

Northeast College Fact Sheet

- Northeast College is a small private liberal arts college with an undergraduate population of 2,000.
 - Over 99% of all undergraduate students are under the age of 24.
 - Sixty-three percent of undergraduate students are female and 37% are male.
 - Six percent of the undergraduate student body identifies itself as African American, and 5% of the student body self-identifies as Latino.
- The mission of Northeast College is to create responsible citizens and ethical professionals who think critically, communicate effectively in both written and oral form, and are prepared to thrive in a global, multicultural world.
- Northeast College's endowment is \$43 million.
 - Total expenses for students living on campus are \$35,000/year.
 - Around 93% of Northeast students receive some form of financial aid, and tuition is moderately discounted.
 - Twenty-nine percent of Northeast College students are eligible for Pell grants.
- The average SAT combined math and critical reading score is 990.
- Twenty-four percent of first-year students were in the top 25% of their high school class.
- The largest majors at Northeast College are:
 - Business (including majors in management, marketing, international business, accounting, and finance)
 - Early childhood and elementary teacher education
 - Psychology
- Northeast College also has 600 graduate students in two programs, a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and a Master of Social Work (MSW) program. Some of Northeast's graduate students are part-time.
- Northeast College has NCAA Division III status.
- Eighty-five percent of Northeast College students return for their second year.
- Sixty-four percent of Northeast College students graduate in four years, and 71% graduate in six years.
 - The four-year graduation rate for women is 66% and for men it is 62%.
 - The four-year graduation rate for white students is 69%; for African American students, 51%; and for Latino students, 45%.
- There are 143 faculty members at Northeast College. 70% of the faculty are tenured or tenure-track.
 - Northeast College has a teaching and learning center to support faculty development.
- Northeast College has a faculty-led assessment committee and a part-time institutional researcher.
- Northeast College also has a first-year seminar program that emphasizes the development of study, reading, writing, and discussion skills.
 - All first-year students take this seminar in the fall of their first year.
 - There are 20 students in each section.
 - The readings and assignments are dictated by the instructors of each section.

- The first-year program is staffed entirely by tenured or tenure-track faculty with oversight from a faculty committee.
- At Northeast College:
 - Seventy percent of the classes have less than 25 students.
 - Four percent of the classes have 50 or more students.
 - The student–faculty ratio is 14:1.
- The campus has a writing and quantitative skills center for first-year students. This center is staffed by academic affairs.
- The academic advising staff also reports to academic affairs.
- First-year orientation is designed and implemented by the student affairs staff.
 - All first-year students live on campus.
 - About 25% of undergraduates participate in Greek life, but Northeast College students cannot join sororities or fraternities, or move into Greek residential units, until their sophomore year.
- All Northeast College students complete a senior capstone project in their major.
- Northeast College is located in Modest City, Connecticut.
 - Modest City has a population of around 78,000.
 - The median family income is well above the national average, and less than 4% of the city's inhabitants live below the poverty level.
 - About 78% of the city's population is white, 6% is African American, and 8% is Latino.

In the fall of 2007, Northeast College participated in the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education. That same year, Northeast College also participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). After receiving a summary report of this assessment data from Northeast College's institutional researcher, the president asked the vice presidents of academic affairs and student affairs to form a task force to review the data and to determine how Northeast College could improve students' engagement and growth. The president also asked that the task force make recommendations for first steps the institution should take to improve student learning.

Unfortunately, given the current financial crisis, Northeast College has frozen the personnel budget and there are no funds available to create significant new programs for at least the next year. However, the president has set aside a “first-response budget” of \$5,000 to support activities in the 2008–09 academic year that the task force recommends.