

# 2012 Application for Freshman Admission

Mail application to:  
**Office of Admissions**  
Northern Illinois University  
1425 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-2828



Telephone: 815-753-0446 or 800-892-3050  
E-mail: [admissions@niu.edu](mailto:admissions@niu.edu)  
Internet: [www.admissions.niu.edu](http://www.admissions.niu.edu)

**Online application: (credit card payment only)**  
[www.niu.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/apply)

**Note: A \$40 non-refundable fee is required to process this paper application (check or money order only).**

## *Application Deadlines*

The completed application and all supporting documents must be on file in the Office of Admissions by the dates listed below. However, early application is strongly recommended.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Application Processing Begins</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>
Spring 2012	May 1, 2011	Dec. 1, 2011
Summer 2012	Sept. 1, 2011	May 15, 2012
Fall 2012	Sept. 1, 2011	August 1, 2012

## *Additional Deadline Information*

- Early application is strongly recommended.
- Space limitations and/or budget constraints may necessitate earlier application deadlines.
- Individual colleges, departments, and schools may have specific deadlines. Refer to the section entitled "Application Deadlines for Limited Admission Majors, Emphases, and Area of Study" at [www.niu.edu/admissions/downloadapp.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/downloadapp.shtml).
- Applications will be accepted on the following Monday if an application deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday.
- For additional information regarding admission to the university, consult the "Admission" section in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, available online at <http://catalog.niu.edu/>.

## *Schedule for Freshman Application Review*

Please note that the actual size of the new freshman class will be determined by the level of university resources available to maintain the quality of the academic programs. The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admissions on a space-available basis.

## *Spring Semester 2012 Freshman Application Review*

1. Individuals who submit complete applications including all transcripts and test score information by November 1, 2011 will be considered for admission on a competitive basis and notified of the admission decision by or before December 1, 2011.
2. Individuals who submit complete applications after November 1, 2011 will be considered for admission on a competitive basis as long as space is available.

## *Summer Session 2012 and Fall Semester 2012 Freshman Application Review*

1. Individuals who submit complete applications including all transcripts and test score information by November 15, 2011 and who satisfy minimum admissions criteria will be considered for admission on a competitive basis and notified of the admission decision on or before February 1, 2012.
2. Individuals who submit complete applications after November 15, 2011 and satisfy minimum admissions criteria will be considered for admission on a competitive basis as long as space is available.

## *Freshman Priority Application Consideration for Summer Session 2012 and Fall Semester 2012*

Priority consideration will be given to individuals whose applications are complete by February 1, 2012, who rank in the upper third of their high school class and have an ACT composite score of at least 21 or SAT score (CR+M) of at least 950 or an equivalent ACT/SAT rank combination. These individuals will be admitted and notified of their admission decision on a rolling admissions basis.

# How to Complete This Application

*Freshman applicants must submit the following:*

1. **A completed and signed application: pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this document.**
2. **An official high school transcript** indicating class rank and courses completed, or an official GED score report. Official transcripts must be sent directly from each postsecondary institution attended, including transcripts from colleges from which courses were taken while enrolled in high school.
3. **An official ACT score report** (sent to NIU by ACT Inc.) **or SAT score report** (sent to NIU by the College Board). Northern's ACT code is 1102. Northern's SAT code is 1559.

Applicants who have never taken the test and have been out of high school for more than three years may submit a written request for a waiver of this requirement.

*Immigrant applicants must submit the following:*

(Immigrant applicants are those who have received an official Alien Registration Card (I-551), or have official approval stamped in their passports.)

1. **A completed and signed application: pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this document.**
2. **Academic documents listed in the "Freshman Applicants" sections on this page.**
3. **A catalog match evaluation report of all international academic records prepared by Educational Credential Evaluators ([www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org)) at the student's expense.**
4. **A clear photocopy of your Alien Registration Card and/or other appropriate Immigration documentation (attach to this application).** Additional documentation and/or review of original documents may be required. Until documentation is received and approved, immigrant applicants will be classified as nonresidents for tuition purposes.

*International (nonimmigrant) students must submit the following:*

1. **A completed and signed application: pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this document. However, use of the online International Student Application is preferred and can be found at [www.niu.edu/isfo/admissions/apply](http://www.niu.edu/isfo/admissions/apply)**
2. **\$40 (U.S.) nonrefundable application fee.** Acceptable forms of payment include: 1) a check drawn on a U.S. bank paid in U.S. dollars, payable to *Northern Illinois University*; 2) an international money order paid in U.S. dollars, payable to *Northern Illinois University*. Please check with the international division of your bank to make sure that the payment form you choose can be used within the United States.

