

Welcome to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.



A VISION FOR LEARNING

Northwestern College is a community rooted in Scripture and the confessions of Reformed theology and thus shaped by a robust integrative and transformative vision of the Triune God who creates, redeems and sustains. This theological background supports a framework within which students, staff and faculty of various Christian traditions take up the task of loving, understanding and serving the world whose Savior and Lord is Jesus Christ. We see the pursuit of liberal arts education as worship experienced in community and offered to the glory of God. Embracing this calling with a freedom that arises from confidence in God's saving grace and sovereignty, we are committed to cultivating virtues of heart and mind that will enable us to live out our shared vocation as participants in God's redemptive work. We respond to God's call to proclaim the message of the gospel, be stewards of creation, serve Christ in all persons, and bring all things under his lordship.

In keeping with this commitment, we intend Northwestern graduates to be persons who

Trust, love and worship God

- Understanding that God is the center of life, learning about God through careful and rigorous study, and aspiring to trust, love and worship God as the sovereign Lord of the universe.
- Recognizing that to love God is also to live joyfully as participants in a variety of communities, valuing the diversity of the human family, and seeking opportunities for learning, growth and transformation through intercultural relationships.

Engage ideas

- Demonstrating competence in navigating and contributing to the world of ideas and information, having learned to listen, read, question, evaluate, speak, write, create and perform with a disciplined imagination.
- Gaining a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical foundations, methods and products of the humanities, the social and natural sciences, and the fine arts.
- Pursuing truth faithfully in all aspects of life; developing, articulating and supporting their own beliefs; and seeking meaningful dialogue with those holding different convictions.
- Desiring to continue a life of learning and contemplation.

Connect knowledge and experience

- Completing academic majors that enable acquisition of the narrower but deeper knowledge and skills that serve as the basis for mastery of a particular discipline and as preparation for meaningful life and work.
- Exhibiting a broad understanding of the current and historical interplay of different realms of knowledge and experience.
- Seeking opportunities for growth and reflection that integrate faith, learning and living in community.
- Seeing beauty and finding joy in all pursuits.

Respond to God's call

- Discerning and developing their unique gifts in service to Christ, the church and the world Christ loves and redeems.
- Regarding all persons as made in the image of God and thus deserving of understanding, love and justice.
- Living a balanced and whole life in obedience to God.



A message from President Christy

Welcome to the Northwestern College family! Let me be one of the first to say how pleased I am that you chose to attend NWC.

I am eager for you to arrive on campus and begin this exciting journey. College is a time of exploring and growing intellectually, spiritually and socially, and although I am admittedly biased, I think Northwestern is one of the best places to be during this important time in your life.

Academic excellence and the integration of faith, learning and living will be hallmarks of your Northwestern experience. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to our mission as a Christian academic community that engages students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God's redeeming work in the world.

My hope for you is this: At Northwestern you will discover and explore your gifts, talents and passions so that you may use them, not only for your career, but also in lifelong service to God, humanity and creation.

We are blessed to have you here. I am confident you will be a valued and valuable member of the Northwestern community.

Sincerely,

Greg Christy, President

P.S. When you're in Zwemer Hall, please stop by my office—I would love to greet you personally

Northwestern Email

All students are assigned a Northwestern College email account, which you can access once you have registered for classes. Your professors and staff in the business, financial aid and registrar's offices—along with other college offices and departments—will use your email account to communicate with you, so it's important you check it regularly. If you don't want to check multiple email accounts, you can set up your Northwestern email account so it forwards messages to your preferred email address.

1. Before you can access your email, you will need to change your password.
 - a. Log into my.nwciowa.edu
 - b. Click on the "Change Password" link under "Campus Resources" on the right hand side of the screen
 - c. Enter your old password
 - d. Create a new password (**NOTE: The password must be 8-16 Characters, cannot contain your username and has to have 3 of the 4 requirements: Lowercase, uppercase, number, symbol**)
 - e. Click on the "Change My Password" button
2. Now that you've changed your password, you can log on to your NWC webmail.
 - a. In MyNWC, click on "Campus Email".
 - b. Enter your FULL EMAIL ADDRESS as the Username (example: test.account@nwciowa.edu)
 - c. Enter your NEW PASSWORD
 - d. Click on the "Sign In" button

Remember, once you are finished using **My Northwestern**, **exit the browser** you are in so no one else may access your records.

