The startup guide for Northwestern University's Class of 2015

purple prep
Dear Northwestern student,
(Doesn’t that have a nice ring?)

The months of comparing schools, writing applications, and visiting campuses are over. The waiting for a “yes, you’re in” is over. You are in! And, needless to say, we think that a good choice was made—by both Northwestern and you.

There’s still more to do before you get here in September, but it’ll be fun. This booklet pulls together the preorientation to-dos so that you have a handy one-place list, with references to the pages where you’ll find details and directions to helpful websites for further information.

Purple Prep reviews all of the following topics and other matters that will need your attention over the summer:

- Choices in on-campus housing, and how to apply for and lock in your spot
- Online requirements to meet before you arrive on campus, from a safety course for new student residents to subject-area placement exams
- Your connection to Northwestern’s computer network
- Preorientation expectations of your particular Northwestern school
- Student health insurance
- Mandatory financial matters, including paying your fall-quarter tuition
- Optional financial arrangements, such as paying your tuition in installments and turning your WildCARD into an ATM card
- Optional programs before Wildcat Welcome

Advising you to give Purple Prep a thorough read probably isn’t necessary—we’re sure you’re excited to take your first steps as a Wildcat. And if you still have questions after reading through this booklet and the recommended webpages, don’t hesitate to be in touch. You’ll find a list of contacts on page 4.

The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs is putting together an exciting week of activities for Wildcat Welcome, which kicks off on September 12. We look forward to greeting you in person then.

Have a great summer!

Elizabeth J. Daly, Director
Office of Orientation and Parent Programs
May 2011
## Master checklist

*In chronological order by final due date (month/day)*

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<td>Activate NetID and Northwestern e-mail account; follow NUIT’s setup guidelines for your computer</td>
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<td>▪ Pay housing deposit</td>
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<td>▪ Apply for 9PAY monthly installment plan</td>
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<td>▪ Apply to pre-Wildcat Welcome programs</td>
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<td>▪ Add parent/guardian access to student account in CAESAR</td>
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<td>▪ Mail final high school transcript</td>
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<td>▪ Choose billing preferences in CAESAR</td>
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<td>▪ Verify address in CAESAR</td>
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<td>▪ If not already done, request transmittal of AP/IB scores (if seeking credit)</td>
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<td>Upon availability</td>
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<td>▪ Sign housing contract; request unloading permit</td>
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<td>Early August</td>
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<td>▪ Send your photo to peer adviser</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>Per mid-July e-mail</td>
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<td>▪ Complete loan applications <em>(if receiving aid)</em></td>
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<td>▪ Follow financial aid “To-Do” list in CAESAR <em>(if receiving aid)</em></td>
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<td>▪ Enter emergency contact information in CAESAR</td>
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<td>▪ Take placement/assessment exams online <em>(requirements vary by school, program, intended course choice, previous study, etc.)</em></td>
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<td>▪ Complete your school-specific requirements</td>
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<td>▪ Complete For the Record</td>
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<td>▪ Read OBON’s <em>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</em></td>
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<td>Request housing landline/in-room telephone service</td>
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<td>Preship items for move-in day to package center</td>
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<td>Attend 9/9–9/12 International Student Orientation</td>
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<td>Change meal plan</td>
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Every item is REQUIRED for ALL new students except when noted in the item or if it’s
- optional
- only applicable to students in University-owned housing
- only required for international students

**TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT AT HOME THIS SUMMER:**

*Please call your son or daughter to decide how requirements can be met on time. Students with Internet access should be able to complete all action items on their own; if this is not possible, please call the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs at 847-491-8430 to discuss strategy.*

**YOUR @U.NORTHWESTERN.EDU ACCOUNT**

*Unless otherwise noted, all information sent by e-mail from Northwestern goes to one and only one address: your Northwestern e-mail account. All occurrences of “e-mailed to you” in this guide mean e-mailed to your @u.northwestern.edu account.*
# Contacts

1 + area code 847 precedes all numbers; www. precedes all websites unless otherwise noted.

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS

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<td>Integrated Science Program</td>
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## UNIVERSITY, ACADEMIC, AND STUDENT LIFE SERVICES, OFFICES, CENTERS

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## Academic calendar

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<td>New student move-in day</td>
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<td>September 14–15</td>
<td>New student academic advising</td>
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<td>New student registration</td>
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<td>September 20</td>
<td>Fall classes begin</td>
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<td>October 3</td>
<td>Last day to enroll in/waive student health insurance</td>
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<td>November 11–13</td>
<td>Family Weekend</td>
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<td>December 5–9</td>
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<td>January 16</td>
<td>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)</td>
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<td>March 12–16</td>
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<td>May 28</td>
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*Monthly 9PAY installment schedule begins July 1, ends March 1 (see page 15)
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17 Technology
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At home at Northwestern

Living on campus

✓ ACTION ITEMS

☐ Pay housing deposit by 5/24.
☐ Submit housing application by 6/3.
☐ Sign housing contract, request unloading permit by 8/15.
☐ Order in-room landline service by 9/1 (optional).
☐ Time any shipments to campus to arrive on or after 9/8 (optional).
☐ Complete Student Affairs Emergency Contact Information Form by 9/12.
☐ Complete Wildcat Safety Course by 9/12.

If you requested housing on your Northwestern application and plan to live in campus housing—or even if you’ve changed your plans—please read on.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Northwestern undergraduate students have a wide variety of housing options. The Evanston campus is home to older, ivy-covered houses, residence halls, and residential colleges as well as recently built halls. Each building has its own character, spirit, and unique advantages.

For your first year on campus, you can choose between living in a residence hall or a residential college. They’re described in the next sections and in much detail (photos, amenities, etc.) at www.northwestern.edu/living/options/undergraduate.html.

Residence halls

University residence halls range in size from 21 to 600 residents, giving the two-thirds of freshmen who choose them a lot to choose from. Some halls have a programmatic focus (e.g., Interfaith Living Unit, Group Residence for Environmental Engagement at Northwestern) or live-in faculty (e.g., Elder Residential Community). Residents of each building annually elect a hall governing body that plans weekly events and activities. The community assistant staff and hall government officers help create vibrant social communities where residents’ rights and responsibilities are supported. To learn more about Northwestern’s residence halls, visit www.northwestern.edu/living.

Residential colleges

A residential college is more than a place to live. Ranging in size from three dozen to 300 students, residential colleges provide smaller communities within the larger university where students with similar interests create a special undergraduate experience. Open to all undergraduates regardless of major, Northwestern’s 11 residential colleges are each structured around a theme—ranging from science, business, and the arts to the more inclusive multithematic—that provides a focus for academic and social programming. Residents explore their common interests with a college master from the Northwestern faculty, who regularly takes meals with them, and with affiliated fellows from the University’s faculty, staff, and visiting scholar ranks. More than a third of first-year students choose a residential college; learn why at www.northwestern.edu/residentialcolleges.
HAUSING DEPOSIT
Your nonrefundable $200 housing deposit is due May 24. To pay, first activate your NetID and password, wait 24 hours, and then log in to CAESAR (www.northwestern.edu/caesar) and follow the prompts. CAESAR accepts credit cards and checks. Find assistance by going to http://ses.northwestern.edu/student_help.htm and clicking “Student Financial Services Information” ⇒ “Making Tuition & Housing Deposits Tip Sheet.”

HAUSING APPLICATION
Applying for housing is a paperless process. Rather than mailing out a printed application form, the Office of Undergraduate Housing will send an e-mail directing you to complete the online housing application, which becomes accessible as of May 15. Freshman housing applications are due June 3.

To apply, log on using your NetID and password at www.northwestern.edu/living/assignments.html and click “Application Procedure” ⇒ “New Students.” The site has links to detailed descriptions of student residences, answers to frequently asked housing questions, and other information you’ll need to complete the application process. You may view but not modify your completed application after you submit it.

Note that housing is not assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and Early/Regular Decision admission status is not a factor in housing decisions. Therefore, the last student to apply online on June 3 has the same chance at receiving his or her first choice of housing as any student who applies on May 15.

If you have any questions about the housing assignment process, contact the Office of Undergraduate Housing at freshman-housing@northwestern.edu or 847-491-7564.

HAUSING CONTRACT
Your contract will specify your residence’s mailing address, your room number, and the name of your assigned roommate. The deadline to sign (or decline) your housing contract is August 15. Undergraduate Housing will send you an e-mail alert to this effect by the first week of August.

To accept your contract:
- Log on to https://rms.housing.northwestern.edu using your NetID and password.
- Select a time to move in to your residence and request your unloading permit.
- Sign your contract electronically by August 15.
- Print copies of your contract for your records and for your parents/guardians.

If you’ve made other housing arrangements and no longer plan to live in University housing, follow the prompts to decline your contract so that you won’t be billed for the room.

Your housing assignment will be canceled if you haven’t signed your contract on/before August 15. If you run into problems at any stage in the process, please contact Undergraduate Housing at freshman-housing@northwestern.edu.

It’s a good idea to review the rules and regulations for student residents before coming to campus. Find them under “Residence Hall Rules and Regulations” at www.northwestern.edu.

ROOMMATES WHO DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND NORTHWESTERN
For one reason or another, some students change their plans and decide not to enter Northwestern, resulting in partially assigned rooms. Should your assigned room be affected, you’ll be notified by e-mail that you have been assigned a new roommate. That may mean a change of room or residence hall and room.

BED SIZE AND BEYOND
Before purchasing any sheets, make sure to check the measurements. All mattresses in student residences are extra long: 36 by 80 inches. You may choose to purchase sheets from Residence Hall Linens, which works with Northwestern’s Residential Housing Association. See www.rhl.org/nwu4 for products and pricing information.
To find out how to contact your roommate, go to www.northwestern.edu/living/faqs.html.

MUNCH MONEY
One way to supplement your meal plan is by loading your WildCARD (see page 21) with Munch Money. You can spend Munch Money wherever it is accepted on campus to buy snacks, meals, or do laundry—just like dollars. For every $100 you spend in Munch Money, a 5 percent bonus is automatically added to your Munch Money balance, and the auto-refill option makes maintenance easy. Further details are at www.nucuisinemunchmoney.com.

WILDCAT SAFETY COURSE
All students who will live on campus must complete the online Wildcat Safety Course to be eligible to move in. Around late August, an e-mail with information from University Residential Life will be sent when you can access the course on the Course Management System. Your NetID and password will be required to log in to the CMS website: www.it.northwestern.edu/education/course-management. Click “My Courses” ⇒ “2011 Wildcat Safety Course” and follow the prompts.

Designed to familiarize you with safety- and security-related university resources and building features, the course usually takes 30 minutes to complete—though you may use as much time as you need. The course ends with a mandatory short quiz; you must correctly answer 90 percent of the questions to pass and be approved to move in to University housing. If your score is too low at first, you may review the material and retake the quiz until you pass. Be sure to verify that your quiz score is recorded in CMS by going to www.it.northwestern.edu/education/course-management and clicking “My Courses” ⇒ “My Grades” ⇒ “2011 Wildcat Safety Course.”

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STUDENT AFFAIRS EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM
The Wildcat Safety Course information e-mailed to you will include the webpage link and instructions for the Student Affairs Emergency Contact Information Form, which must be completed by September 12. Note that this form is distinct from that submitted via CAESAR and is specifically for students living on campus. The information you provide will enable the University to contact your parents (or others designated by you) if you are involved in an emergency. After completing the form by the deadline, you’ll have access to update the information through September 30.

WHAT TO BRING
You’re undoubtedly making a list of what to bring to campus. For guidance, see www.northwestern.edu/living/community/things-to-bring.html. Note that if you plan to choose University-provided in-room landline service, bring a standard phone with you. Also, because access to Northwestern’s cable TV service in student residences (NUTV) is not wireless, students are advised to bring a 25-foot Ethernet cable.

