University Profile

University of Northern Iowa
UNI has a long and rich history of service. In 1866, an orphanage for children affected by the Civil War was established in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In a few years’ time, it became apparent that the building’s usefulness would shortly be coming to an end as orphans grew up and moved out into the world. Iowans saw an opportunity and seized it; the Iowa State Normal School – an institution created for and devoted to the training of teachers - was founded in 1876. Since its inception, the institution has also gone by the names of Iowa State Teachers College, State College of Iowa, and most currently, University of Northern Iowa.

A rich tradition of great teaching guides UNI’s broadly based academic program grounded in a strong liberal arts core. The university is organized into four major colleges, each having a host of departments, majors, minors and special programs. UNI also has a strong graduate college and offers programs at the master’s, specialist and doctoral levels. Faculty members include Fulbright scholars, world-class teachers, researchers, authors and international business consultants. Outside of the classroom, UNI’s vibrant campus is home to 300+ student clubs and organizations, 17 Division I collegiate sports teams, a multitude of fine arts options and more.

The University of Northern Iowa is located in Cedar Falls, a riverfront town with numerous recreational, cultural and entertainment opportunities. The university’s size allows it the academic choices of a large university while retaining a friendly, small-college atmosphere on a compact, park-like campus. The campus consists of more than 40 major buildings on over 940 acres.

Institutional Leadership

Interim President Jim Wohlpart assumed leadership of UNI in July 2016. He was previously the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at UNI.
Executive Management Team Membership

EMT is charged with framing policy and procedures, making recommendations to the president and ensuring decisions are effectively implemented. The EMT is also charged with aligning the university’s strategic plan and available resources to ensure the university fulfills its mission.

Membership of EMT is determined by the president. Current members are:

Lisa Baronio is vice president for University Advancement and president of the UNI Foundation. Baronio, a Waterloo, Iowa, native, came in the summer of 2015 from Trinity University in San Antonio where she was vice president for Alumni Relations and Development.

Brenda Bass assumed the role of interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs in July 2016. She was previously the dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at UNI.

Gwenne Berry was named UNI’s first chief diversity officer in May 2016. She was previously the associate director of compliance and equity management at UNI and held several positions within the Office of University Marketing and Public Relations.

Mary Braun, a UNI alum, has served as UNI’s state relations officer since December 2014. She has 25 years of legislative experience serving on the Iowa House Democratic Caucus staff.

Leah Gutknecht, assistant to the president for Compliance and Equity Management, has held the position since 2004 with 10 previous years of service on campus in various other roles. Gutknecht also earned her B.A. and MBA from UNI.

Michael Hager is senior vice president for Finance and Operations. He previously served as assistant vice president and executive director of residence. Prior to coming to UNI in 2004, Hager worked at the University of Lincoln.

Jan Hanish, interim vice president for Student Affairs, assumed the role in January 2016. She had previously served the university in various roles, including assistant vice president for Finance and Operations and director of Maucker Union.

David Harris is the director of Athletics. He previously served as senior associate athletic director at Iowa State University. In that role, he served as the sports administrator for football, men’s basketball and wrestling among other student-athlete development and administrative duties.

Scott Ketelsen has been the director of the Office of University Relations since 2013. He previously served as the director of Marketing and Media Production at the University of Iowa.

Matt Kroeger assumed the role of associate vice president for enrollment management in 2014. Kroeger earned his B.A. from UNI in business and a M.Ed. with Distinction in Education Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

Marty Mark is the chief information officer and has been with UNI for 26 years. Mark assumed the role of chief information officer in the fall of 2014.

Tim McKenna has served as in-house counsel since joining the University of Northern Iowa in 1988, first as operations auditor (including internal audit and legal work) and then university counsel.