Find each other on Facebook!

Hey, Class of 2020! We've set up a Facebook group to make it easy for you to find each other online and start building the great community Northwestern is known for! NWC staff and students involved in planning orientation in August are also part of the group so they can answer any questions you might have about college life and Northwestern.

Scan this QR code to go to our Northwestern College, IA, Class of 2020 Facebook page:



Or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwc2020/>



You might be interested in connecting to Northwestern via these social sites as well:

Facebook Pages

Northwestern College
www.nwciowa.edu/facebook
Student Activities
www.facebook.com/NWCIowaSAC
Campus Ministry
www.facebook.com/NWCIowaCMT
Intramurals
https://www.facebook.com/nwciowarecsports
Dewitt Library
www.facebook.com/dewittlibrary
Theatre Department
www.facebook.com/NWCIowaTheatre
English Department
www.facebook.com/NWCIowaGranberg
Art Department
https://www.facebook.com/NWCart
Study Abroad
www.facebook.com/NWCIowaStudyAbroad

Twitter Profiles

Northwestern College
@NWCiowa
Athletics
@NWCraiders

"Real.Northwestern."

View the unrated truth about NWC...find out what students really think about profs, writing papers, discipleship and dorm life.

www.youtube.com/realnorthwestern

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8	9 Need help? Questions? Refer to the contact page at the end of the Redbook.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 All new, <u>full-time</u> students complete and submit immunization documents found online at MyNorthwestern/Student Services, Health Services, Immunizations by <u>July 10</u> .	24	25 If you have not already completed the FAFSA form, you may do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 Important: All travel plans must be made according to the final exam schedule. (See schedule in MyNWC, Academics tab.)	Notes:			

Bringing your computer to campus

Approximately 85 percent of our students bring their own computer to campus, and that percentage grows every year. Most students bring a laptop for convenience and portability. A laptop will give you the option of taking your computer to class or home during weekends or breaks. Northwestern offers wireless access in nearly all buildings, so a laptop is useful almost everywhere on campus.

Northwestern supports both Macs and PCs. While any computer purchased in the last five years should work on Northwestern's network, it's better to start with a newer computer. Not only are more recent models more likely to integrate well with the network, but-especially with laptops-three to four years is their typical lifespan. We recommend your PC has at least Windows 7, or if you have a Mac, OSX10.6 ("Snow Leopard") or newer.

Northwestern provides all students with Sophos anti-virus software free of charge. This is the only antivirus allowed and supported on campus. Please do not purchase other antivirus software such as Norton or McAfee, as it will need to be removed before Sophos can be installed. Sophos can be downloaded from **MyNWC**, available under "Campus Resources." Microsoft Office is installed on all campus computers but if you want to run it on your personal computer, you must purchase it from an authorized vendor.

For assistance contact the Computing Services Help Desk at 712-707-7333 or visit <http://helpdesk.nwciowa.edu> for more information.



Christian Growth and Development

NWC offers opportunities for worship, mission service, justice involvement and discipleship to explore and deepen your Christian faith.

Approximately 400 students gather weekly in small groups to study the Bible, pray together, discuss issues of faith and encourage one another in their Christian lives. Students come from a variety of denominations and backgrounds to listen to God together and to learn from one another.



NWC offers many opportunities to explore and deepen your Christian faith. While each of us must connect with God personally, we also live and learn in community. College is a natural living and learning environment. Your time at Northwestern College is a prime opportunity to listen to God and grow in faith with friends!