SHIPPING ITEMS IN ADVANCE
Northwestern provides a package center service as a courtesy to students who want to ship some belongings to their University residences before they arrive on campus. To avoid long lines when picking up shipments, students are encouraged to ship only essential items needed right away. Cold-weather clothing, for example, may be sent after Wildcat Welcome.

FRIENDLY MENUS
Dining halls can accommodate students requesting vegan, vegetarian, kosher, or halal meals. Information about nutrients and allergens is displayed in the halls, and any student with any questions about food—such as gluten-free or other special diets—may contact the on-site dietician at diet-food@northwestern.edu.

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Students assume the risk of using the service. The University is not liable for any loss or damage and reserves the right to reject any packages.

If you want to ship belongings to your University residence before you arrive, follow these instructions:

- Choose a shipping company, preferably one that provides tracking information and proof of delivery, such as UPS or FedEx.
- Schedule delivery for September 8 or later. Packages arriving earlier will be returned.
- Address packages according to the instructions at www.northwestern.edu/living/services/mail-services.html.
- Upon arrival, go to your residence’s designated mailroom with your photo ID to claim your shipment. Pickup hours will be posted.

MOVING IN TO YOUR RESIDENCE
To prevent parking congestion, the University issues time-specific unloading permits for use on move-in day. You may check in to your residence and receive your room key at any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on September 12, but parking near your residence is strictly limited: you may park only for the time shown on your permit. You’ll be able to request a permit assignment and specify your preferred unloading time when you sign your housing contract online (see page 9). University Residential Life will e-mail you toward the end of August confirming your assigned time, and the permit itself will be e-mailed to you in early September. The printout of the permit must be displayed on your vehicle’s dashboard.

Meal plans

☑️ ACTION ITEM
☐ Change your meal plan by 9/30 (optional).

Three meal plan options are available. All include Plus Wildcat Points to use at retail dining locations on campus.

**Weekly 13**
- 13 meals per week each quarter
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter
- Meals are “use it or lose it” and reset to 13 on Sundays

**Weekly 14**
- 14 meals per week each quarter
- Up to 3 of each week’s 14 meals can be treated as cash for use at retail dining locations on campus anytime during the quarter
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter
- Meals not treated as cash are “use it or lose it” and reset to 14 on Sundays

**Unlimited**
- As much breakfast, lunch, and dinner as you want
- Unlimited entry at all dining halls, including late nights at Foster-Walker Complex

Your housing contract automatically comes with the Weekly 13 plan. You may change your meal plan once per quarter by submitting a Meal Plan Change Form at www.northwestern.edu/nucuisine or in person at the University Food Services Office at 600 Haven Street. Fall quarter’s deadline is September 30.

For more meal plan information—prices, dining hall and retail dining locations, menus, etc.—see www.northwestern.edu/nucuisine. You may also send e-mail to food@northwestern.edu or call 847-491-2020.

When you move in, you will be issued a temporary WildCARD so that you can immediately use the dining halls, which officially open at lunchtime on September 12.
while you are parked. After unloading, you’ll have to move your car to any of the open parking areas in three designated campus lots. Campus maps of open and unloading/short-term parking areas and student residences appear on Purple Prep’s inside back cover and will be available at check-in.

Students who fly into Chicago and arrive on campus with their luggage in hand—without a car to park and unload—may move in at any time after 9 a.m. on move-in day.

Move-in timing
All students should plan to check in to their residence halls at or after 9 a.m. on move-in day. It is not an option to move in earlier. Only international students and others in mandatory programs are permitted to move in before September 12.

Your health

☐ ACTION ITEMS
☐ Send in requirements by 7/1.
☐ Bring copies with you to campus.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND OTHER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
As a Northwestern student, you are required by Illinois law and Northwestern regulations to show proof of immunizations and to complete an Admission Health Record form. Incoming undergraduates are required to complete the Admission Health Record for Non-Healthcare Students. To review the health requirements and access the form, see “Entrance Health Requirements” at [www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/default.aspx](http://www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/default.aspx). These are one-time-only requirements unless you switch academic programs or continue at Northwestern in a graduate or professional program.

The information requested is kept confidential and is for Health Service use only; it can neither be released without the student’s written consent nor be used to discriminate, deny health care, or affect admission status.

The Admission Health Record form and proof of immunizations should be mailed to the address shown on the form by July 1. Students completing series vaccinations and those receiving Health Service notification of deficiencies will be allowed more time. Students who don’t rectify all deficiencies within the first 30 days after classes start will be barred from registering for, dropping, or adding courses until compliant and assessed a nonrefundable $100 late fee.

You should make copies of your completed records and bring them to campus for your reference.

If you have questions about health requirements, see the frequently asked questions on the Health Service website at [www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/default.aspx](http://www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/default.aspx). If you still have questions, call 847-491-2117 or 847-491-2203.

HEALTH INSURANCE

☐ ACTION ITEM
☐ Complete coverage selection form by 10/3 (not applicable to international students).

Northwestern requires all full-time students to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan. You may choose between using a qualifying private health insurance plan that covers you in Illinois or enrolling in the NU-sponsored plan administered by Aetna Student Health.

**Unless you are an international student, you must complete the Coverage Selection Form through CAESAR to enroll in or opt out of the NU-sponsored plan.** No other means of indicating your choice, such as on the University’s 9PAY application, is acceptable.

**Students who do not opt out by October 3 will be automatically enrolled in the NU-sponsored plan and billed for a year of coverage.**

You will be able to access the Coverage Selection Form beginning July 1. Steps to follow:

- Log in to CAESAR with your Net ID and password.
- Click “For Students” ⇒ “Enrollment” ⇒ “Health Coverage Plan” (or “For Applicant” ⇒ “Health Coverage Plan”)
Choose either “Option 1” to enroll in the NU-sponsored plan or “Option 2” to waive.

Click “Submit” ⇒ “Yes” ⇒ “OK” to complete your selection.

If you have difficulty logging in to complete the form or you do not receive an e-mail confirming submission, please call the Student Health Insurance Office at 847-491-2110.

For international students

It is mandatory that all full-time international students take the NU-sponsored plan. International students are not required to complete the online Coverage Selection Form, as they will automatically be enrolled in the NU-sponsored plan. (An “international student” is defined as holding an F-1 or J-1 United States visa.)

If you have a private health insurance plan and wish to appeal the NU-sponsored plan charge, your private health insurance plan must meet the following standards:

- Minimum of $500,000 per year in coverage
- Annual deductible no greater than $2,000
- Coverage must be active from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012, and paid in full (proof of payment for the full academic year must be provided)
- Coverage for inpatient and outpatient services, hospitalization, mental health services, and physical therapy (in Illinois)
- Coverage valid anywhere in the United States and worldwide
- No preexisting condition exclusion

If your private health insurance meets or exceeds the above standards, forward your complete insurance policy and any related documents (in English) by e-mail to cljohnson@northwestern.edu (or by fax to 847-467-7475) within two weeks of the October 3 deadline. A review of your policy and related information will occur, and you’ll receive an e-mail from cljohnson@northwestern.edu stating whether or not your health insurance plan meets the University’s standards. If your plan does not meet the above standards, it is a violation of University policy to waive enrollment (or have automatic enrollment revoked) in the NU-sponsored Aetna Student Health plan.

Aetna Student Health basics

For the mandatory coverage period—September 1, 2011–August 31, 2012—enrollment costs $2,584 and is charged to the student’s account in CAESAR. The plan carries a $250 annual deductible; after the deductible is met, Aetna covers 80 percent of the cost of care, and you will pay the balance (coinsurance) up to an annual out-of-pocket maximum of $1,000. Aetna pays the entire cost of covered expenses—up to $500,000—after you’ve met your $1,250 annual out-of-pocket maximum. A $20 copayment per visit is required when you receive care outside of the University Health Service; this copayment does not apply towards the annual deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

For more information, visit www.aetnastudenthealth.com, select “Northwestern University” from the drop-down menu, and click the “Go” button. For full plan details click “Medical Plan: Enroll” ⇒ “Full Plan Details.”

Enrollment in the Aetna Student Health plan includes a travel assistance service, On Call International, that may be used when hospital admission arrangements, medical evacuation services, interpreter/counseling/legal referrals, and other services are needed while you’re away—100 miles or more—from your primary residence. The On Call website has more details: www.oncallinternational.com.

Aetna Student Health ID card

Your insurance card will be mailed to your campus address about two weeks after you have been charged in CAESAR for enrolling in the NU-sponsored Aetna Student Health plan. Whenever you need your insurance information, contact the Student Health Insurance Office at 847-491-2110 or Aetna Student Health Customer Service at 877-626-2314.

Qualifying private health insurance

Students may opt out of (waive) the NU-sponsored Aetna Student Health plan only if their private health insurance plan meets or exceeds the University’s health insurance standards as listed below:

- Minimum of $500,000 per year in coverage
- Annual deductible no greater than $2,000
- Coverage must be active and paid in full for the entire academic year, from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012
- Coverage for inpatient and outpatient services, hospitalization, mental health services, and physical therapy (in Illinois)


**PuRPlE PREP**

- No preexisting condition exclusion
- Coverage must be valid anywhere in the United States and worldwide
  
  Your insurance must cover you in Illinois exactly as it would if you were living at home; this might require you to request “guest membership” from your insurance company. Emergency/urgent care or travel insurance plans are not acceptable.

If your plan does not meet the above standards, it is a violation of University policy to waive enrollment (or have automatic enrollment revoked) in the NU-sponsored Aetna Student Health plan.

**Using the Health Service**

The Evanston campus University Health Service, located in Searle Hall at 633 Emerson Street, is available to all Northwestern students. Health Service office visits are free and may be scheduled by calling 847-491-2204.

If you have private health insurance, you may have to pay out of pocket for services such as X-rays or lab work and then submit a reimbursement claim to your insurance company. There are no out-of-pocket costs for such services if you have coverage through the NU-sponsored Aetna Student Health plan.

**Optional dental plan**

All Northwestern students—including those waiving the Aetna Student Health Plan—may apply for the Aetna Advantage Dental Plan at www.aetnastudenthealth.com. Note that Northwestern plays no part in administering the dental plan.

**Optional tuition insurance**

AWG Dewar Inc. offers a tuition refund plan (TRP) designed to supplement Northwestern’s refund policy if a student takes a leave of absence or withdraws after the beginning of a quarter due to an illness or accident. Applications are available at Dewar’s website: www.collegerefund.com. Questions regarding the plan should be directed to AWG Dewar Inc. at 617-774-1555.

**SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

- **ACTION ITEM**
  
  Register with the SSD office if appropriate (optional but encouraged).

Postsecondary education differs from earlier levels in that it is the responsibility of the student to register with the appropriate service office and request accommodations, if needed. A Northwestern student who has a disability but has not registered with the Office of Services for Students...
with Disabilities (SSD) is not entitled to services or accommodations. If you think you may have a disability and qualify for services, please contact SSD at 847-467-5530 or visit www.northwestern.edu/disability.

Some students who received disability-related services in high school may decide to try taking Northwestern courses without any accommodations or services. SSD advises those students to provide documentation of their disability nonetheless. That way, SSD can easily provide services if accommodations are needed later.

To be considered an active student registered with SSD and entitled to accommodations or services, you must complete the following steps:

- Submit appropriate documentation to the SSD office. Guidelines are posted at www.northwestern.edu/disability/students/considering/documentation.html.
- Meet for an intake appointment with a member of SSD’s professional staff. (No intake appointments are scheduled during finals week or the week before finals.)
- Sign the agreement detailing the accommodations that will be provided to you.

