

UNI

University of Northern Iowa
Graduate College



GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Dear Graduate Student,

Unlock your Potential. Start your Future.

Our Graduate Student Handbook is designed for you, our newest members of the UNI graduate community. You will find resources to help you start achieving before you even step on campus. The handbook will unlock some of the hidden secrets at UNI and in the Cedar Valley, such as the Panther Pass, to get you into art and athletic events. Faculty, staff, and peers across campus are rooting for you and will support your professional goals, including The Graduate College. As you connect with others, make sure to take opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, like participating in original or creative scholarship experiences or professional internships - you never know where these experiences might take you.

Please stop by Lang 110 to say hello, or meet us for Coffee with the Dean or another event. We look forward to watching you thrive and can't wait to watch you cross the stage at commencement.

Accept the challenge and find the magic,

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UNI Graduate College

**Office Location: 110 Lang Hall | Office Phone: 319-273-2748 | gradcollege@uni.edu
8:00am- 4:30pm Monday-Friday**

The Graduate College provides resources and guidance to graduate students from being a prospective student through graduation. The Graduate College oversees and implements graduate policies and procedures. Graduate education is also about being part of a community so the Graduate College encourages students to take part in the many activities and professional development opportunities that are offered throughout the year.

Graduate College Website

<https://www.grad.uni.edu/>

Visit the Graduate College website for detailed information on a variety of topics:

- Graduate Admission
- [Graduate College Assistantships and Graduate College Tuition Scholarships](#)
- Graduate Programs and Degrees
- INSPIRE Student Research & Engagement Conference
- Thesis & Dissertation Information
- [UNI Grad Student News](#), Quarterly Online Newsletter
- University Policies

Thesis and Dissertation Services

The Thesis and Dissertation Reviewer is available for appointments for assistance with theses and dissertations. All appointments will be held in person in the Learning Center @ Rod Library (TLC) or electronically via Zoom. Appointments will cover:

- Formatting the document per the Thesis and Dissertation Manual
- Planning and process of completing a thesis or dissertation
- Writing and research assistance
- Meeting Graduate College requirements
- Using the [Thesis & Dissertation Formatting Guide](#)

Schedule an appointment [here!](#)

Graduate College Awards

<https://grad.uni.edu/graduate-college-awards>

The Graduate College recognizes and awards exceptional faculty, graduate student, and graduate assistant work. Faculty members are eligible to receive the James F. Lubker Research Award for “excellence in research and scholarship”, the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award for “outstanding graduate teaching”, and the Distinguished Scholar Award for “senior scholars and artists with a long and distinguished record”. Graduate students are eligible to receive the Outstanding Dissertation Award, Outstanding Thesis Award, and the Outstanding Creative Thesis Award. Finally, Graduate Assistants who “excel in commitment, initiative, and engagement in their programs” are eligible for the Graduate First Award.

Writing Help from the Graduate College

The Graduate Writing Assistant is available by appointment to help with theses, dissertations, literature reviews, course papers, and writing samples. All appointments will be held in person in the Learning Center @ Rod Library (TLC) or electronically via Zoom. Appointments can be scheduled to cover:

- Brainstorming and planning the writing process
- Outlining and drafting assignments
- Conducting and organizing research
- Editing written work
- Formatting according to style manuals and/or Graduate College standards
- Polishing writing samples for submission

Schedule an appointment [here!](#) All questions can be directed [to gradwriting@uni.edu](mailto:gradwriting@uni.edu).

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Graduate College Staff Mission Statement

The Graduate College staff partners with university departments to promote scholarship among faculty and students. The Graduate College provides campus-wide academic and professional development resources, resulting in high-quality experiences and engagement across all aspects of graduate life.

Graduate Education at UNI

Admissions

<https://www.grad.uni.edu/programs-and-degrees>

UNI offers over 50 outstanding graduate programs leading to degrees in business, education, the natural sciences, humanities, arts, and the social and behavioral sciences. Some programs are offered at a distance and others are available residentially. During their academic career, students are provided with multiple opportunities to engage in experiences guided by faculty who are at the forefront of innovation in their areas of research and scholarship. When students leave UNI, they are able to transfer the skills and knowledge they gained to enhance the community.

Arts and Humanities

Master's Degrees:

- Communication Studies MA
- English MA
- History MA
- Music MA
- Music MM
- TESOL MA
- TESOL/Spanish MA

Certificates:

- Artist Diploma I
- Artist Diploma II

Behavioral and Health Sciences

Master's Degrees:

- Athletic Training MATR
- Counseling MA
- Kinesiology and Sport Performance MA
- Psychology MA
- Social Work MSW
- Speech-Language Pathology MA
- Women's and Gender Studies MA

Certificates:

- Global Health and Humanitarian Assistance
- Women's and Gender Studies

Business, Government, and Nonprofit

Master's Degrees:

- Accounting MAcc
- Business Administration MBA
- Leisure, Youth and Human Services MA
- Philanthropy & Nonprofit Development MA
- Public Policy MPP

Education

Doctoral Degree:

- Doctorate of Education: Intensive study areas:
 - Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - Educational Leadership

Master's Degrees:

- Art Education MA
- Early Childhood Education MAE
- Educational Psychology MAE
- Elementary Education MAE
- Health Education MA
- Instructional Technology MA
- Literacy Education MAE
- Mathematics for Middle Grades MA
- Music Education MM

- Physical Education Pedagogy MA
- Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs MA
- Principalship MAE
- School Library Studies MA
- School Psychology EdS
- Science Education MA
- Social Science MA
- Special Education MAE
- Teacher Leadership for International Educators MA
- Teaching English in Secondary Schools MA

Certificates:

- Instructional Technology Facilitator
- Literacy Coach
- Principalship
- Reading Recovery Teacher Leader
- Superintendency

Science and Technology

Master's Degrees:

- Biology MS
- Geography MA
- Mathematics MA
- Technology MS

Certificates:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Cartography
- Unmanned Aerial Systems

Online and Distance Education

<https://continuinged.uni.edu/distance>

Online and Distance Education expands access to high-quality educational opportunities available through a variety of methods, technologies, and exemplary support services. It provides leadership in the planning, promotion, support and administration of credit courses and programs that fall outside "traditional" on-campus coursework. Offerings are delivered via interactive video, online, at off-campus locations, or through a blended approach.

