

First-Year Admitted Student Guidebook

2021-2022



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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Congratulations on your admission to North Park University! We're so glad you have chosen to make North Park your home for the next four years. This guidebook provides information that will assist you as you prepare to join us at NPU. You can find answers to your questions and use the checklist below to guide your next steps. As you are making your transition, don't hesitate to get in touch with our [Admissions Counselors](#) or [Student Engagement](#) team for any assistance you need

in understanding your transition and what life is like at North Park. Welcome to campus; we're so proud you're now a North Park Viking!

Mary K. Surridge

President

North Park University has been recognized for its committed implementation of high-impact educational practices, earning its title as one of the nation's Colleges of Distinction.

At the forefront of American higher education with a modern, student-centered approach to teaching, our students are engaged in their Christian faith in a city-centered, intercultural setting. Small class sizes, state-of-the-art facilities, and commitment to equipping students to lead lives of significance and service make North Park stand apart from other schools its size.

About Colleges of Distinction

Since 2000, the Colleges of Distinction website and guidebook have honored schools throughout the U.S. for their excellence in undergraduate-focused higher education. The cohort of schools in the Colleges of Distinction consortium distinguishes themselves through their focus on the undergraduate experience. The website and annual guidebooks provide dynamic college profiles, customized tools, and resources for students, parents, and high school counselors.

For more information visit our [website](#).



WHAT'S NEXT – NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST

□ Review “What’s Next” Checklist

Review [this list](#) with your admissions counselor to ensure all questions and concerns have been answered.

□ Join Your Facebook Group

Meet your future classmates through an exclusive Facebook group for newly admitted students by searching New North Parkers 2020-21 on Facebook. Use the hashtag #NewNorthParkers and follow us on Instagram @npuadmissions to connect with other students!

□ Reserve Your Spot: Pay Your Tuition Deposit

Your \$200 tuition deposit confirms your intention to enroll at North Park University, and it is a credit toward your first semester bill. You can pay this deposit via check or debit/credit card. To pay your deposit, use your application email and password to log in at www.northpark.edu/selfservice-admit.

□ Activate Your North Park Network Account

Once your tuition deposit is paid and processed, you will receive an email from North Park’s Information Technology Department with instructions on how to set up your North Park network account. After your network account is activated, you will be able to use your North Park email address, pay housing deposits, register for classes, and access other campus resources.

□ Attend Choose NPU Day

Attend a Choose NPU Day event on our campus. Check our [website](#) for more details.

□ Apply for Financial Aid – Complete the 2020-21 FASFA Online

To ensure you receive all the financial aid for which you may be eligible, be sure to complete the free application online at fafsa.gov using your FSA ID. If you are a dependent student, your parent will need to sign it too using his/her own FSA ID. Be sure to include our school code 001735.

□ Receive Financial Aid Package

After you receive your financial aid package, be sure to review your out-of-pocket cost with your admissions counselor. Be sure to speak with your high school guidance counselor about additional scholarship opportunities for which you may apply.

□ Attend a Registration Day

In order to register for classes, you must attend a Registration Day event on our campus. Check our [website](#) for scheduled days that work best with your schedule.

□ Complete College Student Inventory

To help your faculty and staff get to know you and what your needs as a student might be, North Park asks all incoming first-year students to complete a 20-minute online inventory before classes begin in the fall.

This College Student Inventory is designed to help us develop a sense of who you are and what specific skills we can help you work on. Your answers to the questions will generate a personalized report that tells us a little bit about your academic motivation (study habits, confidence in communication, how you feel about educators), how you handle school stress, and what sorts of support services you might find useful. Our goal in gathering this information is solely to help you in your transition and to point you to some great things North Park has to offer.

□ Arrange for Housing/Commuting Options

Every student **must** complete either a [housing application](#) or [commuter application](#). You are eligible to apply for on-campus housing only after you have been accepted and at least 24 hours after you have paid your tuition deposit. To apply:

- Pay your \$250 housing deposit.
- After you have paid your housing deposit, housing information and instructions are sent to deposited students beginning in February (for the fall semester) and October (for the spring semester).
- You will receive an on-campus housing assignment after you have registered for your first-semester courses.
- If you are not planning to live on campus, you will need to complete the commuter application.

□ Pay Your First Bill

North Park will send the first e-bill to the student’s North Park email address for the fall semester around July 1st and again in early December for the spring semester. All traditional undergraduate students will automatically be set up on a monthly payment plan to pay off the semester balance. If you do not wish to be on a monthly payment plan, students must pay their bill in full by the published deadline. Visit www.northpark.edu/paymentoptions to learn more.

□ How Do You Make A Payment on Your School Account?

Using your North Park username and password, log into Self Service, www.northpark.edu/selfservice, and choose Student Finance from the main menu to make a payment.

□ Submit Your Medical Information

After you have paid your tuition deposit, you'll receive a immunization record form that you must complete and return to the University no later than August 1st for the Fall Semester and December 1st for the Spring Semester. If you are participating on one of our intercollegiate athletic teams, you **must also** complete the **pre-participation packet** and return it to the athletic training office.

□ Read our Student Handbook and Review our Safe Community Initiatives

All members of North Park's community have rights and responsibilities. Make sure you know what is expected of you as a student—you'll be held accountable to the standards laid out in the Student Handbook and [University Catalog](#).

North Park University is committed to creating a safe and nurturing community for all students. Take a moment to explore the many resources we make available to our students, from a nighttime shuttle service to a safety app for your smartphone. Both of these initiatives—and more—are part of our Safe Community initiatives. Prior to each fall semester, we also provide two online programs with important information to keep you safe and healthy at North Park University. More information about these programs, AlcoholEdu for College and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates, will be sent in the spring and summer.

[Download the handbook from our website.](#)

You can also download the LiveSave app. LiveSave is a free personal safety mobile app for colleges. Students, campus employees, parents, and the community can use this to engage in a two-way conversation with our Campus Safety and Security Office, even when it's not safe to make a voice call. Users can quickly and easily contact 9-1-1 or North Park's security team to get help or report suspicious or unsafe activity. (You can download it from the App Store or get it from Google Play.)

□ RSVP & Attend Threshold–New Student Orientation

Threshold–New Student Orientation is Friday, August 27 to Sunday August 29, 2021.

□ Start Classes!

The first day of classes is Monday, August 30, 2021.

► [For complete details to the checklist, please visit our website for links.](#)



FINANCIAL AID – UNDERSTANDING YOUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

Student Administrative Services houses Financial Aid and Student Accounts. They handle all aspects of payment, student records, transcripts, graduation requirements, student IDs, UPASS and forms. They also enforce FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. As of the first day of classes, North Park cannot release any information about a student's educational record without the permission of the student, which is provided via the **FERPA Form**. Student Administrative Services is located in the center of campus in the Student Services Building. Just like registration, student billing and financial aid calculations at North Park University, for all programs, is done on a semester-basis. Your bill will show your full applicable tuition amount, as well as any pending financial aid that lowers your balance. You can always review your current balance and make payments online through Self Service, www.northpark.edu/selfservice.

Financial Aid provides funds to help students and families pay for a college education. The primary responsibility to pay for a student's education lies with students and their parents. If you have been accepted at North Park, a package will be created for you. The financial aid package you receive will outline the most financial aid that North Park University can provide for you based on your test scores, GPA, talent scholarship applications, and FAFSA information. While it will likely not cover your full cost of attending North Park, we can offer you information on other options you may have for additional loans or a payment plan.

