



North Central College



Chicago Skyline

North Central College International Student Guide

Naperville, Illinois, just 30 minutes from Chicago



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Scenic North Central campus
Naperville, Illinois

Safe. *The campus is located in a residential neighborhood of Naperville, Illinois—a city with one of the lowest crime rates in the country.*

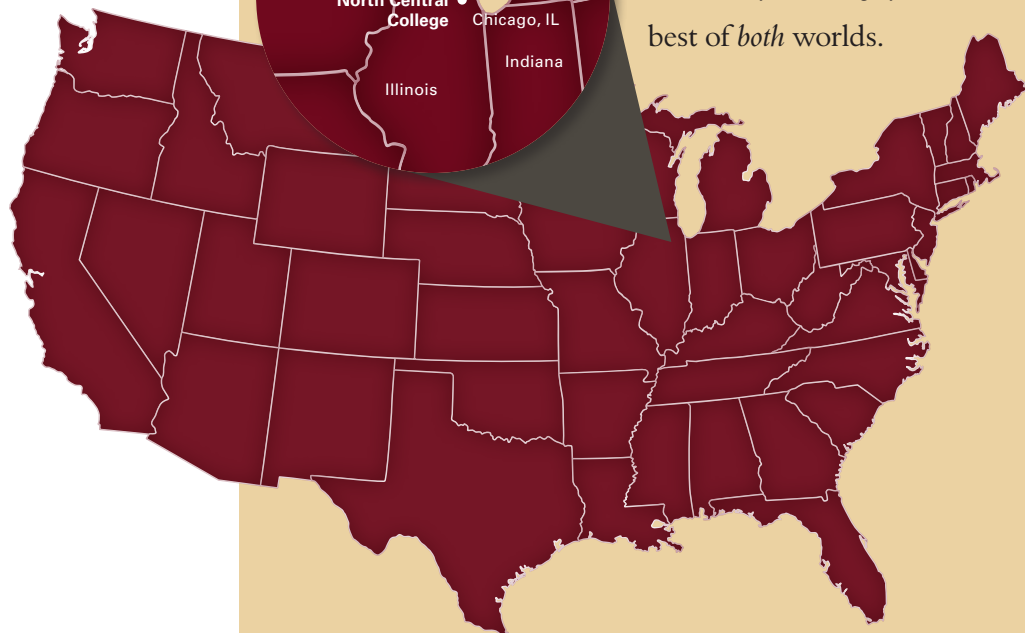
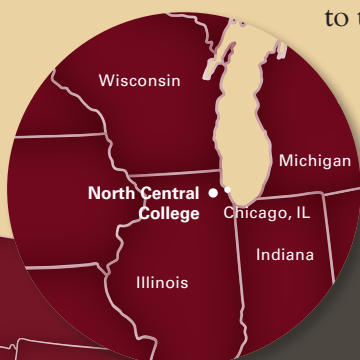


Downtown Chicago, Illinois

Where in the World?

Founded in 1861, North Central is a private, four-year Master's university of the liberal arts offering Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees in more than 55 areas of study as well as seven Master's degree programs.

North Central students enjoy a traditional campus experience in Naperville, Illinois, with easy access to the city of Chicago and its cultural, social and internship opportunities. At North Central, you'll enjoy the best of *both* worlds.



Naperville, Illinois

This safe, friendly city of more than 142,000 has been ranked as one of the “best places to live” in the United States by Money Magazine. North Central's beautiful 65-acre residential campus is located in a National Historic District just a two-minute walk from stores, banks, restaurants, parks and coffee shops. Easily reached by car, bus or train, Naperville is 45 kilometers from downtown Chicago (30 minutes by train) and only 30 minutes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

The Chicago area
enjoys four distinct seasons: hot summers, crisp autumns, snowy winters and mild springs.

Temperatures range
from 34°C in July and August to -23°C in January and February.

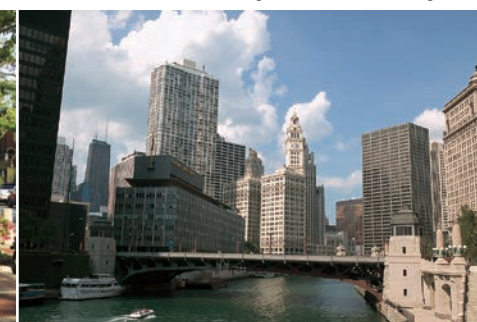
Chicago, Illinois

Home to three million people from around the world, Chicago offers practically unlimited cultural opportunities—from world-renowned museums and theaters to annual events like the Chicago Jazz Festival. Students can participate in Chicago Term courses and internships as well as outings to Chicago's neighborhoods, sporting events, festivals and theaters. The train station to downtown Chicago is just a short walk from campus, and a 30-minute train ride will take you to the heart of this exciting city.

Shops in downtown Naperville, Illinois



Chicago River, downtown Chicago, Illinois





What Do Others Say About North Central?