Chapel



Northwestern offers chapel services during the week. Chapel is a time the campus community gathers in one place to experience a mini "Sabbath" during the academic day. Chapel provides a space where Northwestern's community can listen to God's call: to be children of God, aim for lifelong learning, discover a vocation in God's kingdom, learn about God's world and be encouraged.

Attendance requirement

Students are expected to earn 28 chapel credits per semester. Chapel meets from 11:05 to 11:55 a.m. on Tuesdays (two credits) and from 10:05 to 10:30 a.m. on Fridays (one credit). There are also various other opportunities throughout the semester to receive Chapel credit. Students who do not meet the expected chapel requirement will be suspended the following semester.

When you enter the chapel you will be given a chapel card. To receive chapel credit, fill out the card with your name and Northwestern ID number. When exiting the chapel, hand your card to the attendant at the door.

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			1 1 st semester billings will be sent out	2 Accepting the federal Direct Loan ? Complete an MPN and entrance counseling at www.studentloans.gov	3 Go to MyNWC at my.nwciowa.edu to see if your high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, AP scores, etc. have been received by NWC.	4
5	6 Monthly payment plan application is available on MyNWC if applicable.	7 Register your vehicle online at MyNWC. All vehicles brought to campus must be registered or they will be ticketed.	8 Select a meal plan by going to mynwciowa.edu , "MyChecklist" and make your selection. This must be finalized by Day 5 of classes, Monday, August 29 . No changes will be made after that date.	9 View your billing information at MyNWC.	10 If interested in campus employment go to www.collegecentral.com/nwciowa for details	11
12	13 Fill out the direct deposit authorization agreement by August 1 . (Go to MyNWC, billing information tab, student payroll link, direct deposit forms portlet and click on direct deposit authorization.)	14	15 Iowa Residents: To be considered for the Iowa Tuition Grant, complete the FAFSA by July 1 . Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov	16	17 Verify that Northwestern has received your college coursework completed while in high school and/or CLEP/AP exam scores, final high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores. Must be submitted by June 30	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Complete the following forms found at MyNWC under the Student Services tab and the Wellness link to complete "My Checklist": Immunizations, Emergency Medical Contact, and Emergency Evacuation.	22	23 Report outside scholarships at MyNWC, financial aid tab, "Outside Scholarships" and enter the names and amounts.	24 Check your Northwestern email	25
26	27 First semester billings will be sent to your home address. The first payment is due August 1 or July 25 if you are on a monthly payment plan.	28	29	30 Final high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores are due.	Notes:	

Residence life

Most of our students live on campus (almost 90%), and the bonds that start in residence life—through late-night conversations, homework help, and sharing music and movies—turn friends into family. Northwestern students say living with their friends leads not only to some of their best college memories, but also to some of their best learning about what it means to be a thinking Christian in the world today. Students grow and change together. They mature intellectually, socially and emotionally—and realize their learning about life is just beginning. Each campus residence has a professional resident director (RD) whose job is encouraging relationships and promoting learning and growth in all areas of students' lives.

How are roommates assigned?

Roommate compatibility is a huge part of your adjustment to college, so we make matching you with the right roommate a priority. Unless you request a particular roommate as a freshman, your admissions counselor will pair you with someone you're likely to get along with. They look for compatibility based on how applicants answer the housing application questions, and they discuss as a staff what they know about you and your future roommate to determine the pairings.

Residence hall room questions?

When you come to Northwestern, we want you to make yourself at home. Bringing things from home helps. Of course, you can't bring everything, so use the lists below to decide what to pack and

what to leave. For more information about your residence hall room go visit www.nwciowa.edu/residence-life.

Packing list for your room

You should bring...

- Alarm clock
- Cell phone
- Fan
- Hangers
- Laundry bag/basket
- Laundry detergent, dryer sheets
- Pillow, sheets and blankets for a twin bed (80-inch mattress)
- Power strips with a surge protector
- Towels, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Wastebasket

You might want to bring...