Applying For Financial Aid

- What:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
When: As soon as possible on or after October 1 each year
Why: To determine your family's expected contribution to your college costs and your eligibility for need-based financial assistance
How: www.fafsa.gov; North Park's federal school code is 001735

What's in a Financial Aid Package?

First-Year Academic Scholarships

When you apply you will automatically be considered for academic merit scholarships, based on your academic performance in high school. Most don't require any special application. You'll be notified by the Admissions Office if you qualify for one of these awards.

Grants

Grants are need-based and are funded by the federal government, the State of Illinois (MAP) and/or North Park University. They are a gift and do not need to be paid back. Students must complete the FAFSA to be awarded any need-based federal, state, or institutional grants. Learn more at www.northpark.edu/grants.

Federal Government

- The Federal Pell Grant provides aid based on financial need.
- The Federal SEOG provides supplemental funds to students with high financial need.
- Direct Student Loans provide low-interest loans at a fixed rate. If you qualify for a **Subsidized Stafford Loan**, the government will pay the interest on your loan while you are a student. **Unsubsidized Stafford Loans** accrue interest through the life of the loan (as soon as it is disbursed), but you are not required to make interest payments while in school.
- The **Parent PLUS Loan** for Dependent Students provides loans to parents to help cover the costs of their student's education.

Learn more at www.northpark.edu/loans.

Other Options

You can search for outside scholarships online via sites such as: www.scholarships.com and www.fastweb.com.

You can bring scholarships with you from employers, religious and civic organizations, among other organizations.

The U.S. Department of Education also provides general resources and information about student aid options. Learn more at www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Work Opportunities

- **Federal Work-Study** is a government-funded campus employment program available to students who demonstrate financial need, as determined by the FAFSA.
- **Campus Jobs** – Any student is eligible to apply for a non-work-study job once they arrive on campus.
- **Chicago Work Opportunities** – One of the many advantages of being a student in Chicago is having access to work opportunities in the city.

On- and off-campus job postings can be found online on the [Career Hub](#).

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

Information about the federal student loans for which you are eligible will be included in your financial aid package. If you have never borrowed Federal Stafford Loans before, then there are a few steps to take before your loan(s) can be processed and applied to your account.

- You will need to complete a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- You will also need to receive Direct Loan Entrance Counseling, which is an exercise that will explain your rights and responsibilities as a student loan borrower. Both of these items are completed online at studentloans.gov using your FSA ID. We will be notified electronically when you have completed both of these documents.

PLUS Loan Information

The PLUS Loan is a loan that your parent can borrow on your behalf. The funds are borrowed in your parent's name. The Parent PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note are completed online at studentloans.gov.

To expedite the processing of your parent's loan, we recommend that your parent determine how much s/he would like to borrow for the full year (fall/spring; a loan period of August through May) when applying for his/her loan. Though we bill for one semester at a time, your parent can double what you owe for the fall term to estimate what s/he will need for the entire academic year. Interest will only accrue on the funds that have been disbursed, NOT on the amount that has been requested. If, at any point, your parent would like to change the amount of his/her PLUS Loan, s/he must complete the PLUS Loan Change Form, which can be found on our website, www.northpark.edu/faforms.

- Be advised that there is a 4.248% origination fee on all PLUS Loans.
The current interest rate on the PLUS Loan is 7.6%.
- Please note interest rates and origination fees are subject to change.



Net Price Calculator

Consult the Net Price Calculator to see a basic estimate of the annual costs you can expect.

► northpark.edu/calculator

STUDENT SUCCESS

Your Success is Our Story. Students define success differently. The Student Success team helps students maximize their academic potential and reach their personal goals through a range of programs and services, regardless of personal background. Our goal is to help students develop skills and plans to graduate in a timely manner while engaging with the North Park community.

Student Success supports student learning through academic advising, major declaration, first-year student resources, cohort programming, disability resources, and other academic assistance services. North Park University's orientation program, Threshold, flows seamlessly into our First Year Experience, to make your transition to North Park as smooth as possible. Learn more about these programs and how they can help you get ready for a great first year by checking our [website](#).



EXPLORE. PREPARE.

ACHIEVE. THRIVE.

Resources & Programs

Disability Resources

North Park University seeks to provide an environment and community where each person may develop academically, socially, and spiritually. The University is committed to full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of university life. Support services and reasonable accommodations to aid students with disabilities are coordinated by the Division of Student Engagement and the Disability Access Specialist. The University is also willing to relocate programs, services, or activities and to make events accessible. If you are requesting disability accommodations, you will need to complete the preliminary survey, submit necessary documentation and schedule a meeting with our Disability Access Specialist. For more information, visit our website at www.northpark.edu/ada.

First-Year Cohorts

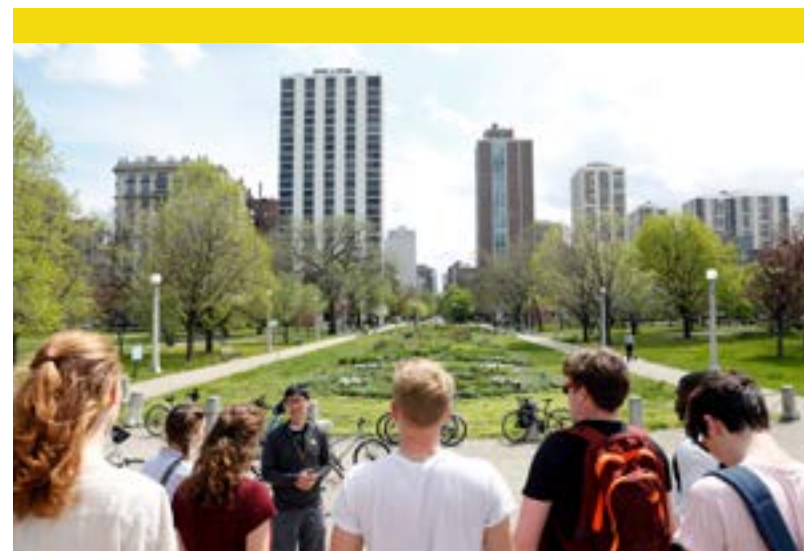
A cohort is a group of students with shared passion, purpose, or place, who come together to begin their first-year of college. At North Park, we believe that interdisciplinary experiences promote deeper learning. Our cohort programs provide collaborative learning communities for students to grow in their knowledge, skills, self-persistence, vocational pursuit, and community engagement. Cohorts bring students together to build support, relationships, leadership skills, and intercultural experiences. Here are some of the cohorts North Park offers:

- **Bottom Line** provides students with guidance on campus for up to six years. It ensures that students have the support they need to succeed in college and then in life. Support comes in many forms: academic, career, and personal.
- The **Catalyst 606__ Semester** is a program with classes and experiential learning experiences focused on the dynamic city of Chicago. Viewing the city through different lenses, disciplines, and perspectives, students serve and participate in activities throughout Chicago. Catalyst 606__ cultivates an ethos of civic inquiry and action that prepares students to pursue civic engagement and activism. The city-centered curriculum is tailored to address the urban context.
- **COMPASS** is an intensive nine-day program that helps pre-selected first-year students prepare for the academic and social challenges of college and adjust to life on campus. The program guides students through the course-selection and the degree-planning process and introduces support services available at North Park. COMPASS strengthens cultural awareness on campus, promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences, and encourages students to appreciate the cultural tapestry of the world. COMPASS helps students assess skills, interests, and values.
- **CRUX** is an intentional, transformational living-learning cohort here first-year students will experience Christ formed in them and participate in the revealed and unfolding kingdom of God.

