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University Information
A comprehensive public university founded in 1884, Northwestern State University is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of its students. The environment created by our faculty and staff provides our students with the opportunity to reach their full potential. While at NSU, you gain knowledge, learn skills and make friends that shape the remainder of your life.

NSU is proud to be 100% nationally accredited in all of our eligible degree programs and a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. With over 50 degree programs, Northwestern State offers classroom training and practical experience needed for students to gain employment after graduation. NSU is a friendly, student oriented university that is in the words of one alumnus, “large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.”

Louisiana Scholars’ College
Established in 1987, the Louisiana Scholars’ College offers a comprehensive interdisciplinary honors curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences. The College has a variety of unique concentrations and joint majors to suit the interests of any high achieving student. Every Scholars’ College student has access to all that Northwestern State has to offer including student organizations, music ensembles, athletics, and much more. For additional information, check us out on the web at http://scholars.nsula.edu or call 1-800-838-2208.

Undergraduate Programs

**Non-degree Programs**
- High School Students
- Dual Enrollment/Louisiana Early Start
- Collegiate/Early Admit Program
- Louisiana School Math/Science/Arts Students
- General Undergraduate [Non-degree seeking programs are not eligible for Financial Aid]

**Pre-professional Programs**
- Pre-Agriculture
- Pre-Cardiopulmonary Science
- Pre-Engineering (Concentration Only)
- Pre-Medicine/Dentistry
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**Associate Degree Programs**
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Electronics Technology
- General Studies
  - Child Development Nursing
  - * LPN To ASN Veterinary Technology

**Bachelor Degree Programs**
- Accounting
- Addiction Studies
- Biology
  - * Applied Biology
  - * Biomedical
  - * Natural Science
- Business Administration
  - * Finance
  - * Management
  - * Marketing
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
  - * Biology Edu. (Gr 6 - 12)
  - * Business Edu. (Gr6 - 12)
  - * Early Childhood Educ. (Gr Pre-k - 3)
  - * Elementary Edu. (Gr 1-5)
  - * English Edu. (Gr 6 - 12)
  - * Family & Consumer Science Edu. (Gr 6 - 12)
  - * Health & Physical Edu. (Gr K - 12)
  - * Mathematics Edu. (Gr 6 - 12)
  - * Music Edu. - Instrumental (Gr K-12)
  - * Music Edu. - Vocal (Gr K-12)
  - * Music Edu. Vocal/Instrumental (Gr K-12)
  - * Social Studies Edu. (Gr 6 – 12)
  - * Speech Edu. (Gr 6 – 12)
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- English
  - * Literature
  - * Professional Writing
- Family & Consumer Science
  - * Child Development & Family Relations
  - * Nutrition & Food System Management
  - * Consumer Services
- Fine & Graphic Arts
  - * Graphic Communication
  - * Studio Art
- General Studies
  - * Arts & Communication
  - * Computer & Natural Sciences
  - * Defense Leadership Studies
  - * Non-profit Leadership Studies
  - * Professional Studies
  - * Social Sciences
  - * Speech Communication
  - * Health & Exercise Science
- History
  - * Hospitality Management & Tourism
  - * Culinary Arts
  - * Hospitality Services
  - * Travel & Tourism
- Industrial Engineering Technology
- Mathematics
  - * Music
    - * Performance
    - * Sacred Music
- Nursing
  - * LPN To BSN
  - * RN To BSN
- Psychology
  - * Prevention Specialist
  - * Substance Abuse
  - * Radiologic Technology
  - * Radd To BSRT
- Social Work
- Theatre
  - * Dance Performance
  - * Design/Technology
  - * Musical Theatre Performance
  - * Performance/Directing
- Unified Public Safety Admin.
  - * Law Enforcement Admin.
  - * Fire & Emerg. Medical Services Admin.
Admission Criteria

In-state, first-time freshmen will be eligible for admission to a degree program if they meet the following criteria: (Beginning Fall 2011)

Criterion 1*
- Completion of Regent’s High School Core Curriculum (*17.5 units) AND
- Require no more than one developmental (remedial) course AND
  1. 2.35 Cumulative High School Grade Point Average OR
  2. 21 ACT Composite (980 SAT Total) OR
  3. Rank in Top 50% of Graduating Class

Criterion 2*
- 21 ACT Composite (980 SAT Total) AND
- Require no more than 1 developmental (remedial) course

Criterion 3*
- 23 ACT Composite AND
- Need no more than 1 developmental (remedial) course

* Subject to change per policy

Freshman students who do not meet the admission requirements may be admitted under the admissions exceptions category.

