Greetings from NIU!

This past June, we proudly welcomed Mayra S. Lagunas, our new assistant vice president of enrollment services and director of undergraduate admissions, into our Huskie family.

Throughout her career, Lagunas championed programs that remove barriers for students, and her values align perfectly with NIU’s commitment to equity and inclusion. Recent steps designed to make our admissions process more equitable — including dropping the application fee and eliminating standardized test scores from admission and scholarships decisions — drew her to NIU.

With strong roots in Illinois and a commitment to access, Lagunas hopes to lead NIU’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions into its next phase by continuing to promote integrity, empathy and inclusion.

Get to Know NIU

We’re thrilled to call Mayra Lagunas a Huskie, and we’re thrilled to partner with you!

Thank you for all the hard work you do for students as you guide them through their college search. We know this requires you to get to know us, and we appreciate you taking the time. Please visit our counselor resource page at go.niu.edu/for-counselors, where you’ll find all the information you need to understand how NIU can serve your students.
Financial Aid and Scholarships

First-year Merit Award

NIU no longer considers SAT or ACT scores for first-year merit scholarships. Instead, scholarship offerings are based on a student’s high school GPA — weighted and adjusted to a 4.0 scale. Merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years (eight semesters) for students enrolled full time (15 credit hours) and maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA. Students are automatically considered for merit awards when they apply and are admitted to NIU before the first-year priority deadline of Dec. 1.

High School GPA-based Merit Awards

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Huskie Pledge Program

Illinois high school seniors graduating in spring with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or above and a family income at or below $75,000 may be eligible for our Huskie Pledge Program. The grant aims to make NIU more affordable by completely covering first-year tuition and general fees. The Pledge Grant is renewable for up to four additional years for students who meet criteria. For more information on eligibility and requirements, please visit go.niu.edu/huskiepledge.
College and Division Updates

New Majors and Minors

New Degrees
B.A. in Music

New Minors
Financial Counseling
Sport Journalism
Sport Analytics

New Certificates
Finance
Supply Chain Management

New Emphases
Hospitality and Tourism Management (BSBA)
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood with Special Education Approval

New Accelerated Programs
B.S. in Information Management/
M.S. in Management Information Systems
B.S./M.S. in Sport Management
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering/
M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering/
M.S. Electrical Engineering
B.S. in Mechatronics Engineering/
M.S. in Electrical Engineering
B.A. or B.S. in Economics with Honors/J.D. in Economics and the College of Law

CHANCE Program Updates
Through a holistic review process implemented by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the McKinley “Deacon” Davis CHANCE program has shifted to fully devote its staff and resources to assisting students during their NIU journey. To learn about the many ways students can participate in CHANCE, please visit go.niu.edu/chance-participation.
First-year Students

Students with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale are guaranteed general admission.

We’ll get to know students whose GPAs are below a 3.0 through a holistic application review process — a flexible, personalized review of their application and circumstances. Learn more about our first-year admission process at go.niu.edu/first-year-apply.

Transfer Students

A graduate of a regionally accredited U.S. public community college who has not previously attended NIU will be admitted as long as there is space available.

Students who’ve earned 24 or more semester hours of transferable credit must be in good standing at the last college/university attended and have a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale from all colleges/universities attended (as computed by NIU standards).

Along with the good standing and GPA requirements above, students who’ve attempted more than 12 semester hours, but have earned fewer than 24 semester hours of transferable credit must also meet current freshman admission requirements.

Learn more about our transfer admission process at go.niu.edu/transfer-apply.
Plan a Visit!

We are excited to announce that we have resumed on-campus visit experiences including presentations and tours.

In addition to in-person visits, we will continue to offer a wide range of virtual opportunities for engagement including individual appointments online, virtual information sessions and more.

For a complete list of offerings, check out go.niu.edu/planvisit.

How We Protect our Pack

NIU is taking a multilayered approach to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 on campus and in our community. These efforts align with state recommendations and policies. They include wearing masks while indoors, vaccination requirements, mandatory surveillance testing and cleaning protocols. View the most recent updates and protocols on Protecting the Pack at go.niu.edu/protect-the-pack.
College Town. Big City Opportunities.

Home to NIU’s 765-acre main campus, DeKalb offers a true college town experience with access to boundless opportunities based on our proximity to the city of Chicago and its flourishing suburbs. With additional campus locations in Rockford and Naperville, we are proud to offer extended access and flexibility for students seeking a world-class education closer to home.
NIU at a Glance*

13:1
Student-to-Faculty Ratio

$53K
Average Early Career Salary (payscale.com)

100+
Areas of Academic Study

46
States that Huskies Call Home

16,769
NIU Students

3,000
Student Employment Jobs

75
Countries Where Huskies Study Abroad

300+
Student Organizations

41%
Transfer Students

246,000+
NIU Alumni

51.7%
Undergraduate Students of Color

* These numbers are based off 2020-2021 enrollment.

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