SSD maintains confidentiality of information; records in SSD files are housed only in the SSD office and are not part of a student’s academic file. See the confidentiality policy at www.northwestern.edu/disability/about/confidentiality.html.

### Money matters

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Apply for 9PAY by 6/1 (optional).
- Add guest access to student account in CAESAR by 8/1 (optional).
- Enter billing preferences in CAESAR on or after 8/1.
- Pay fall tuition and fees by 9/1.
- Complete loan applications (if receiving aid) and start tracking aid-related “To Do” items in CAESAR monthly.

#### YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

Your student account is the means by which you are billed for what you owe the University, including tuition costs, room and board charges, fees and fines, etc. Information in addition to what follows is available on the web and by contacting the Student Financial Services Center or the Office of Student Accounts, both located at the 555 Clark Street building on the Evanston campus.

**Student Financial Services Center**

www.northwestern.edu/sfs
847-491-8950
E-mail: student-financial-services@northwestern.edu

**Student Accounts**

847-491-5224
E-mail: studentaccounts-ev@northwestern.edu

#### BILLS AND PAYMENTS

It is advisable to set your bill-delivery preferences and authorize any guest payers before fall tuition and fees are due; see www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/about.html for information about billing delivery methods.

You should verify your billing address and preferences by August 8 to meet the deadline for the August billing cycle. Log in to CAESAR—www.northwestern.edu/caesar—with your NetID and password and go to “Student Center” ⇒ “View E-Bill & E-Payment” ⇒ “Connect to QuikPAY”

QuikPAY®—Northwestern’s preferred method of billing—allows you to view, print, and/or pay your tuition bill online. You may request that your bill also be sent by US mail by changing your QuikPAY user preferences. Regardless of the bill-delivery method(s) you choose, payments may be made online or by mail.

On August 11 you will be notified via your Northwestern e-mail address that your tuition has been billed for the fall quarter. If you have selected paper billing, the bill will be mailed to the permanent address in CAESAR (listed under “Personal Portfolio” ⇒ “My Addresses”). Fall tuition is due September 1. Always allow two business days for electronic payments or five business days for mailed payments. The 2011–12 payment schedule is at www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/dates.html.

Although tuition is billed quarterly, other charges—Munch Money, library fines, etc.—may be billed to your student account at any time. An invoice may generate as often as monthly if there is a balance or any new activity in the account.

#### MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PLAN

If participating in Northwestern’s 9PAY Tuition and Fees Installment Plan, you pay what you owe for the academic year—tuition, fees, room and board charges, miscellaneous student charges—on a monthly basis.
over nine months (July 1, August 1, September 1, etc.) instead of in large lump sums at the start of each quarter. There are no finance or interest charges; the only cost is the $50 non-refundable application fee.

You may apply for 9PAY online through CAESAR: after logging in, click “Financial Services” ⇒ “Apply for 9PAY.” For detailed 9PAY application instructions, see www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/9PAY.

**ACCOUNT ACCESS PERMISSIONS**

Federal privacy law requires that Northwestern cannot share information in a student’s account without his or her permission. *It is strongly recommended that students give guest access to one or both parents/guardian(s).* You give your permission by adding each person to the “Guest Center” in CAESAR: After logging in, click “Guest Access” ⇒ “Add Guest.” You can authorize access for your guest to any of the following menu items:

- “View My Account” (daily account updates)
- “View E-Bill & E-Payment” (connect to QuikPAY, view tuition bills, make secure e-payments, receive e-mail confirmation of payment, receive notification of new bills, view billing/e-payment history)
- “9PAY” (apply for 9PAY, make payments)
- “1098-T” (view/print 1098-T statement)
- “Make Tuition and Housing Deposit” (make nonrefundable payment confirming that the student intends to attend classes or reside in University housing; payment applies to tuition or housing charges)

The process of adding a guest includes creating an authorization phrase. The guest will say this phrase (e.g., over the phone) when speaking with Student Accounts staff, who then are allowed to share specific information about your student account.

A guest receives a GuestID (generated by CAESAR) via e-mail, but the case-sensitive password needed to log in to CAESAR must come from you. If the guest loses or forgets that password, only you can reset it in CAESAR: Go to “Guest Center,” edit the guest, and click “Reset Password.”

A guest logs in to CAESAR using the GuestID and password, then goes to “Main Menu” ⇒ “Guest Center” and selects an item from the choices you provided. See www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/guest_access.html for more information.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Northwestern offers financial assistance to students on the basis of need. The Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid’s website at http://ug-finaid.northwestern.edu provides an overview of the application process, a list of frequently asked questions, a college-cost calculator, and other resources. Staff will be in contact with students via e-mail during the summer regarding loan applications, Federal Work-Study employment opportunities, and other information needed to finalize awards. It is also important that students check their CAESAR account regularly. Anticipated financial aid will be reflected on the August invoice.

If you have questions about how your financial aid affects your bill, or if you wish to begin exploring the possibility of financial aid and would like information beyond the website, please call 847-491-7400 or send an e-mail to ug-finaid@u.northwestern.edu.

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**Estimating 2011–12 expenses paid to Northwestern**

Although housing assignments are not made until mid-July, the 9PAY application deadline is June 1, so you will need to estimate your room and board expenses. Shown below are average charges to help you estimate expenses. Actual room and board charges vary by room assignment and board plan. Dorm social dues are not included below.

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Any difference between estimated charges and credits and actual charges can be paid upon receipt of each quarter’s tuition and fees invoice.

Learn more about 9PAY at www.northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/9PAY.
Technology

✅ ACTION ITEMS
☐ Activate your NetID and Northwestern e-mail account:
  www.northwestern.edu/login.
☐ Before buying or bringing a computer, review minimum hardware
  requirements set by NUIT and by your school/program:
  www.it.northwestern.edu/hardware.
☐ Download/install University-provided antivirus software:
  www.it.northwestern.edu/software/sav.
☐ Prepare your computer for on-campus NU Network wireless access:
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☐ Review University policies on responsible technology use:
  www.it.northwestern.edu/policies/responsibilities.html.
☐ Pack a 25-foot Ethernet cable for NUTV access in student residence.
☐ Bring a telephone if requesting landline service in student residence.
☐ Go to www.it.northwestern.edu/mobility for how-to information about
  connecting mobile devices to the NU Network, downloading the
  Northwestern Mobile application suite, and more.

From now on, your @u.northwestern.edu account will be a primary mode
of communication between you and Northwestern.

Activating your NetID and e-mail is easy:
- Go to www.northwestern.edu/login.
- Use your activation code to activate your NetID.
- Set your NetID password.
- Choose security questions for password-resetting purposes.
- Activate your @u.northwestern.edu e-mail account.

After activation, log in at http://u.northwestern.edu. Powered by
Google Apps for Education, your account provides access to a range of
productivity and social-networking tools, such as calendaring, instant
messaging, document applications, and much more. Read about this ser-
vice at www.it.northwestern.edu/stucollab.

Resetting a forgotten password
- Go to http://nuvalidate.northwestern.edu.
- Enter your NetID and leave the password field blank.
- Click “Forgot Your Password?”
- Answer at least two security questions.
- Follow the password-change prompts and click “Change Password.”

CHOOSING A COMPUTER
NUIT’s minimum hardware recommendations for laptop and desktop
Mac or PC computers are specified at www.it.northwestern.edu/hardware.
Check with your school or program for any additional requirements.

Technology tools and resources—
computers, NetIDs, e-mail, web-
based collaboration services, campus
networks, mobile devices, etc.—and
digital security are considered
“mission critical” at Northwestern.

Go to www.it.northwestern.edu
and click “Students” to find out
how Northwestern University
Information Technology (NUIT)
can help you make the most of the
University’s electronic resources.

ACT(IVATE) NOW!
You should activate your Northwestern
NetID and e-mail account at
once if you haven’t done so already.
(Your NetID and activation code were
mailed to you with your acceptance
letter.) Your NetID provides access to
the NU Network, your student account
in CAESAR, course management tools,
and other essential services that
you’ll start using this summer.
WORK FOR NUIT

NUIT is always hiring students for Support Center and other technology-related staff positions. Students are guaranteed to improve their computer, network, and software knowledge as well as their interpersonal skills. For information about student job opportunities in NUIT—including those that are Work-Study Program eligible—visit www.it.northwestern.edu/about/student-jobs.

Smart shopping

Northwestern offers software that is either free for download or available at competitive prices at www.it.northwestern.edu/software/students. Click the software title for information, or click “Download” or “Order” to save it to your computer. For computer hardware at discounted prices, see www.univsvcs.northwestern.edu/purchasing/personal.html.

SAFE COMPUTING

To connect to the NU Network on campus, ensure your computer is virus-free and has the latest anti-virus and anti-malware definitions and software updates. Before coming to campus—or as soon as possible—download and install the University-provided antivirus software at www.it.northwestern.edu/software/sav.

It is the responsibility of every Northwestern student to use the University’s electronic resources in a safe, secure, and legal way. You are expected to review and abide by the responsible-use policies and guidelines NUIT spells out at www.it.northwestern.edu/policies. By taking the four precautionary measures NUIT recommends—securing your NetID password, stopping malware, staying current, and browsing safely—you’ll protect your personally identifiable information, your computer, and the NU Network. Please read and follow the detailed advice at www.it.northwestern.edu/getcontrol.

NU NETWORK

All student residences offer wired and wireless Internet access. Configure your computer this summer so that you can connect wirelessly on campus; step-by-step instructions are at www.it.northwestern.edu/oncampus/wireless/wireless-connections. To access certain services and get the best connection for streaming media or gaming in your student residence, bring along an Ethernet cable—a 25-foot cable is your best bet—on move-in day. Note: It is against University policy to install your own wireless network, and routers and network extenders are strictly prohibited. See www.it.northwestern.edu/policies/extensions.html.

Wherever you are on campus, a computer lab is never far away. Learn about Media Works and the John P. McGowan Information Commons at the University Library at www.library.northwestern.edu/services/technology-resources-services. University computer lab locations are listed at www.it.northwestern.edu/education/complabs. Contact your school or program for additional locations.
**NU TV**

Students living in University-owned residences can access NU TV, Northwestern’s cable television service accessible via the Internet. Its more than 40 channels include CNN, ESPN, Big Ten Network, SYFY, and local PBS, CBS, NBC, ABC, and FOX affiliates. For a full list of channels and more information about this service, see www.it.northwestern.edu/tv/nu tv.html.

**Connecting Off Campus**

To connect to the NU Network remotely, first establish Internet service, then connect via a secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection. VPN is included in your computer’s operating system and is easy to configure; find instructions at www.it.northwestern.edu/oncampus/vpn. Students living off campus can find more information at www.it.northwestern.edu/offcampus.

**Telephone Services**

Cellular coverage is widely available on campus, and student residences are specially equipped to enhance the signals from specific cellular carriers. For information about cellular service and how to choose a plan, visit www.it.northwestern.edu/telephone/cellphone.html. NU IT also offers instructions for setting up your mobile devices—iPhone, Android, BlackBerry, and others—to access Northwestern resources at www.it.northwestern.edu/mobility. To find out which companies offer discounts on cellular plans or phones, go to www.univsvcs.northwestern.edu/WildCARDAdv.

Because most students bring cell phones to campus, University-provided landline service in student rooms is available by special request only; contact the University Housing Office at housing@northwestern.edu. If you choose this service, you must bring your own standard phone with you to campus. Learn more at www.it.northwestern.edu/rts/teleqr.html.

Emergency communication devices are readily available throughout student residences for emergency 911 access.

