

TCF Bank, located on the lower level of Holmes Student Center, provides the convenience of full-service banking. There are two ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) located in Holmes Student Center, one near the bus turnaround and one near the branch bank. In addition, there are TCF Bank-owned ATMs in the Student Recreation Center, Stevenson Towers, and the New Residence Hall. NIU has partnered with TCF Bank in streamlining steps to open a totally free checking account. New students interested in the convenience of campus banking services can sign up for the TCF Bank account option at the time they obtain their OneCard ID, which also becomes their ATM card.

CAMPUSS PARKING SERVICES
121 Normal Road, 815-753-1045
www.niu.edu/parking

Students may bring vehicles to campus; however, parking availability is limited. The majority of parking lots and university-owned streets are reserved for NIU permit parking only, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or otherwise as posted. Most parking lots near classroom buildings are reserved for faculty, staff, and commuting students.

Student parking permits may be purchased at www.niu.edu/parking or in person at Campus Parking Services. The type of permit for which a student qualifies is determined by student status and address. Because parking availability is limited and the Huskie Bus Line provides convenient service throughout the campus and the community, students are encouraged to not bring...
Upon admission, CHANCE provides the following individual and group services:

- Academic, personal, and career counseling
- Academic mentoring
- Freshman Orientation Course
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Summer Math College
- Freshman Orientation Program
- Freshman Transitions Conference
- STEM Programs
- Freshman Academic Awards Ceremony
- Peer Led Study Sessions
- Latino Freshman Student Reception
- Male Support Groups
- Financial Aid Literacy Counseling
- Scholarship Information Workshops
- Need-Based Scholarship Support
- Student and Parent College Admissions Sessions
- Single Parent Support Groups
- CHANCE Senior Luncheon

Upon admission, CHANCE provides the following individual and group services for NIU students and faculty/staff.

Visitors to campus may park at the visitor pay lot, which is located on Carroll Avenue just west of the NIU Parking Deck and Founders Memorial Library. There are also metered parking areas and parking pay stations on campus. If these do not meet the needs of visitors, contact Campus Parking Services to determine eligibility for a temporary parking permit.

CAMPUS RADIO SERVICES
NIU Broadcast Center, 801 N. First Street, DeKalb
815-753-9000
www.northernpublicradio.org

Northern Public Radio is NIU’s public broadcast service. WNIU 90.5 airs classical music, while WNJI 89.5 offers in-depth news, information programming, and entertainment programs. A closed-circuit radio channel, NIRIS, uses a corps of volunteers to read area newspapers, books, and magazines to people with visual or other reading impairments.

CHANCE
Williston Hall 120, 815-753-0201
www.chance.niu.edu

The CHANCE (College Help and Assistance Necessary for a College Education) Program uses alternative and flexible criteria for admitting students to NIU. The admissions criteria is based on a holistic approach that includes review of a student’s application, high school grade point average, high school percentage rank, ACT, personal statement, and recommendations. Admission to NIU through the CHANCE Program is open to all students who do not meet traditional admissions criteria but exemplify academic and personal qualities that demonstrate strong potential for success in completing a college degree. Since the program’s inception in 1968, more than 15,000 NIU Alumni are graduates of the CHANCE Program.

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The 16-story tower of the HSC contains meeting rooms and 80 hotel guest rooms that are available to family and guests of students, staff, and faculty, as well as alumni and visitors to the NIU campus.
Huskies Den
815-753-1419
www.huskiesden.niu.edu
On the lower level of HSC is the Huskies Den Games Room, which contains 16 bowling alleys with automatic scorers and 18-pocket billiard tables including a billiard and snooker table. Weekly pool and poker tournaments are available, as well as a wide variety of game consoles including Wii™, Xbox 360™, Xbox™, and PS3™ with a full library of games. KNPE bowling classes are offered each semester. The Huskies Den is open late to serve students’ entertainment needs.

Diversions
815-753-1745
The Diversions area features a full-service bank (TCF), the university OneCard ID Office, and a show lounge that hosts live entertainment, films, dances, and even an occasional birthday party.

Other HSC Services
• Huskie Bucks-operated copy machines
• Notary public services available (free) in the Office of the Ombudsman (sixth floor)
• Two computer labs open to all NIU students
• Wireless Internet access for laptop users
• Two lounges with comfortable furniture and a TV.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
Contact Center
Telephone and Security Building, 815-753-8100
www.its.niu.edu

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides information technologies that support teaching and learning, administration, and research at all of NIU’s campuses.

Students are assigned a Z-ID when they are admitted. Your Z-ID and password give you access to NIU webmail, the Blackboard course management system, network storage space and MyNIU. See its.niu.edu > AccountID / Z-ID & Password.

Students automatically get an NIU Google mailbox with 30 GB of space. You can get your NIU Google e-mail on the web at webmail.students.niu.edu, and on mobile devices. See its.niu.edu > E-Mail.

Each student has 5 GB on the H: drive on the NIU network. The H: drive can be accessed from anywhere on any device with an Internet connection with Anywhere Files. See its.niu.edu > Anywhere.

There is Wi-Fi access in all student and academic indoor spaces and in most administrative buildings. See its.niu.edu > Connect to the NIU Network.

ITS has computing labs in ten campus buildings. Each workstation is an Intel-based PC with Windows 7, Office 2010, Internet browsers, software for basic productivity, and assistive software for students who are blind or visually impaired.

Students submit print jobs from any device connected to the Internet to Anywhere Printers located near each lab. Each student gets $7.00 of printing on their OneCard for Fall 2014 and $7.00 for Spring 2015. Once you use up the free print quota, your OneCard is charged. Printing costs $.07 per black and white page and $.25 per color page. Scanning to e-mail or a jump drive is free. See its.niu.edu > Anywhere.

All computers connected to the NIU network should be running anti-virus software. ITS provides free anti-virus software. See its.niu.edu > Software & Downloads.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND FACULTY OFFICE
Williston Hall 406, 815-753-1346
www.niu.edu/isfo

The International Student and Faculty Office assists all non-immigrant students, scholars, faculty, and staff at Northern Illinois University. The office follows up with all immigration regulation-related matters of the university as required and necessary; processes immigration documents for all non-immigrant students, scholars, faculty, and staff; coordinates all admission efforts for incoming international undergraduate students; and advises all international students, scholars, faculty, and staff in immigration-related issues.

The office provides ongoing support for the non-immigrant population on campus in their academic, cultural, and social adjustment with such programs as comprehensive orientation, workshops in various topics, and other activities as necessary.

The office makes continuing efforts to increase international understanding and appreciation for diversity on campus.

NORTHERN STAR
Campus Life Building 130, 815-753-0101
www.northernstar.info

NIU’s daily campus medium, the nationally acclaimed Northern Star, is produced and operated completely by students. The newspaper is free at many convenient points on and off campus. The website offers multimedia features including video, podcasts, and blogs, plus interactive guides for services such as local dining and housing options. Together, the newspaper and website keep students informed of what’s happening on campus, in the community, and in the world.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON
Holmes Student Center, sixth floor, 815-753-1414
www.niu.edu/ombuds

The university ombudsperson assists individuals who are voluntarily attempting to resolve university-related issues or conflicts (academic, financial, housing, student conduct, employment, or personal). The ombudsperson is independent from the university’s formal administrative structure and works with students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Therefore, the ombudsperson serves as a neutral party who provides confidential assistance in an impartial and objective manner.

The ombudsperson will help to identify options to help you effectively resolve your concern, including providing referrals to the correct university officials authorized to address the concerns. Communications with the office are held in strict confidence, and all services are free of charge.

The office of continuing international students offers multimedia features including video, podcasts, and blogs, plus interactive guides for services such as local dining and housing options.
POSTAL SERVICES
DeKalb Post Office
600 E. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb (off campus)
815-758-6677, 800-275-8777
www.usps.com

Resource Bank Locations
555 Bethany Road, DeKalb (off campus), 815-748-1606
775 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb (off campus),
815-748-3108

Stamps may be purchased on campus at the Holmes Student Center Information Desk and the Guest Room Desk. Mail for university offices and on-campus residents can be sent via the Campus Mail system. Drop boxes are available in various buildings.

Students who are living in an apartment off campus must have their names listed on their mailbox to receive mail delivery. If a student’s name is not on the mailbox, the Postal Service will not make delivery; mail will be returned to the sender.

Students living in rooming houses or apartment buildings are reminded to include their apartment or unit number in their address, as in the following example:

Student’s Name
1000 E Any St, Apt. 123 (or Unit 123)
DeKalb, IL 60115

When moving out of their residence, students should complete a Change of Address form to notify the Postal Service of their new address. Forms are available at any post office or online at www.usps.com.

ROTC
Chick Evans Field House, 815-752-7682

Two-, three-, and four-year military science programs are open to all qualified students. Twenty-five hours of academic credit may be earned and applied toward graduation requirements as elective credit or toward a minor in military science. Leadership, management, and skills training are emphasized.