- Bedspread
- Bicycle and lock (racks by each residence; winter storage is available)
- Coffee mug
- Computer
- Couch, chair or futon
- Dish towel, dish soap
- Eating utensils for snacks
- Hot pot
- Iron
- Memo board for your door
- Refrigerator (less than 5 cubic feet)
- Sewing kit
- Small basket or tote for toiletries
- TV (and rabbit ears for reception, as there is no cable in student rooms)
- Wall decor

Not permitted...

- Air conditioners
- Halogen lights
- Lofts are permitted in some dorms and require the submission of a construction drawing to the residence life office; permission will then be granted or denied. (Guidelines found at www.nwciowa.edu/residence-life)
- Microwaves

- Pets (except fish)
- Weapons (including airsoft guns)

Your new mailing address

You'll be able to pick up a key for your mailbox at the mailroom in the Rowenhorst Student Center. If you do not know your unit number, you can find it on **MyNWC**. Enter your user name and password. Your user name is your "first name.last name" (john.smith). Your password is your NWC ID # (located on your financial aid notification and billing statement.) Select the student services tab. Select residence information. Your new mailing address:

Your Name

208 8th St. SW Unit # (box number)
Orange City, IA 51041

Getting involved

There are many clubs, programs, activities, etc., that students can become involved in. Check out what's available at www.nwciowa.edu/clubs.



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					1 IOWA RESIDENTS – final day to be considered for the Iowa Tuition Grant by filing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.edu.gov .	2
3	4 Independence Day	5 Go to bookstore.nwciowa.edu, select "For Students" in lower left of the screen to complete your textbook order and prepayment form if you want to reserve your books and have them waiting for you when you arrive on campus. Used books will be reserved if possible unless you specify new only.	6 The 2015-16 catalog is available on line at www.nwciowa.edu/catalog .	7 If you are flying and need transportation from the airport to campus, please schedule this by August 10 .	8 All Medical information at MyNWC, Student Services tab and Wellness Center link is due by July 10 .	9
10	11 Fall tuition payment is due in full on August 1 or July 25 if on monthly payment plan. This payment is required in order to keep your registration.	12 Insurance information is available on MyNWC, "Billing Information" tab, "Insurance." Domestic students click on www.sas-mn.com to enroll and international students will need to download and complete an enrollment form and return it to the business office.	13 PARENTS: Send in a birthday cake request for your student by downloading the form at www.nwciowa.edu/parents/birthday-cakes . Submit your order per the instructions on the form.	14	15 Parents needing accommodations in the area during orientation weekend can find information at www.nwciowa.edu/campus/accommodations	16
17	18	19 Report outside scholarships by going to MyNWC, financial aid tab, outside scholarships.	20	21 Learning disability documentation must be submitted to the Office of Academic Support by August 23.	22	23
24	25 First payment is due if you are on the monthly payment plan. (Required to keep your registration)	26	27	28	29	30
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August 19-22

Greetings from Northwestern’s Orientation Staff. During Orientation weekend you’ll be introduced to some of the academic, relational, and spiritual values we share at Northwestern. As a member of a dynamic learning community, you’ll encounter many opportunities to learn about the world and God’s unique design for your life. We are excited to start this journey with you!



Arrival and check-in

When you arrive on Friday, August 19, go directly to your assigned residence hall. If you are a commuter or are unsure of your housing assignment, go to the Ramaker Center.

Residence halls open for new students at noon

on Friday, August 19. Before moving belongings into your room, go to the check-in station in the main lobby of your residence hall to pick up a room key and orientation information.

Orientation information

Information can be found online at www.nwciowa.edu/envision

Contact us if you have questions: darlah@nwciowa.edu or 712-707-7200.

We look forward to meeting you on August 19. Have a safe journey!

