Student Life

Division of Student Affairs

Mission
We help students succeed.
We help students prepare for responsible citizenship, personal fulfillment, and success in life by supporting their efforts to learn through their experiences, achieve their academic goals, and strive for excellence in all.
We do this by:

• Developing environments that are safe, welcoming, inclusive and healthy;
• Providing services that are professional, supportive and personalized; and
• Fostering meaningful student engagement in campus and community life that develops leadership, educates about diversity, and contributes to learning.

Values
In seeking to accomplish this mission, we are committed to:

• Encouraging the development of the whole student and involving all students in the life of the University;
• Cultivating a caring and diverse campus community that values respect for all people, the open and free exchange of ideas, and responsible and ethical behavior;
• Maximizing our effectiveness through responsible stewardship of resources, support of innovation, and creativity in problem solving;
• Working collaboratively across campus and community, and fostering a work environment for our staff which encourages continuous improvement and professional development.

Orientation
www.uni.edu/admissions

Orientation programs are offered for new students to acquaint them with available educational opportunities and university services and to assist them in the class registration process. Most new freshmen who begin their study in the fall semester attend a summer orientation program during the preceding June or July. Transfer students are invited to either a spring or summer transfer orientation program. Students who do not begin their study during fall semester attend orientation and register just before classes begin for that term. Parents of new students are invited to participate in a special parent orientation program.

Housing
www.uni.edu/dor

Application for Rooms in Residence Halls
Official admission to the University of Northern Iowa is a prerequisite to application for housing in the residence halls. Once new students are admitted, the Department of Residence sends an invitation for the student to apply for housing online. This invitation is included with the student’s letter of acceptance from the Office of Admissions. The Department of Residence Web site includes information about each residence hall, the dining operations, and the housing and dining contract. The residence hall and dining contract serves as the official application for housing in the residence halls. The application process includes completion of the contract, and payment of the $300 Admission Acceptance fee.

The majority of new students select the 2-Year Advantage. The 2-Year Advantage option features a price freeze for housing and dining rates from year one to year two of the contract. Additional benefits include waiver of the prepayment for the second year of the contract and early move-in at no additional charge.

Priority for room self-selection and room assignments is based on contract completion date. If an applicant finds it necessary to cancel the contract before occupying the room, the prepayment refund or forfeiture is based on the date of written notification and fulfills the terms of the contract terms and conditions.

Inquiries should be directed to:
Department of Residence
Redeker Center
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0252
319-273-2333 or toll free 866-207-9411
residence@uni.edu

Occupancy
Residence hall occupancy begins officially on the Friday prior to the first day of classes for the fall semester, and the Friday before classes begin for the spring semester. If a reserved room is not occupied on the first day of classes and arrangements have not been made with the Department of Residence for later occupancy, the reservation will be cancelled and forfeiture of prepaid fees and penalties will be applied as stated in the contract terms and conditions.

The residence hall and dining contract covers an entire academic year or the balance thereof; separate contracting is necessary for the summer session. If the contract is terminated before the expiration date, appropriate provisions of the contract will apply. The student is responsible for any financial liabilities incurred prior to the date of termination and a percentage of the remaining portion of the contract.

Residence Halls
Students living in on-campus residence halls have the advantage of easy access to all classrooms, campus activities and campus resources. Residence hall rooms have Internet access (wired and wireless) and cable television. Furnishings and utilities are included. The Department of Residence is designed to provide housing to 4,600 students in ten residence communities. In addition to student rooms, each residence hall offers office support services, lounges, study rooms, recreational areas, laundry rooms, and other facilities for the comfort and convenience of the students. Computer labs are located in residence facilities throughout campus. A professional staff member supports activities that promote academic success and social events that build a strong sense of community.
Floor within each residence hall accommodate approximately 50
students and are designated as houses. Each house sponsors its own
social, cultural, and educational programs. There are houses reserved
for first-year students and houses reserved for upperclass students.
Living Learning Communities are houses with residents who share
an academic major or a social interest. Rooms for single, double,
and triple occupancy (suites) are available. One resident assistant (a
student staff member) lives in each house to serve as a resource person
for the members of that house.

Lawther Hall is for women only. Coeducational housing is provided
in Bender, Campbell, Dancer, Hagemann, Noehren, Rider, and Shull
Halls. Shall Hall is available to upperclass students only. Continuous
housing (during academic and holiday break periods) is available in all
halls. Summer housing is available.

