

# NIU Updates 2022-23



## 2022-23 NIU Visit Events

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**Huskie Kickoff:** Sept. 17

**Preview Days:** Oct. 10,  
Nov. 11 and Feb. 20

**Transfer Days:**  
Feb. 10 (virtual), March 3

**Admitted Student Days:**  
March 25, April 3, April 15,  
April 20 (virtual)

**Sharing the Dream  
Conference:** May 2023

## Programs and Partnerships

**NEW**

We've partnered with **Braven**, a nonprofit organization that empowers college students with the skills, networks, experience and confidence they need to land a strong job or internship. The UNIV 301 course became available this fall to transfer students and students in their second year at NIU.

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**NEW**

**Hope Chicago Program.** A partnership with Hope Chicago nonprofit organization, the innovative two-generation college scholarship program, is committed to investing \$1 billion over the next decade in postsecondary scholarships to Chicago Public School students and their parents.

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**Huskie Pledge Program.** For Illinois high school seniors graduating in spring with a 3.0 or above cumulative GPA or above and a family income at or below \$75,000. The program covers first-year tuition and general fees, and is renewable for up to four additional years.

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**Rockford Promise Program.** For eligible graduates of Rockford Public School District 205 (RPS 205) whose families reside within the city of Rockford limits. The program offers scholarships and/or grants to cover tuition costs and general fees.

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# By the Numbers\*

We welcomed our most diverse class in the history of the university this fall. These numbers help tell our story.

1,051

students are from outside Illinois and represent 49 states.

\*Numbers are based on fall 2022 enrollment.

56%

of our first-year students are first-generation college students.

70%

received merit scholarships.

Our first-year students started college with a class-average GPA of

3.42

40% received NIU's Huskie Pledge and paid no out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and general fees.

## Program Updates

### New Emphases

**Applied Management (B.S.):** Emphasis in Equity Leadership and Mentoring.

### Name Changes

**Program:** Applied Management (B.S.) (School of Public and Global Affairs) is now Public Service Leadership (B.S.) (School of Public and Global Affairs).

**B.A.:** From Art History to Art History and Visual Studies.

**Minor:** From Art History to Art History and Visual Studies.

**Certificate of Undergraduate Study:** From Inclusive Teaching Practices to Inclusive Practices.

**Accelerated Program:** From Accelerated B.A./J.D. Program in Art History and the College of Law to Accelerated B.A./J.D. Program in Art History and Visual Studies and the College of Law.

### New Licensure and Endorsement Specialization

Educator Licensure as a 5-12 Computer Science Specialist.

### New Certificates of Undergraduate Study

Digital Fabrication (School of Art and Design).

Grant Writing (the Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies).

### New Department

The Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences and the Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences merged and are now the Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

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