**NU IT Support Center**

Whenever you have any technology-related questions, contact the NU IT Support Center at 847-491-HELP (4357), submit a help request online at https://itsm.northwestern.edu/SM7/ess.do, or visit www.it.northwestern.edu/supportcenter. Convenient on-site help will be available during Wildcat Welcome, and in-person support is available all year for virus or connectivity issues.

The NU IT Support Center can’t fix hardware problems or reinstall operating systems, but it can help you find a repair service, including the Apple Store at the Norris Center Bookstore on campus. You can also follow student support consultants @NUIHELP on Twitter to get technology tips and tech news.

**Northwestern on the Go**

Use these websites to bring Northwestern with you wherever you go:

www.itunes.northwestern.edu
University-produced podcasts to sync, download, and play

www.youtube.com/NorthwesternU
University-produced videos to watch on your smartphone, computer, or other device

www.it.northwestern.edu/mobility/northwesternmobile
Real-time mobile access to University news and events, the online directory, campus maps, shuttle tracking, library resources, and more
### Online Resources: A Top-Nine List

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<td>Comprehensive campus events listings by day, week, month, or year</td>
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<td><strong>WildCARD Advantage</strong></td>
<td>Area businesses offering savings to Northwestern students at the flash of a WildCARD</td>
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WildCARD

The WildCARD is the official identification card for every student, faculty, and staff member at Northwestern. Safe, convenient, and easy to use, WildCARD lets you do all of the following and more:

- Access your meal plan.
- Check out library materials.
- Ride campus shuttles and use campus athletic facilities for free.
- Get free or discounted admission to sports events, concerts, plays, films, and lectures on campus.
- Store money on the card for purchases at campus vending machines, copiers, and print lab stations.
- Add Munch Money to use at convenience stores and laundry facilities on campus.
- Get WildCARD Advantage discounts at local businesses.
- Use it as an ATM/debit card when you link it to a USBank® account.

GET YOUR WILDCARD

A specific WildCARD pickup day during Wildcat Welcome is assigned to you based on the first letter of your last name (see chart). On your pickup day, bring a driver’s license, a state photo ID, or a valid, unexpired passport to the WildCARD office at Norris University Center (underground level) between 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. or on Sunday, September 18, between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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On move-in day, the Undergraduate Housing Office issues temporary WildCARDs so that students can have immediate access to their meal plans. You may get your card before September 12 only by coming in person to the WildCARD office during normal business hours. More WildCARD information is available at www.northwestern.edu/uservices/wildcard/new-students.html.

BANKING WITH YOUR WILDCARD

USBank® has the only bank branch and ATMs on campus, and it’s the only bank that can be linked to the WildCARD. Avoid paying costly ATM fees on campus and take advantage of the convenient banking services that USBank has to offer when you open your checking account.

USBank staff on campus during Wildcat Welcome will be readily available to open accounts or assist with any questions. Interested students are welcome to open an account before coming to campus.
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There are a few academic must-dos before you get to campus. Some apply to all new undergraduates. Others are requirements of your particular school. Please carefully read the “Instructions for all freshmen” on this page as well as your school’s requirements on later pages.

**Instructions for all freshmen**

- Mail your final high school transcript so that it reaches Northwestern no later than August 15. It must show the date of your graduation. Visit the admitted student website at www.ugadm.northwestern.edu/admit/transcript.html for additional instructions. You won’t be able to register for fall classes if your final transcript hasn’t been received.

- If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your Northwestern degree. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. See your school’s section in the following pages and visit its website to learn how credits earned through AP or IB exams can apply toward your degree. If received early enough, credits are posted on student records in CAESAR at the end of summer; but if yours do not appear as expected, do not be concerned. Be sure to bring a paper copy of your scores to campus.

- Take required placement exams online during the summer if you plan to continue your previous studies of chemistry, mathematics, or physics. Your school section later in this chapter will give specifics about placement exams. A student with a documented disability who requires additional time for the exams should register with the Office of Services for Students for Disabilities (SSD) before taking the exams (see page 14).

- Taking a foreign language placement exam this summer is recommended—while your skills in that language are sharp—even if you don’t expect to continue your studies or if your school or major doesn’t require it. If you’ll continue with a language you’ve already studied, the placement exam will ensure that you start in an appropriate-level class at Northwestern—or even allow you to demonstrate enough proficiency to fulfill the language requirement. Find the online placement exams at www.placement-test.mmlc.northwestern.edu/langspecificinfo. Any student who plans to study abroad is strongly encouraged to study a language. An exam is not required if you’ll begin study of a new language. As noted earlier, a student with a documented disability who requires additional exam time should register with SSD beforehand.

- All incoming new students will be mailed a free copy of the book required to participate in the University’s common reading program, One Book One Northwestern. See the sidebar on page 42 for details and learn more about the OBON initiative at www.northwestern.edu/onebook.
Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg
College of Arts and Sciences

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Go now and often to the website for new Weinberg students: www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/advising/freshmen.
- If not already done, request transmittal of AP/IB scores to Northwestern upon availability (if seeking AP/IB credit).
- Participate in 6/1 webinar: Choosing Your Freshman Seminar.
- Submit “top 10” freshman seminar preferences by 6/6.
- Submit required essay on academic integrity by 6/6.
- Participate in 6/15 webinar: Advanced Placement/NU Placement Exams
- Between 6/15 and 9/1, take any necessary placement exams.
- Complete ALEKS assessment by 9/1 if taking 2011–12 chemistry courses (may be required if taking calculus).
- Participate in 9/1 webinar: Planning Your Fall-Quarter Schedule.

**AP/IB CREDIT**

If you took any AP or IB exams, you may receive course credit for your scores and/or skip introductory courses in some sequences. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. If awarded, credits are usually posted on student records at the start of fall quarter, though it sometimes takes more time. You may determine how much credit can be awarded by consulting AP/IB credit table at www .weinberg.northwestern.edu/advising/freshmen/credit/apcredit.html.

Only 12 AP/IB credits may be applied to your Northwestern graduation requirements; only 2 of those 12, in two different areas, may be applied to your WCAS distribution requirements. It’s best to decide how to use your credits once you’ve spoken with your freshman adviser during Wildcat Welcome. To ask questions that can’t wait until then, please e-mail wcas-adviser@northwestern.edu.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS**

Many WCAS departments offer online placement exams to help students begin their studies at the right course level. These include chemistry, mathematics, physics, and foreign languages. Information about the exams in these subjects is posted on the websites of the respective WCAS departments as well as at www .northwestern.edu/orientation

**WELCOME, WCAS CLASS OF ’15!**

We look forward to welcoming you in person to Weinberg College this fall. In the meantime, we’ve tried to anticipate your questions and have outlined here a number of tasks to be completed before you leave home. Please read the summarized information here and find more details at www .weinberg.northwestern.edu/advising/freshmen. The right-hand side of the site is the “action” section; check it frequently for deadlines and updates. If you have questions even after searching on the site, please e-mail wcas-adviser@northwestern.edu or call 847-491-7560 during normal business hours. Enjoy your summer!
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/incoming-student-resources/beforeyouarrive/placement-exams.html. Most online exams will be available starting June 15 and must be completed by early September.

ALEKS
If you’re planning to start either the general or the organic chemistry sequence, you must take the online ALEKS chemistry and math assessment tests regardless of your other test scores. Students planning to study calculus may also be required to take the ALEKS assessment; visit math.northwestern.edu/courses/placement.html.

FRESHMAN ADVISERS
Your freshman adviser (a WCAS faculty member) and peer adviser (a second-or-later-year student) will be in touch with you by e-mail over the summer. Remember that you won’t register for fall courses until after you’ve met with your freshman adviser during Wildcat Welcome. In other words, you shouldn’t feel like you must have everything worked out before September. But it’s smart to browse the fall class schedule at www.registrar.northwestern.edu/registration/quarterly_class_schedule.html and to familiarize yourself with the freshman section of the WCAS website this summer.

Unless you’re a student in a special degree program—the Honors Program in Medical Education (HPME), Integrated Science Program (ISP), Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (MMSS), or a five-year dual-degree program—your freshman adviser will be the instructor of your freshman seminar this fall.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR SELECTION
All WCAS freshmen—except HPME, ISP, MMSS, and dual-degree students, as previously noted—are required to take one freshman seminar this fall and a second seminar in either the winter or spring quarter.

Posted on the WCAS website are descriptions of the freshman seminars to be offered in 2011–12. Consider your choices carefully, but also have a little fun as you assemble a “top 10” list of the seminars you’d most like to take. Then submit your list via the website anytime before 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 6. Go to www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/advising/freshmen/index.html and click on “First-Year Courses.”

If you’re in a special-degree program, there’s no need to submit a list of seminar preferences this June because you’ll take freshman seminars in either the winter or spring quarter.

REQUIRED ESSAY
As a Weinberg student, you’ll be held to the highest standards of academic integrity. The University’s policy on academic integrity is outlined in Academic Integrity: A Brief Guide, a brochure available as a PDF at www.northwestern.edu/provost/students/integrity/Academic_Integrity_Basic_Guide.pdf. Weinberg College’s academic integrity webpage is at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/advising/freshmen/index.html.

All WCAS freshmen are required to read the policy and write an essay on the importance of academic integrity to a community of scholars such as Northwestern’s. Your essay is due on June 6 and will be read by your freshman adviser before your first meeting during Wildcat Welcome; afterward it will be kept on file in the Weinberg dean’s office.

WEBINARS
It is highly recommend that all incoming WCAS freshmen participate in one or more of the webinars offered this summer. These will answer your questions about freshman seminar selection (webinar on June 1), credit for AP/IB scores and/or credit for Northwestern placement exams (June 15), and general course selection (September 1). An e-mail invitation with the webinar link will be sent to you 24 hours in advance. You may either participate in the webinars as they are happening—they will all begin at noon (CDT)—or listen to them afterward by visiting the WCAS website, www.weinberg.northwestern.edu.
School of Communication

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Go now and often to the website for new SoC students: www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome.
- If not already done, request transmittal of AP/IB scores to Northwestern upon availability (if seeking AP/IB credit).
- Between 6/15 and 9/1, complete any necessary placement exams.
- Complete questions at www.communication.northwestern.edu/welcome/survey by 8/16.
- Complete any major-specific requirements as noted in August e-mail from department advisers.
- Participate in webchats with advisers as noted in August e-mail.

**WELCOME, SoC CLASS OF ’15!**

The faculty and staff of the School of Communication are excited to welcome you as the newest members of every department in our school. We look forward to meeting you this fall and getting the academic year off to a great start.

**AP/IB CREDIT**

SoC course credits earned by AP and IB scores appear in the table at www.communication.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/policies/non_nu_credit.php. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. If you have questions about the application of your AP or IB credits to your requirements—or about any other matters—please e-mail us at dear-soc@northwestern.edu.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS**

**Foreign languages**

All students who will complete majors in communication studies or radio/television/film must fulfill a language requirement, as do students in other SoC majors who expect to complete a bachelor of arts degree. For students who have studied a foreign language and will be continuing with that language, placement in the appropriate course is based on AP and/or Northwestern placement exams. For more information about the exams, see www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-student-resources/beforeyouarrive/placement-exams/language-placement-exams.html.

**Other placement exams**

Students who plan to take classes in chemistry, mathematics, or physics should take the placement test offered by those departments. Further details are available through links at www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-student-resources/beforeyouarrive/placement-exams.html.

Communication sciences and disorders students are especially encouraged to take the chemistry and math placement tests, even if they have earned credit by AP scores in those subjects. For students in other majors, there are many course options...
Dance
Students who plan to enroll in dance classes and who are not beginners should take the dance placement test in the Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center during Wildcat Welcome.

