International Quick Facts

Degrees and Accreditation
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)
- Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.)
- English Language Institute (ESL)
- Master’s degrees online
- Fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Honors and Awards
- Ranked No. 13 among “Best Colleges” in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report 2020
- Ranked among “Best Midwestern Colleges” by Princeton Review 2019
- One of Forbes’ “America’s Top Colleges” 2018
- Ranked among “Best Colleges for Your Money” by Money Magazine 2018
- Designated a “Changemaker Campus” by Ashoka U—an initiative of Ashoka, the world’s largest and leading network of social entrepreneurs 2018.
- 2015 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Campus Internationalization

Degrees and Majors
The B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) degree is awarded in more than 60 areas of study in a variety of interdisciplinary areas. The B.S. (Bachelor of Science ) degree is awarded in actuarial science, applied mathematics, biochemistry, biology, chemical microscopy, chemistry, computer science, economics, engineering, exercise science, health science, mathematics, neuroscience, nuclear medicine technology, physics, psychology and radiation therapy. The B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business Administration) degree is awarded in accounting, business economics, entrepreneurship, finance, human resource management, international business, business management and marketing. The B.M.E (Bachelor of Music Education) degree is awarded in music education choral and instrumental.

Programs of Study

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AND MINORS (BACHELOR’S DEGREES)

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Animation*
Anthropology
Applied Communication*
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
Classical Studies*
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 Eng)
English
> Literature
> Writing
English Education
English Language Learner*
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Studies
> Science 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
Interdisciplinary Science
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 and Technical Writing*
Psychology
> Industrial/Organizational
Psychology*
Public Relations**
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
> Dentistry
> Nursing
> Occupational Therapy
> Optometry
> Pharmacy
> Physical Therapy
> Physician Assistant
> Podiatry
> Veterinary Medicine
Law
Medicine

*Minor only
**Minor beginning Fall 2020
† Not available to students in F-1 status

Location and Campus
- Beautiful 68.5-acre/28-hectare campus just a two-minute walk from downtown Naperville and the train station
- Commuter trains to Chicago in 30 minutes
- Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) just 30 minutes from campus
- Naperville, Illinois, ranked “Safest City in America”

Our Students Come From
Argentina, Australia, Bhutan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam… and more!

Student Population
- Undergraduate: 2,850
- Graduate: 270
- International: 110
- Countries represented: 40

Estimated Costs 2020-2021
- Tuition & Fees: $41,180
- Room & Meals: $12,222
- Estimated Total: $53,402*

*Room costs vary by residence hall. Students should also budget for insurance, books and personal expenses.

Scholarships

Freshman
- International Presidential: $28,000
- International Honors: $25,000
- #YouAreWelcomeHere: $3,000
- ELI To Degree: $2,250-$9,000

Transfer
- International Excellence: $24,000
- International Merit: $21,000
- International Campus Enrichment: $2,000
- ELI To Degree: $2,250-$9,000

Over 95% of new students receive scholarships or grants.
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Academics
- Core curriculum and 128 total credits to graduate with a Bachelor’s degree
- Advanced Placement (AP) credit
- International Baccalaureate (IB) credit
- College Scholars Honors Program
- Transfer credit available

Faculty
- 153 full time (111 tenure track)
- 100% of tenure-track faculty have Ph.D. or terminal degree in field
- Average class size 20
- Student-to-faculty ratio 14:1

Student Services
- Center for Global Education (CGE) provides orientation and international student advising.
- Tutors, writing center and language resource center are available to all students at no additional cost.
- Residence Life provides convenient, safe living arrangements.
- Additional services include a health center and education abroad advising.

Distinctive Academic Opportunities
- Nationally recognized Model UN, Mock Trial, Forensics and Enactus teams
- Award-winning, student-run WONC-FM 89.1 radio station
- Richter Grants
- Undergraduate student research
- Education abroad
- Coffee Lab

English Language Institute (ELI)
- Full-time, year-round English as a second language (ESL) program
- Conditional undergraduate admission available
- Five convenient starting points each year
- No minimum TOEFL required
- Summer options available
- ELI to Degree Scholarships available for undergraduate study at North Central

Career Development
- Job-search skills and strategies are taught to all students beginning their first year.
- Internships, work-related experiences and career exploration are strongly supported.
- Full-time professional staff provide expert career and graduate school guidance.
- Graduate and professional school advising and planning are actively promoted by Career Development staff and by faculty.
- Corporate recruiters interview qualified North Central students and alumni through consortium events and activities.
- Services to alumni are provided at no cost.

Athletics
- North Central student-athletes compete in 27 intercollegiate sports in NCAA Division III and the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW).*
- North Central has won 38 team national championships and 137 individual national championships.
- A total of 434 student-athletes have earned 1,137 All-America selections.
- 355 student-athletes have earned 597 national academic awards.

Men’s Sports
- Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Women’s Sports
- Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Triathlon, Volleyball, Wrestling

Recreational Sports
- Intramurals: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball

*No athletic scholarships are offered, and students must be enrolled in a degree program to participate in intercollegiate sports.

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International Application Process

International Freshman Application Process
- Undergraduate Application (online)
- Official high school transcript (past three years)
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 preferred (4.0 scale)
- Official English proficiency documentation (below)

International Transfer Application Process
- Undergraduate Application (online)
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Course descriptions for transfer credit evaluation
- Official high school transcript
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 preferred (4.0 scale)
- Official English proficiency documentation (below)

English Proficiency Documentation
The minimum English proficiency documentation required to be considered for direct admission to a degree program includes (choose one):
- Official TOEFL score of 79 IBT (Institution Code: 1555)
- Official IELTS score of 6.5
- Official SAT EBRW score of 490 (Institution Code: 1555)
- Official ACT English score of 19 (Institution Code: 1086)
- Grades of ‘C’ or higher in English writing courses taken at a U.S. college or university (transfer applicants)
- Successful completion of North Central’s English Language Institute (ELI)

Conditional Admission Application Process
Students who do not have the required level of English proficiency may apply for conditional undergraduate admission by submitting a completed undergraduate application and official transcripts. Full admission is awarded upon successful North Central ELI completion.

Visa
Admitted students who will need an F-1 student visa must also submit a passport copy and financial documentation for an I-20 form.

Priority Deadlines
Offers of admission are made on an ongoing basis. Complete applications are due three months prior to intended start term for students applying from outside the United States or two months prior to intended start term for students already studying in the United States.