There is no military obligation for students who enroll in the first two years (basic course classes) of the ROTC program. Those who wish to seek an appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army must complete either the basic course classes during their freshman and sophomore years or receive credit for those classes based on previous military service. They can then enroll in the advanced program at the beginning of their junior year.

Acceptance into the advanced program is competitive and limited. Scholarships and financial aid may be available. Merit-based scholarships cover the cost of tuition and fees OR room and board, and include a yearly book stipend. Monthly stipends are paid to all contracted cadets, and can be paid for all four years of college. In addition to receiving scholarships, any college student can enroll in the military science classes and apply for an Illinois State Tuition Waiver (ISTW) that will cover the cost of tuition, or an NIU Housing Waiver that covers the cost of living in university-provided housing each semester. There is no military obligation for receiving an Illinois State Tuition Waiver or NIU Housing Waiver, but waivers are awarded based on merit and have strict participation requirements. Students in all levels of the program are eligible for these waivers.

SPEECH–LANGUAGE–HEARING CLINIC
3100 Sycamore Road, DeKalb, 815-753-1481
www.chhs.niu.edu/slh

NIU students with speech, language, swallowing, voice, and/or hearing difficulties can seek professional services at the Speech–Language–Hearing Clinic through the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders. The clinic is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with some evening hours scheduled each semester for speech-language sessions. The clinic uses a standard fee structure for services. Some fees are covered by health insurance plans or are paid by local agencies. An income-based sliding fee scale is also available for those who are without health insurance plans that cover our services.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Bikes
Bike racks are available all around campus. Students should register their bikes early in the semester at the Department of Police & Public Safety (NIU Police), 815-753-1212, or at the DeKalb Police Department, 815-756-1421. Bicycles are also available through Campus Parking Service’s Borrow-a-Bike program. For more information call Campus Parking Services or visit www.niu.edu/parking/bike.

Buses
815-758-6900, 815-753-0308
www.huskieline.com

Perhaps the most used NIU student convenience is the campus bus system, one of the services derived from student fees. The routes, each starting at the Holmes Student Center, take riders around campus, to residential areas, and to shopping sites around DeKalb. There is also a weekend shuttle with stops at the Elburn Metra train station. All buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts to provide better access for students with disabilities.
Health & Wellness Resources

HEALTH SERVICES
Health Services Building, 815-753-1311
www.niu.edu/healthservices

Health Services offers a wide variety of high quality outpatient care services to help students improve and maintain their health and wellness. Health Services is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.

Eligibility for Care: All currently enrolled students (full- or part-time) who have been assessed the on-campus student services fees are eligible to use Health Services. NIU Student Health Insurance, or any other health insurance, is not needed to use Health Services.

Staff: Health Services physicians, nurses, and other professional and support staff are sensitive to the special needs of the college community. The physicians specialize in a wide range of areas, including family practice, internal medicine, sports medicine, and men’s and women’s health.

Services Available: Acute and chronic medical care, allergy injections, immunizations, laboratory, mental health, pharmacy, radiology, men’s and women’s health care, as well as referrals for nutrition counseling and physical therapy.

Appointments: Appointments are needed for most health care services. To schedule an appointment, go to www.niu.edu/healthservices or call 815-753-1311.

Charges for Care: The student services fee covers most of the services provided at Health Services. There are no charges for physician visits, x-rays, most laboratory tests, and most other services. There are charges for prescriptions, missed appointments, immunizations, medical supplies, some laboratory tests, and some specialized procedures (fees-for-service are subject to change).

Immunization Policy: The Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) and university policy require that all students born on or after January 1, 1957, enrolling in a class at the NIU DeKalb campus, provide written evidence of immunizations. Failure to provide the required documentation and to be in compliance with the state law by the tenth day of the first term enrolled will result in a late processing fee. A registration encumbrance will also be placed on the records of students who are not in compliance. Students will be notified at their NIU e-mail account if any additional information is required. Immunization information may be obtained from the Health Services web page at www.niu.edu/healthservices/immunizations or by calling 815-753-1311. Due to the Affordable Care Act, all immunizations are covered by Student Health Insurance. A student carrying private insurance may request a receipt upon payment and submit it to their insurance company for reimbursement.

Meningitis: Meningitis is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord that is caused by either viruses or bacteria. Viral meningitis is generally less severe and resolves without specific treatment. Bacterial meningitis, especially meningococcal meningitis, is more serious and can result in permanent neurological damage or death.

Meningococcal meningitis begins with symptoms of high fever, headache, and stiff neck that may develop over a period of several hours to two days. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, confusion, drowsiness, and discomfort when one looks at bright lights. Meningococcal meningitis is spread through the exchange of oral and respiratory secretions (e.g., coughing, kissing, and sharing eating utensils), not through casual contact. Individuals who live in the same household or have direct contact with an infected person’s oral secretions are at increased risk of acquiring the infection.

Meningococcal vaccine protects against four of the five strains (or types) of the bacterium that cause meningococcal disease. The vaccine provides immunity for a number of years to approximately 90 percent of those who are vaccinated, but does not confer lifelong immunity to meningococcal disease. Health Services provides the meningococcal vaccination for NIU students on request. For more information, please call Health Services Preventive Medicine at 815-753-9759.

Confidentiality: All health information is confidential except as described in the Health Services Notice of Privacy and as required by Illinois or Federal law. If a patient 18 years or older wishes to release information to any individual or medical facility outside of Health Services, he or she must sign an Authorization for Release of Information form.

Care Outside of Health Services: Health Services provides referrals to medical specialists for consultation and/or care when necessary. Additionally, students may seek medical care elsewhere. However, Health Services does not pay for medical care received outside of Health Services; students are responsible for payment of these expenses. Students are advised to check their NIU Student Health Insurance and/or private health insurance plans to determine if the expenses are reimbursable. Students who are covered by NIU Student Health Insurance may visit the website at www.niu.edu/shi or call 815-753-0122.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE
Health Services Building 201, 815-753-0122
www.studentinsurance.niu.edu

Students who register for nine or more on-campus semester hours for the fall or spring semesters are automatically charged a fee for health insurance on their tuition account through the Bursar’s office. Students who register for at least six hours of on-campus, off-campus, or Internet classes, are eligible to purchase the student insurance plan and should contact the student insurance office. Dependent coverage for eligible students is also available.

Students who have other comparable health insurance coverage may cancel the NIU plan. The online waiver form is located at www.studentinsurance.niu.edu and accessible only if the student has been billed for the student insurance plan. The waiver form must be completed during the waiver period listed on the website. The NIU waiver process is an annual process for fall students. A spring waiver is good only through the following August.

The NIU student insurance plan covers the student 24 hours per day anywhere in the world. There is an annual deductible of $250, which is waived when coordinating with another group plan, and a $500,000 maximum.

It is strongly recommended that the student keep the NIU student insurance to help close gaps left by other insurance plans. Not all insurance companies or plans work in the DeKalb area. The NIU plan is an affordable way to lower the out-of-pocket expenses, such as co-insurances, high deductibles, and other exclusions not covered by other insurance.
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The Family Therapy Clinic of NIU provides individual, couples, and family therapy to persons in DeKalb and the surrounding communities. Anyone, regardless of affiliation with Northern Illinois University, is eligible to receive services. Fees are based on a sliding scale, so high-quality therapy services are made affordable to all those in need. No one is turned away for inability to pay. The clinic serves a wide variety of ages—from children 3 years old to older adults 65 years of age. While services are provided to a wide range of presenting issues, some of the areas of clinical specialization include family conflict, relationship problems, premarital counseling, trauma and attachment, and common mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, adjustment, anger, fear, managing stress, and loneliness.

COUNSELING & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Campus Life Building 200, 815-753-1206
www.niu.edu/csdc

The Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) offers free and confidential individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, educational programming, consultation, and referrals to campus and community resources.

Counseling services address a wide variety of student issues that include forming and strengthening relationships, adapting to college life, handling academic stress, dealing with changes in family relationships, and managing uncomfortable emotions and stressful or traumatic experiences. Students are also assisted with their specific concerns.

NIU students can come to the CSDC office during walk-in hours to complete paperwork and meet with a counselor. During this initial appointment, the student and counselor will identify areas of personal growth and counseling options to help the student reach his/her goals. This appointment takes approximately 45 minutes.

The CSDC staff consists of qualified mental health professionals who are experienced in working with both traditional and non-traditional college students. Students can expect to meet with someone who will exhibit the following qualities:

• Embraces differences of race, cultural background, age, ability, gender, religious affiliation, and sexual orientation;
• Maintains the highest ethical and legal standards of confidentiality;
• Is interested in listening to students’ concerns; and
• Recognizes students as unique individuals who are valued members of the NIU community.

Other services at CSDC include the following:

• Training: Graduate student training in counseling and psychology
• Consultation and Outreach: Assistance for at-risk students, program and organizational development workshops, and workshops on a variety of topics—from assertiveness to eating disorders—offered in living units, classes, and other groups.