**3. Official English translations of academic records** from secondary schools and all colleges and universities attended.

**4. All test scores, including the TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language), or if transferring from a U.S. institution, official transcripts.

**5. Documentation of financial resources** - A letter from your sponsor's bank, on bank letterhead, or an official bank statement, showing sufficient funds for your first year of study.

Federal and state financial assistance is not available for international undergraduate students.

**International Student Application Deadlines**  
**Spring 2012** - October 1, 2011

**Fall 2012** - May 1, 2012

For further information please contact:  
NIU International Student and Faculty Office,  
Williston Hall 406, DeKalb, IL 60115

Telephone: (815) 753-1346  
E-mail: [isfo@niu.edu](mailto:isfo@niu.edu)  
Internet: [www.niu.edu/isfo/](http://www.niu.edu/isfo/)  
Fax: (815) 753-1488

The Admissions Office and the International Student and Faculty Office do not perform transcript evaluations on a walk-in basis.

## ***Application Review***

Northern Illinois University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran, or any other factor unrelated to professional qualifications, in its admission procedures and in access to its programs. However, factors such as academic record, test scores, special talents or abilities, likelihood of success at NIU, personal character, and references may be taken into account in the admission process. Applicants will be considered for admission as long as space is available. To maintain the quality of academic programs, the number of freshman and transfer students admitted each semester will be determined by the level of university resources available. Northern Illinois University seeks a diverse student body to reflect the population base of the state, and consideration will be given to this factor in its admission practices. Applicants who meet admission criteria will be notified of an admission decision as soon as possible following the completion of their application file.

# Freshman Application

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

1. FULL LEGAL FIRST NAME		2. MIDDLE NAME	
3. FULL LEGAL LAST/FAMILY NAME		4. SUFFIX (example: Jr., III)	
5. IF INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION IS LOCATED UNDER A DIFFERENT LEGAL NAME, PLEASE INDICATE SUCH NAME(S) BELOW.		6. DATE OF BIRTH (MM-DD-YYYY)	
7. PLACE OF BIRTH (City or Town)		8. STATE (OR COUNTRY) OF BIRTH	
9. GENDER      M= male; F=female		10. U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (XXX-XX-XXXX)	
11. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS (Street number, street name & apartment number, if applicable)			
12. CITY OR TOWN		13. STATE	14. ZIP CODE (XXXXX-XXXX)
15. COUNTY (IF IN ILLINOIS)		16. PERMANENT HOME TELEPHONE	
17. CELLULAR TELEPHONE (IF APPLICABLE)		18. IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO CONTACT YOU THROUGH CELL PHONE TEXT MESSAGING? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
19. E-MAIL ADDRESS			
20. CITIZENSHIP (Choose only one from A, B, C or D): <b>A. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen</b> <b>B. <input type="checkbox"/> Lawful U.S. Permanent Resident</b>  Country of Citizenship: _____  Alien Registration Number: _____ (You must submit a copy of your Alien Registration Card with this application.)  <b>C. <input type="checkbox"/> International</b> (We urge you to use the on-line International Student Application at <a href="http://www.niu.edu/isfo/admissions/index.shtml">www.niu.edu/isfo/admissions/index.shtml</a> .)  Country of Citizenship: _____  Visa Type Held or Expected: _____		<b>D. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Citizen Status</b> – Choose this option only if A, B or C do not apply to you. You must also answer ALL of the following questions:  Did you graduate from an Illinois high school or attain a GED in Illinois? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Will you have attended school in Illinois for at least three years as of the date of your high school graduation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Did you/Will you live with your parents while you attended high school in Illinois? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Do you intend to apply for permanent residency in Illinois? If yes, a signed affidavit will be required. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
21. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR MILITARY STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> No military service <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Active Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent or Survivor of a Veteran		22. TERM FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (INDICATE ONE): <input type="checkbox"/> FALL <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER (August 2012)              (January 2012)              (June 2012)	

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TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION, FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES REQUIRE UNIVERSITIES TO DESCRIBE THEIR RACIAL/ETHNIC POPULATIONS. YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING WILL ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

23. ARE YOU HISPANIC OR LATINO/LATINA? (Hispanic or Latino/Latina means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)

YES, I am Hispanic or Latino/Latina.