- **Lighthouse** offers first-generation college students the tools to develop into urban leaders. Students receive advanced leadership and vocational development, academic and personal advising, and additional financial aid.
- The **Pre-Health Professions Boot Camp** includes classes, interactions with professors, and exploration of healthcare fields through community-based events. Participants will have the opportunity to discover traditional and new careers in the health industry through a multi-faceted educational approach that includes hands-on learning.
- The **Pritzker Access Scholarship** removes financial barriers students may have as an undocumented student. Whereas undocumented students aren't eligible for Pell or MAP grants, the Pritzker Access Scholarship gives students access to the same types of funds for their education.
- **OneGoal and North Park** collaborate to support students through the high school-to-college transition. Students receive support throughout the application and enrollment processes. That social, financial, and academic support continues through your first year of engaging and challenging college experiences. Participation in this program is coupled with a four-year scholarship.

Early Arrivals

You may be invited by your athletic team or cohort to arrive on campus prior to the start of classes. You are still responsible for participating in Threshold and taking necessary placement exams. You can work with your coach and/or cohort leader for more details.



Academic Services

Academic Advising

Students are invited to discuss their potential majors, as well as larger academic and life goals, with their assigned faculty advisors. North Park University professors are accessible and an invaluable source of academic assistance. If you are undecided on a major, no worries! We recommend you schedule an appointment with our Coordinator of Academic Advising or take a career assessment with our Career Development and Internships Office (CDIO). Staff can assist you as you explore various majors and careers. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (773) 244-5737.

Who Are Faculty Advisors?

When you arrive as a new student, North Park assigns you a faculty advisor based on the intended major you selected when you registered for your first-semester classes. We are confident that every North Park student can succeed academically, and your faculty advisor will help as you:

- Develop your overall academic strategies
- Identify and address any academic difficulties you may encounter
- Explore and declare a major field of study.

Peer Academic Assistance

- **One-on-One Tutoring** – Individual tutoring provides peer-assisted individual focused time for a student to grasp the subject material in a way that is most beneficial to them. Trained peer tutors provide additional explanation of difficult concepts and ideas from course material, assist students with preparing for class assessments, develop study skills, time-management, organization, etc., in an informal low stress environment where students feel supported and encouraged.
- **Supplemental Instruction (SI)** consists of regularly scheduled, out-of-class review sessions available to all students enrolled in a targeted course. Students review course content, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, prepare for examinations in the sessions, and learn how to integrate course content with reasoning and study skills. SI is a nationally recognized program developed by Deanna Martin, Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1972, that increases student performance and retention.

Writing Center

Student Success works in partnership with the North Park University Writing Center which provides free assistance to the university community through our drop-in center, specialized writing workshops, and one-on-one conferencing for all students enrolled in first-year Core Curriculum courses. Our undergraduate Writing Advisors are trained to respect the intellectual work and linguistic roots of all students. We aim to cultivate writing as a process and promote healthy, coordinated habits for writing and learning while providing a brave space where passion for language can be celebrated.

AP/Dual Credit Policy

If you have passed AP exams or have dual credits from high school, some of these credits may be applicable towards your intended major at North Park. It is recommended that you connect with your faculty advisor in the first few weeks of the semester to discuss any of these credits and their eligibility to be applied towards your intended major.

Dual Credit Transfer Policy

First-year students entering North Park University who have earned college credit as part of their high school curriculum (“dual credit”) are permitted to transfer credits following our standard transfer policies while maintaining their first-year status in consideration for merit-based scholarship awards and orientation-related activities, and registration for CORE 1000.

Students must enroll at North Park in the semester immediately following their high school graduation to be considered for first-year scholarships, and must submit their official college transcripts in order to receive transfer credit for those courses. Standard transfer credit guidelines apply; students must earn a D or higher to obtain North Park credit (C or higher for major coursework), and transfer credits will be applicable to the overall graduation requirement, but not necessarily the major requirement.

Declaring Your Major

All students are admitted to North Park as “undeclared majors.” North Park University encourages all undergraduates to declare a major by the end of their first year as a student. When students have decided which major they would like to pursue, they must formally go through the major declaration process only after they have completed at least one semester.

Academic Catalog

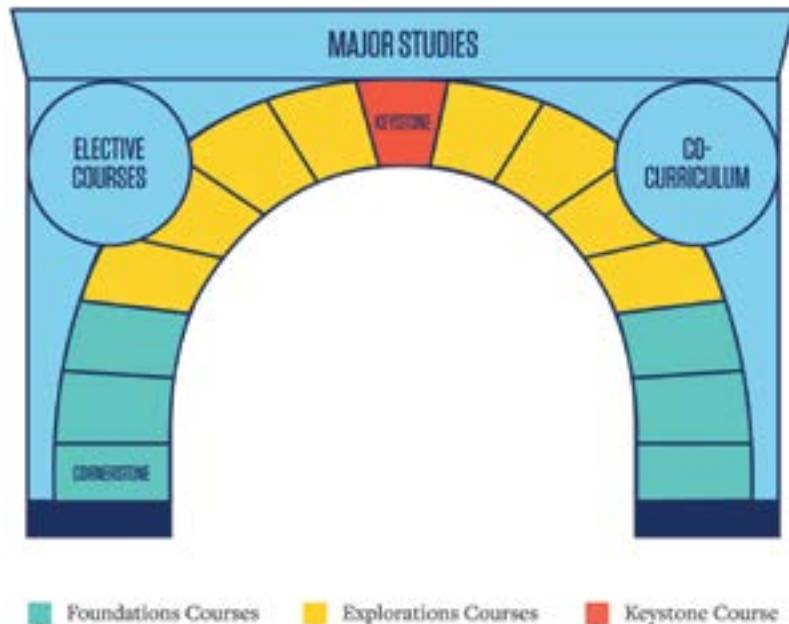
Except as otherwise noted in materials specific to a student’s particular program, all North Park students have the general rights and responsibilities outlined in the Academic Catalog and the Undergraduate Student Handbook.

Core Curriculum

A significant portion of our students' education will involve taking courses in the Core Curriculum. North Park has a rich liberal arts tradition and embraces the value of a broad education across many disciplines. Our Core Curriculum addresses the breadth of human engagement with the natural world, the arts, culture, and Christian faith.

Future employers are not simply looking for specialists; they want people who are adaptive, creative, and critical thinkers prepared to transfer their skills to new and unexpected contexts. Studies consistently show that to achieve long-term career success, employers recommend the balance of broad knowledge and specific skills offered by programs such as the Core Curriculum. The future job market and your own life interests are unpredictable. Aim to develop an ambidextrous mind so that you can flourish in any setting.

North Park symbolizes the Core Curriculum with an arch because the Core, like an arch, serves as a powerful support for your complete education. The arch also symbolizes the portal through which you pass to a future career as well as toward personal and social transformation. Our arch is based on a Chicago landmark designed by the famous architect Louis Sullivan. Sullivan's arch was completed in 1893, the same year as North Park's first graduating class. Once the grand entrance



to the Chicago Stock Exchange, the Sullivan arch is now located outside the Art Institute as a freestanding work of art, symbolizing the breadth of human culture from arts to science to commerce. Our Core Curriculum Arch will help you envision the wholeness and integrity of your North Park education.