Psychiatric Services, including medication evaluations and prescriptions, are available through CSDC and are physically housed in the NIU Health Services Building; these services can be accessed by calling 815-753-1311.

HEALTH ENHANCEMENT
Evans Field House 139, 815-753-9755
www.health.niu.edu

Health Enhancement provides essential health promotion initiatives that are designed to enhance the educational experience of students; staff members who facilitate opportunities that empower students to make healthy lifestyle and socially responsible choices; and advocacy for health-promoting policies and conditions that result in a healthier campus community.

Health Enhancement is located in several offices in the Evans Field House located at the southeast corner of Lucinda Avenue and Annie Glidden Road.

The following services are available:

• Informational presentations and trainings on a variety of health topics are provided for students, residence hall staff, student groups, and campus departments and programs;
• PAUSE OFF! Peer Education Theater Troupe involving NIU students from various academic disciplines. Students earn course credit and campus recognition for developing and performing interactive theater productions focusing on interpersonal violence prevention and healthy relationships;
• Health information published in the display and classified advertising sections of the Northern Star and posted on bulletin boards and buses throughout campus;
• Wellness Resources, available in the Evans Field House offices, including educational materials for speeches, presentations, class projects, and student group events;
• Xtreme Air a smoking cessation program for NIU students and Quit Smoking Kits, coaching, and other resources to help students quit smoking. Call the office for a kit or to schedule an appointment;
• BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) is a confidential and non-judgmental, one-on-one educational intervention designed to reduce risky behaviors and harmful consequences related to alcohol misuse; and
• Online assessment and education for alcohol and marijuana via www.niu.edu/health/programs/e-chug (alcohol) and www.niu.edu/health/programs/e-toke (marijuana).

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CENTER
Department of Psychology
Psychology-Computer Science Building 86, 815-753-1543
www.niu.edu/psyc/psc/index.shtml

The Psychological Services Center provides a wide range of mental health services to NIU students, staff, and faculty, and to members of the surrounding northern Illinois community. Therapy is available for families and for children with emotional, behavioral, and learning problems. Counseling services are also offered for individuals, groups, and couples. Psychological evaluations are conducted to address a wide range of concerns. The staff works with clients of all ages and addresses such problems as depression, anxiety, relationship difficulties, learning disabilities, and effects of abuse. For full-time NIU students, individual therapy is free of charge.
Involvement at NIU

COMMITTEES
University Council
The University Council, with its related committees, establishes, directs, and controls educational policy. Voting student members of the council are the president of the Student Association (or an alternate) and 14 students, apportioned evenly among the colleges and selected by the student advisory councils of the colleges and the Student Association president.

Councils
Each college has a student advisory committee and, within the colleges, individual departments also have advisory councils. Interested students should apply directly to the college or department office.

All-University Committees
Although there are many university committees, the list below demonstrates the comprehensive opportunities available to students. Apply to serve on a committee at the Student Association Office in Campus Life Building 180 or call 815-753-0482.

The following university committees include student representatives:
- Academic Planning Council
- Athletic Board
- Campus Parking Committee
- Campus Security
- Computing Facilities Advisory
- Improvement of Undergraduate Education
- Northern Star Publications Board
- Parking Appeals
- Presidential Commission on the Status of Minorities
- Student Conduct Board
- Undergraduate Academic Environment
- Unity in Diversity Steering Committee

ATHLETICS
Convocation Center 200, 815-753-1295
Yordon Center, 815-753-0006
http://niuhuskies.csuv.com

The Northern Illinois University Huskie athletic program is rooted in a long and proud tradition of excellence. This is evident in the mission statement: “We develop champions in the classroom, in competition and in life.” NIU currently sponsors 17 Huskie teams, which compete in the Mid-American Conference (MAC), a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I FBS collegiate athletic conference. Huskie athletic teams include baseball, men and women’s basketball, women’s cross country, football, men’s and women’s golf, women’s gymnastics, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s softball, men’s and women’s tennis, women’s track and field, women’s volleyball, and wrestling.

Opportunities for student-athletes extend beyond sports performance to include scholarships, academic achievement, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), life skills programs, and community service involvement.

NIU students, alumni, staff, and faculty are encouraged to display their red and black Huskie pride at all athletic events. Admission to all Huskie home competition is free for all NIU students. Students can pick up their free tickets at the Convocation Center with their student ID. The success of Huskie athletic sport teams and events is dependent upon the involvement and support of the entire NIU community.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD
Campus Life Building 160, 815-753-1580
www.niu.edu/cab
Facebook: Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Campus Activities Board (CAB) is the premier student programming organization at NIU. This body provides the campus with cultural, social, educational, and entertainment programs that meet the diverse interests of the university community. CAB partners with other student organizations, faculty, staff, university departments, and the greater NIU community to provide the best possible social, academic, and cultural experiences to NIU’s students.

In addition, CAB provides opportunities for students to develop into quality leaders through board membership and committee involvement. Committees include Concerts & Comedy, Athletic Events, Fine Arts, Educational Leadership, Huskie Traditions, Seasonal Events, Special Events, Unity & Diversity, Information Technology, Marketing Concepts, Public Relations, and Corporate Relations. Visit the website or call for general CAB information, membership opportunities, or coming events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Campus Life Building 150, 815-753-1421
www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement/volunteer

Community Service, a functional area of Student Involvement & Leadership Development, focuses on providing our students with opportunities to connect to and make a difference in their community. Through service, students not only enrich their community, but also gain hands-on experience in various work fields, build relationships with their peers, and learn valuable networking skills.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Campus Life Building 180, 815-753-0483
www.niu.edu/sa

All NIU students are members of the Student Association (SA), which is the student governing body on campus and the chief vehicle for accomplishing student-oriented goals. All students are eligible to vote during SA elections and on referenda.

Through the efforts of the Student Association, students have a campus-wide busing system, legal assistance office, recreation program, full-time child care center, Health Enhancement, and the right to be included on all university policy-making boards. The SA provides many opportunities for students to become involved and gain valuable leadership experience.

Full-time students in good academic standing are eligible to run for any elected position, and may apply to serve on any committee that works within the SA and the university.

The executive branch of the SA consists of the president, vice president, treasurer, and student trustee. There is also a cabinet of appointed directors for the following areas: academic affairs, student life, public affairs, governmental affairs, Greek affairs, cultural affairs, athletics and recreation, transportation, organizational development, IT, advertising, and a chief of staff. Forty senators serve as the legislative arm of the SA. The senators are elected from various districts including the residence halls, Greek houses, and off-campus locations.

One of the most important tasks the SA Senate performs is the allocation of over $1.6 million of student activity fees. These funds go toward the operation of Recreation Services, Campus Child Care, the Campus Activities Board, and over 300 other student organizations. The SA sets the guidelines for and grants recognition to student organizations. The SA also channels comments, complaints, and suggestions to the university administration that can improve overall student well-being.
Student Organizations

GET INVOLVED—BRANCH OUT!
Higher education research clearly shows that students who are involved on campus are more likely to persist to graduation and be more satisfied with their college experience. Other benefits include developing teamwork and leadership skills, as well as opportunities to network with faculty, staff, and other students. You will find professional organizations, religious groups, residence hall organizations, special interest clubs, social organizations, and service groups at NIU. Most of these organizations are listed on the following pages by category. Brief descriptions of each organization can be found at www.niu.edu/sa/organizations.

For more information about a club or organization, or for information about how to start one of your own, contact the Student Association at studentassociation@niu.edu.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST
(See also Honor and Honorary Societies)
Actuarial Club
Advancing Productivity, Innovation, & Competitive Success (APICS)
AIESEC (International Economic and Commercial Sciences Students Association)
American Advertising Federation
American Marketing Association
American Meteorological Society
ARS Nova (Art)
Ascend (Pan-Asian Leadership and Business)
Association for Computing Machinery
Association for Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired
Association for the Education of Young Children (Northern Illinois)
Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting
Athletic Training Students Association (Northern Illinois)
Business Administration Student Association
Chem Club (NIU)
Clinical Laboratory Science Club
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (NIU)
Collegiate Sales Advisory Board
Communicative Disorders Student Association
Counseling Association (NIUCA)
Educators Club (NIU)
Engineers Without Borders
Fashion Industries Organization
Financial Management Association
Folklore Academic Experience
Forensics Club
Gerontology Student Organization
Grad Sports Society (Sports and Fitness Professionals)
Graduate Student Research Association
History Club
History Graduate Student Association
Illinois Public Health Association at NIU
Innovators Club
Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers
Investment Association (NIU)
Invisible Children
Linux Users Group (NIU)
Math Club
Minority Science Association
Music Society (NIU)
National Art Education Association
National Association of Black Accountants
National Society of Black Engineers
Paris à DeKalb
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Music)
Phi Sigma Zeta (Political Science)
Pi Sigma Epsilon (Marketing)