Transportation from the airport to campus

If you are driving to Northwestern, the College is located at the crossroads of Highway 10 and K-64 in Orange City. If you are flying, the closest airports are Sioux City, Iowa and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Transportation from these two airports is available and the 2016 airport pick-up schedules are as follows:

Sioux Falls, SD

Friday, August 19 Noon

Sioux City, IA

Friday, August 19 1 PM

Please plan your travel according to the schedule above as these are the only times our pick-up service is available. To reserve a ride, contact Darla Hettinga, 712-707-7200 or darlah@nwciowa.edu, by **August 10.**

Airport rides for new students during Orientation weekend are free if reservations are made by the deadline.

The following **Sioux Falls** hotels have airport courtesy car service available:

- Days Inn 605-331-5959
- Ramada Inn 605-337-1020
- Holiday Inn 605-339-2000
- Sheraton Inn, Sioux Falls 605-331-0100

For parents flying in with a student, the following rental car agencies are available in Sioux Falls, SD and Sioux City, IA:

- Avis 800-331-1212 www.avis.com
- Hertz 800-654-3131 www.hertz.com
- National 800-328-4567 www.nationalcar.com

Christmas break travel plans

Final exams conclude on Thursday, December 15 and dorms close at 9:00 AM on Friday, December 16. Keep this in mind when making flight arrangements for Christmas break. Dorms open on Monday, January 9 at 9:00 AM and classes resume Tuesday, January 10, 2017.



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	<p>1</p> <p>Fall tuition payment is due in full if not on monthly plan and is required to keep your registration.</p> <p>Direct deposit authorization agreement is due.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Check your Northwestern email.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Review "MyChecklist" for things that need to be completed</p>			
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Early Arrival Team on Campus</p>	<p>9</p> <p>RAs arrive on campus</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Deadline to schedule airport to campus transportation (see www.nwciowa.edu/envision for schedule information).</p>		<p>12</p> <p>PARENTS: RSVP for the family picnic and dessert reception which takes place during Envision weekend. Register online at www.nwciowa.edu/envision.</p>	
			<p>17</p> <p>PARENTS: Send in a birthday cake request for your student. Download the form at: www.nwciowa.edu/parents/birthday-cakes.</p>		<p>19</p> <p align="center">ENVISION <small>New Student Orientation</small></p> <p>New students begin moving into residence halls at noon.</p> <p>Find full schedule of events for the weekend at www.nwciowa.edu/envision</p>	<p>20</p> <p align="center">ENVISION <small>New Student Orientation</small></p> <p align="center">NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION</p>
<p>21</p> <p align="center">ENVISION <small>New Student Orientation</small></p> <p align="center">NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION</p>	<p>22</p> <p align="center">ENVISION <small>New Student Orientation</small></p> <p align="center">NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION</p>	<p>23 CLASSES BEGIN</p> <p>CHAPEL – Opening convocation in Christ Chapel at 11:05 AM.</p> <p>Learning disability documentation due.</p> <p>Phonathon employment applications are due. Go to https://my.nwciowa.edu/ICS/Student_Services/Phonathon_Caller_Application.jnz</p>		<p>25</p> <p>Monthly payments are due. Click on the "billing information" tab on MyNWC to make payment.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CHAPEL - Christ Chapel at 10:05 AM</p>	
		<p>30</p> <p>CHAPEL - Christ Chapel at 11:05 AM</p>		<p>Notes:</p>		

Billing Statement

You can view your billing statement on **MyNWC**. Be sure to have your loans and financial aid in order. To keep your registration, your first monthly payment must be received by July 25 or payment in full must be received by August 1.



Accountability

One of the many tasks you will be responsible for while in college is making sure your bills are paid by their due dates. Being aware of deadlines for payments is an important part of being independent and responsible.

Student Campus Employment

Northwestern employs student workers in every department on campus. All incoming students should complete the employment forms at the start of their college career to ensure that Northwestern complies with federal and state laws. To complete the forms Login to MyNWC and navigate to "My Checklist" tab where you can download the I9 and the federal and Iowa W4 forms. Complete and bring them to campus along with 2 FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION (photo ID/driver's license AND social security card OR Birth Certificate). The forms will be collected and the identification forms will be reviewed during ENVISION orientation or athletic orientation.