Costs

The tuition and fees at Northwestern State University are approximately $2,175.80 for in-state students, $5,518.80 for out-of-state students. These figures are based on full-time attendance. Housing and meal plan costs are based on your selection of housing and meal plans.

Scholarships

Northwestern State awards a variety of scholarships based on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, community service, leadership skills, and talent performance. Academic and leadership scholarships are based on a combination of standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), high school grade point average, rank in class, and participation in extracurricular activities. Performance scholarships are available through the individual departments or organizations (e.g. Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, Spirit Groups, ROTC, Music, Theater, etc.)

Louisiana students who are eligible for T.O.P.S. will receive approximately $1,300 per semester for tuition. Out-of-state students can receive fee waivers through participation in spirit groups, athletics, band, music or academic achievement.

Financial Aid

To determine eligibility for state, federal or University financial assistance, the student must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be obtained on the Internet at www.fafsa.edu.gov. You can get information about FAFSA from any high school or college. For any further questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid office at (800) 823-3008.

Regents Core Curriculum

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<td>Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, Physics II, or Physics for Technology (one unit)</td>
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<td>American History</td>
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<td>World History, Western Civilization, or World Geography</td>
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<td>Civics and Free Enterprise (one unit combined) or Civics (one unit)</td>
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<td>Fine Arts Survey (or substitute two units of performance courses in music, dance, and/or theater; or substitute two units of visual art; or substitute two units of studio art; or substitute one unit of an elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum)</td>
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<td>Foreign Language (two units in same language)</td>
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<td>Computer Science, Computer Literacy, or Business Computer Applications (or substitute at least one-half unit of an elective course related to computers approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or one-half unit of an elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum)</td>
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<td>* An additional unit of advanced math or advanced science from among the following courses: Geometry, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Applied Mathematics III, Advanced Mathematics I, Advanced Mathematics II, Integrated Mathematics III, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, or Physics II.</td>
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17.5 Total Core Curriculum Units

*The additional unit of advanced math or advanced science is effective with the 2008 graduating class.

Other courses may be acceptable as substitutes for courses for the core curriculum. For more information on acceptable substitute courses visit the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance web site at www.osfa.state.la.us.

The Student Transcript System (STS) will be used to obtain the official transcripts of all Louisiana high school students and graduates of years 2003 through the current year. All other freshmen applicants must request to have their official transcripts sent directly from the high schools to the Office of Admissions.

Official high school transcripts, college/university transcripts, and ACT or SAT scores should be requested upon application. Official COMPASS exam scores may be used to determine any developmental requirement.

For more information, contact the Northwestern State University Office of Admissions at (800) 767-8115 or University Recruiting at (800) 327-1903.
**Campus Housing**
Northwestern offers two housing complexes that veer away from traditional residence halls and into new and exciting campus living.

- **University Place** – On-campus Apartment Style Residence Hall
  - Shared and private accommodations available
  - Kitchenette (microwave, mini-refrigerator, sink)
  - Furniture provided

- **University Columns** – On-campus Apartment Complex
  - 4-bedroom, 2-bedroom and efficiency apartments available
  - Full kitchen in each apartment
  - Furniture package available

All of our housing options include laundry facilities and basic cable!

NSU provides specially designed dining options at our full service dining facilities. For more information and to choose a meal plan, check us out on the web at [http://www.nsuladining.com/](http://www.nsuladining.com/).

The University of Louisiana System does require all Students under 21 to live on campus. Exceptions to living on campus are granted only to those students who submit and are approved an appeal to the policy.

To reserve a room, complete and submit the lease for On-Campus Residence along with the $175.00, $75 of which is a nonrefundable processing fee. For more information, contact University Place at (318) 214-5400 or check us out online at [www.campushousing.com/nsula](http://www.campushousing.com/nsula).

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**Campus Involvement**
There’s something for everyone! With over 100 organizations at Northwestern State to choose from, students get involved! The organizations range from religious and service clubs to academic and honor organizations. We also have three Greek councils: College Panhellenic Council, Interfraternal Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

NSU is proud to host 14 NCAA recognized sports, as well as intramurals and club sports. In addition to the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, there are three dynamic spirit groups - NSU Cheerleaders, Demon Dazzler Danceline, and the NSU Purple Pizzazz Pom-Pon Line. Students may audition for selection and scholarships for these groups.