Political Science Graduate Student Association
Pre-Law Society
Pre-Physical Therapy Club
Pre-Professional Association of NIU
Public Administration Student Association
Public Health Student Association
Public Relations Student Society of America
Sigma Alpha Iota (Music Sorority)
Society for Advancement of Management
Society for Higher Education Administrators
Society for Hospitality Administration
Society for Human Resource Management
Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Society of Physics Students
Student Academy of Audiology
Student Advisory Council on Learning Outcomes (SACLO)
Student Dietetic Association
Student Education Association
Student Health Organization
Student Nurses Organization (SNO)
Student Physical Therapy Association
Student Psychological Association
Student Physical Therapy Association
Student Sub-unit of the Illinois Lakes Management Association (NIU)
Students in the Illinois New Broadcasters Association
Stylistic Vision (Fashion Marketing)
TRIO Association (Leadership)
Women in Business Professions

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Alpha Phi Omega
American Red Cross Club (NIU)
Best Buddies
Black Male Initiative
Bread for the World (NIU Student Chapter)
Campus Girl Scouts
Circle K
Helping Hands
Huskie Disaster Relief
NIU Peace Jam Scholars
We Care 4 NIU

DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL
African American Leadership Conference
African Student Association
Akido Club
Asian American Association
Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association
Association for the Latino Movement and Accreditations
Association of Students from Turkey
Black Graduate Student Association
Black Student Union
Black Theater Workshop
Burma Interest Group
Chinese Students and Scholars Association
Deaf Pride
E.B.O.N.Y. Women
Hip Hop Congress
Indian Student Association
International Students Association
International Students of Latin America
Italian Club (NIU)
Korean Student Association
Latino Cultural Awareness Committee
Nation of Islam Student Association
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Organization of Latin American Students
Poetic Asylum
PRISM (Pride, Raising awareness, Involvement, Support, and Mentoring for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender individuals)
Saudi Students Association
S.I.S.T.E.R.S. (African American women)
Southeast Asia Club
Taiwanese Student Association
Vietnamese Student Association
GREEK: FRATERNITY, SORORITY
Fraternities and sororities provide interested students with the opportunity to become part of a group that shares common ideals and promotes community service, scholastic excellence, social responsibility, and philanthropic endeavors. They also offer opportunities for leadership, responsibility, and development. Close bonds and lifelong friendship among fraternity and sorority members are enhanced by living in chapter houses that are maintained by most social organizations. Students interested in learning more about affiliation with a social fraternity or sorority are encouraged to participate in recruitment, which occurs during the first month in the fall semester. Students should read the Northern Star for announcements of recruitment dates. For more information about fraternities and sororities, including the most up-to-date list of chapters on Northern’s campus, visit the Greek Affairs Office in Student Involvement & Leadership Development, Campus Life Building 150.

Governing Bodies
College Panhellenic Council
Interfraternity Council (IFC)
Multicultural Greek Council
National Pan-Hellenic Council

Social Fraternities
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Kappa Lambda
Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Psi Lambda
Chi Sigma Tau
Delta Chi Fraternity
Delta Psi Alpha
Delta Upsilon
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
Lambda Upsilon, La Unidad Latina
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Kappa Pi Beta
Omega Delta
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Phi Kappa Theta
Phi Kappa Sigma
Phi Lambda Chi
Phi Sigma Kappa
Pi Kappa Phi
Phi Kappa Psi
Phi Rho Eta
Sigma Alpha Mu
Sigma Gamma Rho
Sigma Nu
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Tau Phi Sigma
Zeta Omicron Mu

Social Sororities
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Kappas Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi
Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Phi Gamma
Alpha Sigma Alpha
Alpha Sigma Omega Latina Sorority, Inc.
Delta Gamma
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Omega
Kappa Phi Lambda
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Kappa
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Sigma Lambda Sigma Service Sorority
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

HONORS ORGANIZATIONS, HONORARY & HONOR SOCIETIES
Students with outstanding achievement in various academic and leadership areas are invited into honorary societies and organizations. The objectives of these honor societies are to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment among students, to promote the advancement of learning, and to foster meaningful communication between students and professionals. Contact the academic department for more information.

Accredited members of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) are marked with an asterisk (*).

*Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)
Alpha Omega Epsilon (Science and Engineering)
*Alpha Pi Mu (Industrial Engineering)
Beta Alpha Psi (Finance)
*Beta Gamma Sigma (Business and Management)
Chi Alpha Epsilon (Developmental Educational Support Services)
*Chi Sigma Iota (Professional Counseling)
Delta Alpha Pi (International Honor Society)
Delta Sigma Pi eta Mu Chapter (Business)
*Epsilon Pi Tau (Technology)
*Gamma Theta Upsilon (Geography)
Golden Key International Honor Society (Juniors and Seniors)
Honors Student Association
John Henrik Clarke Honor Society (Minority Culture and History)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Kappa Kappas Psi (College Band Members)
*Kappa Omicron Nu (Human Sciences)
*Kappa Tau Alpha (Journalism)
*Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society (Interdisciplinary)
*Mortar Board Senior Honor Society (Interdisciplinary)
*Mu Kappa Tau (Marketing)
*National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Interdisciplinary)
National Society for Transfer Students Tau Sigma (Beta Upsilon Chapter)
Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics)
Order of Omega (sorority and fraternity members)
*Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Phi Kappa Phi (Interdisciplinary)
*Phi Sigma (Biological Sciences)
Phi Sigma Zeta (Political Sciences)
*Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration)
*Pi Kappa Lambda (Music)
*Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Sciences)
*Psi Chi (Psychology)
*Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
Sigma Iota Epsilon (Management)
*Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)
*Sigma Tau Delta (English)
*Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)
Tau Sigma (Transfer students)

POLITICAL
College Democrats
College Republicans
Libertarians (NIU)
Model Illinois Government
Model United Nations
Residence Hall Association
PROGRAMMING AND PERFORMING
American Choral Directors Association
Animé Association NIU
Campus Activities Board
Critical Threat Dance Team
Dynamic Destruction
ELITE
Empire Modelz
Event Production Services
Exposed Greatness
Flip Mode Dance Troupe
Ground Hogs Crew (Breakdancing)
Kappa Kappa Psi
Latin Fever
Medieval Society (NIU)
Northern Black Choir
Northern Illinois Players
Present Perfect Modeling Organization
Rhythm Nation Dance Team
Student Alumni Association

MILITARY/GOVERNMENTAL
Delta Omicron Sigma
NIU Veterans Club

PUBLIC MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION
Expression Inc. (Art)
National Association of Black Journalists
Student Film and Video Association
TOWERS (Literary & Creative Arts Magazine)

RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS
Aikido Club
Athletes in Action
Bike Club (NIU)
Bowling Club
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Chang’s Hapkido Club
Chess Club
Chinese Kung-Fu Club of DeKalb
Club Baseball
Computer Gaming League
Disc Golf Club
Dodgeball Club (NIU)
Equestrian Team
Fencing Club (NIU)
Flight Club (Northern Illinois)
Gamer’s Association (NIU)
Gymnastics Club (NIU)
Hapkido Club (NIU)
Horror Club
Human vs. Zombies
Ice Hockey Club (NIU)
Intercollegiate Equestrian Club
Juggling Club (NIU)
Kickboxing
Kodokan Judo
Lacrosse Club (Northern Illinois)
Lacrosse, Men’s (NIU)
LAN at NIU (Gaming)
Masonic Order
Paintball Club
Quidditch (NIU)
Quiz Bowl Association
Roller Hockey Team
Ski and Snowboarding Club
Soccer Club, Men’s (Northern Illinois)
Striders Club (NIU)
Swim Club (Northern Illinois)
Tae Kwon Do Club
Tae Kwon Do & Hap Ki Do Korean Martial Arts Club
Table Tennis Club (NIU)
Tennis Club (NIU)
Track and Field Club (NIU)
Travel Abroad NIU
Triathlon Team (NIU)
Volleyball Club
Volleyball, Women’s Club (NIU)
Water Polo Club (NIU)
Waterski & Wakeboard Club (NIU)
Women’s Lacrosse Club (NIU)