NO, I am not Hispanic or Latino/Latina.

Prefer not to respond

24. REGARDLESS OF YOUR ANSWER ABOVE, CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING THAT DESCRIBE YOU:

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

ASIAN

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN

A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

WHITE

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

None of the above or prefer not to respond

25. INDICATE BY NAME AND CODE YOUR PRIMARY AREA OF ACADEMIC INTEREST. SEE LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS/EMPHASES AT [www.niu.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines/freshman.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines/freshman.shtml). (If undecided as to any college or major, list undecided any college or major. International students cannot use undecided any college or major.)

Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

26. YOU ARE APPLYING AS A (indicate one):

Freshman (Attended or attending high school AND no college coursework completed or in progress)

Freshman PLUS (Currently enrolled in high school with college coursework completed or in progress OR Graduated from high school or attained GED with 12 or fewer hours of college coursework completed prior to entering NIU)

27. HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED (OR WILL GRADUATE)

28. CITY OR TOWN

29. STATE (OR COUNTRY) AND ZIP CODE

30. DATE OF YOUR GRADUATION (ACTUAL OR PLANNED)– (MM/YYYY)

31. DATES OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (FROM-TO)–(MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY)

32. DATE LATEST ACT WAS OR WILL BE TAKEN: (MM/YYYY)

33. DATE LATEST SAT WAS OR WILL BE TAKEN: (MM/YYYY)

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**The information requested below is required to process this application.**

You must complete this page, **IN ADDITION TO PAGES 3, 4, 6, 7 AND 8**, if you are applying as a beginning freshman and are currently enrolled in high school course work. **A current high school transcript is required to process this application. A final high school transcript will be required upon completion of all high school course work.** Please notify us in writing of any changes to your reported courses. **Please indicate below the number of units\* of each high school subject completed and in progress.**

34. Subject	35. UNITS* (*One unit equals one full year or one block of a course.)				36. Titles of Courses in Progress
	Required	Completed	In Progress	Total	
<i>Example: English</i>	4	3	1.5	4.5	<i>Speech, Composition, Novels</i>
<b>English</b>	4				
<b>Algebra</b>	1				
<b>Geometry</b>	1				
<b>Advanced Math</b> —Adv. Alg., Alg. II, Trig., Pre-Calc., etc.	1				
<b>Science</b> —Two must be physical or biological. One must be a lab science.	3				
<b>Social Studies</b> —One must be U.S. History.	3				
<b>Humanities including:</b> Foreign Language, Art, Music, Theatre, Vocational. One must be Foreign Language, Art, or Music.	2				

**IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING NIU, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW. LIST ALL PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT(S), INCLUDING WORK TAKEN WHILE STILL ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED MORE THAN 4 SCHOOLS.) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED IN ORDER FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED.**

37. NAME OF COLLEGE AND LOCATION (CITY AND STATE, OR COUNTRY) (MOST RECENT FIRST)	38. DATES				39. HOW MANY HOURS HAVE YOU COMPLETED?	40. IF YOU ARE ENROLLED NOW, FOR HOW MANY HOURS?	41. FUTURE ENROLLMENT: HOW MANY HOURS WILL YOU COMPLETE?
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42. **PAYMENT INFORMATION** – Applicants are required to submit a \$40 (U.S.) nonrefundable application fee with this application (Check or money order only. Do not staple.). The application fee may be waived in the cases noted below. If applicable, please check the appropriate box.

I am an employee of Northern Illinois University.

I am a former Northern Illinois University student who last attended NIU as an undergraduate, and I am applying as an undergraduate.

I am a freshman applying for an extreme economic hardship waiver. (For specific criteria, see [www.niu.edu/admissions/appfeewaiver.pdf](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/appfeewaiver.pdf).)

I have previously applied and paid the application fee for another term during the 2012 year. This will be verified and if you have not applied for one of these terms, the \$40 application fee will be required to process your application.

Term previously applied for:  FALL 2012  SPRING 2012  SUMMER 2012

43. **IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER AS LISTED IN #42, PLEASE INDICATE ONE FORM OF PAYMENT (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY). INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION. DO NOT STAPLE.**

Bank check/Personal check payable to Northern Illinois University  Money order payable to Northern Illinois University

If you wish to pay by credit card, please use the on-line application at [www.niu.edu/admissions/onlineapp.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/onlineapp.shtml).