**ROTH Complex and Panther Village**

Apartment and suite-style housing in ROTH is open to sophomores,
juniors, and seniors. Panther Village is for juniors and seniors.
Students in good academic standing and behavioral status qualify for
housing in ROTH and Panther Village. Rooms have Internet access
(wired and wireless) and cable television. Furnishing and utilities
are included. ROTH and Panther Village residents may prepare their
own meals or buy one of the many dining plans available. Students
interested in ROTH or Panther Village as their home away from
home can get additional information and submit a contract for ROTH
or Panther Village housing online at www.uni.edu/dor or contact
Department of Residence, Redeker Center 319-273-2333 or toll free
866-207-9411 or ROTH 319-273-7051.

**Hillside-Jennings Apartments**

One- and two-bedroom unfurnished apartments are available to
married students, single parents with families, graduate students,
transfer students, military veterans, and non-traditional students.
Assignments are made on a date-of-application priority basis.
Information on the Hillside-Jennings Apartments community is
available online at www.uni.edu/dor. Applications and all inquiries
should be directed to:

Hillside-Jennings Office
3900 Jennings Drive - Hillside Courts
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-273-6232

**Residence Hall Meal Plans**

Students in an on-campus residence hall who are first-year students,
will have a meal plan featuring unlimited access to Piazza in Redeker
Center and Rialto in Towers Center. Unlimited access is designed
to better support students’ needs for smaller meals throughout the
day while increasing the opportunity for community building. These
meal plans include Dining Dollars which can be used at all on-campus
restaurants, convenience stores and food carts.

New transfer students and returning students living in residence
halls may select from the unlimited access meal plans and
additional options. Learn more about all meal plan options online at
www.uni.edu/dor/dining.

**Housing and Dining Contracts**

Contractual responsibilities are reviewed annually and are subject to
change. Refer to terms and conditions of the current contract. The
current terms and conditions are available at www.uni.edu/dor.

**Career Services**

www.uni.edu/careerservices

The Office of Career Services assists students in developing career
skills employers and graduate schools value. Experienced staff and
peer assistants provide expertise in guiding students to be career
ready through career decision making tools, resume development,
interviewing skills, job search strategies and overall career preparation.
Career Services maintains active contacts with hundreds of employers,
and provides students with up-to-date information about our
career fairs, on-campus interviews and both employer related or
graduate school related information sessions, programs and outreach
opportunities. Students can always stay connected through CareerCat,
a free internship and job posting service that also serves as our
notification tool. From your first registration at UNI to one year
after graduation, every student has access to this career service.
Additionally, Career Services also helps students find internship and
cooperative education opportunities where students can earn academic
credit, gain important career ready experiences and, in many cases,
earn money while doing it.

Career Services believes in its mission, "We help students succeed." Please visit our website (www.uni.edu/careerservices) or call 319-273-6857 and make an appointment to see us in 102 Gilchrist.

**Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

www.uni.edu/disability

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) has a counselor on
campus located in 102 Gilchrist to assist qualifying students with
disabilities prepare for employment. Services may include helping
students choose a suitable vocational goal, providing tuition assistance,
providing services to help students benefit from academic training, and
assisting with job placement. Students who are interested in additional
information or applying for services may make an appointment by
calling 319-273-6348.

Rehabilitation Services may include:

- medical and psychological assessment
- technological assessment
- vocational assessment
- counseling and guidance
- physical and/or mental restoration services which may include
  therapy, wheelchairs, hearing aids, eye glasses etc.
- special adaptive equipment or devices
- financial support for personal attendant assistance

**Student Disability Services (SDS)**

Student Disability Services is located on the upper level of the Student
Health Center. SDS works with students to ensure that all persons with

disabilities have access to university activities, programs, and services. To obtain information regarding services, call SDS at 319-273-2677 or e-mail at disabilitieservices@uni.edu. More information is available at www.uni.edu/sds.

University Health Services
University Health Services provides comprehensive mental health, physical health, and wellness services to students enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa. Services include consultation, treatment, and a full range of health promotion, wellness, and recreation activities.

Student Health Clinic and Pharmacy
The Student Health Clinic and Pharmacy are located in the Student Health Center, on the south side of 23rd Street next to the Schindler Education Center. The Student Health Clinic provides out-patient medical services Monday through Friday while classes are in session. Detailed information concerning services and hours is available at www.uni.edu/health or by calling 319-273-2009.

Emergency coverage is available at any of the hospital emergency rooms in the Cedar Falls and Waterloo area. After hours, students can seek medical advice by calling Nurse-On-Call at 319-272-2600. This service is sponsored by Covenant and Sartori Hospitals. They will provide information and, if necessary, refer you to appropriate services.