Starting off Healthy!

Get immunized

To comply with the recommendations handed down from the American College Health Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Northwestern College requires all new full-time students entering college have two doses of the **MMR** (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine, **Meningococcal Quadrivalent** for students living in residence halls or similar housing, and a **Tdap** vaccine in place of a tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (TD) vaccine. A **tetanus booster** is required every **ten years**. All incoming students are required to fill out the tuberculin screening questionnaire to determine if a TB test is necessary. Based on recommendations from the organizations named above, Northwestern strongly recommends the Hepatitis B series. Please refer to the links listed below for further information on these vaccines and discuss your options with your health care provider.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/college.htm

www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/Vaccine.aspx



Health forms due July 10

All new, full-time students enrolling at Northwestern are required to fill out the following online forms: evacuation, emergency contact, and the immunization record which includes the TB screening questionnaire and the consent to treat and release of information documents. To download and complete the forms login to **MyNWC**, Student Services,

Health Services. When completed, **send the completed document to:**

Darla Hettinga, Administrative Assistant
Student Life Office
Northwestern College
101 7th Street SW
Orange City, IA 51041

Signed copies of your documents may be faxed to (712-707-7228) or emailed to (darlah@nwciova.edu).

During the academic year, appointments for health and counseling services in the Wellness Center should be arranged by contacting: Lila Simmelink, 712-707-7321 or www.nwciova.edu/wellness.

Athletic Physicals

All athletes **are required** to have a physical each year. This does include cheerleading and dance. Physicals need to be completed by a physician and physicals completed by a chiropractor will **NOT** be accepted. To find the forms needed, go to www.nwcraiders.com/athletic-training.

Completed physicals need to be turned in to your coach or a member of the Athletic Training staff.

NOTE: This is in addition to the immunization records that need to be submitted to Darla Hettinga in the Student Life Office.

Learning disabilities

Did you know that students with documented learning disabilities have an equal opportunity to succeed academically at Northwestern College with individually designed learning accommodations?

Education for body and soul?

When you think of higher education, you probably think of educating your mind in a classroom, but here at Northwestern, we don't stop there! We believe education should be for and about all of you. To be equipped to live on your own and to be fully ready for whatever God calls you to, you need to know how to prevent injuries, deal with disappointments, recover from an illness and make stress work for you.



To help you do this, the Northwestern College Wellness Center is staffed with professionals to help you stay healthy—in body and mind. In addition to individual appointments for personal counseling and health care, we provide educational materials, facilitate support groups and host periodic speakers and awareness events. Education at NWC is for the whole person. Let us know how we can help!



Welcome to an “Intercultural” Learning Community

Part of the NWC Vision for Learning states that students will “strive to love what God loves, valuing diverse people, cultures and ideas.” At Northwestern College we believe that *experience* with diverse people and cultures is the best way to cultivate such appreciation. The opportunity to study abroad is a unique college experience, and the Global Education Center offers numerous, diverse program options including three intercultural programs run by NWC in the Transylvania region of Romania, the Arabian Gulf state of Oman and the mile high city of Denver. Students also have the option of studying in 23 other international settings and five domestic locations through partnerships with other institutions. Students with busy academic schedules can choose to travel the world on one of our faculty-led summer or winter programs. We invite you to visit our website and to contact us with any questions you might have.

Global Education Center
www.nwciowa.edu/study-abroad



Our diverse world comes to Northwestern College. Our students, faculty and staff come from about 25 different countries, about 35 different states, and all ethnic backgrounds including your own. The cultural and personal differences that are brought together here are a gift, a huge spiritual and educational opportunity. Making the most of our diverse community requires intentional efforts from all of us as described in the Northwestern Vision for Diversity. The Office of Intercultural Development seeks to bring students from different cultures together. I-Club and La Mosaic are intercultural clubs for everyone who wants to be involved. We look forward to the part you will play in building

our intercultural community at Northwestern College.

