

# University of Northern Iowa Fact Sheet 2020-2021

## INTRODUCTION

The University of Northern Iowa (UNI) provides a high-quality study abroad experience in the heartland of the United States. UNI is ranked No. 2 in U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges," Best Regional Universities (Midwest) category for public universities.

"The right fit" means the right size campus (around 10,000 students), the right size classes (27 students on average) and the right number of majors, minors, and over 160 areas of study.

You'll also hear about our well-connected professors who put students and teaching first, the 300+ clubs and organizations where you can make your mark, and how great it is to live on campus and in the student-friendly town of Cedar Falls. Situated on the banks of the Cedar River in northeast Iowa, the students will find a wide variety of activities both on campus as well as within this welcoming community in the heartland of the US. Cedar Falls is conveniently located centrally between Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa USA Situated on the banks of the Cedar River in northeast Iowa, the Cedar Falls-Waterloo metropolitan area has a population of more than 160,000 and provides the benefits of urban life in a safe, mall-city setting.

Main Website: [uni.edu](http://uni.edu)

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Schedule of Classes:** Here, you can find a list of the courses that are offered each semester. This is updated each semester prior to the future semester (i.e. for the Spring semester, we have this finalized in October and for the Fall semester, we have this finalized in February). See here: [registrar.uni.edu/schedule-of-classes](http://registrar.uni.edu/schedule-of-classes)

**Academic Catalog:** This provides you with descriptions of all the courses offered at our university. If students need full syllabi for courses, they will need to contact our office to get these. See here for course descriptions: [catalog.uni.edu](http://catalog.uni.edu)

**Academic Calendar:** [registrar.uni.edu/calendars/academic-calendars](http://registrar.uni.edu/calendars/academic-calendars)

**Undergraduate Majors:** [majors.uni.edu](http://majors.uni.edu)

**Orientation:** Orientation occurs the week before classes start and is mandatory for all exchange students. This is when students will register for courses at UNI. More information on orientation can be found here: [isso.uni.edu/orientation](http://isso.uni.edu/orientation)

**The Study Abroad Center:** Exchange students work with both staff in the Study Abroad Center (SAC) and the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) while at UNI. The SAC will work with the student prior to arrival and during orientation. Once students are here, the ISSO will be primarily responsible for helping exchange students. The SAC will still be available to answer any questions and arrange activities for the exchange students. Questions concerning exchange matters should be directed to Stephanie Rojas (See UNI Contacts Section).

**UNI Total Student Enrollment:** 8,973 undergraduates, 1,524 graduates (Representing 46 states & 60 countries)

**Average Student/Teacher Ratio:** 18 to 1

**Class Size:** 85% of classes have fewer than 40 students, 35% of classes have fewer than 20 students

The International Students and Scholars Office: Assists students with the transition from their home countries to campus and their daily activities while enrolled. International students find a full complement of services designed especially for them:

- Orientation and registration program
- Personal advising and counseling
- Immigration advising
- Special programs and activities

## APPLICATION & NOMINATION PROCESS

**Nomination Deadlines:** Exchange students must be nominated by March 1 for the August-December semester and October 1 for the January-May semester in order to allow adequate time for admission process, visa, tickets, etc.

**Application Deadlines:** Undergraduate exchange students must submit their application materials by April 31 for the August-December semester and October 31 for the January-May semester in order to allow adequate time for admission process, visa, tickets, etc.

**Nomination Process:** Please send an email with the full name, email, gender, and major/field of study to Stephanie Rojas. Let us know if you would like us to send you the application instructions or send them to the students directly and copy you.

**Admissions Information:** [admissions.uni.edu](http://admissions.uni.edu)

**International Student Application Process & Requirements (NOTE: all must be submitted via email to Stephanie Rojas):**

- [Application Form](#)
- English Proficiency\*
- Financial Statement and Certification for International Students
- Request for Permission to Enroll as a Transient (unclassified) Student
- Passport Scan

\*English Proficiency: All exchange students who are not native speakers of English must submit proof of English proficiency.

- Undergraduate Exchange Students must submit one of the following:
  - TOEFL 79 (internet based)
  - IELTS-6.0
  - SAT-460 (critical reading)
  - Other alternatives to the TOEFL can be found at [intladm.uni.edu/english-proficiency](http://intladm.uni.edu/english-proficiency)
  - Conditional admission may be considered for undergraduate exchange students who submit a TOEFL with a minimum score of 25 (internet-based) or earn a 2.5 on the IELTS. These students will be tested upon arrival on campus and will be required to enroll in intensive English courses as necessary.

## COST INFORMATION

<b>Books and Supplies</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<b>\$1,375</b>
<b>Campus Housing and Meals</b>	<b>\$4,580</b>
<b>Personal &amp; Recreational Expenses</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Total Cost for One Semester</b>	<b>\$6,955</b>

## UNI CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding the student mobility exchange agreement:

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Study Abroad Center  
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For questions regarding immigration paperwork:

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Immigration and Visa Coordinator  
International Students and Scholars Office  
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For questions regarding the number of exchange spots available, pre-arrival paperwork, exchange matters and mailing transcripts:

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For questions about UNI's Culture and Intensive English Program:

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