A student health insurance plan may be purchased through the university on a voluntary basis for those without medical insurance. More information is available at www.uni.edu/health/insurance. International students are required to have health insurance as a condition of admission for more information visit: www.uni.edu/health/insurance/international.

Counseling Center
The Counseling Center is located on the upper level of the Student Health Center. The Counseling Center is staffed with professional counselors and psychologists who provide confidential counseling services to students who have paid the Mandatory Health Fee.

Appointments for counseling may be made by calling 319-273-2676 or in-person at the Counseling Center. More information is available at www.uni.edu/counseling.

Wellness and Recreation Services
The Wellness and Recreation Center, located next to the UNI-Dome, is home to Wellness and Recreation Services. Program information is available at the WRS website www.uni.edu/wellrec.

Military Members and Veterans
The University of Northern Iowa is proud to serve all veterans, military members, and their families. Our role is to support military members, veterans, and their families at UNI as they transition between military duty, college, and new careers. We are committed to faculty and staff education, on and off campus resource networking, advocacy, and listening to each student to ensure that each military affiliated students’ voice is heard and they are empowered to achieve success in class and beyond. For more information contact:

Coordinator, Military and Veteran Student Services
Maucker Union

University of Northern Iowa
1227 W. 27th St.
Cedar Falls, IA, 50614-0382
Phone: (319) 273-3040

The University of Northern Iowa has been selected as a Military-Friendly University in Military Advanced Education's (MAE) 2014 Guide to Military Friendly Colleges and Universities, Best for Vets 2014, and Best for Vets Business 2014. This guide provides potential students with information about institutions that go out of their way to implement military friendly policies in support of our men and women in uniform. Criteria for inclusion in the Military Friendly Schools list includes a strong commitment to recruiting, retaining, and providing financial, academic, and social services to student veterans.

The university cooperates with the Veterans Administration to provide for the education of veterans under the provision of federal laws, including those eligible under the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, along with other VA educational benefit programs. The Office of the Registrar will assist students eligible under any of these programs. For additional information, contact:

Office of the Registrar
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA, 50614-0006
Phone: (319) 273-6801

Student Activities and Honors
Co-curricular activities are encouraged at the University of Northern Iowa because of the important contribution these activities make to the total education of the student. The university maintains an extensive program of co-curricular activities: intercollegiate athletics, theatre, forensics, publications, music, social life, student organizations and interest groups, intramural sports and recreational activities, and sports clubs.

Speech and Debate
The forensics program (speech and debate team), under the auspices of the Department of Communication Studies, encourages participation of all interested students, both in debate and individual events regardless of major. The forensics squad participates in some 20-25 intercollegiate forensic meets per year on a regional and national basis. Participants may choose to enter debate or individual events. Further information is available at www.uni.edu/commstudies/forensics/.

Fraternities/Sororities
The Greek community at UNI consists of nationally affiliated (National Interfraternity Council and National Panhellenic Council) social sororities and fraternities, and nationally affiliated (National Pan-Hellenic Council) historically African-American sororities and fraternities. The Greek community has a long, rich tradition of supporting student involvement and development, and providing service, social and leadership opportunities. Formal and informal membership recruitment and intake processes take place each semester. More information is available at www.uni.edu/involvement/fsl.

Honor Organizations
Superior achievement in various academic disciplines and in extracurricular activities is recognized in honor organizations. Information on these organizations may be obtained from the Student
Involvement Center, located on the plaza level of Maucker Union, or at www.uni.edu/involvement.

**Intercollegiate Athletics**

Various intercollegiate sports are available to both men and women at UNI. The university engages in intercollegiate athletic competition in a total of 17 sports. Men may participate in basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor and outdoor track, and wrestling. Women also compete in basketball, cross country, golf, and indoor and outdoor track, as well as in soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

UNI Athletic teams participate within Division I of the NCAA. UNI Football is part of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS, formerly 1-AA). The University Athletics Program is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, the Missouri Valley Football Conference, and the Mid-American Conference. All intercollegiate athletic programs are governed and operated in accordance with NCAA, Conference, and university rules and regulations. In some instances, university rules and regulations may be more restrictive than those of the NCAA and/or Conference.

**Interest Organizations**

Numerous organizations sponsored by departments and specialized interest groups provide students the opportunity to become better acquainted with other students and faculty as well as to explore leadership skills and perpetuate interests outside the classroom. Many of the organizations have no membership requirements other than an active interest in the work for which the club exists and regular attendance at the meetings. Information on specific interest organizations can be obtained in the Student Involvement Center, located on the plaza level of Maucker Union, or at www.uni.edu/involvement.