RELIGIOUS
Baptist Campus Ministry, 815-756-2131
Campus Missions International, www.roledekalb.com/cmi
Campus Crusade for Christ, 815-758-5699, www.niucru.com
Circle Sanctuary Campus Ministries, 815-391-0896, www.circlesanctuary.org
DeKalb Church of Christ, 630-544-4393, www.chicagochurch.org/ dekalb
Grace Place Campus Ministry (Episcopal/Lutheran), 815-756-7700, www.graceplaceciu.com
Hillel, 815-756-1227
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 815-761-6535, www.intervarsity.org
Latter Day Saints Student Association, 815-899-6205
Lutheran Student Fellowship (Refuge) at Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), 815-756-6675, www.refugelsf.org
Muslim Students Association, 815-753-0730, www.solmak.com/msaniu
The Navigators (NAVS), 773-882-8012
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 815-756-7706
www.newhopeofdekalb.org
Newman Catholic Student Center, 815-787-7770, www.newman.niu.org
Orthodox Christian Fellowship, 815-758-5731, www.sa.niu.edu/ocf
Presbyterian Campus Ministry-Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Rock Christian Church, 708-612-8272, www. therockchristianchurch.com
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb, 815-756-7089
www.uufdekalb.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADVOCACY, AND SUPPORT
Active Minds at NIU
Advocates for Choice
Campus Antiwar Network
College Parents Group
Colleges Against Cancer
Committee for the Preservation of Wildlife
Consumer Education Society
Green Paws Environmental Alliance
Huskies United
Keep a Child Alive
Liberated Minds
Men Against Sexual and Interpersonal Violence
PAVE (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment)
Society for Youth and Families
STAND (Social Justice, Advocacy)
Students for Life (NIU)
Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Vegetarian Education Group
Women’s Rights Alliance
Beyond the Campus

DEKALB HISTORIC SITES
University Council
The Ellwood House Victorian Mansion and grounds (809 North First Street) were built by Col. Isaac Ellwood, one of the local entrepreneurs credited with inventing barbed wire. The restored hours—containing 33 rooms, six bathrooms, and two wine cellars—is an excellent example of the architecture of the late 1800s. Also on the grounds are a museum house, carriage hours, and playhouse. The complex is open to visitors for tours April through December. In addition to regular tours, the Ellwood House Museum Association sponsors an art fair, ice cream social, fall festival/tour of homes, and a Victorian Christmas. Students are active as volunteers, and interested individual are invited to call 815-756-4600.

The Glidden Homestead and Historical Center (921 W. Lincoln Highway) marks the location where Joseph F. Glidden invented one of the most widely used types of barbed wire, "The Winner" in 1873. The home and barn, built in the 1860s, are on the National Register of Historic Places. For a schedule of tours and special events, visit www.gliddenhomestead.org or call 815-756-7904.

In DeKalb and the surrounding area, 27 homes are listed on the National Historic Register. In nearby Sycamore, 36 structures have been identified as having historical significance, including many examples of architecture from the early 1900s. Call the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce (815-756-6306) for more information.

COMMUNITY PROFILE
In DeKalb, you are a little more than an hour away from downtown Chicago, O'Hare International Airport, and Chicago Midway Airport. As the western anchor of the booming I-88 high tech corridor, DeKalb is just a short 30-minute drive to the cities of Aurora and Naperville.

Yet, in spite of its proximity to the Chicago region, DeKalb remains apart, maintaining its own unique character. This city of 44,030 residents is proud of its older neighborhoods, with their brick paved streets and historic buildings, and also boasts new residential and corporate developments. DeKalb enjoys a strong and cooperative relationship with NIU, which has become an important economic resource for creating jobs for the city and region in technology, agricultural research, manufacturing, and small-business development.

The people of DeKalb enjoy the benefits that come with proximity to an international city and from a major state university, including museums, theater, music sports, libraries, recreational facilities, and more. DeKalb also benefits from a solid economy that has resisted the kinds of economic ups and downs experienced by most other communities.

The future looks event brighter for the city. DeKalb has welcomed Target Corporation to its Park 88 Corporate Center, as well as the expansions of both 3M and Panduit. A new 400,000 square foot high school sitting on 87 acres opened in the fall of 2011 and is located on the northwest side of the city, just north of NIU’s campus. In addition, DeKalb enjoys increased shopping opportunities and residential development ranging from starter homes to executive-level estates. While the city understands that growth is inevitable, DeKalb is committed to development that is environmentally sensitive, preserves the cultural heritage of community, and maintains DeKalb’s unique character.

Downtown DeKalb is buzzing too. In a cooperative effort, the City of DeKalb has partnered with ReNew DeKalb to engage the services of a well-known consulting firm to prepare a Downtown Revitalization Plan. The plan has since been approved by the DeKalb City Council and is supported by key organizations within the community. The long-term plan for Downtown DeKalb envisions a rejuvenated historic retail core that is compact and walkable, the home of distinctive destinations and amenities that reflect DeKalb’s unique character. The City of DeKalb will continue to position this important corridor for strong and continuous economic revitalization as it sees the recommendations of the plan to fruition.

SPECIAL EVENTS
DeKalb’s annual Corn Fest, held in late August, welcomes back NIU students and kicks off the fall season. 2014 marks the 36th year for this event which is returning to its original location in downtown DeKalb on Lincoln Highway between 1st and 4th Streets. In addition to the famous corn boil, where corn on the cob is given away, the Corn Fest area is filled with booths offering sidewalk sales and food. Other events include a 10K run, 3K fun run/walk, art fest, craft sales, movies, carnival, antique car show, historical tours of DeKalb, and concerts at the Corn Fest Sound Stage.

The Sandwich Fair, located in the southeast tip of the county, is one of the oldest and largest county fairs in the state. The fair is held the week after Labor Day. At Halloween, nearby Sycamore becomes "the land of the pumpkin" during the annual Pumpkin Festival. The decorated pumpkin display on the courthouse lawn is the central attraction along with the Pumpkin Parade.

For more information about businesses and services in DeKalb, visit www.dekalb.org.

FOOD AND DRINK
If you are taking your family out (or they’re taking you), you might consider:
Applebee’s, Ruby Tuesdays, Buffalo Wild Wings, Noodles & Company, Texas Roadhouse (all on Sycamore Road), Cabana Charley’s (Peace Road), or Fatty’s (West Lincoln Highway): bar and grill atmosphere
Chipotle, Potbelly Sandwiches, Jersey Mike’s, Wing Stop, Pizza Pro’s (all near the corner of Lincoln Highway and Annie Glidden Road), Panda Express (two locations—Lincoln Highway and Sycamore Road): variety, casual dining
Fanatico (Blawkhawk Road near campus): authentic Italian dining.
Lincoln Inn (downtown DeKalb), IHOP (Annie Glidden Road), Egg Haven Pancakes and Café (Sycamore Road), Flippin’ Eggs (South Fourth Street), Rosy’s Roadhouse (Pappas Drive): breakfast and lunch fare.
Lukulo’s Restaurant (Pappas Drive near campus): daily specials, casual dining
Panera Bread (Sycamore Road): soup, sandwiches, and bakery
Pizza Villa (just south of campus on Lincoln Highway): pizza, salads, Italian dinners
Sycamore Café (Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue): variety, casual dining.
The Huddle (West Lincoln Highway): fast food, burgers
The Hillside (downtown DeKalb): full service restaurant
Jane Fargo Hotel and Mitchel Lounge (downtown Sycamore): lounge serves pizza and appetizers

Nat’s on Maple (downtown Sycamore): full-service restaurant for lunch and dinner with kids menu

For something different:
Bea’s Wok & Roll, China House (Sycamore Road), Yen Ching, Happy Wok, Panda Express (Lincoln Highway): Chinese or Mandarin Chinese menus; Chinese buffet

Eduardo’s, Rosita’s (downtown DeKalb), Los Rancheros (Sycamore Road): Mexican cuisine

Fushi Yami, Miki Moto Steak House (W Lincoln Highway), Haru of Japan: Hibachi and Sushi

Mediterraneo Grill, O’Leary’s Irish Pub, Upper Deck Sports Bar and Grill (Downtown DeKalb): restaurant and bar atmosphere

Portillo’s (Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue): Chicago-style hot dogs and Italian beef sandwiches

Ray’s Chicago BBQ (W Lincoln Highway in The Junction Center): barbecue, pulled pork, ribs

Tapalaluna (downtown DeKalb): Spanish tapas bar

Thai Pavilion (downtown DeKalb): Thai cuisine

Tom & Jerry’s (two locations – east of campus on Lincoln Highway, and Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue): gyros, sandwiches

Jimmy John’s (two locations – Annie Glidden and Hillcrest, and Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue): gourmet sandwiches

Village Commons (VCB) area (Lucinda Avenue): everything from pizza and pitas to chicken and fish, and Chinese cuisine.

Sweet Treats:
Dairy Queen (Sycamore Road)

The DeKalb Confectionary (downtown DeKalb)

The Sycamore Confectionary (downtown Sycamore)

Aspen Leaf (corner of W. Lincoln Highway and Annie Glidden Road)

Culver’s (two locations – W. Lincoln Highway, and Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue)

Sunshine Scoop (Junction Center)

Ollie’s Frozen Custard (Oakland Drive in Sycamore – off of Sycamore Road): open February through October

Sweet Dreams Bakery (corner of Bethany Road and Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue)

If coffeehouses are more your style:
Caribou Coffee (inside Hy-Vee grocery on Sycamore Road)

Dunkin’ Donuts (two locations – corner of Annie Glidden and W. Lincoln Highway, and Sycamore Road/DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore)

Starbucks Coffee (W. Lincoln Highway, Sycamore Road, and inside Target and Barnes & Noble)

Chesapeake Bagel Bakery (First Street, south of Lincoln Highway)

The House Café (downtown DeKalb)

For pizza: Don’t look under restaurants in the telephone book, look under pizza. Many places offer free delivery. You might also want to try pizza nuggets, a DeKalb specialty and a favorite for a midnight snack.