Office of Intercultural Development
www.nwciowa.edu/diversity

Student Activities Northwestern popular events

Clash of the Classes

Northwestern's year starts with a little friendly competition during Clash of the Classes. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen battle in a slime fight and various challenges.



Dodge ball, Volleyball Tournaments



In the fall Northwestern hosts a campus-wide dodge ball tournament, while in the spring residence halls compete in a giant beach ball

volleyball tournament.

RUSH

This student-run event named for the adrenaline surge that accompanies dancing, RUSH started in 2003



with nine student performers and has grown to a six-show production with over 200 students. After auditioning, students perform in one or more choreographed numbers ranging from hip-hop and salsa to ballroom and ballet. Several other fun activities are planned by the Student Activities Council directed by the Director of Student Programs. These events include formal and informal dances, Bingo, Concerts, etc.

First-Year Experience

College is a big change. You're leaving home, meeting new people and making your own decisions, many of which could affect the rest of your life. Your first year will set the stage for your college learning and living, so Northwestern's First-Year Experience aims to help you have a first year that is as successful as it is memorable.

The First-Year Experience people and programming will help you ...

Belong

You'll be welcomed into the Northwestern family before classes even begin during [Envision Orientation Weekend](#). Your upper-class RA and O-Staff leader will be your go-to guides as you move into your dorm, meet with your faculty advisor, connect with your First-Year Seminar classmates and professor. By the time you take your first Northwestern class, you'll know what it means to be not only a student, but also a member of a Christ-centered learning community. You will read the same books and discuss the same issues as every other first-year student. In the process, you'll grow closer as a class and more confident as a new college student.

Engage in learning

At Northwestern, we believe learning is an act of worship to God who gave you the ability to think and act. A foundation of your First-Year Experience will be the [First-Year Seminar \(FYS\)](#), a first-semester class in which you'll read, write, speak and build community with classmates who are starting this college journey alongside you.

Know yourself

Key questions asked during the First-Year Seminar are Who am I? and How will I live in the world? Your answers will help you uncover and refine your unique talents, values and passions, prompting you to envision how you might employ them to inform your choices in college and beyond.

Engage difference

Another key First-Year Seminar question is Who is my neighbor? Your Northwestern family will include people with diverse experiences and cultures which we will explore, celebrate and embrace. You will be able to expand your worldview by being prepared for engagement in a diverse, global and interconnected world.



Prepare for life

Succeeding in your classes is only part of succeeding in college. You're becoming an adult, and adults manage their own time, money, career decisions, and health and wellbeing. Weekly **Thrive Workshops** during your first semester of college will teach life skills and be a supportive environment where you can interact with others navigating their way to independence.

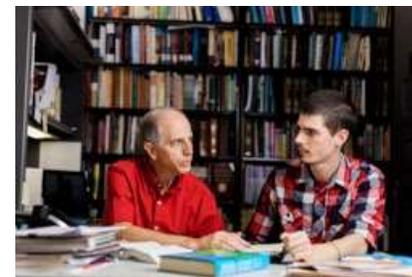
First-Year Seminar

The foundation of the college's First-Year Experience and FYS serves as an introduction to the Christian liberal arts at Northwestern College. The small size of First-Year Seminar classes—no more than 16 students per section—encourages deep discussions and close friendships. You'll meet for the first time during orientation prior to the start of the school and then, guided by a professor, three times a week for the rest of the semester. The course itself involves extensive reading, writing and speaking focused on questions reflected in the two great commandments of Matthew 22: What does it look like to love God, my neighbor, and myself?

Wrestling with those questions in a Christian academic community, you'll become a more thoughtful, reflective and faithful person—equipped with the knowledge, skills and virtues you'll need to succeed at Northwestern and beyond.

Faculty mentors

The First-Year Seminar encourages interdisciplinary thinking—the hallmark of a liberal arts education. Classes are taught by carefully selected faculty from a wide variety of fields who are committed to the integration of faith and learning.