The 6.9 million dollar Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center (WRAC) makes it easy for students to stay physically fit while remaining involved on campus. The facility includes a cardio theater, group exercise room, racquetball courts, and an indoor track. Students can enjoy the recreation complex near campus that includes an eighteen-hole golf course and an Olympic-size swimming pool. The recreation complex is also used frequently for barbecues and crawfish boils.

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**Annual Security Report**
The annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by Northwestern State University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. The report also includes institutional polices concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting University Police, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497, telephone (318) 357-5431 or by accessing the following web site [http://universitypolice.nsula.edu/annual-security-report/](http://universitypolice.nsula.edu/annual-security-report/).

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**Important Dates**
- **Early Bird Scholarship Deadline:** October 31
- **Priority Scholarship Deadline:** December 1
- **2nd Scholarship Deadline:** March 1
- **Priority Housing Deadline:** March 1
- **Financial Aid Deadline:** May 1
Steps to Admission

- Fill-out Application for Admission and submit it with Application Fee $20 ($30 application fee for International Students).
- Send Official ACT or SAT Scores
- Request copies of Official High School and/or College Transcript(s) - The Student Transcript System (STS) will be used to obtain the official transcript for Louisiana high school graduates of years 2003 to present.
- Complete Proof of Immunization Compliance
- Register for Selective Service Registration Card - Males Only - to register or obtain proof, visit www.sss.gov.

Apply for Admission Online

1. Log onto NSU’s Web for Students at www2.nsula.edu and select “Apply for Admission”.
2. At “LOGIN ID” - Enter your Login ID (Social Security Number) & select “Continue”.
3. First Time Applicants – Select “Create Account” and create a six digit PIN (Personal Identification Number). Write this number down and keep in a secure location as you will need it in the future.
4. Provide permanent contact information as requested.
5. Previous Applicants - “Login – Enter your PIN” – Enter your WEB for Students PIN. For PIN assistance, call 318.357.4078.
6. Select “Continue”.
7. Complete the following sections:
   • Enrollment Intentions
   • Personal Information
   • High School History
   • College History
   • Residency & Citizenship
8. After a final review, “Submit” your application.
9. Application Fee - the application fee can be paid online with a credit/debit card during submission of the application. A payment voucher is also available to print and mail with a check or money order ($20 for US Citizens/$30 for International Students). No further processing of your application will occur until payment is received.
10. Log back in to the WEB for Students at www2.nsula.edu and select “Apply for Admission” at any time to check on any missing documents and the status of the application.

Apply for NSU Scholarships Online

1. Log on to the Financial Aid website at http://financialaid.nsula.edu:
   • Click on “Forms” under Quick Links
   • Click on the appropriate “NSU Scholarship Application” under General Forms
2. Complete all sections:
   • Personal Information
   • Enrollment Intentions
   • High School Information
   • Extracurricular Section
3. After a final review, “Submit” your application
4. Optional: Email your academic and extracurricular activities resumé in Microsoft Word or PDF format to nsufinaid@nsula.edu

Questions?

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Natchitoches

Northwestern State is the perfect sized university located in the ideal college town of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The community of approximately 20,000 was established in 1714 and was the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. With one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in the state, the quaint and lively town has much to discover including shopping, dining, and attractions plus historic fort sites, museums, and year around cultural events and festivals.

While Natchitoches has a community atmosphere, it is close to larger cities: Shreveport is only an hour away, and Dallas and New Orleans can be reached by interstate in approximately four hours.

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Come See for Yourself

The Office of University Recruiting would love the opportunity to show you around the beautiful Northwestern State campus, as well as giving you the opportunity to meet some of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff. Because each student is unique, we personalize the tour to meet the individual student’s interests and needs.

Your custom guided tour of Northwestern State will include viewing on-campus housing options and meeting with an advisor in your area of academic interest. You will also be able to turn in important documents required for admission, scholarships, and financial aid. Come see for yourself why Northwestern State University is the place for you!

Freshman Connection

Freshman Connection is NSU’s summer orientation program. This program is designed to ensure that you and your family have the support and guidance that you will need to make a successful transition to the university. All Students who have been admitted to the Louisiana Scholars’ College are strongly encouraged to attend the Scholars’ College Connection.

Senior Day

High School Senior Day is a special day set aside just for seniors. It’s a time when you are able to tour the campus, meet new students, and submit your admissions information to the University. Senior Day gives you a sneak-peak into college life. During this open house, you may speak with different academic departments, attend college-related informational sessions, and participate in a student panel where current NSU students will answer your questions. Parents are also invited to attend.