- **The Foundations Curriculum** is organized around basic literacies, skills, and values foundational to a Christian Liberal Arts education. At the base of the Foundations Curriculum is the Cornerstone Seminar. This discussion-rich course, which emphasizes critical thinking and written communication, will also establish your first academic community here at North Park. In these classes, you will confront two of life's enduring questions: "Who am I?" and "What does it mean to be Human?"
- **Explorations Courses** – During the middle years of your studies, you will explore how to find your passion and advance your knowledge of the world. These courses will help you see the connections across disciplines and within your majors. Think of them as opportunities to explore new areas of knowledge, consider a double major, or simply learn a different angle on a problem that interests you. The subjects covered address the complexity of contemporary life and include courses in the life sciences, physical sciences, culture and society, Christian life and thought, the arts, and ethical reasoning.
- **Keystone Courses** – As juniors and seniors, you will be thinking about how to apply what you've learned to what comes next: a job, graduate or professional school, or another adventure. The Core Curriculum thus includes the Keystone Seminar [to be taken junior year]. Like the architectural keystone which links parts of an arch together, this course connects with what you've learned in your other core courses and helps you integrate different parts of your education to a life of service. These seminars ask, "How should I live responsibly in the world?" They also utilize community engagement in areas of intercultural dialogue, social justice, environmental stewardship, or human wellness.
- **Writing Curriculum** – North Park's Core Curriculum has a writing and research curriculum built right into it. Regardless of your major, integrating writing and research into your education not only helps you learn the material better but prepares you for your future career. In national surveys, employers consistently rank effective written communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving as the most important skills they want from college graduates. We have embedded writing and research instruction in key places throughout the Core Curriculum. This writing curriculum begins in Cornerstone, continues with 4 semester hours (sh) of Writing Intensive (WI) coursework and 4sh of Writing & Research (WR) coursework, and concludes with your Keystone seminar. WI and WR courses can be found among either courses within the Core Curriculum or courses in your major.



PARENT RESOURCES

Parents and family members play a vital role in the academic success of their students. We want to partner with you in their success. There may be times when you need support or assistance from North Park. We offer a number of avenues and ways you can stay connected:

Family Parent Calendar

Keep track of important dates throughout the academic year. You will also find helpful information to assist you in your expanded role as a mentor and coach for your college-age student.

You are able to sign up for our online communication by providing us your email address on the parent card distributed during Threshold or by e-mailing us at studentengagement@northpark.edu.

What's Happening on Campus

A quarterly publication during the University's academic year. It is designed to keep parents and families up-to-date about events on campus.

Family and Friends in Prayer

A weekly email sent to all parents and families who subscribe. This brief weekly prayer newsletter will cover general prayer needs of the campus.

WHAT ARE PLACEMENT EXAMS?

North Park University provides new students the opportunity to fulfill certain prerequisites or subject requirements through placement testing. All incoming students are encouraged to take placement tests in math and foreign language.

Modern Language

North Park's Core Curriculum requires undergraduate students to be proficient through the second semester course level in a language other than English. Traditionally, this is accomplished by taking two semesters of one modern language. If your primary language is something other than English you may fulfill the language requirement by taking the English language placement exam.

If English is the primary language spoken in your home country and your primary language of instruction in high school or beyond you have two basic options to fulfill the language requirement:

- The coursework at North Park to complete proficiency to the 1020 level of another language
- In the case you already know a language other than English, you may take a placement exam to prove proficiency in that language.

North Park offers exams in French, Spanish, Italian and German. These exams will be administered during Registration Days as well as Threshold.

If the language you know is not offered at North Park you can arrange to be tested by a qualified person at another four-year university. You would be responsible for any fees related to taking the exam or having the results posted to North Park. North Park works with Brigham Young University to proctor language exams here in the Center for Student Engagement. If you are interested in taking an exam with us, contact our office at (773) 244-5737 for detailed information.

State Seal of Biliteracy

Students who have received the State Seal of Biliteracy meet the modern language requirement (the 1010-1020 level of a second language) and will be exempt from the language placement test. Students wishing to continue their studies in the second language may still choose to take the placement test to see if they can place into an intermediate- or advanced-level class. Please note that no academic credit is awarded for meeting this curricular requirement by placement testing or the State Seal of Biliteracy.

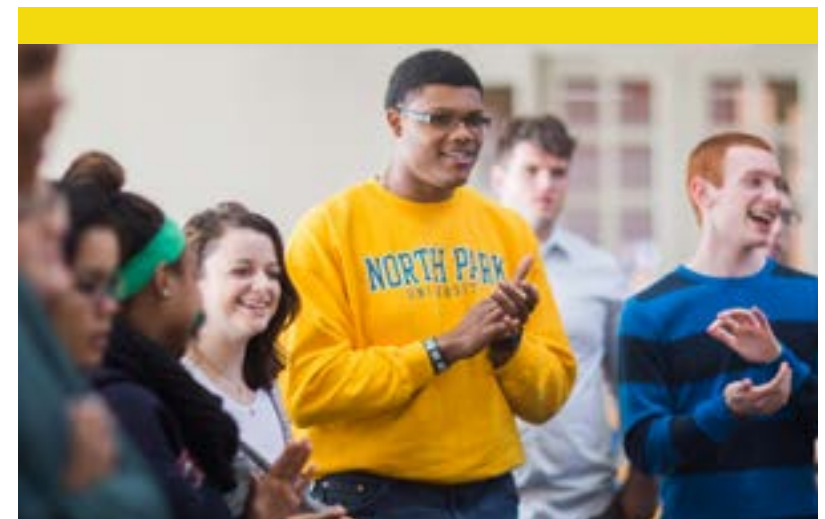
Mathematics

Math placement depends on your ACT/SAT math subscore as well as the intended major. Based on these factors you may need to take prerequisite courses prior to fulfilling the Core Curriculum and/or major requirements.

When you register for the first time at North Park, you will be informed of your math placement based on the above criteria. You may choose to challenge the math placement by taking the Math Challenge Test. You can not test backwards and place into a lower level course. The Math Challenge Test is offered during Registration Days, Threshold-New Student Orientation and/or at the beginning of each semester.

Writing

Students are allowed to take the Writing Challenge Exam if you wish to challenge placement in WRIT 1000. You will be placed into WRIT 1000 if your ACT English subscore is 18 or below or your SAT EBRW subscore is 510 or below.





STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – GETTING CONNECTED

Student Engagement is committed to helping prepare students to lead lives of significance and service by seeing the whole student. We strive to meet students where they are, facilitating opportunities for self-exploration and walking alongside students in their personal, professional, and spiritual growth. Learn more about these programs and how they can help you get ready for a great first year by checking our website. Check out [myNPU-Engage](#) for ways to get involved with registered clubs and organizations on campus.

Career Development and Internships Office

The Career Development and Internships Office (CDIO) staff walk alongside students from their prospective visits, throughout college, and into the workplace. The CDIO helps undergraduate students match their major and vocational goals, develop critical work skills, master professional branding, engage in a job search, and network with alumni and professionals. Some of the services offered are financial literacy resources, résumé development, internship identification/support, employer visits, interview preparation, Career Advantage (a professional preparation checklist) and Career Hub (job postings, resume reviews, Career Advantage tracking) CDIO encourages all new students to consider three first steps towards career preparation:

1. Login to the [Career Hub](#) and start your Career Advantage Pathway (a checklist of experiences and to-dos during your time at North Park).
2. Consider registering for ACSR-1030 Career Planning: a course that walks students through self-assessment, professional tools, and major and vocational exploration.
3. Set up an intro appointment with CDIO by emailing careers@northpark.edu.

