Academic Year: 2024-2025 Public University: Northern Illinois University	
	General Admission
Course Requirements	All applicants must have successfully completed the following high school courses (one unit equals one year). *English.* Four units (three of which must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature). *Mathematics.* Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry. For students intending to major in mathematics, science, business, or engineering, four years of college preparatory mathematics are very strongly recommended. Further, all students, regardless of intended major, are strongly encouraged to take a mathematics course or a course with a mathematics prerequisite during the year before they enroll in a mathematics course at NIU. *Science.* Two to three units (two of which must be courses in the physical or biological sciences). One unit must be a laboratory science. *Social Studies.* Two to three units (one of which must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government). *Foreign Language, Art, Music, or Vocational Education.* One to two units (one of which must be course work in foreign language, art, or music). *Additional Course Work.* Up to three units of the required fifteen may be distributed throughout any of the five categories of course work listed above. Vocational education may satisfy up to three of the units.
Links	https://catalog.niu.edu/content.php?catoid=57&navoid=2942
Course Recommendations	
Links	

Above and beyond the course requirements and recommendations for general admissions, please provide any programs/majors/departments/colleges <u>that have additional requirements and recommendations</u> stated in policy and used in the admissions process. Include reference as to where the requirements or recommendations can be found (i.e., catalog or website).

	College	Department	Program	Major
All applicants (freshmen and transfers) must be eligible for admission to the university. In addition, applicants for the B.F.A. acting emphasis must pass an audition and interview. Contact the School of Theatre and Dance as early as possible for information.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Theatre and Dance	B.F.A.	Acting Emphasis
The emphasis in applied manufacturing technology in the Department of Technology is limited to transfer students with an Associate of Applied Science degree with a major in a recognized technical area. For more specific information regarding admission to this emphasis contact the Department of Technology.	College of Engineering	Department of Engineering Technology	Engineering Technology	Applied Manufacturing Technology
The School of Art and Design limits the number of students admitted to the major in art and design education (B.S.Ed), educator licensure. Students must present an art education entrance portfolio consisting of studio work and appropriate art education materials to the art education faculty at the end of the semester in which they are enrolled in ARTE 200 and pass the portfolio review for admission into the licensure program. Students must receive a grade of C or better in all major course requirements. Students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA in all NIU and transfer courses to enroll in art education courses. They must have a minimum of 2.50 GPA in all NIU courses to obtain entitlement for educator licensure in the state of Illinois. Candidates who successfully complete the program and pass the state mandated Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) will have completed all required ISBE and CAEP standards for receiving university recommendation for licensure. Successful completion of the program without receipt of a passing score on the state-mandated Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) may result in the candidate receiving a degree without university recommendation for licensure.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Art and Design	B.S. in Ed.	Art and Design
A portfolio review is required for admission into the major in art studio and design (B.F.A.) after completion of designated courses in the chosen field of study. Check departmental information for any additional requirements.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Art and Design	B.F.A.	Art Studio and Design

The total number of students accepted into a computer science major is limited by the available resources and is competitive in relation to requirements for declaration. Transfer students compete with other transfer students for admission to the departmental emphases, and nontransfer NIU students compete with other nontransfer NIU students. All students wishing to be formally admitted into one of the computer science emphases must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours with a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale including the following courses. *ENGL 103, Rhetoric and Composition I (3), and OR *ENGL 203 - Rhetoric and Composition II, Research Writing in the Domains (3), OR *ENGL 204 - Rhetoric and Composition, Accelerated Researched Writing in the Domains (3), if placed in ENGL 204 OR pass the writing foundational studies II Examination (0) *MATH 206, Introductory Discrete Mathematics (3), and *MATH 211, Calculus for Business and Social Science (3), OR *MATH 206, Introductory Discrete Mathematics (3), and *MATH 229, Calculus I (4), OR *MATH 229 and MATH 230, Calculus I and II (8) CSCI 240, Computer Programming in C++ (4) Once admitted to the major, a student must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA in computer science courses. Students currently enrolled at NIU who have completed the above requirements are eligible to apply for admission to the major. Applications for admission to the department must be filed at the computer science departmental office. Unless the student meets all requirements for admission into the major at the time they submit their application, responses will be sent after the completion of the current term. Transfer students must seek departmental advisement at orientation or just prior to the beginning of their first semester on campus. For all students not yet admitted into the major, the department will advise them when to declare, and they will be given access to appropriate computer science courses prior to their formal admission into the program.	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Department of Computer Science	All	Computer Science
All applicants (freshmen and transfers) must be eligible for admission to the university. In addition, applicants for the B.F.A. design and technology emphasis must pass a portfolio review. Contact the School of Theatre and Dance as early as possible for information.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Theatre and Dance	B.F.A.	Design and Technology Emphasis

All applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certification, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associate's degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the applicant is working or attempting to work. Contact the College of Health and Human Sciences advising office or visit niu.edu/ora for the application forms.	College of Health and Human Services	School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions	All	All
The School of Health Studies limits the total number of students admitted to the medical laboratory sciences major depending upon resources available. This limitation applies to all applicants seeking admission to the medical laboratory sciences major. Students may enter the professional program only in the fall semester. The admission requirements outlined below are subject to revision based on an annual review. Applications are reviewed for completion of prerequisites and all general education requirements must be satisfied prior to the beginning of the first semester of the clinical experience. To be considered for admission to the medical laboratory sciences major, students must be admitted to NIU and have completed or be in the process of completing a minimum of 11 of the prerequisite courses listed below. Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA, letters of recommendation, and personal goal statement. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a program advisor before enrolling to determine whether prior course work satisfies prerequisites. For applicants with prerequisite courses in progress, admission is provisional with the expectation that students selected for admission must have completed all of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. BIOS 208, Fundamentals of Biology I (3), and BIOS 210, Fundamentals of Biology I Laboratory (1) BIOS 209, Fundamentals of Biology II (3), and BIOS 211, Fundamentals of Biology II Laboratory (1) BIOS 213, Introductory Bacteriology (3), OR BIOS 313, Microbiology (4) BIOS 357, Human Anatomy and Physiology (5) *CHEM 210, General Chemistry I (3), and *CHEM 212, General Chemistry Laboratory (1) *CHEM 211, General Chemistry II (3), and *CHEM 213, General Chemistry Laboratory II (1) CHEM 310, Introductory Organic and Biological Chemistry (3) CHEM 311, Introductory Organic and Biological Chemistry (1) *STAT 100, Basic Statistics (3) All students who meet the above requirements will be required to	College of Health and Human Services	School of Health Studies	Medical Laboratory Sciences Major	All

submit a completed medical laboratory sciences program application; provide a brief written goal statement and explanation of why the medical laboratory sciences major was chosen; and provide two letters of recommendation from science instructors or healthcare supervisors who are familiar with the applicant's classroom and/or laboratory abilities. Students interested in the MLS major may access application materials on the website; http://www.chhs.niu.edu/mls. Applicants must submit the required materials by February 1. Notification of medical laboratory sciences program admission status will be made by March 1. Additional applications may be considered before May 1 based upon space availability with notification made by June 1. Students who are admitted to the MLS program and choose to attend NIU are required to have a Hepatitis B titer by blood test prior to beginning the program.				
Applicants must pass an audition and may be required to complete a music theory and aural skills diagnostic test for admission to the School of Music. Music applicants should submit application materials to the Office of Admissions and contact the School of Music, Music Building 140, as early as possible for audition and testing information.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Music	Music Majors	All
The School of Nursing limits the total number of students admitted to the program depending on the resources available. This limitation applies to all applicants seeking admission to the nursing major. Nursing applicants must achieve a grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses. Admission is competitive and is based on a comprehensive admission profile. Freshmen will be reviewed once a year for admission, current NIU and transfer applicants will be reviewed twice a year for admission.Registered nurse students may enter the program in either the fall, spring, or summer semester. Admitted students are required to obtain school advisement at orientation. Applicants new to the university must have submitted all application materials to the Office of Admissions by the deadline for the semester they apply. Current NIU students should submit all application materials to the nursing program by the deadline for the semester they apply. Any applicant who has had an extended absence from postsecondary course work or who is attempting a second baccalaureate degree may petition the nursing program for special consideration in the admission review process.	College of Health and Human Services	School of Nursing	Nursing Major	All

To be admitted to and remain in the nursing program, students must meet academic requirements and possess the skills listed as "Essential Performance Components" in the School of Nursing section of this catalog.

All students who are admitted to the nursing program are admitted provisionally until they have provided proof of meeting the clinical requirements outlined in the Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook. Full admission to the nursing program is required to enroll in nursing courses. All nursing majors are required to submit proof of having met clinical requirements when requested and must maintain clinical requirements for continued enrollment in the nursing major. The Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook contains additional policies related to admission and progression through the nursing program.

If a previously admitted NIU nursing student is readmitted to the nursing program, any NIU nursing courses completed five years prior to readmission must be repeated. Nursing courses completed more than five years prior to admission will need to be retaken to meet the major requirements.