For fast food: You can find almost any kind of fast food along West Lincoln Highway (Rt. 38), Lucinda Avenue, or Sycamore (Rt. 23).

About alcoholic beverages: DeKalb police and NIU police strictly enforce the over-21 laws. Unless you are of age, do not attempt to enter drinking establishments.

*Sycamore Road (IL Route 23) becomes DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore.

BOOKSTORES AND COPY CENTERS/SERVICES

Barnes & Noble Booksellers (Sycamore Road)

Copy Services (near campus on W. Lincoln Highway)

NIU Document Services (near stadium on W. Lincoln Highway)

NIU University Bookstore (on campus in Homes Student Center)

Office Max (Sycamore Road)

Village Commons Bookstore (Lucinda Avenue)

MOVIE THEATERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Carmike Market Square 10 (Sycamore Road by Wal-Mart): 10 screens, stadium seating, digital sound

Egyptian Theatre (N Second Street): films and special events as scheduled

Stagecoach Theater (126 S 5th Street, downtown): live community theatre with nine productions annually

Sycamore Theater (State Street downtown Sycamore): three screens

SHOPPING

The DeKalb community offers many shopping venues, mostly on Lincoln Highway (Rt. 38) in downtown DeKalb and on Sycamore Road (Rt. 23) in DeKalb and Sycamore.

RECREATION

Recreational opportunities are abundant in DeKalb, including 3 public golf courses, 1 public Olympic size swimming pool, 16 public tennis courts, an outdoor skating rink, and 3 health clubs.

DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

110 East Sycamore Street (Sycamore)
815-895-7191
www.dekalbcounty.org/Forest/forest_preserve.html

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District operates 760 acres of forest preserve and, along with Shabbona Lake State Park (17 miles south of DeKalb, 815-824-2106), offers opportunities for camping, canoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, picnicking, snowmobiling, sledding, biking, wind surfing, boating, and general nature enjoyment.

Take a walk through Russell Woods beneath mature oaks and hickories, surrounded by woodland flowers. The Natural Resource Center, also at Russell Woods Forest Preserve, is open to the public on weekends. Visit Afton Preserve to see native Illinois prairie plats, which are part of an Illinois prairie restoration. Fishing is an ideal activity at Knute Olson Jr., Preserve, where ponds lie along the woods and the Kishwaukee River.
At one time, Chief Shabbona and the Potawatomi Indians lived near the Shabbona Preserve, and the deep woodland site is much the same as it was in those days. For open space for picnicking, hiking, or softball, try Nehring Preserve. Fish the Somonauk Creek in summer or go sledding in winter at Somonauk Preserve. Along the banks of the Kishwaukee River, MacQueen Preserve offers a large lodge to organize an outdoor getaway. Adee's Woods provides an area for a picnic and a walk through the woods.

Merritt Prairie offers 40 acres of rolling terrain with native prairie restoration and wildlife habitat, which are the outstanding features of this park. Wilkinson/Renwick Marsh preserves wetland habitat and is an excellent area to listen to and view wildlife.

If biking or snowmobiling is your interest, try the Great Western Trail, which starts just east of Sycamore and extends eastward through Kane County to the Fox River Trail. A bike route from the City of DeKalb will take you to the Great Western Trail. The Peace Road Trail now links DeKalb and Sycamore with a recreational path.

DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
1403 Sycamore Road (administration), 815-758-6663
www.dekalbparkdistrict.com
Hopkins Park: 815-758-8853

Located at 1403 Sycamore Road between DeKalb and Sycamore, Hopkins Park has four unlighted tennis courts, four baseball diamonds, a basketball court, one playground, a band shell, a large shelter with fireplaces, an indoor multi-purpose room, and a large picnic area. The shelter and multi-purpose room are available on a rental basis. Hopkins Park is best known for its family Aquatic Center which features a large outdoor swimming complex with an interactive spray pool, waterslides, and concession area. Call for pool hours and fees. If you are looking for a place to hold your next party, you may want to check out the Terrace Room at Hopkins Park which features a large meeting room, outdoor deck, and wedding gazebo. Call the park district for shelter and Terrace Room reservation information.

Prairie Park
Often referred to as “Peoples Park” and located where the railroad tracks and the Kishwaukee River cross, on the south side of the lagoon bridge, this park is over 100 acres and offers a scenic multipurpose trail for biking, hiking, and jogging, and features a disc golf course.

Lions Park
This park is located on Taylor Street, along the river, and offers a shelter house, picnic facilities, and a playground.

Annie's Woods
Just north of Lucinda, Annie's Woods has a picnic area, playground, and gazebo.

McCormick Park
For the sports enthusiast, McCormick Park (located at the south end of South Seventh Street) has a softball complex and shelter house that can be reserved for picnics.

Katz Park
Katz Park features four lighted softball diamonds, a skate park, and an open air picnic shelter. It is located on Dresser Road between Annie Glidden Road and First Street.

DeKalb Square
Located on the corner of Routes 23 and 38, DeKalb Square houses a replica of the gazebo that served as the first bandstand for DeKalb’s 150-year-old municipal band.

The DeKalb Park District offers a variety of recreational programs including sports, fitness, aquatics, children’s activities, dance, arts and crafts, and many more. Program guides may be obtained at any of the following District facilities: Hopkins Park Administration Center, Haish Gym, and the Sports and Recreation Center. In addition to a variety of programs, the District operates several recreation facilities.

Haish Gymnasium: 815-758-8560
Located at the corner of Ninth and Prospect Streets, Haish Gym features a fitness center and two gymnasia; it is home to a variety of recreational programs.

DeKalb Sports and Recreation Center: 815-758-7756
Located at 1765 S. Fourth Street, this sports and recreation center features a one-acre indoor field for softball and soccer. It also offers two gymnasia, a concessions area with spectator viewing, a dance/exercise room, locker rooms, and offices.

Ellwood Park and Museum: 815-756-4609
Located on First Street, Ellwood Park and Museum was owned by barbed wire baron Isaac Ellwood. This four-floor mansion, with its crystal chandeliers, large mirrors, and an English-style living room, provides a look at the lifestyle of the early 1900s. Guided tours are offered by the Ellwood House Association and begin from the new education and visitor center. Call for tour information.

The Nehring Center for Cultural Art and Tourism: 815-758-6363
Located at 64 E. Lincoln Highway, the second floor houses a rotating art exhibit featuring a variety of areas. Call for a schedule of hours and exhibits.

River Heights Golf Course: 815-758-4812
Located south of Rt. 38 on Annie Glidden Road, this is an 18-hole golf facility along the banks of the Kishwaukee River. It offers a 5,000 sq. foot clubhouse with a grill area, reception room, and a golf shop. River Heights can be scheduled for outings and social events.

Buena Vista Golf Course: 815-758-4812
Located north of Rt. 38 (Lincoln Highway) on First Street, this course offers a par 32 nine-hole golf facility and 9 hole pitch and putt course. It also has a driving range, pro-shop, snack bar, and professional instruction.

OTHER DEKALB FACILITIES
The Kishwaukee Family YMCA, located on Bethany Road, has a comprehensive program of sports and activities. There are classes in aerobics, fitness, and karate; programs for expectant parents; facilities for weight-training, racquetball, tennis, and swimming; men’s and women’s basketball leagues and a swim team; and a gym and a fitness center. The YMCA is open to students and offers employment and volunteer opportunities. Call 815-756-9577 for more information.

REMOTE CAMPUS RECREATION
Lorado Taft Field Campus, the university’s outdoor education facility, is located about 35 miles west of DeKalb. Originally the art colony of Lorado Taft, renowned sculptor, the campus offers 144 wooded acres on the Rock River. Visitors are welcome to hike its trails and explore the grounds and picnic at Lowden State Park next door. Be sure to stop at the Blackhawk statue.
Appendices

ET CETERA

University office hours are generally 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

University Operator: Dial 0 if calling from on campus or 815-753-1000 (directory assistance) if calling from off campus.