The Office of Diversity aims to create a campus community that helps students of all backgrounds feel welcome, educates the campus about the intersections of difference and identity, and works to promote an inclusive campus culture. Participation in Diversity Office clubs, student success programming, and promoting student advocacy are just a few of the ways in which the Office of Diversity engages students to pursue lives of significance and purpose. As part of our mission to enable greater integration of in-class learning and student life, we invite you to get involved with one or more of these student groups:

- African Cultural Club
- Black Student Union
- East Asian Student Association
- Latin American Student Organization

- Middle Eastern Student Association
- Queers and Allies
- Rising DREAMERS United
- Scandinavian Student Association
- South Asian Student Association

Visit the Office of Diversity, located in Sohlberg Hall, to learn more about our Diversity Office clubs, student activities, and ways that you can become involved to help learn about, educate, and help promote diversity at North Park University!

The Office of International Affairs serves undergraduate, graduate, and exchange students coming from abroad to North Park or any students interested in studying abroad.

- **International Student Services** offers an array of services, including one-on-one visa advising, information about related immigration issues, and other support designed to meet the special needs of international students. We provide programming that fosters interactions between U.S. and international students, and assistance with transitioning to U.S. culture, the American classroom, and life on campus. Contact the Office of International Affairs and visit our website to learn about all the types of support we offer.
- **Study Abroad** for a week, a month, a quad, or even a full year! North Park offers 300+ programs in over 50 countries. Earn core, major, minor, or elective credit hours while exploring the world. Undergraduate students are eligible for study abroad after completing two semesters at North Park and maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA. Financial aid will apply to most study abroad programs. Find cost charts, program and scholarship information, and more on our website. Contact the Office of International Affairs to learn more about study abroad opportunities and start planning today!

myNPU-Engage – Student Life Portal myNPU-Engage is the hub for campus involvement opportunities. If you are interested in participating in Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), a complete list can be found on myNPU-Engage. Through their organization's page you can find more information about meetings, events, or joining the organization. If you're not sure what is going on at North Park, an updated calendar with the events and their sponsoring organization or department is available online! One of our favorite features of this platform for students is the "Involvement Transcript." Each student has an individual profile that catalogs your involvement experience as you join organizations, departments, or participate in events.

Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities provides North Park students with extra-curricular opportunities that develop leadership skills and values through the lens of faith, intercultural awareness, and social justice.

- **Campus Activities and Events** – The Office of Student Activities works with a student-led event planning team to facilitate campus-wide events on and off campus. These include North Park favorites such as the Viking Involvement Fair, Cram Jam, and the Boat Dance.
- **Threshold–New Student Orientation** – Threshold–New Student Orientation is a long standing NPU tradition with the purpose of welcoming students, families, and guests to our campus and community. We believe orientation plays an important role in marking the beginning of your academic journey at North Park University. As you cross the threshold into this collegiate experience, it is our hope you have opportunities to connect with people and identify resources to take with you on this college journey.
- **Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)** – A Registered Student Organization (RSO) is an entity initiated and directed by a group of current North Park students who share a common vision in promoting an extra-curricular or co-curricular mission that enriches campus or community life and personal development. North Park has a vibrant community of social, academic, and cultural student organizations. The Office of Student Activities and the Student Government Association (SGA) also recognize club sports as well as student-led media and publication organizations. See what they're up to by attending events, meetings, or being an active member of an organization. On **myNPU-Engage** you can view a complete list of our Registered Student Organizations via the **Organization Directory**, a list of **RSO Events and Activities** or, contact RSO officers directly through their organization page.

Student Health and Wellness

North Park is committed to caring for all students throughout their time on campus with resources including: Counseling Support, Health Services, Title IX resources, and the Wellness team.

- **Counseling Support** – Professional, licensed counselors, and those acting under the supervision of a licensed counselor provide free mental-health counseling to full-time students on a confidential basis.
- **Health Services** provides students with basic healthcare services and can refer students to Swedish Covenant for further care when necessary.
- **Safe Community** – North Park is committed to providing a safe community for students, faculty, and staff. We do not tolerate sexual violence, harassment, discrimination, or retaliation.
- **LiveSafe** is a free personal safety mobile app for colleges. Students, campus employees, parents, and the community can use this to engage in a two-way conversation with our Campus Safety and Security Office, even when it's not safe to make a voice call. Users can quickly and easily contact 9-1-1 or North Park's security team to get help or report suspicious or unsafe activity.

University Ministries

At North Park, we come from various backgrounds and beliefs, yet we share at least two common desires: to become all that we were created to be and to make a difference in the world. University Ministries is about transforming students to impact the world for God. We walk together as we all integrate our faith in God into the ways we learn and live. Pick one or more of our programs below to get involved. Students can get involved in various ministry opportunities:

- Deepen your faith and engage with our community at CollegeLife and Chapel. Serve the community by joining the worship arts ministry.
- Dive deeply into your faith and the community through the discipleship movement, life groups, and prayer.
- Experience cross-cultural journeys to explore your faith, worldview, and commitment to a lifestyle of justice through Global Partnerships.
- Programs of presence that invite you to engage the city, and inform you so that you may become inspired to effect change and transformation through Urban Outreach.
- Integrate faith into your sport and every aspect of your life as a student-athlete through our Athletic Ministries and Huddle gatherings.
- The Sankofa Experience at North Park University combines readings, films, classes and community meetings concerning social constructions of race and how they impact other identities.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS – PAYING FOR COLLEGE

As stated previously, Student Administrative Services houses both Financial Aid and Student Accounts. They are located in the center of campus in the Student Services Building, and have evening and weekend hours to serve you and your family to keep your account in good standing. Real time financial aid and student account information can also be found online through [Self Service](#).

Payment arrangements for the semester are due by the stated deadline.

Payment can be made in cash, check, e-check, and credit card. Be advised that there is a 2.5% processing fee on all card transactions.

Payment can be made online through [Self Service](#), by phone at (773) 244-5560, in person at Student Services, or by mail to 3225 W. Foster Ave., Box #9, Chicago, IL, 60625. International students can contact Student Administrative Services to obtain wire transfer information, records@northpark.edu.

If you are unable to pay the semester balance in full, we offer a monthly payment plan. There is a \$30/semester set-up fee, but no interest accrues on the balance throughout the semester. Download the Payment Plan Agreement Form from our website, www.northpark.edu/paymentoptions.



Check out the following examples of payment arrangements to help determine what will work best for you and your family:



SCENARIO 1:

Paying the balance, in full, by the tuition due date with an acceptable form of payment (check, echeck, debit card, credit card, or cash).

Tuition-College:	15,180.00
Technology Fee:	125.00
U-Pass Fee:	150.00
Room (shared) & Board (15 meals per week):	4,860.00
Less Financial Aid:	(16,315.00)
Balance Due:	\$4,000.00
Electronic Check Payment:	(4,000.00)
Ending Balance:	\$0.00



SCENARIO 3:

Paying the balance, in full, with either a Parent PLUS Loan or Private Loan.