Freshmen

Admission is competitive and will be based on such factors as previous academic performance and high school rank. An established GPA at NIU may be a factor considered in admission decisions. Applicants new to the university must indicate interest in the nursing program on the application for admission to the university. Applications for admission must be filed at the Office of Admissions. To be considered for admission to the nursing major, freshman applicants must have submitted all application materials to NIU by January 15. Highly qualified freshmen applicants with a high school GPA of 3.75 or greater, who complete the admission processes may be considered for direct admission to the nursing program.

Current NIU Students

Current NIU student applicants are defined as those who have earned 24 or more post secondary semester hours and must have an established NIU GPA with a minimum of 12 hours that apply to the student's major, minor, or general education requirements. Current NIU students will be reviewed as a separate applicant pool.

By the application deadline, current NIU students must submit a nursing application. All prerequisites must be completed in order to start the program. BIOS 103/105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110/1110, ENG 203, STAT 100 must be completed prior to application. Applications that do not have these will not be considered. Students must have an NIU pre-requisite GPA and an overall/cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 to be considered for admission. Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA and the number of prerequisites completed.

Transfer Students

Transfer and re-entering applicants to the university with 24 or more post-secondary semester hours, who are not registered nurses, will be considered transfer applicants. Transfer applicants are reviewed as a separate applicant pool.

By the application deadline, transfer applicants must have submitted all application materials to NIU. Transfer applicants must have all current transcripts at NIU. All prerequisites must be completed in order to start the program. BIOS 103/105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110/1110, ENG 203, STAT 100 must be completed prior to application. Applications that do not have these will not be considered. Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA and the number of prerequisites completed. Student must have pre-requisite GPA and an overall/cumulative GPA of at least 2.75. Additional transfer applications may be considered based on space availability for fall and spring semesters.

Prerequisite courses used in evaluating applicants
*BIOS 103, General Biology (3) and *BIOS 105, General Biology Laboratory (1)
OR BIOS 208, Fundamentals of Cellular Biology (3) and BIOS 210, Fundamentals of Cellular Biology Laboratory (1)
BIOS 213, Introduction to Bacteriology (3), OR BIOS 313, Microbiology (4)
BIOS 357, Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
*CHEM 110, Chemistry (3), and CHEM 111, Chemistry Laboratory (1),
OR *CHEM 210, General Chemistry I (3), and *CHEM 212, General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
*ENGL 203 - Rhetoric and Composition II, Research Writing in the Domains (3), OR
*ENGL 204 - Rhetoric and Composition, Accelerated Researched Writing in the Domains (3)
*HDFS 280, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3), OR *PSYC 225,

Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
*NUTR 201, Human Nutrition (3)
*PSYC 102, Introduction to Psychology (3)
*STAT 100, Basic Statistics (3), OR STAT 200, Elementary Statistics (4)
 	
The following prerequisite courses must be completed within seven years of admission to the nursing program: BIOS 213 or BIOS 313; and BIOS 357.
 	
BIOS 103/105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110/111, ENG 203, STAT 100 must be completed prior to application.
 	
A failed pre-requisite course (D, F, WD) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher. The highest grade will be used for GPA calculation.
 	
Application Deadlines:
For Fall admission, applications will open on 11/1 and all materials need to be submitted and received by NIU by 11/15.
For Spring admission, applications will open on 4/1 and all materials need to be completed and received by NIU School of Nursing by 6/15.
Registered Nurses
R.N. students will be considered for admission as soon as the NIU application process is complete.
 	
Admission requirements are
 	
- Admission to NIU as a regular degree-seeking student.
- An active and unencumbered registered nurse license.
- Evidence of meeting one of the following, within the past five years:
  - employment as a registered nurse
  - graduation from an approved associate degree nursing program
  - completion of an approved refresher course
- consent of the program
- GPA from a college or university consistent with the standards required by the NIU nursing program.
 	
Students in the RN-B.S. option may not take NURS 493 until fully admitted to the nursing program.			

Admission to the Visual Communication program is limited. The total number of students accepted will be determined by available resources on a year by year basis. Successful candidates must meet the following conditions: i) be admitted to the university, ii) have a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale for all courses including transfer courses, iii) interview with the Visual Communication faculty selection committee, iv) submit a portfolio of work that meets the admission criteria for the program. The interview and portfolio will be used to determine which students are admitted. Visual Communication applicants should check the School of Art and Design website or contact the School of Art and Design Main Office, Art Building 216 for detailed information.	College of Visual and Performing Arts	School of Art and Design	Visual Communication	All

	General	Colleges	Departments	Programs	Majors
Links					
Course Recommendations					
Links					

List all required and recommended courses for undergraduate admissions that you <u>will add</u> for 2025-2026 AY.					
	General	**Colleges**	**Departments**	**Programs**	**Majors**
2025-2026 New Course Requirements	N/A				
2025-2026 New Course Recommendations	N/A				