**Maucer Union Advisory Board**

The Maucker Union Advisory Board, comprised primarily of students, provides feedback and guidance on all issues related to Maucker Union administration, facilities, and programming. More information is available at www.uni.edu/maucker.

**Music**

Music organizations and ensembles are open to all students by audition. Participation by non-music majors is encouraged. Credit is available to all who participate. Among the groups offered are: Concert Chorale, UNI Opera Ensemble, UNI Singers, Varsity Men's Glee Club, Women's Chorus, Cantorei, Pep Band, Wind Symphony, Panther Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Bands, Symphony Orchestra, plus several instrumental ensembles. For further information visit www.uni.edu/music.

**Northern Iowa Student Government**

The legislative branch of Student Government at UNI is the Student Senate. The executive members include the president, vice-president, director of public relations, director of diversity and student life, director of administration and finance, and director of governmental relations. A Supreme Court, which comprises the judicial branch, also exists. The Northern Iowa Student Government promotes cooperation between students and faculty, seeks solutions to student concerns, and represents the entire student body in matters affecting student interests. More information is available at www.uni.edu/nisg.

**Professional Performing Arts on Campus**

For more information, refer to The Fine and Performing Arts at UNI section of this University Catalog.

**Religion**

Surrounding the campus are various student religious centers. Information on specific religious organizations may be obtained in the Student Involvement and Activities Center, located on the plaza-level of Maucker Union.

**Social Life**

The social life at the University of Northern Iowa is flexible, designed to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of the students and university community. Social opportunities include popular and cultural film programs, art exhibits, fine arts productions, live musical entertainment, dances, campus-wide events, speaker programs, forums, and community service projects. Much of the program planning relies heavily on student involvement. Information pertaining to involvement is available through the Student Involvement Center, located on the plaza level of Maucker Union, or at www.uni.edu/involvement.

**Station KULT-LP**

Station KULT is the student-managed and-operated radio station of the University of Northern Iowa. The station operates at 94.5FM and on Channel 5 of the Campus Cable Television System. KULT programming consists of music, UNI sporting events, and news. The studios and offices of KULT are located in the lower level of Maucker Union. For further information go to www.uni.edu/KULT.

**Student Government**

The student government associations include the Northern Iowa Student Government, the Residence Halls Association, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, the Maucker Union Advisory Board, and the individual residence hall senates.

**Student Publications**

*The Northern Iowan* is written, illustrated, and edited by students for campus-wide distribution. This student newspaper is distributed twice a week during the fall and spring and once a week during the summer session (www.northern-iowan.org)

**Theatre**

Any enrolled student is welcome to audition or volunteer for production responsibilities in the major productions or many student productions produced by Theatre UNI. Seasons typically include classical, modern and contemporary drama, musical comedy, and theatre for youth. All members of the university community are invited to attend productions in the Strayer-Wood and Bertha Martin Theatres. For additional information, including audition postings, visit the website www.uni.edu/theatre.

**Veterans**

Any student is welcome to join the UNI Student Veterans Association. The purpose of this group is to educate the campus community about military veterans, support members of the military that are currently deployed, support veterans that are dealing with issues coming back from deployment, contribute to the improvement of UNI as a military
friendly school, and have fun socializing with other veterans that attend the University of Northern Iowa.

**Wellness and Recreation**

Wellness and Recreation Services, located within the Wellness and Recreation Center, offers campus-wide programs in informal recreation/fitness/aquatic opportunities, intramural sports, instructional activities, as well as various health, wellness, and educational programs. The Wellness and Recreation Center provides:

- (10) multi-purpose gymnasiums/courts for basketball, volleyball, soccer, and tennis
- (6) racquetball/wally ball courts
- (8) lighted outdoor tennis courses
- a leisure pool with whirlpool and water slide
- an eight lane, 25-yard lap pool
- (5) aerobics/dance studios
- a 38.5-foot climbing wall
- the UNI Outdoor Recreation Center
- West Campus Complex with outdoor recreation fields for a wide variety of sports and activities
- a free weight room
- a spacious fitness area with cardiovascular and strength training equipment
- a running track
- a wellness resource lab with a massage room, a wellness library and small computer center; and
- men's and women's locker and shower facilities

For more information visit the Wellness and Recreation Services website at www.uni.edu/wellrec.