



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
- The Kraft-Heinz Company
- Kellogg Company
- Macy's
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Ulta Beauty
- Under Armour
- University of Illinois
- UPS
- US Bank
- 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 U.S.



Downtown Chicago, Illinois

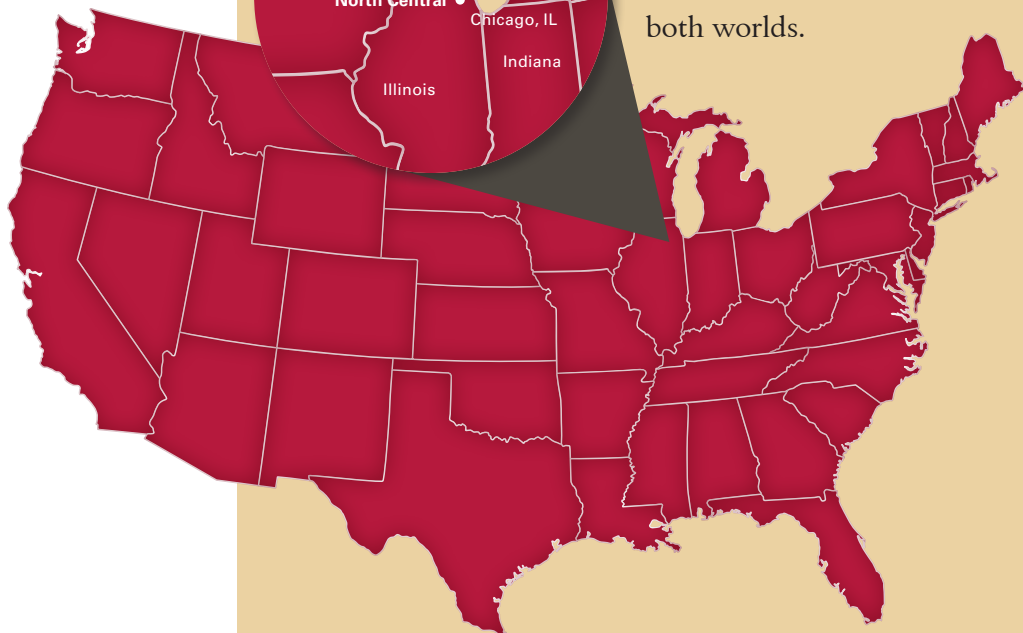
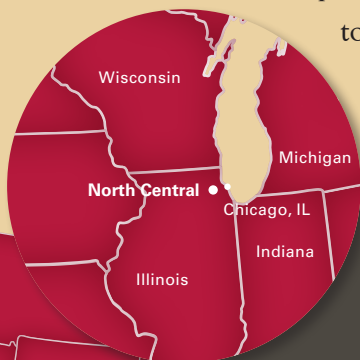
The Programs You Want – In a Location You Will Love!

Founded in 1861, North Central is a private, four-year liberal arts university offering Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees in more than 60 areas of study, a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree and six Master's degree programs.

North Central students enjoy a safe, affordable, hands-on American university experience in

Naperville, Illinois with easy access to Chicago's cultural, social and internship opportunities.

You will launch your career while enjoying the best of both worlds.



Naperville, Illinois

This safe, friendly city of 150,000 has been ranked as one of the “best places to live” in the U.S. by Money Magazine and ranked #1 “Safest City in America” by Niche.com. North Central's beautiful 68.5-acre residential campus is located in a family neighborhood just a two-minute walk from stores, banks, restaurants and coffee shops. Easily reached by car, bus or train, Naperville is 30 minutes from downtown Chicago (45 kilometers) 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 unlimited cultural opportunities. Students can participate in Chicago Term classes and internships as well as trips to Chicago's neighborhoods, sporting events, festivals and concerts. The train station to downtown Chicago is a two-minute 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 in the Midwest” by U.S. News & World Report.
- The Princeton Review named North Central as a “2019 Best Midwestern College” 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 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, advisors and friends have been very nice and friendly to me.

Internship site: Argonne National Laboratory



Kimberly M. Larsson
Interim Director, Center
for Global Education

“North Central is a place where international students feel engaged, connected, challenged and supported, both inside and outside of the classroom.

An education here is the ‘best of both worlds’—the opportunity to experience a traditional campus environment in a safe, welcoming community while also living and learning near one of the most dynamic and impressive cities in the world. North Central welcomes you and looks forward to being part of your success story.”



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.

Practical Experience - North Central provides undergraduate students with outstanding access to research and internship opportunities - both on and off campus. At North Central, you will apply what you learn in the classroom to real-world situations.

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

Support - North Central provides new international students with airport pickup and orientation, 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 help if you need it.

Scholarships - North Central partners with students and families to make a North Central education affordable. Over 95% of admitted international students receive scholarship aid each year!