Tuition-College:	15,180.00
Technology Fee:	125.00
U-Pass Fee:	150.00
Less Financial Aid:	(11,455.00)
Balance Due:	\$4,000.00
Parent PLUS Loan:	(4,000.00)
Ending Balance:	\$0.00



SCENARIO 2:

Paying the balance in monthly installments via a 6-month payment plan. In order for the plan to span 6 months, the first payment is due July 15 (for the fall term), and January 15 (for the spring).

Tuition-College:	15,180.00
Technology Fee:	125.00
U-Pass Fee:	150.00
Room (shared) & Board (15 meals per week):	4,860.00
Less Financial Aid:	(16,315.00)
Balance Due:	\$4,000.00
Payment Plan Enrollment Fee:	30.00
1st Monthly Payment:	(667.00)
2nd Monthly Payment:	(667.00)
3rd Monthly Payment:	(667.00)
4th Monthly Payment:	(667.00)
5th Monthly Payment:	(667.00)
6th Monthly Payment:	(665.00)
Ending Balance:	\$0.00



SCENARIO 4:

Paying the balance with the combination of a Parent PLUS Loan (or Private Loan) and a payment plan.

Tuition-College:	15,180.00
Technology Fee:	125.00
U-Pass Fee:	150.00
Less Financial Aid:	(11,455.00)
Balance Due:	\$4,000.00
Parent PLUS Loan:	(2,000.00)
Payment Plan Enrollment Fee:	30.00
1st Monthly Payment:	(335.00)
2nd Monthly Payment:	(333.00)
3rd Monthly Payment:	(333.00)
4th Monthly Payment:	(333.00)
5th Monthly Payment:	(333.00)
6th Monthly Payment:	(333.00)
Ending Balance:	\$0.00

RESIDENCE LIFE AND COMMUTER RESOURCES

Residence Life and Housing

Living on campus allows students to connect with a supportive community including classmates, Resident Assistants, and professional staff.

- **Campus Dining** – Our campus offers a dining hall, a grab-and-go shop in Viking Café, and an Einstein Bros Bagels location.
- **Common Areas** – North Park's campus is full of space for you to hang out with your friends. Whether you're looking for a room to work on a group project or want to hear your classmates' talent at an open-mic night!
- **Residence Halls, Apartments & Houses** – Most resident students live in residence halls their first year and second year, and then have options that include University-owned apartments and houses.

What Should Resident Students Bring to Campus?

We recommend roommates discuss what each should bring for shared living space.

Here are a few items **Not permitted**:

- Air conditioners
- Hot plates and toasters (no open coils)
- Microwaves
- Space heaters
- Animals/pets (only small fish allowed)
- Candles/incense

For a complete listing of what to bring visit our [residence and housing page](#).

Where Do Commuter Students Park?

North Park University has several permitted parking lots available for commuter students, faculty, and staff use. Parking space availability is seriously limited, just as it is at other urban campuses. Accordingly, first-year resident students are not permitted to bring automobiles to campus. North Park's parking policies and procedures are on our website.

TECHNOLOGY

There are many online tools that will ensure that you have a successful career at North Park.

Self Service: www.northpark.edu/selfservice

- Monitor your financial aid checklist
- Accept or reject the financial aid that was offered to you.
- View your real-time statement of accounts
- Make a payment on your outstanding balance due
- Search for sections and register for classes
- Update your address and phone number, including the information used by the Emergency Alert system
- Provide emergency contacts to the University
- Review the textbooks required for your courses
- View your grades and unofficial transcripts
- Find contact information for your faculty advisor

EllucianGo: Download this for free from the App Store, which will allow you to access Self Service via your mobile device

Canvas: North Park University uses Canvas as our Learning Management System (LMS)

myNPU-Engage: A platform to learn about clubs, activities, and ways to get involved on campus.

LiveSafe: LiveSafe is a free personal safety mobile app for colleges. Students, campus employees, parents, and the community can use this to engage in a two-way conversation with our Campus Safety and Security Office, even when it's not safe to make a voice call. Users can quickly and easily contact 9-1-1 or North Park's security team to get help or report suspicious or unsafe activity.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Are The Meal Plan Options?

Our campus dining facilities are open to all students, faculty, and staff. Meal times at Magnuson Campus Center offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get to know other North Park students. You won't want to miss it. All first-year students living in the residence halls must be on a minimum of the Weekly 15. First Year students will have the opportunity to select between the Weekly 15 or All Access Plan when signing up for housing. If no selection is chosen, all resident students will automatically be assigned to the Weekly 15 plan.

The dining hall makes every effort to accommodate a wide range of dietary needs as well as class schedules. Individuals with special circumstances are invited to contact our dining services manager, at (773) 244-4939, with any questions.

For detailed information on [meal plan options](#), be sure to visit our website.

Are There Other Places on Campus to Eat?

Students are also able to purchase food at two other locations on campus:

- **The Bistro** located in the Johnson Center includes an Einstein Bros Bagels counter; its menu includes brewed gourmet coffee, specialty coffee drinks, smoothies, baked goods, salads, hearty soups, made-to-order sandwiches, and desserts.
- **The Viking Café** is an à la carte retail food shop with plenty of tables and comfortable seating, large-screen televisions, and a wide selection of sandwiches, salads, snacks, and beverages. Viking Café is located on the west side of the gymnasium, adjacent to the hallway leading to Carlson Tower lobby.

How Do Students Purchase Books?

Students purchase books online at Northpark.TextbookX.com. Brandel Library purchases one copy of all undergraduate course books upon request of the professor so that students have access to it while waiting on their books to arrive. Students are also able to search the I-Share catalog through Brandel Library and determine if any texts required for their courses are available for use at North Park as well as other universities listed in I-Share.

What Do Students Take To Class?

To be successful in the classroom, it is important to bring a planner, computer, notebook, pens and pencils.

Where do students study?

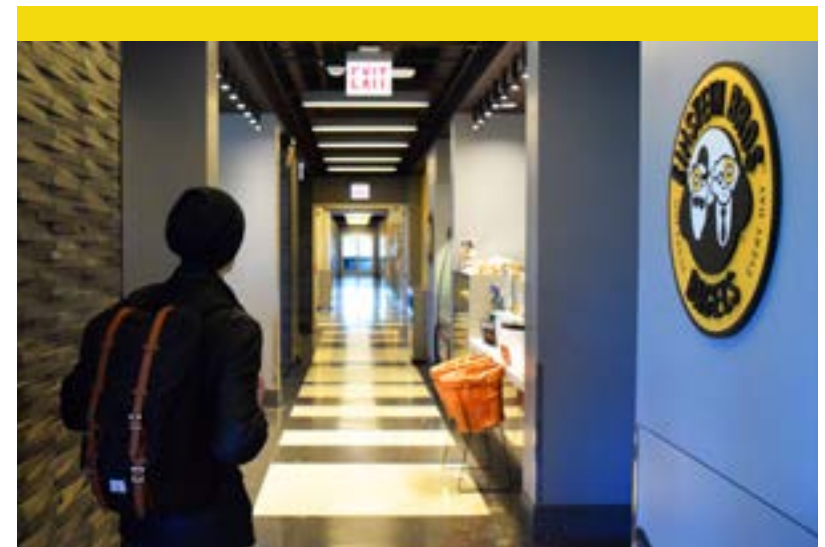
The library houses study rooms, research rooms, a computer lab and librarians who are available to assist with research needs. The Brandel Library, home to our Writing Center, also provides two interlibrary loan services: I-Share and WorldShare. Both of these services are free for North Park students, faculty, and staff. Be sure to attend the library's annual Christmas Party, a campus favorite.