As an independent, comprehensive university affiliated with the United Methodist Church, North Central is known nationally for excellence in teaching and for the quality of its faculty and students.

Research: North Central offers prized *Richter Independent Study Fellowship grants*. These grants award students up to \$5,000 to undertake independent research projects.

- North Central is recognized as one of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report.
- Editors of the online Princeton Review identify North Central as one of the “Best in the Midwest” based on surveys collected directly from students.
- Peterson’s Competitive Colleges guide includes North Central among institutions “for high achieving students.”
- North Central is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



Yen Do

Majors: Finance and Global Studies

Home Country: Vietnam

What You Like Best About North Central:

The classes are small so you are able to build strong relationships with the professors and fellow students.

Advice to New Students: Become involved with student organizations. I have enjoyed my college life to the fullest thanks to the valuable friendships and connections I have developed.

Jack Shindler
Director of International Programs
Professor of English

“We firmly believe that one of the best ways to help the North Central community understand and appreciate other cultures is through person-to-person connections with international students. We welcome you to our campus—not only to learn with us but to teach us about the world we all share.”



Why Choose North Central?

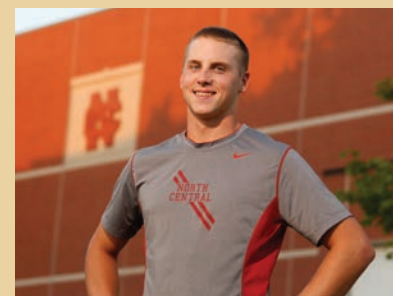
Location - North Central’s safe, suburban campus is just a five-minute walk from both the train station and the Naperville city center. Our students enjoy convenient access to cultural activities, internships and research opportunities in both Naperville and Chicago.

Research - North Central provides undergraduate students with outstanding access to research opportunities - both on and off campus. As a result, we’re among the top 5 percent of all institutions in the United States for schools producing accepted proposals for the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Teaching - *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized North Central for the quality of undergraduate teaching. No graduate assistants teach here. Small classes and a low student-to-faculty ratio allow you to get to know your professors.

Support - North Central provides new international students with airport pickup and orientation as well as with a student mentor and a friendship family in the community. With an academic advisor, an international student advisor, and a full range of student services and organizations, you’ll always know where to go for support.

Scholarships - North Central offers International Scholarships of up to \$20,000/year to qualified undergraduate international students.





Areas of Study: Preparing for Your Future

To graduate with a B.S. or B.A. degree, you must earn a minimum of 120 total credit hours over approximately four years of study. In the process you must complete the requirements of at least one major as well as the liberal arts core curriculum. The liberal arts core encourages international perspectives and develops critical thinking, communication and leadership skills equal to the challenges of the 21st century.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Programs (Bachelor's Degrees)

Accounting

- Certified Management Accountant
- Certified Public Accountant
- Corporate

Actuarial Science
 Anthropology
 Applied Mathematics
 Art
 Art Education
 Art History
 Athletic Training
 Biochemistry
 Bioinformatics*
 Biology
 Broadcast Communication
 Business
 Chemical Microscopy†
 Chemistry
 Chinese
 Classical Civilization
 Coaching*
 Communications
 Computer Science
 Conflict Resolution*
 Dance*
 East Asian Studies

- China
- Japan

 Economics
 Education
 Elementary Education
 Engineering (dual-degree)
 English Studies
 English Language Learning*
 Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management

Environmental Studies*
 Exercise Science
 Finance
 French
 Gender and Women's Studies*
 German
 Global Studies

- Developing States
- East Asia
- Europe
- International Business
- International Relations

 Graphic Arts
 Health Education*
 History
 History of Ideas*
 Human Resource Management
 Interactive Media Studies

- Graphic Art
- Interactive Media Technology
- Convergent Media

 International Business
 Japanese
 Jazz Studies
 Journalism
 Leadership*
 Liberal Studies
 Management
 Management Information Systems*
 Marketing
 Mathematics
 Music

- Instrumental
- Jazz Studies
- Vocal

 Music Education

- Choral
- Instrumental

Musical Theatre
 Neuroscience*
 Nuclear Medicine
 Technology‡
 Organizational Communication
 Philosophy
 Physical Education
 Physics
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Radiation Therapy‡
 Religious Studies
 Secondary Education
 Social Change Leadership*
 Social Science/History
 Sociology

- Community Studies
- Criminal Justice

 Spanish
 Speech Communication
 Sport Management
 Theatre
 Urban and Suburban Studies*
 Wellness*

Pre-Professional Programs

Health Sciences

- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Podiatry
- Veterinary Medicine

 Law
 Medicine

Graduate Programs (Master's Degrees)

Business Administration (M.B.A.)
 Education (M.A.)

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Leadership and Administration

 International Business (M.I.B.A.)
 Leadership Studies (M.Ld.)

- Higher Education
- Professional
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Sports

 Liberal Studies (M.A.)

