



North Central International Student Guide

Naperville, Illinois, just 30 minutes from Chicago



Graduate Universities & Professional Schools Attended by Recent Graduates:

- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Marquette University
- Northwestern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Arizona
- University of Illinois
- University of Notre Dame
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Wisconsin

Employers of Recent Graduates:

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Allstate Insurance Company
- AT&T
- Audi
- Bank of America
- CBS Radio
- CDW
- Chicago Bears
- Edward Jones
- Ernst & Young
- FedEx
- The Field Museum
- Kellogg Company
- Macy's
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Ulta Beauty
- Under Armour
- University of Illinois
- UPS
- US Bank
- Walmart
- Walt Disney Company



Scenic North Central campus
Naperville, Illinois

The campus is located in a residential neighborhood of Naperville, Illinois—a city ranked one of the safest places to live in the US.

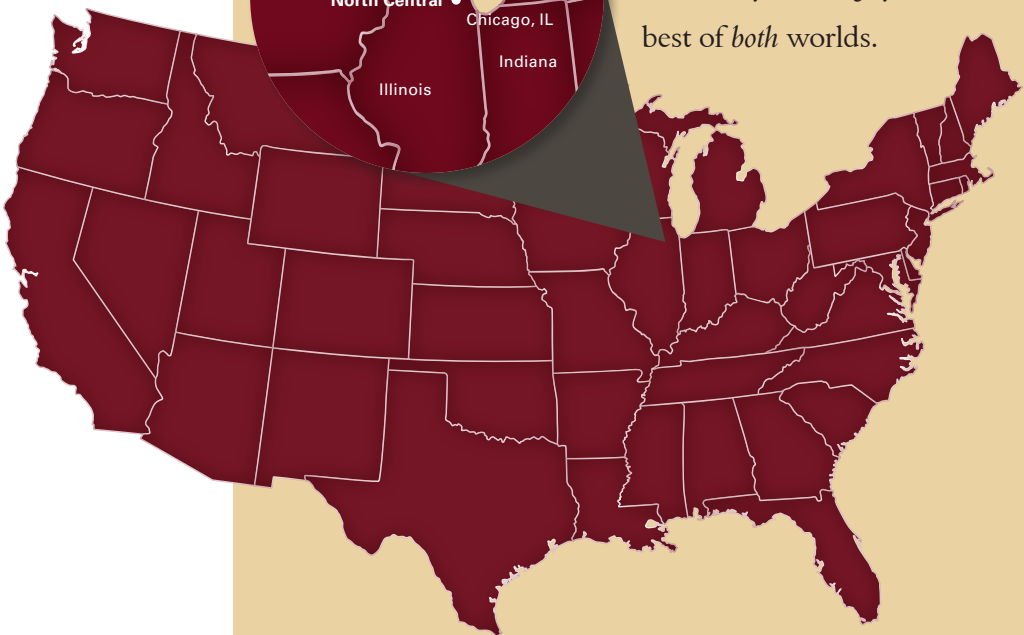


Downtown Chicago, Illinois

Where in the World?

Founded in 1861, North Central is a private, four-year, master's university of the liberal arts offering Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees in more than 55 areas of study, as well as five Master's degree programs.

North Central students enjoy a traditional campus experience in Naperville, Illinois, with easy access to the city of Chicago and its cultural, social and internship opportunities. At North Central, you'll enjoy the best of *both* worlds.



Naperville, Illinois

This safe, friendly city of more than 146,000 has been ranked as one of the “best places to live” in the United States by Money Magazine. North Central's beautiful 68.5-acre residential campus is located in a National Historic District, just a two-minute walk from stores, banks, restaurants, parks and coffee shops. Easily reached by car, bus or train, Naperville is 45 kilometers from downtown Chicago (30 minutes by train) and only 30 minutes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

The Chicago area enjoys four distinct seasons: hot summers, crisp autumns, snowy winters and mild springs.

Temperatures range from 34°C in July and August to -17°C in January and February.

Chicago, Illinois

Home to three million people from around the world, Chicago offers practically unlimited cultural opportunities—from world-renowned museums and theaters to annual events like the Chicago Jazz Festival. Students can participate in Chicago Term courses and internships as well as outings to Chicago's neighborhoods, sporting events, festivals and theaters. The train station to downtown Chicago is just a short walk from campus, and a 30-minute train ride will take you to the heart of this exciting city.

Shops in downtown Naperville, Illinois



Chicago River, downtown Chicago





What Do Others Say About North Central?

As an independent, comprehensive university affiliated with the United Methodist Church, North Central is known nationally for excellence in teaching and for the quality of its faculty and students.