How Do Students Stay Fit?

North Park University's Helwig Recreation Center offers students, faculty, and staff opportunities for sport, recreation, fitness, and wellness. Helwig is also home to training and clinical facilities for the Vikings intercollegiate teams and the University's Athletic Training Educational Program. The wellness and recreation staff also assist in coordinating a wide range of group fitness and wellness opportunities, including intramural sports; our cheer, dance, and step teams; group fitness classes, and wellness challenges.

What Is The Viking Shuttle?

The Viking Shuttle is a free service that operates continually during evening, late-night, and early morning hours. When the Viking Shuttle is not in service, students may be able to use the North Park Security Escort Service. Vehicle and walking security escorts are available to assist individuals who are in need of transportation assistance or have safety concerns.

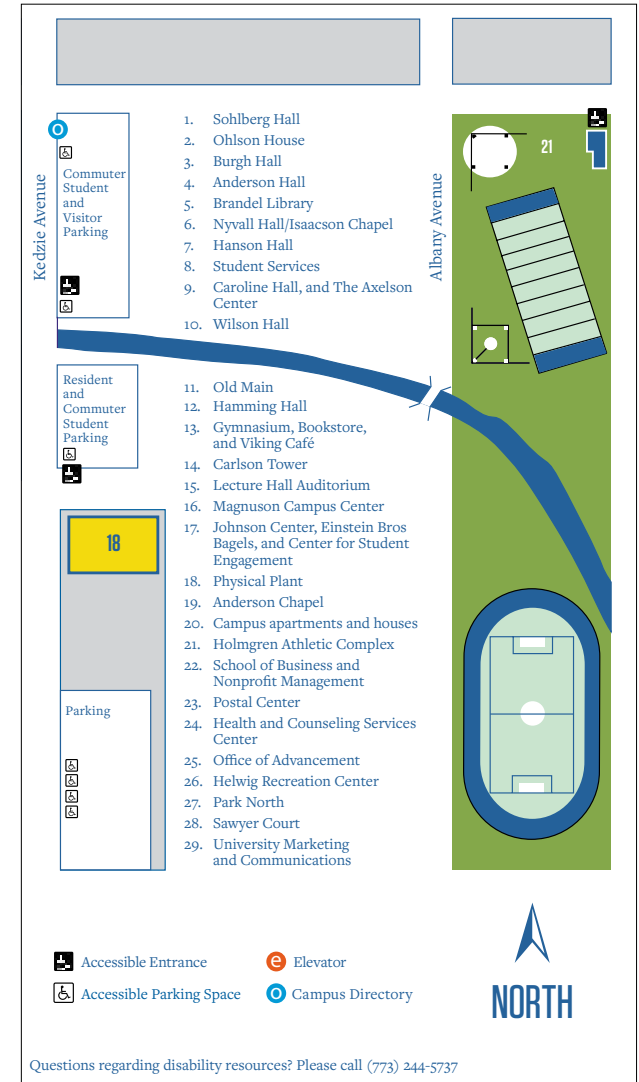
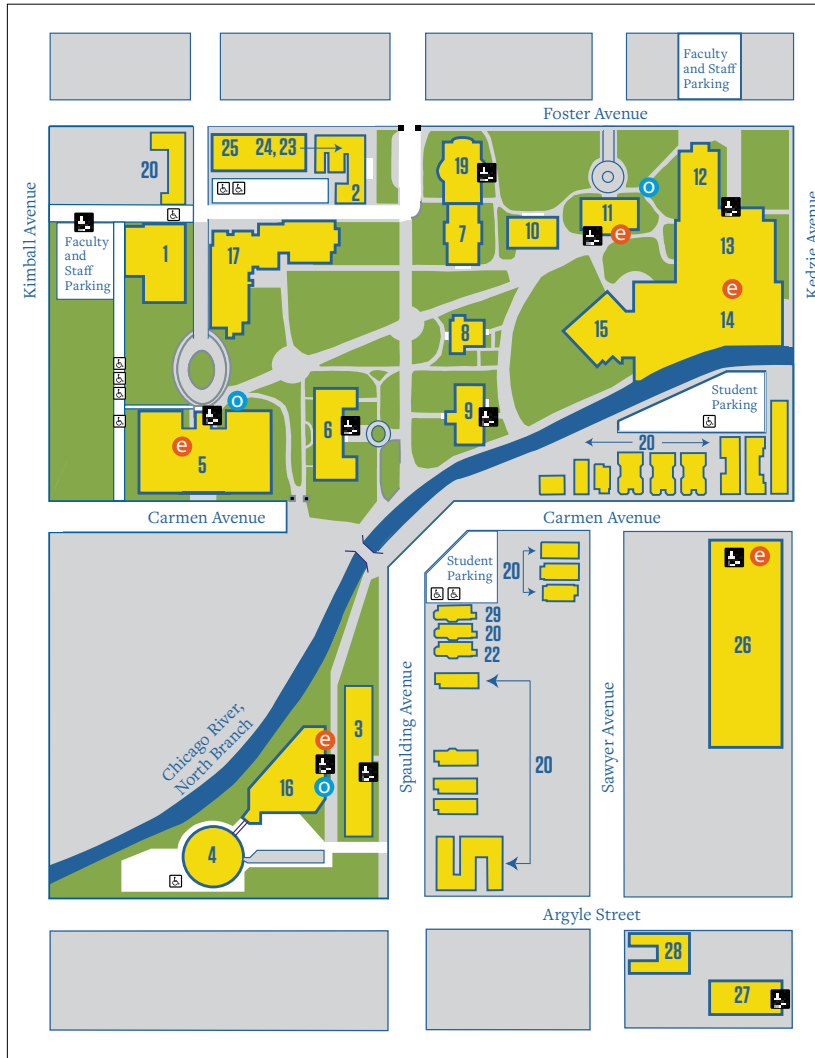


KEY DEPARTMENTS AT NORTH PARK

DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER
Admissions	Old Main, First Floor (#12 on map)	(773) 244-5500
Athletics	Helwig, Second Floor (#26 on map)	(773) 244-5673
Brandel Library	Brandel Library (#5 on map)	(773) 244-5580
Campus Bookstore	Carlson Tower, Basement Floor (#14 on map)	(773) 244-4570
Campus Post Office	Postal Center (Foster Avenue) (#23 on map)	(773) 244-5550
Campus Security	Magnuson, First Floor (#16 on map)	(773) 244-5600
Career Development & Internships (CDIO)	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5775
Catalyst (606___)	Sohlberg, First Floor (#1 on map)	(773) 244-4986
Chapel	Anderson Chapel (#19 on map)	(773) 244-4980
Computer Services/IT	Caroline Hall, Ground Floor (#9 on map)	(773) 244-5540
Counseling Services	Health Services, Foster Avenue (#24 on map)	(773) 244-4897
CRUX	Sohlberg, First Floor (#1 on map)	(773) 244-5294
Dining Hall	Magnuson (#16 on map)	(773) 244-6300
Disability Access Services	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5737
Diversity Office	Sohlberg, First Floor (#1 on map)	(773) 244-6281
Financial Aid/Student Accounts	Student Administrative Services (#8 on map)	(773) 244-5560
Health Services	Health Services, Foster Avenue (#24 on map)	(773) 244-4897
Helwig Recreation Center	Helwig Recreation Center (#26 on map)	(773) 244-5700

DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER
Human Resources	Old Main, Third Floor (#12 on map)	(773) 244-5275
International Affairs	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5553
Residential Life	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5737
School of Business & Non-Profit	SBNM (#22 on map)	(773) 244-6270
School of Education	Carlson Tower, Sixth Floor (#14 on map)	(773) 244-5730
School of Music/Art/Theatre	Hanson Hall & Wilson Hall (#7 & #10 on map)	(773) 244-5630
School of Nursing	Carlson Tower, Fifth Floor (#14 on map)	(773) 244-5680
Student Activities	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-4994
Student Administrative Services	Student Services (#8 on map)	(773) 244-5560
Student Engagement	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5737
Student Success	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-5737
Student Records	Student Services (#8 on map)	(773) 244-5560
Title IX	Old Main, Third Floor (#12 on map)	(773) 244-6276
University Ministries	Johnson Center, First Floor (#17 on map)	(773) 244-4980
Writing Center	Brandel Library (#5 on map)	(773) 244-4918

► **Feel free to use our [Faculty and Staff Directory online](#) for other departments on campus as well as to locate professors' offices. See map for designated student parking.**



NORTH PARK VOCABULARY

ADD/DROP – Form to manually add or drop classes from schedule

ARA – The campus dining hall located in Magnuson Hall

CATALYST ON-CAMPUS – Activities held at North Park on Wednesday afternoons, 12:30–2:30 p.m. to invite the city of Chicago to the campus for those faculty, staff, and students who are not out in the city at that time.

CATALYST OFF-CAMPUS – An afternoon class that takes advantage of the open Wednesday afternoon built into the North Park schedule. Courses will utilize two to three Wednesday afternoons as an experiential learning opportunity throughout the semester. The afternoons are designed to allow enough time for students to travel to their Chicago destination and experience the city.

CDIO – Career Development and Internships Office

COLLABORATORY – Visit the Office of Diversity, located in Sohlberg Hall, to learn more about our cultural clubs, student activities, and ways that you can become involved to help learn about, educate, and help promote diversity at North Park University!

CSE – Center for Student Engagement

CRUX – A first-year cohort discipleship program

DA – Desk Attendant in Residence Halls

DOC – Diversity Office Club

DM – Desk Manager in Residence Halls

EllucianGO – Mobile App to access Self Service and WebAdvisor

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FERPA – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

MAP – IL Monetary Award Program

ORLH – Office of Residence Life and Housing

PPA – Payment Plan Agreement

RD – Resident Directors

RA – Resident Assistants

RSO – Registered Student Organizations

SAS – Student Administrative Services

Self Service – Online access to User Profile, Financial Aid, and Student Accounts information

VIKING CAFÉ – Viking Café located on main floor of Carlson

THRESHOLD – New Student Orientation

UMIN – University Ministries

WebAdvisor – Online tool for registration and review of academic records

THRESHOLD – NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Threshold–New Student Orientation is North Park’s opening-week orientation required for new students. You’ll get your bearings on how the campus works, meet new people, and take care of all those final details.

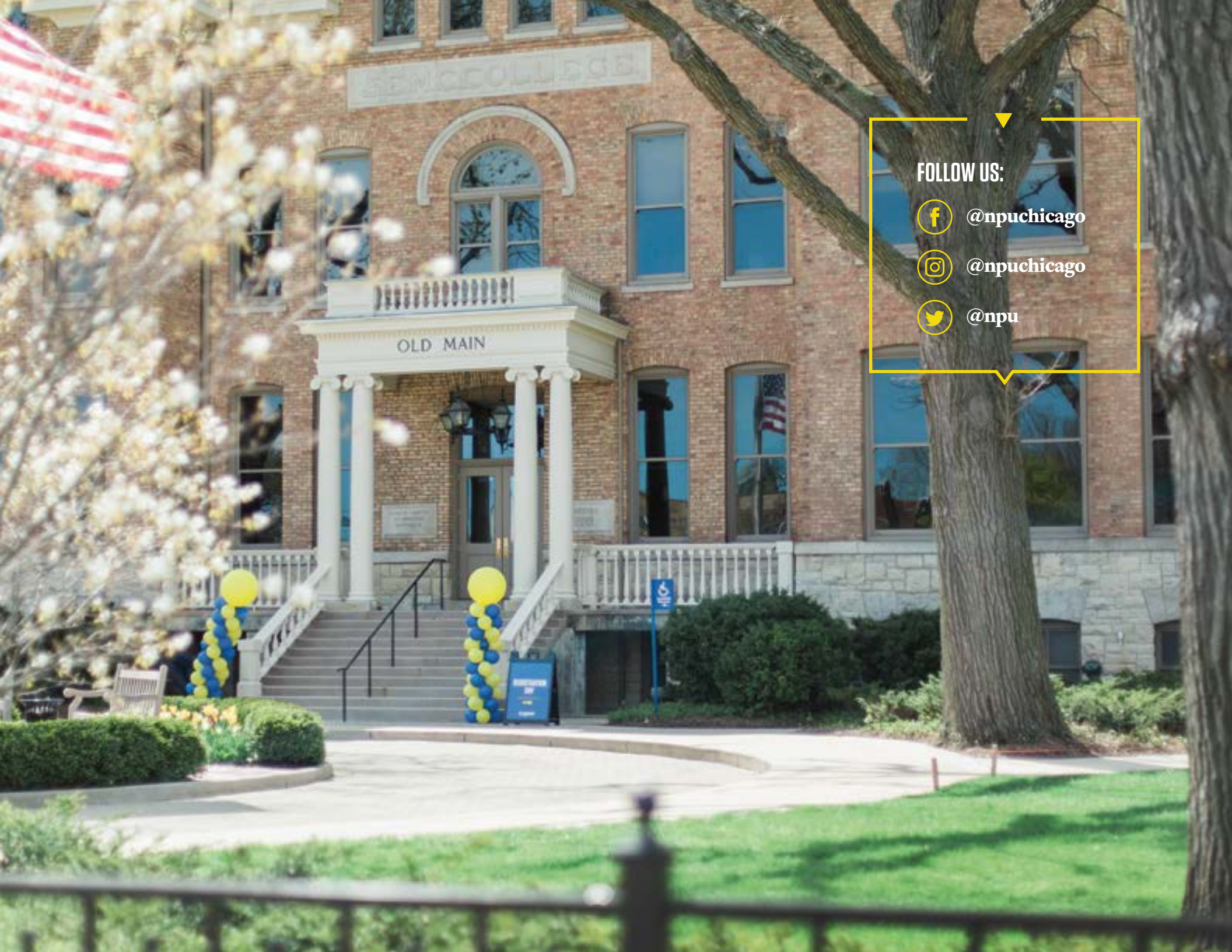
It’s More Than Just A Weekend!

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First-Year Registration Days

- Attending a First-Year Registration Day event is your next step to becoming a student at North Park University. Registration Day is required for first-year undergraduate admitted students to get a head start on preparing for fall classes at North Park. Students will register for classes with the help of faculty and academic advisors, meet future classmates, and learn more about student activities on campus. You will have a complete course schedule by the end of the day.
- Before you attend, you must pay your tuition deposit. This signifies your intention to attend North Park and enables you to register for classes, secure housing, and access other campus resources.
- Parents and guests are welcome to attend Registration Day, as well, and will have the opportunity to hear from North Park staff and faculty about college transition for their students, career paths, and academic success.
- RSVP for an upcoming event by visiting www.northpark.edu/registrationday/





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