- Culture and Society
- Ethics and Public Service
- Writing, Editing and Publishing

 Management Information Systems (M.S.)
 Web and Internet Applications (M.S.)

Five-Year Bachelor's/ Master's Degree Programs

Business Administration (C.P.A./M.B.A.)
 Leadership Studies
 Liberal Studies
 Web and Internet Applications

*Minor only

† Not available to students in F-1 status



Some past internships for North Central students include:

Grace Muganda
Major: Biochemistry
Interned at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Carolina Hirsch
Majors: Entrepreneurship and International Business
Interned on a three-person team seeking a Mexican distributor for a U.S. elevator company

Joe Antonocci
Majors: Accounting, Finance and Economics
Interned in the corporate audits department at Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Student Services

Office of International Programs (OIP)

Experienced staff provide an orientation program for all new students, immigration advising, ongoing cross-cultural counseling, opportunities to connect with both U.S. and other international students and much more. We match you with current student mentors to assist in your adjustment to life in the United States. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/international.

Career Development

Career advisors will help you define and develop your career goals, write a résumé, practice interviewing, apply to graduate school, or identify internships and jobs that will further your career. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/careers.

Academic Support Services

You will have the support of a faculty academic adviser throughout your course of study. In addition, you have access to both group and individual tutoring. If you would benefit from additional assistance with your English skills, tutoring and ESL services are available. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/support-services.

Dyson Wellness Center

The Dyson Wellness Center is available to all students and offers walk-in nursing, physician care, counseling and limited pharmacy services during the academic terms. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/dyson.



Campus Life: Community

Activities, Organizations and Leadership

There are more than 60 student organizations and activities to choose from. You determine your level of involvement in campus life. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/clubs.

International Club

Students from around the world come together to learn about each other's cultures, plan activities and just have fun! Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/internationalclub.

Housing

Convenient and safe, our residence halls offer a variety of living arrangements and opportunities to meet other international and U.S. students. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/housing.

Dining Services

North Central offers five meal plan options and three dining areas on campus to suit every schedule and preference. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/dining.

Technology

Residence halls and classrooms are wired for easy connection to the campus-wide data network and Internet, and WiFi is available throughout the campus. Learn more at northcentralcollege.edu/technology.

Some of the most popular majors among North Central's international students are management, marketing, biology, psychology and accounting.

Admission

International Admission

North Central's International Admission staff is available to assist you throughout the application process—from your first question to the day you arrive on campus—and beyond. For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international.

Undergraduate Admission

International students may apply to North Central either as freshmen or as transfer students. There is no application fee for international applicants. You can start your application process by completing the online application form at northcentralcollege.edu/apply.

Additional materials required to complete the application process include:

- Official high school transcripts and certificate of graduation
- Official college or university transcripts for all university-level courses completed (transfer applicants)
- Evidence of English proficiency—official TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT score reports. Students transferring from a U.S. college or university may submit transcripts that include two English composition courses.

North Central can review your application based on the above materials. However, we may request—and do encourage—applicants to also submit the following:

- A personal essay
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor

TOEFL - Waiver Admission

Students who meet the academic requirements for admission but do not have the required level of English proficiency may apply for conditional undergraduate admission and enroll in North Central's English Language Institute.

Student Visa

Students who will need an I-20 form for an F-1 student visa must also submit financial support documentation verifying adequate funding to meet study and living expenses while in the United States. This includes:

- Declaration of Finances
- Original bank letter

North Central's academic calendar has three terms, which means you can start classes in September, January or March. Most new students begin in September.



North Central has been ranked in the top 20 in the Midwest among Best Universities - Master's by U.S. News & World Report for the past 15 years.

International Scholarships

North Central is pleased to offer scholarships for academically qualified undergraduate international students. **The International Scholarship ranges up to U.S. \$20,000 per year and is renewable.** For a complete listing of scholarships, see our website at northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international-scholarships.

Application Deadlines

North Central reviews applications on a rolling basis, which means there is no official application deadline. We recommend that international applicants submit their completed applications by the following dates to allow sufficient time for the review of supporting documents and the visa application process.*

TERM	APPLYING FROM WITHIN U.S.	APPLYING FROM OUTSIDE U.S.
Fall (September to November)	June 1	May 1
Winter (January to March)	November 1	September 1
Spring (March to June)	January 15	November 15

* Some scholarships have earlier deadlines for admission.

U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents Living Abroad

U.S. citizens and permanent residents living abroad may start the application process by completing the online application form at northcentralcollege.edu/apply. To complete the application, send official transcripts **and** ACT or SAT scores directly to North Central.

English Language Institute (ELI)

North Central also offers a full-time intensive English language program to prepare international students for admission to a U.S. college or university degree program. For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/admission/english-language-institute.

Graduate Admission

International applicants to North Central's Master's degree programs can also start their application process online. For complete information about how to apply to North Central's graduate programs, visit our website at northcentralcollege.edu/admission/international-graduate-admission.



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