

## Northeastern Illinois University



**Gloria J. Gibson**  
President

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) was founded in 1867 as Cook County's first teacher training institution. The university has expanded to include graduate study and a variety of academic disciplines in the arts, sciences and business, allowing NEIU to fully embrace the community in which it resides. The university continues its rich tradition of educational innovation and prides itself on preparing teachers and administrators who make a difference in Chicago.

Over the years, the name, location and mission of the university have changed, but the commitment to excellence in learning and teaching has continued throughout the generations. While NEIU provides an important resource for students from Illinois, the university attracts students from all over the world and is poised to become a model of regional public education with a truly global mission. NEIU's learning environment is enriched through the community's ethnic, cultural, age and language diversity. Throughout its history, the university has maintained, fostered and celebrated its commitment to diversity. Today, NEIU offers more than 7,000 students access to more than 40 undergraduate degree and certificate programs and to more than 50 graduate degree, certificate, licensure and endorsement programs. Students are encouraged to integrate classroom instruction with field-based learning, research and service locally and internationally.

Northeastern was the first four-year public university in the Midwest federally designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution. *U.S. News & World Report* has designated NEIU as one of the most ethnically diverse universities in the Midwest. Nestled in the residential North Park neighborhood, with its tree-lined streets and single-family homes, the university is just 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. NEIU has three other locations as well. El Centro, on Chicago's Northwest Side, is just 3 miles south of the main campus and provides educational, career and cultural opportunities to the community. On Chicago's South Side is the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, created to address issues and concerns of the inner city. NEIU also offers courses at the University Center of Lake County, a unique partnership of 20 Illinois colleges and universities.

NEIU's faculty members are researchers who continue to participate and stay on the cutting edge of their disciplines. The student-to-faculty ratio is 13-to-1. The faculty members have terminal degrees in their academic disciplines coupled with professional backgrounds that provide students with both theoretical and applied learning experiences. In addition, the university offers students the ability to pursue their own research interests through symposia, faculty-advised independent studies and research positions. Many of the academic departments host annual conferences designed to foster discussion about current issues in their fields. Recognizing the advantage that international experience brings to education and the workplace, the university also offers short-term and traditional study-abroad programs.

The University Honors Program gives students a distinct advantage when entering the professional world or graduate school. The First-Year Experience Program and other student success programs help students make successful transitions from high school to the university. For the nontraditional student, the university offers degree programs designed to meet the needs of experienced adults that are compatible with career and family responsibilities.

There is more to Northeastern than classrooms and academics. Student life at the university is enhanced by more than 100 student organizations, including student government,

Greek life, ethnic organizations, academic interest groups, media organizations and other special-interest groups. Involvement in these groups promotes individual student development and contributes significantly to the diversity and richness of campus life.

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