Programs of Study: Preparing for Your Future

During your four-year Bachelor's degree program, you will develop critical thinking and communication skills, deep subject knowledge, and life skills. You will do this in small, faculty-taught classes and through hands-on experiences in the dynamic economic and research environment of Naperville/Chicago, Illinois. A Bachelor's degree from North Central is the first step to a challenging, fulfilling career.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Majors and Minors (Bachelor's Degrees)

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Animation*
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Art Education
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
» Biological Science
» Biology Professions
» Biomedical Science
» Health Professions
Business
Business Economics
Chemical Microscopy[†]
Chemistry
» ACS - Certified Chemistry
Chicago Area Studies*
Chinese
Classics*
Communication Studies
Community Health Promotion*
Computer Science
Conflict Resolution*
Dance*
East Asian Studies
» China
» Japan
Economics
Education Studies
» Elementary
» Secondary
Elementary Education
Engineering
» Computer
» Electrical
» Mechanical
Engineering Physics (3+2 Engineering)
English
» Literature
» Writing

English Language Learner*
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Studies
» Science and the Environment
» Society and the Environment
» Sustainability
Ethical Leadership
Ethics*
Exercise Science
Film and Screen Studies*
Finance
French
French and Francophone Studies
Gender and Sexuality Studies*
German
German Studies
Global Studies
Graphic Design
Health Science
History
History of Ideas*
Human Resource Management
Interactive Media Studies
» Convergent Media
» Interactive Technology
International Business
Japanese
Journalism and Media Communication
Language Arts and Linguistics*
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Middle Eastern and North African Studies*
Music
» Jazz Studies
» Liberal Arts
» Performance
Music Education
» Choral
» Instrumental
Musical Theatre

Neuroscience
» Behavioral
» Molecular
Nuclear Medicine Technology[†]
Organizational Communication
Philosophy
» Law and Society
Physics
Political Science
Professional Spanish*
Professional Writing*
Psychology
» Industrial/Organizational Psychology*
Radiation Therapy[†]
Reading*
Religious Studies
Secondary Education
» Art
» Biology
» English
» History
» Math
» Music
» Foreign Language licensure in Chinese, Spanish, French and German
Social Change Leadership*
Social Entrepreneurship
Social Innovation*
Social Science/History
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Management
» Digital Marketing
» General Business
Studio Art
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)*
Theatre
» Acting
» Directing and Dramaturgy
Theatrical Design and Technology

Shimer Great Books School

Humanities
Liberal Studies
Natural Sciences
Social Sciences

Pre-Professional Programs

Health Sciences
» Athletic Training
» Dentistry
» Nursing
» Occupational Therapy
» Optometry
» Pharmacy
» Physical Therapy
» Physician Assistant
» Podiatry
» Veterinary Medicine
Law
Medicine

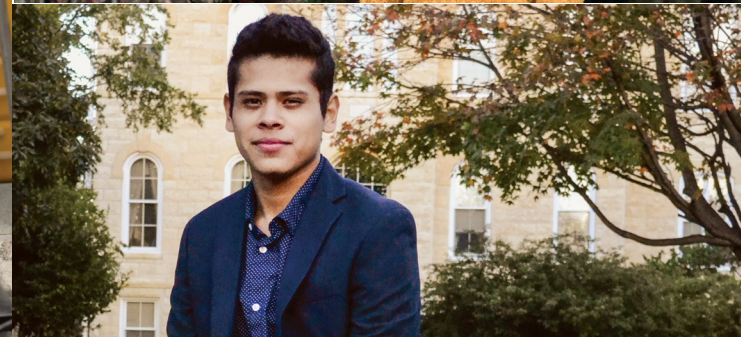
Graduate Programs (Master's Degrees)

Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Education (M.A. & M.Ed.)[†]
Leadership Studies (M.L.D.)
Liberal Studies (M.A.)
Nonprofit Management and Leadership (M.N.M.)
Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)**

*Minor only

[†] Not available to students in F-1 status

**Candidacy status with the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)



Some recent honors, internships, and job opportunities include (pictured above, clockwise):

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'll have free 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 year. 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 three meal plan options and five 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.

North Central's academic calendar has two semesters, which means you can start classes in August or January. Most new students begin in August.

Admission

International Admission

North Central's International Admission staff will 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 to show available funding to meet study and living expenses while in the United States. This includes:

- Declaration of Finances Form
- Bank Letter





North Central has been ranked among America's Best Colleges in the Midwest Regional Universities category by U.S. News and World Report for 25 consecutive years.

International Scholarships

North Central is pleased to offer scholarships for academically qualified undergraduate international students. Scholarship awards range up to \$27,000 per year and are 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 admission and for the visa application process.*

TERM	APPLYING FROM WITHIN U.S.	APPLYING FROM OUTSIDE U.S.
Fall (August to December)	June 1	May 1
Spring (January to May)	November 1	October 1

* 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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