

Know the foe...

Northern Illinois University



- Location: DeKalb, Illinois
- Founded: 1895 (as Northern Illinois State Normal School), upgraded to University status in 1957
- Enrollment: 18,042 (Fall 2017)
- President: Lisa C. Freeman
- Distance from University of Utah: 1,332 Miles

Popular Majors:

- Communication
- Psychology
- Accounting
- Nursing
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biology

This and That:

- ✓ Student-Faculty Ratio 15:1, based on 18,042 students and 1,177 faculty.
- ✓ 37% of incoming freshmen ranked in the top 25% of their high school by GPA (Fall 2017)
- ✓ 109 countries outside of the United States are represented within the student body.

Did you know that.....

- ❑ **Norman Dovichi**, Grace Rupley Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame received his Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois in 1976 and his PhD from the University of Utah in 1980. He has since received awards for being a distinguished alumni from both schools.
- ❑ Actress **Joan Allen**, a graduate of NIU, has won a Tony Award and been nominated for an Academy Award three times.
- ❑ Each University was the first member of their respective conference to play in a BCS bowl game (Utah in the 2005 Fiesta Bowl representing the Mountain West Conference, NIU in the 2013 Orange Bowl).
- ❑ Northern Illinois has a number of connections to ESPN. *Sportscenter* anchor **Nicole Briscoe** and **TJ Simers**, a panelist on *Around the Horn* in the early days of the show are both NIU graduates. **Lee Corso**, a panelist on *College Gameday*, coached at NIU prior to joining *Gameday*.