WEBCHATS
Dates and times for this summer’s online chats with academic advisers in your department will be announced in an e-mail message in August.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Students in each department will meet with their academic advisers during Wildcat Welcome, and advisers will assist students in navigating the CAESAR registration software and in choosing full-quarter classes. All new students will be able to meet with an adviser either individually or in small groups before registering.

Sally Ewing, assistant dean for advising and student affairs, heads the SoC academic advising staff. Staff contact information is at www.communication.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/advisors.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
School of Communication degrees require 45 credits, with most classes counting for one credit each. During the school year, a normal course load is four full-credit classes. A schedule of three full-credit classes is also considered a full-time course load, but most quarters you’ll need to take four classes to stay on track to graduate.

SoC degree requirements are summarized at www.communication.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/requirements/ba_bs.php. For major-specific requirements, see www.communication.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/requirements/major.php.

Each SoC major has distinct requirements, but all majors require 18 courses outside the major. These 18 courses, called “distribution requirements,” fall into three areas:

- math, science, and technology
- individual and social behavior
- humanities and fine arts

Many courses can apply to your distribution requirements. For further information about distribution requirements, visit www.communication.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/requirements/distribution.php.
School of Education and Social Policy

☐ **ACTION ITEMS**

☐ Go now and often to the website for new SESP students: www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome.

☐ If not already done, request transmittal of AP/IB scores to Northwestern upon availability (if seeking AP/IB credit).

☐ Participate in optional 8/17 webchat: General Information for SESP students (RSVP by 8/15).

☐ Answer the online questions at www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011IncomingStudents by 8/31.

☐ Between 6/15 and 9/1, complete any necessary placement exams.

**WELCOME, SESP CLASS OF ’15!**

The School of Education and Social Policy is delighted to welcome you to an academic year that promises excitement, change, growth, challenge, and fun. The advising staff—based in the SESP Student Affairs Office in Annenberg Hall—is prepared and eager to work with you as you face the opportunities and transitions that lie ahead. With SESP staff and peer advisers by your side, you can expect to have an excellent experience as a part of our school and at Northwestern.

In the weeks to come, both your academic and your peer adviser will contact you by e-mail. If you have questions before hearing from them, please contact Susan Olson, assistant dean for SESP Student Affairs, at susan-olson@northwestern.edu.

**AP/IB CREDIT**

If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. *If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript.* The AP/IB credit policies set by Weinberg College apply to SESP students—except for the provision that allows AP/IB credit to count for up to 7 distribution requirement credits earned by taking courses outside your SESP
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concentration). Specifics about scores on each exam that qualify for credit and how the credit is applied are posted at www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome/ap-credit.

As a rule, Northwestern posts AP and IB credit to the academic records of incoming students in late summer. Regardless of when they’re posted, as long as you know your scores, you’ll be able to plan your fall-quarter course schedule.

PLACEMENT EXAMS

Your SESP degree program does not require any courses in subjects for which a placement exam is a prerequisite. However, if you expect to take chemistry, mathematics, physics, or a foreign language, please take the applicable placement exam at the appropriate time. See www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-student-resources/beforeyouarrive/placement-exams.html.

ADVISING

You’ll first meet with your SESP academic adviser during Wildcat Welcome. Academic advisers work with the SESP Student Affairs staff, who include the following:

- Ken Powers, adviser to social policy students
- Meg Kreuser, adviser to secondary teaching students and manager of teaching certification and licensure
- Megan Redfearn, adviser to learning and organizational change students
- Nathan Frideres, practicum director and certificate in civic engagement coordinator
- Daphne Nwankpa and Sarah Buchmeier, program assistants

Staff photos and contact information are at www.sesp.northwestern.edu/common/people/staff/sa. Feel free to contact any one of us with questions.

WEBCHAT

SESP Student Affairs staff and peer advisers will host a webchat with new students in August. Though not mandatory, your participation is strongly encouraged.

The webchat takes place on Wednesday, August 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. (CST). It will cover general information and allow you to meet SESP Student Affairs staff and peer advisers, learn more about the school, and get answers to any questions about Wildcat Welcome. RSVP by noon on August 15 to receive webchat login information.

registration

You’ll work one-on-one with SESP advisers during Wildcat Welcome before making any course-related decisions for fall. (The timing will be perfect; space is already reserved for you in some introductory SESP courses.)

During summer keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has its own unique requirements. For example, if you hear that incoming Weinberg College students submit freshman seminar preferences over the summer, don’t be concerned; there are no freshman seminar requirements for SESP students.
Welcome, MEAS Class of ’15!
Welcome to McCormick! We’re excited that you are joining our community. As we prepare to roll out the purple carpet for you this fall, please familiarize yourself with our undergraduate website and carefully read the information here to prepare yourself for a strong start as an MEAS student. You’ll hear from us directly in August, when we e-mail you the name of your academic adviser. Enjoy your summer, and we’ll see you this fall.

Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING OFFICE
Your hub for information and assistance regarding courses, registration, majors, study abroad, your degree progress, and more is the Undergraduate Engineering Office and its staff:
Technological Institute, L268–91
2145 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60208-3100
847-491-7379
ueoffice@northwestern.edu

- Stephen Carr, associate dean of undergraduate education
- Joseph Holtgreive, assistant dean, counseling and personal development
- Ellen Worsdall, assistant dean, diversity and student life
- Betty Modlin, administrative assistant
- Gwen Murphy, coordinator of student involvement
- Mary Stanton, assistant director of freshman and sophomore advising and student development
- Donna Tobias, McCormick registrar
- Emily Venezia, scheduling assistant

FRESHMAN ADVISING
Academic advising will take place on September 14 and 15 during Wildcat Welcome. You’ll meet your faculty adviser in a group meeting on the 14th, followed by an individual advising appointment on the 15th. Your adviser will help you choose courses.

Then, McCormick peer advisers will help you set up a schedule for those courses in preparation for registration. Please remember that while we promise to get you into all of your required classes, it’s important to be flexible with scheduling.

REGISTRATION
All McCormick freshmen will register for fall classes on September 16 at designated times (early registration is not permitted). We recommend coming to the main McCormick computer lab, Tech MG47, to register. Staff members and peer advisers will be available to help you navigate CAESAR.

AP/IB CREDIT
If you took one or more AP or IB exams, you may receive credit for your scores and/or be able to skip introductory courses in some sequences. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. To be safe, bring a paper copy with you in September. If awarded, credits are usually posted on student records at the start of fall quarter, though it sometimes takes longer. In the meantime, you can determine how much credit is awarded for particular scores by going to www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/current_students/advising_registration/ap_ib_credits.html. Then you can think about how you want to apply your credits to your McCormick degree requirements.

TRANSFERRING NON-AP/IB CREDIT
To transfer any credits earned through college-level course work completed during high school...
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(excluding AP and IB courses), you should submit an Application for Northwestern University Credit for College-Level Course Work Completed Prior to Graduation from High School for each course credit you wish to transfer, as well as an official transcript and any necessary supporting documentation. For further information and access to the application form (a PDF file), go to www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/current_students/advising_registration/forms.html and click “Forms Dealing with Transferring Credit from other Institutions” and select “Coursework completed prior to Northwestern (before H.S. graduation).” Completed material should be submitted to the Undergraduate Engineering Office by August 19.

PLACEMENT EXAMS

Mathematics

Students entering the McCormick School are required to complete a mathematics placement exam online between July 11 and September 6. A link to the exam and more information can be found this summer at www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome. Just before taking the exam, you should visit the course management site at www.it.northwestern.edu/education/course-management to make sure you can log in.

Since math skills will be required for courses and research throughout the next four years, it’s extremely important for engineering students to have a solid grounding in mathematics. The placement exam—covering algebra, trigonometry, and differential and integral calculus—is specially designed to help you make the best possible placement decisions (even if you’ve already earned AP calculus credit). View the PDF at www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/docs/undergraduate/welcome/Math_Placement_Info_Mailing.pdf for further guidance. If you still have questions, contact the Undergraduate Engineering Office. In scheduled and drop-in advising sessions during Wildcat Welcome, you’ll have an opportunity discuss your performance on the exam and its correlation with specific math courses before you register for classes.

Other placement exams

For information about placement exams in chemistry, foreign languages, and physics, go to www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-student-resources/beforeyouarrive/placement-exams.html. Students who have AP or IB credit in chemistry and/or who are planning to take chemistry in the fall should take the chemistry placement exam. If you’re planning to start either the general or the organic chemistry sequence, you must also take the online ALEKS chemistry and math assessment tests regardless of your other test scores.

MATLAB SOFTWARE

First-year McCormick students will use a mathematical software programming package called MATLAB as a part of the Engineering Analysis course sequence. You should purchase this software by September 6. You may download it for a reduced price at www.it.mccormick.northwestern.edu/matlab/student_license.

COURSE SELECTION

While you will receive academic advising during Wildcat Welcome, course selection is something you should begin to consider now, since you are ultimately responsible for satisfying your degree requirements. Much of the first-year curriculum is standard regardless of major, and you don’t have to choose a major yet. See www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome for directives about your first-year course requirements and options.

CO-OP PROGRAM OPTION

To prepare you for a decision you’ll make during sophomore year between a four-year educational plan and a five-year cooperative educational plan, there will be four co-op information sessions during Wildcat Welcome, as well as additional sessions during the academic year. Co-op alternates periods of paid industrial experience with academic studies. For more information see www.co-op.mccormick.northwestern.edu/about/index.html.

WEBINAR

The transition to college can be daunting. To help make it less so, McCormick will host an interactive webinar at 2 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, July 25, to answer questions about your first-year engineering schedule, advising, Wildcat Welcome events, math placement exam information, details on transfer credits and AP/IB score results, and much more. Webinar login information will be e-mailed to you 48 hours in advance. You may either participate in the webinar as it’s happening or listen to it afterward by visiting the McCormick freshman website.
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

Welcome, Medill Class of ‘15!
Welcome to Medill! We are excited to have you join our community. We hope you’ll read the following material carefully; it contains information about what you need to do and know this summer to prepare you to begin your career at Medill. You’ll also receive periodic e-mail updates from Medill, called Medill Summer Notes. You’re welcome to contact us with any questions.

- Keri Disch (director, Office of Student Life): kdisch@northwestern.edu, 847-491-4484
- Dorina Aguilar Rasmussen, (assistant director, Office of Student Life): da-rasmussen@northwestern.edu, 847-491-3586

☐ ACTION ITEMS
☐ Go now and often to Medill’s “BSJ 15” webpage: www.medill.northwestern.edu/students/default.aspx.
☐ If not already done, request transmittal of AP/IB scores to Northwestern upon availability (if seeking AP/IB credit).
☐ Complete foreign language and other placement exams as appropriate.
☐ Complete Medill summer book and reading project per July e-mail.
☐ Participate in webinar on AP credit on 7/12.
☐ Participate in webinar on foreign language credit on 7/26.
☐ Purchase any necessary technology tools.
☐ Visit your faculty adviser’s website on Blackboard.
☐ Complete Medill Freshman Skills Assessment on your faculty adviser’s Blackboard website in August.
☐ Complete technology survey as noted in August e-mail.

☐ AP/IB CREDIT
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. On the “BSJ 15” webpage you can find Medill’s policy on AP/IB credit, including how much credit you’ll receive for different scores and how the credits can be applied to your degree requirements. Medill will also host a webinar on this topic at 11 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, July 12; more details will be sent in Medill Summer Notes.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
Most Medill students will take only a foreign language placement exam. Medill requires either three units of a foreign language or proficiency in a foreign language as demonstrated on an AP exam or a placement exam. Medill will host a webinar on the foreign language requirement at 11 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, July 26.

