

## Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

### Freshman Admission Requirements

#### Entrance Difficulty

Most Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1310 on the SAT I or over 29 on the ACT; about 30% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| High School Graduation | High school diploma required and GED is accepted |
| High School Program    | College preparatory program is required          |

#### High School Units Required or Recommended

| Subject            | Required Units | Recommended Units |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| English            |                | 4                 |
| Mathematics        |                | 3                 |
| Science            |                | 2                 |
| Foreign Language   |                | 2                 |
| Social Studies     |                | 2                 |
| History            |                | 2                 |
| Academic Electives |                | 1                 |

#### Examinations

| Exam                              | Required Units                             | Scores Due in Admissions Office |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| SAT or ACT                        | Required                                   | January 1                       |
| SAT Only                          |  |                                 |
| ACT Only                          |  |                                 |
| SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT |  |                                 |
| SAT Subject Tests Only            |  |                                 |
| SAT Essay Component Policy        | Not Reported                               |                                 |
| ACT Writing Test Policy           | Accepted with or without writing component |                                 |
| Use of SAT/ACT Essay              | SAT: Not used<br>ACT: Not used             |                                 |

**Applying for Admission**
**Admissions Office**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Address          | 633 Clark Street   |
| City, State, Zip | Evanston, IL 60208   |
| Phone            |  |
| Fax              |  |
| E-mail           | <a href="mailto:ug-admission@northwestern.edu">ug-admission@northwestern.edu</a> |

**Application Dates and Fees**

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regular Admisson Deadline      | January 3                   |
| Application Fee                | \$75                        |
| Application Fee Waiver         | Available                   |
| Regular Admission Notification | April 1                     |
| Accept Offer of Admission      | May 1                       |
| Waiting List Used              | Yes                         |
| Defer Admission                | Student can defer admission |

**Transfer Admission**                      **Transfer applications accepted**

**Early Admission**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Early Decision Offered      | Yes         |
| Early Decision Deadline     | November 1  |
| Early Decision Notification | December 15 |
| Early Action Offered        | No          |
| Early Action Deadline       |             |
| Early Action Notification   |             |

**Application Form**

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Common Application            | Accepted     |
| Universal College Application | Not accepted |
| Electronic Application        | Available    |

**Other Application Requirements**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Interview                   | Not Required  |
| Essay or Personal Statement | Required for all freshmen                                       |
| Letters of Recommendation   | 1 required for all freshmen                                     |
| Other                       | Audition for music program recommended for some freshmen        |
| Financial Need              | Financial need is not a consideration in the admissions process |

**Selection of Students**

| Factor                             | Very Important | Important | Considered | Not Considered |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Rigor of Secondary School Record   | X              |           |            |                |
| Academic GPA                       | X              |           |            |                |
| Standardized Tests                 | X              |           |            |                |
| Class Rank                         | X              |           |            |                |
| Recommendations                    |                | X         |            |                |
| Essay                              |                | X         |            |                |
| Interview                          |                |           | X          |                |
| Level of Applicant's Interest      |                |           | X          |                |
| Extracurricular Activities         |                | X         |            |                |
| Volunteer Work                     |                |           | X          |                |
| Particular Talent/Ability          |                | X         |            |                |
| Character/Personal Qualities       |                | X         |            |                |
| First Generation to Attend College |                |           | X          |                |
| State Residency                    |                |           |            | X              |
| Geographic Residence               |                |           |            | X              |
| Relation with Alumnus              |                |           | X          |                |
| Religious Affiliation/Commitment   |                |           |            | X              |
| Ethnicity                          |                |           | X          |                |
| Work Experience                    |                |           | X          |                |

**Profile of Fall Admission**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Overall Admission Rate                | 9% of 40,585 applicants were admitted           |
| Women                                 | 9% of 21,069 applicants were admitted           |
| Men                                   | 9% of 19,516 applicants were admitted           |
| Students Enrolled                     | 2,139 (58%) of 3,673 admitted students enrolled |
| Women                                 | 1,068 (57%) of 1,877 admitted students enrolled |
| Men                                   | 1,071 (60%) of 1,796 admitted students enrolled |
| Early Decision Admission Rate         | 25% of 4,399 applicants were admitted           |
| Early Action Admission Rate           |   |
| Students Offered Wait List            | 3,067   |
| Students Accepting Wait List Position | 2,107   |
| Students Admitted From Wait List      | 55  |

**Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Average GPA    | Not reported |
| 3.75 and Above | Not reported |
| 3.50 - 3.74    | Not reported |
| 3.25 - 3.49    | Not reported |
| 3.00 - 3.24    | Not reported |
| 2.50 - 2.99    | Not reported |
| 2.00 - 2.49    | Not reported |

**SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>SAT Math</b>    | <b>755 average</b><br><b>740-790 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 700 - 800 | 85.4%  |
| Score of 600 - 700 | 12.5%  |
| Score of 500 - 600 | 2.1%   |
| Score of 400 - 500 | 0%   |
| Score of 300 - 400 | 0%   |
| Score of 200 - 300 | 0%   |
| <b>SAT EBRW</b>    | <b>726 average</b><br><b>700-760 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 700 - 800 | 78.2%  |
| Score of 600 - 700 | 19.8%  |
| Score of 500 - 600 | 1.9%   |
| Score of 400 - 500 | .1%  |
| Score of 300 - 400 | 0%   |
| Score of 200 - 300 | 0%   |

**ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>ACT Composite</b> | <b>33 average</b><br><b>33-35 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 30 - 36     | 91%   |
| Score of 24 - 29     | 7.7%  |
| Score of 18 - 23     | 1.1%  |
| Score of 12 - 17     | .2%   |
| Score of 6 - 11      | 0%  |
| Score of 5 or Below  | 0%  |

**Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| High School Class Rank     | <b>Top tenth: 92%</b> |
| National Merit Scholar     | <b>Not reported</b>   |
| Valedictorian              | <b>Not reported</b>   |
| Class President            | <b>Not reported</b>   |
| Student Government Officer | <b>Not reported</b>   |



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