SO YOU WANT . . .
to obtain a parking permit: Campus Parking Services, 121 Normal Road, 815-753-1045, www.niu.edu/parking


to apply for the Work-Study program: Student Employment Office, Swen Parson Hall 232, 815-753-1394, www.hr.niu.edu/employment

to get help finding a job:
• Career Services, Campus Life Building 220, 815-753-1641, www.niu.edu/CareerServices
• Student Employment Office, Swen Parson Hall 232, 815-753-1394, www.hr.niu.edu/ServiceAreas/StudentEmployment

to sign up for NIU’s text alert messaging system: http://www.niu.edu/emergencyinfo/register/index.shtml

to check the Events Calendar: https://calendar.niu.edu/calendar

to obtain tickets:
• for athletic events, Athletic Ticket Office, Convocation Center, 815-752-6800 or huskiestickets@niu.edu, www.niuhuskies.com/tickets
• for theatre performances, Theatre Box Office, 815-753-1600, sotdboxoffice@niu.edu, http://www.niu.edu/theatre/productions/box_office.shtml
• for movies and other campus activities, CAB, 815-753-1580, www.niu.edu/cab/
• for Convocation Center events, 815-752-6800, www.convocenter.niu.edu/convo/tickets

to get severe weather information:
• dial 815-752-OPEN (6736) if on campus
• commuting students and those at the Naperville, Rockford, or Hoffman Estates educational centers may call 1-888-4NIU-OPEN (1-888-464-6736)
• information is also available at http://www.niu.edu/emergencyinfo/weather/index.shtml

to receive personal counseling:
• information is also available at www.niu.edu to receive personal counseling:
  • Counseling & Student Development Center, Campus Life Building 200, 815-753-1206, www.niu.edu/csdcc
  • Psychological Services Center, Psychology–Computer Science Building 86, 815-753-0591, www.niu.edu/psych/psc/index.shtml
  • Community Counseling Training Center, Graham Hall 416, 815-753-9312, www.cedu.niu.edu/cahe/cctc
  • to get information about a club or organization:
    • Student Involvement & Leadership Development, Campus Life Building 150, 815-753-1421, www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement
    • Student Association, Campus Life Building 180, 815-753-0482, www.niu.edu/sa
  • to reserve a meeting room:
    • in Holmes Student Center, General Office, 815-753-1743
    • in classrooms, Student Involvement & Leadership Development, Campus Life Building 150, 815-753-1421
    • in residence halls, contact the residence hall’s area office, www.niu.edu/housing
  • to obtain legal advice: Students’ Legal Assistance, Campus Life Building 120, 815-753-1701, www.niu.edu/legal
  • to obtain grade information or transcripts: Registration & Records, Williston Hall 220, 815-753-0681, www.reg.niu.edu, MyNIU (www.niu.edu/myniu)
  • to check on fee payments and refunds: Office of the Bursar, Swen Parson Hall 235, 815-753-1885, www.niu.edu/bursar, MyNIU (www.niu.edu/myniu)
  • to find something lost:
    • NIU Police & Public Safety, 815-753-1212;
    • Holmes Student Center Information Desk, 815-753-8560;
    • or your residence hall’s main desk
  • to obtain information about placement or proficiency tests:
    • Testing Services, Adams Hall 128, 815-753-1203, www.niu.edu/testing
    • The department in which the course is offered
  • to obtain a OneCard ID: Holmes Student Center 7, lower level by TCF Bank, 815-753-9569, www.niu.edu/OneCard
  • to apply for insurance claims: Insurance Office, Health Services Building 201, 815-753-0122, www.niu.edu/shi
  • to obtain information about health-related matters: Health Services, 815-753-1311, www.niu.edu/healthservices
  • to apply for graduation: Registration & Records, Williston Hall 220, 815-753-1197, www.reg.niu.edu/regrec
  • to receive help finding a major, minor, or academic program that suits your interests and abilities: Academic Advising Center, Academic Advising Center Building 107, 815-753-2573, www.advisingcenter.niu.edu/advising
  • to receive course substitutions in your major: department office for your major
  • to complain about a course, an instructor, or the English proficiency of an instructor: your department chair or college dean; if unresolved, Office of the Ombudsperson, Holmes Student Center, sixth floor, 815-753-1414
  • to withdraw from a course: your major college office, MyNIU (www.niu.edu/myniu)
  • to discuss complaints, disputes, appeals, and/or grievances: Office of the Ombudsperson, Holmes Student Center, sixth floor, 815-753-1414
to check library hours: Founders Memorial Library information desk, 815-753-1995 or 815-753-1670, www.ulib.niu.edu

to check Campus Recreation hours: 815-753-0231 (recorded message), www.niu.edu/recservices

to receive help and/or information about an eating disorder: Counseling & Student Development Center, Campus Life Building 200, 815-753-1206, www.niu.edu/csdc

to reset your ITS password: ITS Helpdesk, 815-753-8100, www.password.niu.edu


to help resolve roommate conflicts: your community advisor or residence hall director

to receive tutoring services: ACCESS, Williston Hall 100B, 815-753-1141, www.tutoring.niu.edu, your academic department

to obtain information on sexual assault or relationship violence: Health Enhancement, Evans Field House 139, 815-753-9755, www.niu.edu/health

to learn more about or to report sexual harassment: Affirmative Action & Diversity Resources, 1515 W. Lincoln Highway, 815-753-1118, www.niu.edu/aadr

to check on university closings due to weather conditions:
• visit the NIU website at www.niu.edu/emergencyinfo/weather/
• hearing-impaired students should call the Hearing-Impaired Weather Status Hotline:
  on campus: 815-753-9703
  off campus: 1-888-NIU-WTHR (648-9847)

to determine the appropriate person or office to contact about other particular concerns: Office of the Ombudsperson, Holmes Student Center, sixth floor, 815-753-1414

A Northern Vocabulary

A

Academic Advising Center (AAC)
Academic Advising Center; provides assistance to students undecided about their majors in achieving their personal, academic, and career goals.

Academic Convocation
The ceremony which marks the start of the new academic year for all new NIU students.

Advisor
A university faculty or staff member who provides assistance to students with questions about general education requirements, course selection, and departmental and graduation requirements.

AP
1) Advanced placement, 2) Academic probation. See the Undergraduate Catalog for details.

B

Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center
A venue for hosting alumni gatherings, volunteer and donor events, student activities, faculty forums, and dignitary receptions, as well as community groups and meetings.

Blackboard
Online course management system that allows professors to post grades, information, and assignments. Students and professors can also hold discussions, and students can turn in assignments through Blackboard.

Board of Trustees (BOT)
Board of Trustees; NIU’s highest governing body.

Bursar’s Office
The office that handles student financial accounts; the campus billing office.

Bus Turnaround
Main on-campus locations for bus pick up and drop off. One turnaround is located near DuSable Hall (called University Circle); another is located on the west side of the Holmes Student Center.

C

Community Advisor (CA)
Community advisor; students designated to live on each floor of the residence halls who provide information and assistance to all residents.

CAB
Campus Activities Board; schedules and sponsors many special events during the school year.

Call Box
A personal safety system located on poles around campus that, when triggered, allows communication with a police dispatcher; a police officer will also arrive in the area within minutes.

Campus Mail
The internal mail system of NIU; distributes mail to university offices and campus residents without charging postage fees.

CLB
Campus Life Building; houses many student support service offices.

Chessick Center
Indoor sports facility attached to the Yordon Center and Huskie Stadium.

College Grind
Internet café located in the Holmes Student Center.
called semester hour.

The unit of academic credit reflecting a standard expectation of course activity; also required for graduation.

Courses that cover reading, writing, listening, speaking, and mathematical skills; required for graduation.

A division within the university; for example, NIU has six academic colleges: Business, Education, Engineering & Engineering Technology, Health & Human Sciences, Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts.

Located on NIU’s west campus, this 10,000-seat multi-purpose facility hosts concerts, athletic events, shows and exhibitions, and more.

Cooperative Education/Internship Program; provides counselors who assist students in finding and applying for an internship in a specific area of interest.

Courses that cover reading, writing, listening, speaking, and mathematical skills; required for graduation.

The unit of academic credit reflecting a standard expectation of course activity; also called semester hour.

A listing of a student’s progress toward the undergraduate degree; shows academic requirements met and those yet to be completed.

An academic unit within a college; for example, the Department of English is within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

An option for payment for students employed on campus; deposits money earned directly into bank account by electronic transfer.

A lounge area of the Holmes Student Center used for smaller entertainment events and studying.

A way of communicating with other people via computer. Visit a campus computer lab for more information on how to set up your e-mail account.

A hold placed on a student’s record as a result of an unfulfilled obligation to the university. This may prevent the distribution of transcripts and further registration.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid. One of the forms that students should fill out when seeking financial aid in addition to the NIU financial aid verification form.

A comprehensive financial literacy program providing students with resources and education to make smart financial decisions.

A collection of five programs including (UNIV 101/201, Student- Faculty Links, First-Year Success Series, REACH, and the Common Reading Experience) designed to help first-year students in their transition to NIU.

Events and programs to help new and returning students campus and develop lifelong skills.

A student with 30 or fewer accumulated semester hours.

A group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose or interest; usually designated with Greek letters.

A graduate assistant: a graduate student working for the university; helps with teaching, research, or staff responsibilities.

Grade point average; a student’s academic average, see the Undergraduate Catalog for more details.
I
ITS
Information Technology Services; oversees most campus computer labs and smart classrooms and provides students with resources needed for on-campus computing.

Interpersonal Violence Response Team (IVRT)
Interpersonal Violence Response Team; several departments and offices that provide information and assistance on interpersonal violence. These include the Counseling & Student Development Center, Safe Passage, Health Services, Department of Police & Public Safety, and Judicial Affairs.