Medill students hoping to also pursue a premed course of study should be sure to go to the University Academic Advising Center website at www.northwestern.edu/advising -center for advice about science courses and then take any appropriate placement exams.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
As a new Medill student, even before arriving on campus, you’ll be surrounded by a team of friendly and helpful advisers. These include staff from the Office of Student Life and from Medill Career Services, faculty advisers, and peer advisers. Your advisers will be contacting you by e-mail in the coming weeks to share information ranging from course selection options to suggested community-building topics (such as how you’re spending your summer). Be sure to read and respond to their messages.

New student registration is on Friday, September 16, during Wildcat Welcome. You’ll have plenty of time to review course options on CAESAR, but don’t make any concrete registration decisions until you’ve met
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with your peer and faculty advisers during Wildcat Welcome. In advising groups and in one-on-one sessions, they’ll help you choose the classes that are right for you. Keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has its own requirements; thus you shouldn’t be concerned that Weinberg College students are deciding their freshman seminar preferences during the summer. Medill students do not enroll in freshmen seminars, and it’s too soon to make course enrollment decisions. There’s no need to worry. All you need to know at this time is that you and all Medill freshmen will take a journalism course in the fall quarter for which you will be automatically registered.

During Wildcat Welcome, the following times will be set aside for academic advising:

- **September 14, 1–3 p.m.** You’ll meet with your faculty and peer advisers in a group for an overview of the Medill curriculum and advice about choosing courses for fall and later.
- **September 15, by appointment:** You’ll meet individually with your faculty adviser to discuss your Medill goals and your fall courses.

**TECHNOLOGY**

To prepare to succeed in a changing media landscape, Medill students learn how to use a variety of technical tools for communicating news and information. You’ll be properly equipped for 2011–12 classes if you bring the following items with you to campus:

- laptop computer that will run specified software
- digital video camera with an external microphone jack
- digital still image camera
- digital audio recorder or video iPod with add-on microphone

Before making any purchases, visit www.medill.northwestern.edu/it/techspecs.aspx to review the hardware and software specifications of the recommended technology tools for incoming students and to view a letter from Medill dean John Lavine. Because technology changes rapidly, updates may become available in the months before you come to campus; any updates will be noted on the site, so be sure to check back often.

**BSJ 15 FACULTY ADVISING SITES**

Each faculty adviser will have access to a password-protected interactive website—based in the Blackboard course management system—to use for advising students. Some advisers may use it this summer and others will start using it more in the fall, but please be sure to log in at https://courses.northwestern.edu/webapps/login periodically before you come to campus. Medill will also use Blackboard to post the summer reading selection in July and the Freshman Skills Assessment in August.

**SUMMER WEBINARS**

Medill will conduct two informative webinars in July to answer any questions about AP/IB credits (Tuesday, July 12) and the foreign language requirement (Tuesday, July 26). Both will begin at 11 a.m. (CST). You will receive an e-mail invitation with login information 48 hours before each webinar, and you may participate “live” or visit the Medill website to view the webinars after their scheduled times.
Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music

Please focus on the part that applies to you:

Four-year music students: Section A
Five-year dual-degree students: Section B
(Bienen/Weinberg, Bienen/Medill, Bienen/McCormick)

DOUBLE MAJOR OR DUAL DEGREE?
With a double major, you study at Northwestern for four years and receive one bachelor’s degree, with two majors listed on your official transcript. You could double major in two music areas (e.g., music performance and music theory) or in one music area and one nonmusic area (e.g., music composition and mathematics). In a dual-degree program, you study at Northwestern for five years instead of four and receive two bachelor’s degrees—one from the Bienen School and the other from either Weinberg College, the McCormick School, or Medill.

Section A: four-year music students

☐ ACTION ITEM
☐ Watch for summer music mailing in July.

WELCOME, BSM CLASS OF ’15!
The staff of the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs looks forward to meeting you this September. You’ll come to our office for most of your music advising, registration assistance, questions about degree progress, and changing or adding majors, minors, or dual-degree programs. You will receive a mailing from the Bienen School in July that provides important additional information, including ensemble audition music and schedules, theory and aural skills placement exam information, and instructions for getting a locker.

ADVISING
If you are a four-year music major, your advising will be through the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs. Assistant Dean Linda Garton will be your official adviser, and staff members Kay Price and Jeff Merkley are also available to advise you on course requirements and registration. Music education majors are assigned an additional faculty adviser. Your adviser will remain the same for all four of your years at Northwestern.

You’ll meet your advisers during Wildcat Welcome—in plenty of time for registration on September 16. Your peer advisers and office staff will be on hand to help you through the registration process that day.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
Students entering the Bienen School take two placement exams during Wildcat Welcome. These exams are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, September 14. The individual test results determine each student’s appropriate sequence and level of courses.

Exam I: Music Theory. All students take Part I; Part II is optional.

- Part I, Basic Skills: note reading, major and minor key signatures, rhythmic notation and beaming, and identification of intervals (quality, size, and dissonant or consonant), triads and seventh chords (quality and inversion), rhythmic notation.
- Part II, Advanced Placement. Students may attempt to place out of a given quarter of the curriculum by opting to demonstrate mastery of the following:
  - Counterpoint: 1st, 2nd, and 4th species writing using a given cantus firmus, melodic structure and terminology, traditional cadence types, tonal profile analysis of a given bass line or excerpt
  - Figured bass: Given a bass line, identifying the most appropriate figures, and/or supplying three additional voices above a figured bass
  - Roman numeral analysis and part-writing: Supplying appropriate Roman numerals with inversion symbols and identifying nonchord tones for a given musical excerpt (likely to include secondary dominant and leading-tone seventh chords, Neapolitan sixths, augmented sixth chords,
use of mode mixture, sequential modulation, and modulation to closely related keys); harmonizing a melody or a given bass line, providing a four-voice setting using appropriate voice-leading.

Exam II: Ear Training. This diagnostic test includes examples of aural recognition (intervals and pitch patterns, chord qualities and inversions in progressions) and melodic and rhythmic dictation.

Depending on your test results, you may be asked to come in for an individual sight-singing and/or theory interview to confirm your placement.

You may wish to begin reviewing aural and basic theory skills at www.musictheory.net (interval, scale, and chord ear trainers). Attempting a “crash course” before taking the placement exam is not recommended; it’s better to demonstrate your present level and thus provide an accurate reading of your abilities at this point. Please know that there is an appropriate class for you regardless of your entering skill level. Please contact Susan Piagentini, coordinator of freshman theory and aural skills, at s-piagentini@northwestern.edu if you have questions.

You may also take nonmusic placement exams if you wish to continue your studies in other areas, such as a foreign language, math, physics, or chemistry. Please see the Weinberg College section of this guide for information about these exams.

REGISTRATION
Registration for fall classes will take place on Friday, September 16. Because you’ll had have several advising sessions before then, you’ll know most of your fall schedule before you register. Based on your placement exam results, you’ll be assigned to a specific class section for both theory and aural skills, and you’ll also be assigned a keyboard skills class, an ensemble, and a studio teacher. On registration day, you’ll have only one class to choose—a nonmusic elective or distribution requirement—because the rest of your schedule will already be set.

ACADEMIC OPTIONS
Thinking about a double major or switching to a dual-degree program? Maybe a minor? There’s no rush. You can easily add any of these options at any time in your first year here, and in many cases in your sophomore or even junior year. Visit the BSM Office of Student Affairs for more information.

AP/IB CREDIT
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. All AP credit is processed through Weinberg College, regardless of which school you enter as a freshman. Different Northwestern schools have different policies on how AP credits apply toward degree requirements. For a list of accepted AP credits and which music degree requirements they can fulfill, see www.music.northwestern.edu/currentstudents.

QUESTIONS?
The Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs is able to assist you. Call 847-491-3818 or contact individual staff members by e-mail:

- Linda Garton, lgarton@northwestern.edu
- Kay Price, k-price2@northwestern.edu
- Jeff Merkley, j-merkley@northwestern.edu

Join our Facebook group: Search for Bienen School Student Affairs.
WELCOME, DUAL-DEGREE STUDENTS!
Because of our small size, whenever dual-degree students have questions they typically use the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs as their starting point. You will receive a July mailing from us that includes ensemble audition music and schedules, theory and aural skills placement exam information, instructions for how to get a locker, and other important information about your dual-degree program.

Five-year WCAS/BSM dual-degree students will also receive an e-mail from Weinberg College later this summer with instructions for setting a course schedule, taking Weinberg placement exams, and meeting distribution requirements. The Bienen School’s other dual-degree students—those pursuing McCormick or Medill degrees—will receive an e-mail later this summer with detailed information about academic advising and schedule planning. All dual-degree students have an adviser in each school throughout their time at Northwestern.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
Dual-degree students take two music placement exams on September 14—during Wildcat Welcome—that help determine each student’s appropriate course level and sequence.

Exam I: Music Theory. All students take Part I; Part II is optional.
- Part I, Basic Skills: note reading, major and minor key signatures, rhythmic notation and beaming, and identification of intervals (quality, size, and dissonant or consonant), triads and seventh chords (quality and inversion), rhythmic notation.
- Part II, Advanced Placement. Students may attempt to place out of a given quarter of the curriculum by opting to demonstrate mastery of the following:
  - Counterpoint: 1st, 2nd, and 4th species writing using a given cantus firmus, melodic structure and terminology, traditional cadence types, tonal profile analysis of a given bass line or excerpt
  - Figured bass: Given a bass line, identifying the most appropriate figures, and/or supplying three additional voices above a figured bass
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You may wish to begin reviewing aural and basic theory skills at www.musictheory.net (interval, scale, and chord ear trainers). Attempting a “crash course” before taking the placement exam is not recommended; it’s better to demonstrate your present level and thus provide an accurate reading of your abilities at this point. Please know that there is an appropriate class for you regardless of your entering skill level. Please contact Susan Piagentini, coordinator of freshman theory and aural skills, at s-piagentini@northwestern.edu if you have questions.

Dual-degree students are urged to read their other school’s section in Purple Prep to find out if any summer placement exams in foreign languages, math, physics, or chemistry are necessary.

REGISTRATION
Registration for fall classes will take place September 16 during Wildcat Welcome. Because you’ll had have several advising sessions before then, you’ll know most of your fall schedule before you register. Based
on your placement exam results, you’ll be assigned to a specific class section for both theory and aural skills, and you’ll also be assigned a studio teacher, an ensemble, and a keyboard skills course (if you opt to take keyboard skills in your freshman year). Therefore, on registration day, you’ll have only two classes to choose. If your other school is Weinberg or Medill, you’ll typically choose two distribution requirements or one distribution requirement and one foreign language. If your other school is McCormick, you take two courses for the engineering degree.

If you test out of the two-year Weinberg foreign language requirement, you may complete your fall class schedule by taking two distribution requirements, or one distribution requirement and one course toward your Weinberg major, if you know what that will be.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**
A regular class at Northwestern carries one credit, and a full course load is normally four credits per quarter. Below is a typical dual-degree freshman schedule:

Music Theory (.5 credit)
Aural Skills (.5 credit)
Ensemble (band, orchestra, or chorus) (.5 credit)
Private lessons (1 credit)
Courses for non-music degree program (2 credits)
Total: 4.5 credits

Depending on your Bienen School major, you may be required to take .5- or 0-credit courses in addition to the 4 credits above. For example, voice majors also register for vocal solo class (0 credit) and diction (0 credit). Some instrumental majors also register for studio class or studio ensembles. Freshman music education majors take a music education class instead of the one nonmusic course in fall quarter. Jazz majors take improvisation class instead of keyboard skills. Details will be explained during group advising sessions according to your major(s) during Wildcat Welcome.