Interim President Jim Wolhpart
President’s Cabinet

The president’s Cabinet, with membership from EMT, College deans, employee group leadership, student government and others based on specific leadership roles within the institution, is the principle information distribution, discussion and deliberation forum for UNI. Cabinet advises the president and the Executive Management Team and provides effective, responsive and informed leadership and recommendations to the university. The Cabinet meets to discuss policy and operational issues affecting the university, offers recommendations and perspectives on university-wide policies and practices, and serves as a sounding board for ideas and new initiatives.

University Budget

General Education Fund Budget = $179,951,489

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The University of Northern Iowa Strategic Plan

The University of Northern Iowa is engaged in developing an Academic Master Plan and long range Campus Facilities Master Plan. These will provide the basis for a new institutional strategic plan that will coordinate with the new strategic plan of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. The current UNI strategic plan incorporates the following goals:

- Be a leading undergraduate public university that provides a strong liberal arts foundation
- Provide rigorous and relevant graduate education that meets the needs of graduate students, the university and the community
- Lead the state and nation in pre K-12 education
- Create and maintain an inclusive educational environment that prepares students to thrive in a diverse global environment
- Enhance the economic, social, cultural and sustainable development of the state
- Ensure accountability, affordability and access.

Vision

The University of Northern Iowa will be nationally known for innovative education, preparing students for success in a rapidly changing, globally competitive and culturally diverse world.

Mission

The University of Northern Iowa provides transformative learning experiences that inspire students to embrace challenge, engage in critical inquiry and creative thought, and contribute to society.

Values

**Academic Freedom** - freedom of inquiry by students, faculty and staff
**Access** - an affordable, inclusive educational environment
**Accountability** - integrity, responsibility and the highest ethical standards of students, faculty and staff
**Community** - an ethical, caring and safe community characterized by civility
**Diversity** - a welcoming community that celebrates pluralism, multiculturalism, and the unique contributions of each person and group
**Engagement** - characterized by challenge, transformation and lifelong learning in a global society
**Excellence** - in teaching and learning, scholarship and creative work, and service
**Sustainability** - an attractive, well-maintained campus environment that enhances the living and learning experience with an emphasis on environmental stewardship
Student Body

The university's fall 2016 enrollment was 11,905. UNI has a 17:1 student to faculty ratio providing students easier access to faculty to help ensure success. Approximately 88% of UNI's students are residents of Iowa. UNI has 7,043 female students enrolled and 4,862 males enrolled.

Fall 2016 enrollment by college

- Business: 2,090
- Education: 2,751
- Humanities, Arts & Sciences: 3,820
- Social & Behavioral Sciences: 1,868
- Other majors: 1,376
- Total Enrollment: 11,905

Peer Institutions

- College of Charleston (SC)
- Eastern Illinois University (IL)
- Ferris State University (MI)
- James Madison University (VA)
- Marshall University (WV)
- Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville (IL)
- Truman State University (MO)
- University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth (MA)
- University of Minnesota - Duluth (MN)

Academic Colleges

The university is organized into four undergraduate colleges:

- College of Education
- College of Business Administration
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences

Within these colleges, UNI proudly offers 90+ bachelor’s degree programs and 46 master’s programs giving students a wide variety of opportunities to pursue their academic goals.

Awards and Honors

- The University of Northern Iowa has been named one of the best universities in the Midwest by The Princeton Review. The well-known education services company lists UNI among its “Best in the Midwest” recommended schools in its “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” website feature. Only 159 colleges in 12 Midwestern states made the list.

- UNI’s College of Business Administration is accredited by AACSB International - the most prestigious business school accreditation in the world. Less than 5 percent of the world’s 13,000 business programs have earned it.

- UNI was selected by G.I. Jobs Magazine as a Military Friendly School, an honor placing the university in the top 20 percent of schools doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.

- Since 2008, UNI has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing a commitment to and achievement in community service.

- The Washington Monthly College Guide ranks UNI 65th in the nation out of 684 master’s colleges and universities, 38th on their list of master’s universities that are the Best Bang for the Buck, and in the top 100 for all universities.

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