- North Central is recognized as one of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report.
- The Princeton Review identifies North Central as one of the “Best in the Midwest” based on student surveys.
- The excellence of North Central’s support for international students and programs was recognized by the 2015 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Campus Internationalization.
- North Central is among U.S. colleges and universities that produced the highest number of Fulbright students for 2014-2015 international exchanges.
- North Central is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



Xiao (Wang) French

Majors: Computer Science and Actuarial Science

Home country: China

What do you like best about North Central:

I love the small class sizes and the wonderful living and studying environment. I feel safe here. I don’t like big cities, but I enjoy proximity to major cities because there are usually a lot of job opportunities. Naperville, where North Central is located, is the perfect location for me. It’s quiet and nice—but also very close to Chicago.

Advice to new students: International Club is definitely a great place to meet new friends - not only with other international students, but also with lots of American students. Because we are international students, most of our family is far away. North Central is like our home in America. All my professors, advisor and friends have been very nice and friendly to me.

Internship site: Argonne National Laboratory



Why Choose North Central?

Location - North Central’s safe, suburban campus is just a two-minute walk from both the train station and the Naperville city center. Our students enjoy convenient access to cultural activities, internships and research opportunities in both Naperville and Chicago.

Research - North Central provides undergraduate students with outstanding access to research opportunities - both on and off campus. As a result, we’re among the top 5 percent of all institutions in the United States for schools producing accepted proposals for the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Teaching - U.S. News & World Report has recognized North Central for the quality of undergraduate teaching. No graduate assistants teach here. Small classes and a low student-to-faculty ratio allow you to get to know your professors.

Support - North Central provides new international students with airport pickup and orientation, with a student mentor and a friendship family in the community. With an academic advisor, an international student advisor and a full range of student services and organizations, you’ll always know where to go for support.

Scholarships - North Central offers International Scholarships of up to \$22,000 per year to qualified undergraduate international students.

Jack Shindler
Director of International Programs
Professor of English

“We firmly believe that one of the best ways to help the North Central community understand and appreciate other cultures is through person-to-person connections with international students. We welcome you to our campus—not only to learn with us but to teach us about the world we all share.”





Areas of Study: Preparing for Your Future

To graduate with a B.S. or B.A. degree, you must earn a minimum of 120 total credit hours in approximately four years. In the process, you must complete the requirements of at least one major as well as the liberal arts core curriculum. The liberal arts core encourages international perspectives and develops critical thinking, communication and leadership skills equal to the challenges of the 21st century.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Programs (Bachelor's Degrees)

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Art History
Athletic Training
Biochemistry
Bioinformatics*
Biology
Broadcast Communication
Business
Chemical Microscopy†
Chemistry
Chinese
Classical Civilization
Classical Languages
Coaching*
Communication
Computer Science
Conflict Resolution*
Dance*
East Asian Studies
• China
• Japan
Economics
Education
Elementary Education
Engineering (dual-degree)
English Studies
• Literature
• Writing
English Language Learner*

Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Film and Screen Studies*
Finance
French
Gender and Women's Studies*
German
Global Studies
Graphic Design
Health Education*
Health Science
History
History of Ideas*
Human Resource Management
Interactive Media Studies
• Convergent Media
• Interactive Media Technology
International Business
Japanese
Jazz Studies
Journalism
Leadership*
Management
Management Information Systems*
Marketing
Mathematics
Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Studies*
Music
• Jazz Studies
• Performance

Music Education
• Choral
• Instrumental
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Nuclear Medicine Technology†
Organizational Communication
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Radiation Therapy †
Religious Studies
Secondary Education
Social Change Leadership*
Social Science/History
Sociology
• Criminal Justice
• Social Justice and Community Work
Spanish
Speech Communication
Sport Management
Studio Art
Studio Art Education
Teaching Physical Education
Theatre
Theatrical Design and Technology
Urban and Suburban Studies*
Wellness*

Pre-Professional Programs

Health Sciences
• Dentistry
• Nursing
• Occupational Therapy
• Optometry
• Pharmacy
• Physical Therapy
• Physician Assistant
• Podiatry
• Veterinary Medicine
Law
Medicine

Five-Year Bachelor's/Master's Degree Programs

Accounting/Master of Business Administration
Business Administration
Computer Science
Leadership Studies
Liberal Studies

Graduate Programs (Master's Degrees)

Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Computer Science (M.S.)
Education † (M.A.)
Leadership Studies (M.Ld.)
Liberal Studies (M.A.)