Unlike most Weinberg freshmen, dual-degree students take freshman seminars in winter and spring only; do not sign up for a fall freshman seminar.

Some five-year dual-degree students choose to take keyboard skills during their first year, resulting in a total of 5 credits per quarter. While this is allowable, it increases the challenge of balancing homework, practice time, and getting acclimated to Northwestern. If you begin the quarter registered for all 5 credits later find the workload to be too heavy, you are encouraged to drop a course.

**ACADEMIC OPTIONS**
Thinking about a double major or switching your dual-degree program? Maybe a minor? There’s no rush. You can easily add any of these options at any time in your first year, and in many cases in your sophomore or even junior year. Visit the BSM Office of Student Affairs for more information.

**AP/IB CREDIT**
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degrees. If you haven’t already done so, ask the AP/IB testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP grade report and/or IB transcript. All AP credit is processed through Weinberg College, regardless of which school you enter as a freshman. Different Northwestern schools have different policies on how AP credits apply toward your degree requirements. Because dual-degree students entering the Bienen School follow the AP/IB policy of the school conferring the nonmusic degree, please refer to that school’s AP/IB credit guidelines.

**QUESTIONS?**
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☐ ACTION ITEMS

☐ Apply to your choice of pre-Wildcat Welcome programs (optional).
☐ Send your peer adviser a photo of yourself by 8/15.
☐ Preregister for International Student Orientation by 8/31 (required for international students only.)
☐ Complete For the Record by 9/5.
☐ Complete Alcohol EDU by 9/5.
☐ Attend International Student Orientation, 9/9–9/12 (required for international students).
☐ Attend Off-Campus Student Orientation on 9/12 (required for students not residing in University-owned housing).
☐ Attend Wildcat Welcome, 9/12–9/19.

Pre–Wildcat Welcome experiences

From September 12 through the 19th, all new students must be on campus for all seven days of Northwestern’s Wildcat Welcome—the mandatory new student orientation preceding the first day of fall classes. The schedule will be posted—but still subject to change—online around the end of August. Briefly described here are various pre–Wildcat Welcome experiences that offer the chance to meet fellow new students before September 12. Full details are available on the websites listed. All but the orientation for international students are optional.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS


When: September 9–12
Where: On campus
Preregister by: August 31

During the three days before Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s International Office hosts a mandatory International Student Orientation exclusively for international students (F-1 or J-1 visa holders). Packed with essential information as well as opportunities to socialize and settle in, the ISO jumpstarts students’ acclimation to all of this fall’s new territory—geographic, cultural, social, academic, etc. Preregistration by August 31 is required; please visit the website for instructions and helpful resources, including “live chat” access to International Office staff. Questions? E-mail c-shiflet@northwestern.edu.

ALTERNATIVE STUDENT BREAKS

www.asbnu.org

When: September 4–12
Where: 10 sites in the Midwest
Cost: $215
Apply by: June 30

To increase awareness of social needs and to encourage lifelong civic engagement, Alternative Student Breaks sends student volunteers on trips to 10 selected nonprofits where the work ranges from refugee resettlement to youth development. Through their service-learning experiences participants build relationships with fellow incoming freshmen as well as the upperclass students who act as site leaders. Students on different trips meet with each other several times during the service week, which ends
with everyone on all 10 trips meeting up in Chicago. Questions? E-mail orientationasb@u.northwestern.edu.

**PROJECT WILDCAT**

www.projectwildcat.northwestern.edu  
*When:* September 4–12  
*Where:* Various Midwest campgrounds  
*Cost:* $295 + any rentals  
*Apply by:* June 30

Project Wildcat offers new students the opportunity to form close bonds individually and as a group through nine days of backpacking and camping together. The nature-based adventure in teamwork, leadership development, and personal growth culminates with a lakeside camp-out on campus on Wildcat Welcome eve. Questions? E-mail projectwildcat@northwestern.edu.

**ELDER LEAD PROGRAM**

www.northwestern.edu/residential-communities  
*When:* September 9–12  
*Where:* On campus at Elder Residential Community  
*Cost:* $75  
*Apply by:* June 30

Registration for the LEAD program results in automatic housing assignment to Elder Residential Community during 2011–12. This three-day program on campus provides students with the tools to be leaders in their residential community and to practice civic engagement—beginning with the chance to start relationships with peers and mentors that will prove vital for successful leadership. Questions? E-mail kimberly-scott@northwestern.edu.

**CATALYST**

www.groups.northwestern.edu/catalyst  
*When:* September 8–12  
*Where:* Pretty Lake Vacation Camp, Mattawan, Michigan  
*Cost:* $250  
*Apply by:* June 30

CATalyst is a leadership-development program geared for students making the transition to Northwestern. “Challenge by choice” and other team-building activities encourage participants to step outside their comfort zone. While working to earn each other’s trust, prove themselves as problem solvers and communicators, and grow in self-awareness, they can begin new friendships, bond with upperclass mentors, and get valuable insights into Wildcat life. Questions? E-mail leadcatalyst@u.northwestern.edu.

**FRESHMAN URBAN PROGRAM**

www.northwestern.edu/fup  
*When:* September 6–12  
*Where:* Various Chicago neighborhoods  
*Cost:* $240  
*Apply by:* June 30

During the five-day Freshman Urban Program, participants stay in a youth hostel in Chicago’s Loop and venture out to different neighborhoods to volunteer at community centers, urban schools, homeless shelters, advocacy organizations, art centers, and more. Students learn about social and political issues and resources in the city by speaking with Northwestern professors, community members, social service organization leaders, and their peers. While getting to know Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods, they also get to know 90 other Northwestern students. Questions? E-mail fup@northwestern.edu.

**FIEDLER HILLEL’S FRESHMAN FEST**

www.nuhillel.org  
*When:* September 11–12  
*Where:* On campus at Fiedler Hillel  
*Cost:* $36  
*Apply by:* August 31

Fiedler Hillel at Northwestern, the home of more than 15 Jewish student groups on campus, holds its 18th annual Freshman Fest for both new and returning students. An overnight event that accommodates about 100 participants, Freshman Fest blends friendship, feasting, and fun with opportunities to get the “inside scoop” on Jewish life at Northwestern, the campus social scene, sports and Greek life, the most sought-after courses, and more. Questions? E-mail hillel@northwestern.edu.

**FIRST NIGHT AT SHEIL**

www.sheil.northwestern.edu  
*When:* September 11–12  
*Where:* On campus at Sheil Center  
*Cost:* Free  
*Apply by:* September 6

Sheil Catholic Center is the heart of Catholic life on campus, and all incoming students are welcome to be part of the Sheil community. First Night spans the 14 hours just before Wildcat Welcome and includes a good night’s sleep at the Sheil Center. Students get acquainted, attend mass, have dinner together, participate in a photo shoot, enjoy a lakeside bonfire, paint the Rock (a Northwestern tradition), and find out about Sheil’s involvement opportunities and more. Participants then rejoin their parents on Monday morning for move-in day activities. Questions? E-mail t-higgins3@northwestern.edu.
Wildcat Welcome

All new students are required to attend Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s orientation for all new students, starting September 12. During this week before classes begin on September 20, new students in small groups participate in discussions about the University and its community values, enjoy an array of social activities, and learn about many campus services. New students also receive academic advising and register for classes during Wildcat Welcome. To help you navigate, an upperclass peer adviser—the same PA who will be e-mailing you over the summer—will work with your group during Wildcat Welcome and will continue to be available in the fall quarter and throughout the academic year.

A preview of Wildcat Welcome daily highlights is provided here to give you an idea of what to expect; personalized Wildcat Welcome schedules will be distributed on move-in day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
All new students living on campus will arrive on Monday, September 12, to move in to their residences. No early move-in options are available. You may check in to your hall and receive your room key anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., so you can begin setting up your room as early as 9 a.m.—even if your assigned unloading time is later.

Wildcat Welcome PAs and student volunteers wearing “Purple Posse” T-shirts will be available at each residence hall check-in location to help.

On Monday evening, students will be required to attend sessions in their residences with their community assistants and area coordinators.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
All new students will “March Thru the Arch” the morning of September 13 (weather permitting). They then will go to Deering Meadow for a welcome from the dean of students and a class photo. Following that will be lunch with their peer advising groups and then a campus tour. That evening, students will be required to attend their first of three “Essential NUs.”

If you are not living in University-owned housing in 2011–12, you will receive a personalized orientation guide and other important information at a mandatory Off-Campus Student Orientation from noon to 3 p.m. on September 12. You’re expected to attend all other mandatory programming during Wildcat Welcome, so don’t make other plans for the week! More information will be e-mailed to you in August.

E-NEWS FOR NEW STUDENTS
Orientation and Parent Programs uses an e-newsletter called March to the Arch to send new students important information over the summer—including any updates or revisions to what appears in Purple Prep. Keep an eye on your inbox for MTTA to arrive May 9, June 27, and August 8.

WHAT IS A PEER ADVISER?
A peer adviser is an upperclass student in your same school at Northwestern who will help guide you through your transition—starting this summer, during Wildcat Welcome, and throughout your first year. Your PA has been through this all before and is a great resource. Any questions you might have are welcome!
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
At your school’s New Student Convocation, you’ll be welcomed by the dean and meet classmates. The day will also include the first round of academic advising as well as language placement exams. (For information on language placement exams, see the Orientation website—www.northwestern.edu/orientation—and click on “Incoming Students” ⇒ ”Before you Arrive“ ⇒ “Placement Exams” ⇒ “Foreign Languages.”)

Wednesday’s Weinberg College majors fair will give all students the opportunity learn about the diverse programs of study in the arts and sciences. That evening, you’ll attend your second Essential NU.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Besides a second round of academic advising, on Thursday several optional academic interest sessions will be offered on a range of topics, including the following:

- Registering for classes using CAESAR
- Preparing for professions in law, medicine, or management
- Study abroad opportunities
- Highlights of the international studies adjunct major
- Options at Medill for all students
- Computers and technology at Northwestern

Also on Thursday, a Transit Fair will teach you how to get around campus and the Evanston area. The final round of Essential NUs will be held during the evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
At last: registration day! You’ll be given a time to enroll in fall classes based on the last two digits of your student ID. Ideally, you’ll have taken advantage of the academic advising offered throughout the week to make sure you make the best class choices.

The registrar’s website at www.registrar.northwestern.edu has answers to questions about registration.

Optional extracurricular interest sessions will be offered Friday, with topics that include the following:

- “Get on Track, Stay on Track! Career Success at Northwestern”
- “Go Cats! Go Greek!”
- “Got Fit? Get Rec’d!”
- “Purple Is Green: Environmental Initiatives and Opportunities at Northwestern”
- Music opportunities for nonmusic majors
- Resources for LGBTQ/questioning/ally students
- Center for Student Involvement

Those with work-study eligibility through their financial aid packages will attend Friday’s work-study orientation.

Also on Friday, the Associated Student Government will host a T-shirt exchange. You’ll be able to exchange a shirt from another college or university for a free Northwestern T-shirt.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
To celebrate a successful Wildcat Welcome week, the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs will sponsor an evening at Six Flags Great America for all incoming
freshmen and transfer students. New students will receive their complimentary tickets as they board buses. (Upperclassmen will be able to purchase tickets through the Norris Box Office and board buses at another location.) Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes; flip-flops and other loose-fitting footwear are not recommended.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

New students will go in peer advising groups on a service day in Evanston. Details will be available later this summer. (Please note that this event’s timing will not conflict with religious observances.)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Wildcat Welcome wraps up with the President’s Convocation. Seated with your peer advising group, you’ll hear President Morton Schapiro welcome the class of 2015 to Northwestern. During the Convocation a keynote faculty speaker will tell you about One Book One Northwestern (see sidebar).