K
Kish
1) Kishwaukee Community Hospital; 2) Kishwaukee Community College; 3) the Kishwaukee River.

L
LA&S (or LAS)
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one of the academic colleges at NIU.

LGBT
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender. May refer to the LGBT Resource Center.

Living Learning Community
Residential floors that help to strengthen connections between students and faculty within a chosen course of study.

Login
1) The way to access NIU computer systems; 2) the identification number used to access NIU computer systems (also known as a Z-ID) available by calling 815-753-8100.

M
MAC
Mid-American Conference; the athletic conference within which NIU teams compete.

MAP-Works
A survey that helps first-year students establish roots and develop positive habits in order to succeed at NIU and beyond.

Mid-Semester Check
A workshop is designed to help students self-evaluate how they are doing and gives them tips on how to improve academic performance and getting connected to resources.

MLK Commons
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commons; the center of campus, an area created to promote free speech; also used for special events.

MyNIU
The online site where students access enrollment information, including class schedules, registration, grades, degree progress reports, unofficial transcripts, financial aid, and student accounts.

N
New Residence Hall
A 1,000-bed residence hall complex opened in fall 2012 which features two residential buildings where students can live in small-group clusters of 12.

“North 40”
Forty acres of open space located east of the Engineering Building and Barsema Hall.

NIU Cares Day
An event taking place in April in which students volunteer their time at local non-profit organizations and community agencies.

Northern PACT
A Student Affairs & Enrollment Management initiative designed to help students understand what is expected of them as members of the NIU community. By signing the Northern PACT, students commit to a community that is just, caring, open, disciplined, and celebrative.

Northern Public Radio
Northern’s radio stations, WNJI (89.5 FM), and WNIIU (90.5 FM).

Northern Star
The student-run campus newspaper, printed Monday-Thursday during fall and spring semesters (excluding finals week), weekly during summer session.

Office Hours
Scheduled times during the week when professors are available for questions and consultation with students.

Ombudsperson
The campus office that refers students in need of assistance to the appropriate campus office; also offers non-partisan mediation to students in campus disputes.

OneCard ID
The official NIU student identification card.

Outdoor Recreation Sports Complex
A new recreation facility that provides the NIU community with outdoor recreation spaces to meet a diverse set of student needs.

P
Permission Number
A number for a permit course. A student must obtain a permission number from a department or college in order to register for a permit course.

R
R&R
The Office of Registration & Records; the office that oversees student registration and transcript orders, and posts the Schedule of Classes online each semester.

Research Rookies
A program that links students with faculty mentors in their major or area of interest to conduct a small-scale research project.

Retention Effort for All inComing Huskies (REACH)
A campaign aimed at new students in an attempt to assist them in locating resources, connecting with student organizations, and making a successful transition to NIU.

The Rec Center
The place to exercise, join intramural athletic clubs, find recreational equipment, participate in fitness programs, and more.

Recitation
A subsection of a large course that is designed to give students time for quizzes, labs, and answers to specific questions; typically meets once per week.

Reentering Student
A classification for students who have completed at least one term at NIU, left the university for at least one term, and then are readmitted for more classes.

RHA
Residence Hall Association; serves as a coordinating association for residence hall life, sponsors hall activities, and represents resident interests within the housing system.

S
SA
Student Association; NIU’s student government.

Safe Line Service
A service that provides late night transportation to students every night of the week (11 p.m.-5:30 a.m.) after the Huskie Buses have ended service.

Schedule of Classes
Information about courses that will be offered in an upcoming semester or summer session can be found on the NIU website at www.my.niu.edu.

School
An academic unit within a college; for example, the School of Art is within the College of Visual & Performing Arts.

Second-Year Experience
Second-Year Experience is a program that focuses on the needs and interests of second-year students. The program is designed to help students become involved in academic, career services, residence hall, and leadership activities to strengthen their engagement in the NIU and DeKalb communities and to persist to graduation.
Sorority
A women’s student organization that is formed or organized for a common purpose or interest; designated with Greek letters.

Stevenson Towers South (STAB)
Stevenson Towers South (campus residence complex).

Stevenson Towers North (STCD)
Stevenson Towers North (campus residence complex).

Student Center
A feature of MyNIU where students can view a To Do list, add/drop classes, print schedules, view grades, access Blackboard, and other useful links.

Student-Faculty Links
A program that matches students with faculty and staff members who can help them outside the classroom setting.

Syllabus
A list of class assignments and due dates, grading policy, attendance policy, and other important information for a course; usually distributed by the instructor on the first day of classes.

Transcript
Official document that lists information about courses taken, completed, grades, etc.; may be obtained at the Office of Registration & Records.

Transfer Student
A student who attends NIU with some accumulated college credit from community colleges and/or other universities.

Transfer2Transfer
A peer mentor program where new incoming transfer students are matched up with another student who has transferred to NIU within the past year.

Trident
A coffee shop and grab-n-go café located in Neptune Hall Central where students can get a latte or chai and a soup, sandwich, or salad. A sitting area with wireless Internet and a fireplace is nearby.

Undergrad
Undergraduate student; a student working towards a baccalaureate degree.

Undergraduate Catalog
The official publication that lists requirements for undergraduate degrees and course descriptions for courses.

University
An institution of higher learning that consists of colleges, schools, departments, and other educational resources.

UNIV 101/201
The University Experience: A one-credit-hour course that introduces new students to important resources, concepts, and skills that are necessary for success at NIU.

UP
University Police (Department of Police & Public Safety); fully trained and sworn police officers who enforce laws and campus policies.

V
V&PA (or VPA)
College of Visual & Performing Arts; one of the academic colleges at NIU.

Victor E. Huskie
Northern’s athletic team mascot.

Victory Bell
This bell at one time was rung after home game victories and celebrations of victory for the United States; now located at the Convocation Center.

Weather Status Hotline
The on-campus phone number that provides up-to-date information about cancellation, postponement, or suspension of NIU classes or programs.

WebBoard
Online course management system, similar to Blackboard, which allows professors to post information and assignments. Students and professors can also hold discussions, and students may turn in assignments through WebBoard.

Welcome Days
Several days of events in late August, designed to help students engage with the NIU community.

William the Goose
After 15 years of chasing students at the East Lagoon, appearing at football games, and making national headlines, this unofficial NIU mascot eventually met a tragic end in 1981 and later became an honorary alumnus and part of NIU legend.

Z
Z-ID
The number students must use to gain access to campus computer systems (also called a login ID); available by calling 815-753-8100.

Sources of Information
Information about NIU can be found at www.niu.edu. NIU’s home page includes phone numbers, e-mail addresses, a tour of campus, current NIU events, and much more. University offices generally are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices are closed on legal holidays.

The area code for all phone numbers in this book is 815 unless noted otherwise. The full, ten-digit number must be dialed for calls in the local area and calls to the university from off-campus phones. Use only the seven-digit number when calling an on-campus number from an on-campus phone.

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www.cob.niu.edu/accy

Allied Health & Communicative Disorders, 815-753-1384, www.niu.edu/ahcd

Anthropology, 815-753-0246
www.niu.edu/acad/anthro

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Biological Sciences, 815-753-0433
www.bios.niu.edu

Chemistry & Biochemistry, 815-753-1131
www.chembio.niu.edu/chembio

Communication, 815-753-1563
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Computative Disorders, 815-753-1484
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Computer Science, 815-753-0378
www.cs.niu.edu

Economics, 815-753-1031
www.niu.edu/econ/Econ_main

Electrical Engineering, 815-753-9974
www.niu.edu/ee

English, 815-753-0611
www.engl.niu.edu

Family, Consumer & Nutrition Sciences, 815-753-1543, www.niu.edu/fcns
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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended is a federal law intended to protect the privacy of student educational records, and provides students certain rights with respect to their education records including the right to inspect and review their records, to seek to amend their records, to have some control over the disclosure of information from their education records, and to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Procedures used by Northern Illinois University for compliance with this law can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog under "Student Information and Records" and at the following website: www.reg.niu.edu/regrec/confidentiality/index.shtml.

Questions concerning the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to the Office of Registration & Records. Call 815-753-1189.

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Huskie Fight Song

NIU Huskie Bands

music by A. Neil Annas
words by Francis Stroup

Huskie Fight Song

Huskie, come on you Huskies and make a score or two.

Huskies, You're Northern Huskies The team to pull us through.

Forward, to-gether, for-ward, there's vic-to-ry in view.

Come on you Huskies, Fight on you Huskies, and win for N. I. U.

Alma Mater

“Hail, NIU”

NIU Huskie Bands

Wilbur Smith (1957)

Hail to thee our Alma Mater, ever shall we praise your name.

Here proudly lift our voices, thousands strong we sing your fame.

Free, steadfast, devoted, true. We will always stand by you.

Let our cheers resound for Northern: Hail, N. I. U.