*Minor only

† Not available to students in F-1 status



Some recent honors, internships, and job opportunities include:

Kori Sye

Major: Chemistry
Honors: National Science Foundation Fellowship; Goldwater Honorable Mention
Graduate Program: Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Rosa Moraa

Major: International Business
Master's Degree Program: Leadership Studies
Jobs: Director of Marketing, Endeavor Technologies (OPT); Director of Global Development, Teule Kenya; Managing Director, 1World1Tribe

Eduardo Sanchez

Major: Broadcast Communication
Internships: NBC News, NY; NBC Universal Telemundo, Chicago
Job: NBC, Chicago

Student Services

Center for Global Education (CGE)

Experienced staff provide an orientation program for all new students, immigration advising, ongoing cross-cultural counseling, opportunities to connect with both U.S. and other international students and much more. We match you with current student mentors to assist in your adjustment to life in the United States. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/international.

Career Development

Career advisors will help you define and develop your career goals, write a résumé, practice interviewing, apply to graduate school, or identify internships and jobs that will further your career. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/careers.

Academic Support Services

You will have the support of an academic advisor throughout your course of study. In addition, you have access to both group and individual tutoring. If you would benefit from additional assistance with your English skills, ESL services are available. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/support-services.

Dyson Wellness Center

The Dyson Wellness Center is available to all students and offers walk-in nursing, physician care, counseling and limited pharmacy services during the academic terms. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/dyson.



Campus Life: Community

Activities, Organizations and Leadership

You can choose from more than 75 student organizations and activities. You determine your level of involvement in campus life. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/clubs.

International Club

Students from around the world come together to learn about each other's cultures, plan activities and just have fun! Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/internationalclub.

Housing

Convenient and safe, our residence halls offer a variety of living arrangements and opportunities to meet other international and U.S. students. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/housing.

Dining Services

North Central offers five meal plan options and three dining areas on campus to suit every schedule and preference. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/dining.

English Language Institute

North Central's own full-time intensive English program is designed to prepare students for undergraduate and graduate degree study. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/admission/english-language-institute.

Some of the most popular majors among North Central's international students are management, marketing, biology, psychology and accounting.

Admission

International Admission

North Central's International Admission staff is available to assist you throughout the application process—from your first question to the day you arrive on campus—and beyond. For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international.

Undergraduate Admission

International students may apply to North Central either as freshmen or as transfer students. There is no application fee for international applicants. You can start your application process by completing the online application form at northcentralcollege.edu/apply.

Additional materials required to complete the application process include:

- Official high school transcripts and certificate of graduation
- Official college or university transcripts for all university-level courses completed (transfer applicants)
- Evidence of English proficiency—official TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, ACT or EIKEN score reports. Students transferring from a U.S. college or university may submit transcripts that include two English composition courses.

North Central can review your application based on the above materials. However, we may request applicants to also submit the following:

- Personal essay
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor

Conditional Admission

Students who meet the academic requirements for admission but do not have the required level of English proficiency may apply for conditional undergraduate admission and enroll in North Central's on-campus English Language Institute.

Student Visa

Students who will need an I-20 form for an F-1 student visa must also submit financial support documentation verifying available funding to meet study and living expenses while in the United States. This includes:

- Declaration of Finances
- Bank Letter



North Central's academic calendar has three terms, which means you can start classes in September, January or March. Most new students begin in September.



North Central has been ranked among America's Best Colleges in the Midwest Regional Universities Category by U.S. News and World Report for 23 consecutive years.

International Scholarships

North Central is pleased to offer scholarships for academically qualified undergraduate international students. **The International Scholarship ranges up to U.S. \$22,000 per year and is renewable.** For a complete listing of scholarships, visit our website at northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international-scholarships.

Priority Application Deadlines

North Central reviews applications on a rolling basis, which means there is no official application deadline. We recommend that international applicants submit their completed applications by the following dates to allow time for the review of supporting documents and the visa application process.*

TERM	APPLYING FROM WITHIN U.S.	APPLYING FROM OUTSIDE U.S.
Fall (September to November)	June 1	May 1
Winter (January to March)	November 1	September 15
Spring (March to June)	January 15	November 15

* Some scholarships have earlier deadlines for admission.

English Language Institute (ELI)

North Central also offers a full-time intensive English language program to prepare international students for admission to a U.S. undergraduate or graduate degree program. For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/admission/english-language-institute.

Graduate Admission

International applicants to North Central's Master's degree programs can also start their application process online. For information about how to apply to North Central's graduate programs, visit our website at northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international-graduate-admission.

U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents Living Abroad

U.S. citizens and permanent residents living abroad may start the application process by completing the online application form at northcentralcollege.edu/apply. To complete the application, send official transcripts **and** ACT or SAT scores directly to North Central.



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