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**Essential NU**

The mandatory Essential NU (ENU) program is how you’ll find out what every Northwestern student needs to know about issues like community values at Northwestern, alcohol, and inclusion. You’ll be required to complete two online components this summer—for the Record and AlcoholEdu—as well as ENU for Community/Inclusion: NU Mosaic (Part 1); you’ll complete the rest of the ENU program with your peer advising group during Wildcat Welcome. Read on for details about the ENU requirements you must complete this summer, and visit the orientation website for more information about the program. *Note: Failure to complete all ENU program requirements will delay or jeopardize your winter-quarter registration.*

**FOR THE RECORD**

For the Record is an online Essential NU designed to introduce you to Northwestern’s community principles and values. The program contains a series of short videos covering student resources, ways to get involved, and an overview of University policies. Please watch each video carefully; to complete the course you must pass a final quiz. An August e-mail will alert you to the availability of For the Record and provide full instructions for access to the course. Your last day to complete it is September 5.

**ALCOHOLEDU**

College campuses across the country grapple with the issue of alcohol, which affects the well-being of both individual students and the community. Northwestern strives to ensure that drinking—your own or somebody else’s—does not interfere with your health, safety, academic success, and other things important to you. AlcoholEdu for College, an online ENU program requirement that takes about 2½ hours to complete, helps prepare you to make informed decisions about alcohol and about dealing with the drinking behaviors of your peers. Watch for an August e-mail to alert you to the availability of AlcoholEdu and full instructions for access to the course. *All* incoming students—regardless of the nature of their past or present use of alcohol, if any—must complete AlcoholEdu before September 5.

**ENU FOR COMMUNITY/INCLUSION: NU MOSAIC**

Essential NU for Community/Inclusion: NU Mosaic has two parts. During Wildcat Welcome you’ll attend a presentation and have a writing exercise to complete; for Part 1, in response to a late-July e-mail request from your peer adviser, you’ll send a high-resolution (5–6 MB) photo of yourself—one that represents you well—for inclusion in a class of 2015 online photo gallery. The photo submission deadline is August 15.
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Your new ties to Northwestern

Parents and families can be involved with Northwestern as soon as this summer and stay well informed throughout the school year. Keeping up with the Daily Northwestern, purchasing season tickets to sports events, attending Family Weekend—all of these can strengthen your association with the University.

PARENTS’ LISTSERV

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the Division of Student Affairs listserv to receive important news and information, timely updates, and other content of special interest by e-mail. To subscribe, send an e-mail to listservlistserv.it.northwestern.edu. Leave the subject line blank; in the message area, type “subscribe NEWPARENT” followed by your first and last names. You’ll receive e-mail confirmation and can start looking forward to receiving communications regularly. If you have questions or have trouble subscribing, call 847-491-8430.

DURING WILDCAT WELCOME

While new students start settling in, parents and families can learn more about Northwestern at events offered during the optional Parent/Family Orientation (PFO) on Monday and Tuesday of Wildcat Welcome, September 12 and 13.

The President’s welcome on Monday evening is a major highlight, and Tuesday’s events include a resource fair and several concurrent information sessions hosted by the dean of students, deans of the academic schools, and staff of Career Services, the Health Service, and Counseling and Psychological Services.

Families and students will say their good-byes during a pause in Wildcat Welcome programming between 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tuesday. Remember, the proverbial “sweet sorrow” can be short-lived: parents have plenty of opportunities for involvement with the University, including subscribing to the parent listserv and returning to campus for Family Weekend.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend is held each fall to welcome parents of undergraduate students as members of the Northwestern community and help them become more familiar with campus life. Classroom visits, meetings with University administrators and deans, a Wildcat football game, and a “Conversation with the President” are among the planned activities. Family Weekend 2011 takes place November 11–13; online registration begins in early June. For more information, visit www.northwestern.edu/orientation/parents.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The NAA connects current undergraduates and their parents to a community of more than 200,000 alumni. It offers a variety of programs and events for current students—including Homecoming and Northwestern Day at Wrigley Field—and access to a network of alumni who offer job-search assistance to students and alumni. Also of interest to parents, the NAA Store—www.alumni.northwestern.edu/marketplace—provides a link to partner company CarePackages.com. Every time you send a special treat to your son or daughter, your purchase supports NAA programs.

CAMPUS NEWS SOURCES

The Daily Northwestern, the student newspaper, is published Monday through Friday during the school year. Its online version and subscription information are available at www.dailynorthwestern.com.

Northwestern, the University’s quarterly alumni magazine, is sent to alumni, faculty, and parents of undergraduates. Visit the magazine online at www.northwestern.edu/magazine.

The Northwestern home page—www.northwestern.edu—offers at-a-glance daily Northwestern news updates and is the best starting point for finding information about the University.
Parent FAQs

SUMMER CONSIDERATIONS

Q. What does my daughter need to do before campus arrival?
A. See page 2 for an at-a-glance list of required “action items” that all students must do between now and September; the relevant pages in Purple Prep are specified with the item. Your daughter is also responsible for meeting the requirements set by her school. Your regular follow-ups with her throughout the summer can help ensure that she stays on top of everything.

Q. When do we pay fall tuition and fees?
A. Billing and payment options are described on pages 15–16 and in greater detail www.northwestern.edu/sfs/ tuition/undergrad_tuition.html.

Q. The address our son submitted on his application for admission is no longer correct. How can we update this information?
A. Students must change this information themselves. If his new address is effective before August 1, your son should use his Northwestern e-mail account to contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at ug-admission@northwestern.edu. He can enter updates effective after August 1 by using his NetID and password to log on to CAESAR (www .northwestern.edu/caesar) for access to his student account (see page 15).

Q. My daughter has a disability. How do we ensure she gets necessary assistance?
A. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) provides academic and programmatic accommodations for students with disabilities. Through SSD, your daughter can request and arrange to receive appropriate accommodations, such as testing accommodations, books on CD or in e-text, scribe services, auxiliary aids, sign language interpreting, and permit-parking placards. If she requests accommodations, she will meet with SSD staff to review her disability documentation, cooperatively determine accommodations, and sign an accommodations agreement; arrangements can then be coordinated with various departments. See pages 14–15 and please visit SSD’s website for detailed information about SSD’s registration procedure: www.northwestern.edu/disability/students/ considering.html.

Q. Our son plans to attend a pre-Wildcat Welcome program. May he store his belongings on campus during his trip?
A. Yes. He may bring one extra bag to store for the duration of his pre-Wildcat Welcome program. He may preship additional belongings to campus (see pages 10–11) if no other means of transporting them in time for move-in day is available.

ORIENTATION AND PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

Q. When does new student orientation begin?
A. Northwestern’s Wildcat Welcome for all new students starts on Monday, September 12, coinciding with move-in day. (Moving in earlier is not permitted.) Mandatory orientation programming begins after 7 p.m. that evening and continues through September 19.
Q. Will there be move-in assistance at the residence halls?
A. Yes! Wildcat Welcome student staff—peer advisers along with other returning students in the “Purple Posse”—will be on hand to help you with boxes.

Q. Are there Wildcat Welcome activities for parents and families?
A. Yes. Parent/Family Orientation begins with a welcome and reception with President Morton Schapiro on Monday and concludes with a resource fair and info/interest sessions on Tuesday.

Q. What is the dress code for the Parent/Family Orientation?
A. Dress is casual all day on Monday and Tuesday, including events with the president.

Q. How soon after move-in should parents and families leave campus?
A. Your son or daughter will be busy almost all day on every day of Wildcat Welcome, so we recommend that families leave no later than the “kiss-n-bye” time that follows the end of Parent/Family Orientation: 4:30–6 p.m. Tuesday, September 13.

Q. When is fall course registration?
A. In regard to selecting and getting into fall-quarter courses, students can be worry-free this summer. Registration is built into the Wildcat Welcome schedule, taking place on campus on Friday, September 16, following two days of academic advising and with on-site assistance from peer and faculty advisers.

Q. Is the orientation for international students—our daughter among them—held during Wildcat Welcome?
A. No. The International Student Orientation on campus precedes Wildcat Welcome, starting on Friday, September 9, and ending on Monday the 12th. International students who attend this orientation—mandatory for F-1 and J-1 visa holders—may move into their residence early.

ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

Q. Our daughter is flying in to Chicago. How can she get to campus from the airport?
A. From either Midway or O’Hare Airport she can complete her trip to Evanston by train, bus, or taxi. Visit the “Getting Here” section of the orientation website for more details: www.northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-student-resources/getting-here.html.

Q. Can my son ship his belongings to campus in advance?
A. Yes—but careful timing is required. For instructions, see pages 10–11 or visit www.northwestern.edu/living/services/mail-services.html.

Q. We’d like to set up a bank account for our daughter. Any advice?
A. The only bank on Northwestern’s campus is USBank® (see page 21), but there are several other national banks with branches and ATMs conveniently near to campus. We recommend that you find out if the bank of your choice is among them.

Q. What lodging is available near campus?
A. For a comprehensive list of lodging options, go to www.ugadm.northwestern.edu/visit/plan-your-visit/area-lodging.html.

STUDENT RECORDS

Q. Will we receive copies of our son’s course grades?
A. Due to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), your son must grant permission to release his grades to others. The “Authorization of Grade Disclosure” form is provided on the University registrar’s website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu/academic_records/index.html.

CELL PHONES

Q. Should my daughter bring a cell phone to campus? Does Northwestern recommend a particular cell phone carrier?
A. Bringing a cell phone is a good idea, since University-provided landline service in student rooms is available only by requesting it through the Undergraduate Housing Office. Northwestern neither endorses nor recommends any particular cellular provider, but service in the Evanston area is available through AT&T, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon. For more information about cell phone service on campus, visit www.it.northwestern.edu/telephone/cellphone.html.
See detail of North Campus

- Nonresidence buildings to know
- Open parking for move-in day
- Dining hall open for Wildcat Welcome
- Bicycle/pedestrian path
- Emergency "blue light" telephone

See detail of South Campus
**STUDENT RESIDENCES**

**On North Campus map:**

**Ayers** College of Commerce and Industry  
2324 Campus Drive

**Bobb** Hall  
2305 Sheridan Road

**CCS** (Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies)  
2303 Sheridan Road

**Elder** Residential Community  
2400 Sheridan Road

**Foster** House  
2253 Sheridan Road

**McCulloch** Hall  
2315 Sheridan Road

**Sargent** Hall  
2245 Sheridan Road

**Slivka** Hall (Science and Engineering Residential College)  
2332 Campus Drive

**2251 Sheridan** Road (GREEN House)

**On South Campus map:**

**Allison** Residential Community  
1820 Chicago Avenue

**Chapin** Hall (Humanities Residential College)  
726 University Place

**CRC** (East Fairchild/Communications Residential College)  
1855 Sheridan Road

**1835 Hinman** Avenue/Interfaith Living Unit

**Evans** Scholars House  
721 University Place

**Foster-Walker** Complex  
1927 Orrington Avenue

**Hobart** House (Women’s Residential College)  
630 Emerson Street

**ISRC** (West Fairchild/International Studies Residential College)  
1861 Sheridan Road

**Jones** Fine and Performing Arts Residential College  
1820 Sheridan Road

**North Mid-Quads Hall**  
650 Emerson Street

**PARC** (Public Affairs Residential College)  
1838 Chicago Avenue

**Rogers** House  
647 University Place

**Shepard** Residential College  
626 University Place

**South Mid-Quads** Hall  
655 University Place

**Willard** Residential College  
1865 Sherman Avenue

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