Campus Map



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CAMPUS MAP



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5. North Suites
6. Wiersma Cottage
7. Kepp Hall
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9. Christ Chapel
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11. Ramaker Center
12. Zwemer Hall (Administration)
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16. Hospers Hall
17. Tennis Courts (outdoor)
18. Locker Room/Concession Stand

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20. Maintenance Building
21. Korver Visual Arts Center
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23. Soccer fields, practice
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25. Vermeer Dining Room
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Office & location	Contact person	Phone / Fax	Email / Website	Services
Academic Support DeWitt Learning Commons 109	Tom Truesdell Director of Academic Support	712-707-7045 712-707-7037 (Fax)	tomtrues@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/academic-support	Tutoring, learning disability accommodation, academic assistance
Admissions Zwemer Hall, 2 nd floor	Brandee Pals Admissions Assistant Laura De Boer Campus Visit Coordinator	712-707-7130 712-707-7119 712-707-7164 (Fax)	admissions@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/admissions	Application for admission Campus visits
Bookstore Rowenhorst Student Center	Joshua Zylstra Bookstore Manager	712-707-7196 712-707-7228 (Fax)	bookstore@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/bookstore	Textbooks, apparel, NW logo items
Business Office Zwemer Hall, 1 st floor	Deb Wassink Student Accounts Manager	712-707-7125 712-707-7128 (Fax)	debw@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/business-office	Cash a check, pay a bill, request a refund check, turn in timesheets, inquire about insurance, printing charges
Campus Ministry Ramaker Center, 1 st floor	Tanya Vaas Campus Ministry Assistant	712-707-7190 712-707-7194 (Fax)	Tanya.vaas@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/faith	Ministry opportunities, chapel, pastoral care
Career Development Ramaker Center, 1 st floor	Bill Minnick Director of Career Development	712-707-7225 712-707-7404 (Fax)	cdc@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/cdc	Interest inventories, resumes, job opportunities, internships
Computing Services Van Peurse Hall, 1 st floor	Matt Austin Help Desk Manager	712-707-7333 712-707-7208 (Fax)	helpdesk@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/technology	Email accounts, campus network connections, computer purchasing information, local phone service
Financial Aid Zwemer Hall, 2 nd floor	Eric Anderson Director of Financial Aid Pam Mason Financial Services Counselor	712-707-7132 712-707-7435 712-707-7165 (Fax)	finaid@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/financialaid	FAFSA information, scholarship guidance, loan counseling, I-9 and W-4 Forms
Intercultural Programs Ramaker Center, 1 st floor	Kevin McMahan Director of Intercultural Affairs	712-707-7016 712-707-7228 (Fax)	intl@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/international	International students, American students of color, interest in cultural diversity
Library DeWitt Learning Commons 107	Greta Grond Director of the Library	712-707-7248 712-707-7244 (Reference) 712-707-7247 (Fax)	library@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/library	Books, reference materials and assistance, interlibrary loan
Mailroom Rowenhorst Student Center	Deb Wolthuizen Mailroom Supervisor	712-707-7198	dwolthui@nwciowa.edu	Student post office services—mail and receive letters, packages, purchase stamps
Registrar Zwemer Hall, 1 st floor	Sandy Van Kley Registrar	712-707-7145 712-707-7175 (Fax)	svankley@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/registrar	Transcripts, transfer course evaluation, registration, degree audits
Student Life Ramaker Center, 2 nd floor	Darla Hettinga Administrative Assistant	712-707-7200 712-707-7228 (Fax)	darlah@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/campus-life	Housing, immunization forms, chapel attendance, photo ID, orientation, meal plans, parking tags
Wellness & Health Rowenhorst Student Center	Darla Hettinga [summer contact — see Student Life above] Lila Simmelink [during school year]	712-707-7321 (School Year) 712-707-7498 (School Year Fax)	wellness@nwciowa.edu www.nwciowa.edu/wellness	Personal counseling, medical assistance for illness and injury