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44. LENGTH OF TIME AS AN ILLINOIS RESIDENT YEARS MONTHS	45. DO YOU INTEND TO PURSUE TEACHER CERTIFICATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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46. NAME OF RELATIVE TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY	47. RELATIONSHIP
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48. STREET ADDRESS (INCLUDE APARTMENT NUMBER)	49. AREA CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER
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50. CITY OR TOWN	51. STATE (OR COUNTRY)	52. ZIP CODE
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53. HAS EITHER OF YOUR PARENTS EARNED A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DEGREE?  Mother  Father  Both  Neither

54. WHICH, IF ANY, MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY GRADUATED FROM OR CURRENTLY ATTEND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Mother  Father  Brother  Sister  Grandparent  Spouse

55. PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS - If your family/parents would like to receive periodic announcements and updates from the NIU Office of Admissions, please provide their e-mail address.

FIRST PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

SECOND PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

56. **CERTIFICATION** – I understand that withholding information requested on this application or falsifying information submitted through the application process will make me ineligible for admission to the university or subject to dismissal. I certify that the statements I have made on this application and in all other application materials submitted are complete and true.  
**(Your signature and date are required before NIU can process this application.)**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Criminal Disclosure – ***This section must be completed and submitted by all applicants.***

Northern Illinois University is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all members of the University community. As part of this commitment, the University requires applicants who have pending criminal charges or have been convicted of a crime (other than a routine traffic offense) to disclose this information as a mandatory step in the application process. In addition, if you have ever been expelled or dismissed from an educational institution for disciplinary reasons, an accurate and complete explanation of the circumstances and your current status is required as part of the admission process.

### All applicants must answer the following questions:

- A. Do you have criminal charges pending against you?
  - Yes
  - No
  
- B. Have you been convicted by a court of law for a crime (other than a routine traffic offense or criminal offenses that are sealed/expunged/pardoned or otherwise protected from disclosure by express authority of law)?
  - Yes
  - No
  
- C. Have you ever been suspended for at least a month, permanently expelled or dismissed for non-academic reasons from any high school, college or university?
  - Yes
  - No

**If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you must submit the following information:** A brief, accurate explanation, location (city, state, country) of conviction pending criminal charge(s), suspension(s), or expulsion, dates and court disposition, in English. This statement must also include a grant of irrevocable authorization to the University for complete access to criminal records, if any. Applicants are responsible for verifying receipt by the University.

### Complete information must be sent at the time of application for admission to:

Criminal Disclosure Review Committee  
Student Affairs & Enrollment Management  
Northern Illinois University  
208 Altgeld Hall  
DeKalb, IL 60115

A previous conviction, pending criminal charges, or other expulsion or dismissal does not automatically bar admission to the University, but does require review and evaluation.

Northern Illinois University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, disability, status based on the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. Further, the Constitution and Bylaws of Northern Illinois University provides for equal treatment regardless of political views or affiliation, and sexual orientation. Inquiries concerning application of Title IX, Section 504, and other statutes and regulations may be referred to the Affirmative Action and Diversity Resources Center, 1515 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, IL 60115, telephone 815-753-1118.

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### COLLEGE COURSES IN PROGRESS

You must complete this page, **IN ADDITION TO PAGES 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7**, if you are currently taking or planning to take any college or university courses before enrolling at Northern Illinois University.

INDICATE ACADEMIC AREA OF INTEREST FROM ITEM 25 \_\_\_\_\_

INDICATE CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEREST FROM ITEM 25 \_\_\_\_\_

I. LIST BELOW ALL COURSES YOU ARE **CURRENTLY** TAKING. SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AS SOON AS YOU HAVE COMPLETED THESE COURSES.

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE (OR COUNTRY)

TERMS AND YEAR OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT

DEPT. NAME	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

II. LIST BELOW ALL COURSES YOU ARE **PLANNING** TO TAKE IN FUTURE TERMS BEFORE ATTENDING NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. WE REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE CHANGES IN THE LIST OF COURSES YOU PROVIDE. PLEASE INFORM US IN WRITING OF THESE CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR. SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AT THE END OF EACH TERM YOU COMPLETE.

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE (OR COUNTRY)

TERMS AND YEAR IN WHICH YOU **PLAN TO ENROLL**

DEPT. NAME	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

III. IF YOU PLAN TO COMPLETE A DEGREE PRIOR TO YOUR ENROLLMENT AT NIU, PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

DEGREE TO BE EARNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DEGREE WILL BE AWARDED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AWARDDING DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_