Registrar's Office<https://registrar.uni.edu/>

Visit the Registrar's Office website for detailed information and guidance on a variety of topics including:

- Academic Advisement Report
- Academic Catalog
- Academic Standing
- Classroom Building Names and Abbreviations
- Dean's List and Graduation Reports
- Enrollment/Degree Verification Request
- FERPA
- Graduation and Commencement Information
- Military and Veterans Education Benefits
- Record Analysts
- Registration for Classes
- Residency Requirements
- Teacher Licensure
- Transcript Requests
- View Your Grades
- Voter Registration
- Voter Documentation
- Tuition and Fees

INSPIRE Research & Engagement Conference<https://csbs.uni.edu/conference>

Each spring, the Graduate College partners with the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to hold the INSPIRE Research & Engagement Conference. Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors across campus are invited to participate and showcase their work. Projects may be submitted in the categories of Research, Volunteer/Internship Experiences, Club Activities, or Creative Performances. This conference allows students to gain experience presenting or performing at a conference, giving them real-world experience they can carry into future careers.

Health, Safety & Support at UNI

For an Emergency call 911

For UNI Police call 319-273-2710

Center for Violence Prevention

<https://cvp.uni.edu/>

The mission of the Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) is to build the capacity of institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, victim service agencies, law enforcement and the criminal justice system to systematically implement best practice violence prevention and evaluation strategies in collaboration with state, family and community partners.

Compliance and Equity Management, Office of (OCEM)

<https://equity.uni.edu/>

Members of the campus community are entitled to an educational and working environment free of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation (<https://policies.uni.edu/1302>). The University provides a variety of resources to assist individuals who have experienced discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct to address the effects of the incident and to help them determine whether and how to make a formal complaint about the incident.

OCEM houses the Title IX Officer who oversees the University's response to incidents of sexual misconduct as well as other forms of discrimination and harassment. OCEM also directs prevention efforts across campus, including education and awareness, affirmative action planning, and equal opportunity efforts. Additional UNI resource-related information can be found at <https://safety.uni.edu/>.

Counseling Center

<https://counseling.uni.edu/>

The UNI Counseling Center promotes the personal development and psychological well-being of all students and encourages a college environment that is conducive to growth and learning. Enrolled students paying the mandatory health fee are eligible for a free initial assessment and clinical recommendations. Therapy groups, crisis appointments, and short term individual therapy (5 sessions) per academic year are provided at no additional charge. Tele-therapy appointments are available for students who are not comfortable or able to come in person. Additionally, the Counseling Center offers Mental Health Ally Training which educates participants on making change to the mental health culture at UNI. The following is contact information for services:

- Call 319-273-2676 for an Initial Assessment appointment.
- For urgent situations outside of office hours, call the Counseling Center at 319-273-2676 and press 2 to speak to a crisis counselor.

Department of Public Safety

<https://publicsafety.uni.edu/>

The Department of Public Safety website provides information regarding crime prevention, personal and property protection, safety escort services, emergency procedures, and parking. Visit <https://publicsafety.uni.edu/crime-statistics> to find campus crime statistics. The Department of Public Safety has sworn police officers who are on duty 24- hours a day seven days a week. Parking Division information can also be found on their website.

Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct

<https://policies.uni.edu/1302>

Diversity

<https://diversity.uni.edu/>

Mission: At the University of Northern Iowa, our mission is to create and maintain an inclusive educational environment which prepares students to thrive in a diverse, global environment.

According to UNI's Diversity website, "Diversity describes the rich differences that people bring to the University of Northern Iowa community. It can refer broadly to culture, identity and ideology, or more specifically to age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, ability, gender identity, socioeconomic status, political affiliation, marital status, national origin, or veteran status. Diversity is a dynamic concept, shaped by history, and changing as our understanding of the world and its people evolves." The following are some campus diversity resources:

- [International Students and Scholars Office](#)
- [Office of International Admissions](#)
- [Student Organizations such as Ethnic & Cultural Organizations, Language Organizations, Religion & Spirituality Organizations, and Political & Activism Organizations](#)

Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, Office of

- [Center for Multicultural Education](https://cme.uni.edu/)
According to their website, the UNI Center for Multicultural Education will advance inclusion and social justice through advocacy and support of underrepresented and marginalized students, provide diversity education for all its community members, and promote a safe and welcoming environment that fosters academic success, a sense of belonging, and respect for all people and cultures.
- [Gender and Sexuality Services](https://lgbt.uni.edu/)
The mission of Gender & Sexuality Services is to "...promote healthy, engaged, successful LGBT students and allies. Gender & Sexuality Services provides a safe space, resources, and educational opportunities to advocate for an inclusive community." Gender & Sexuality Services offers Safe Zone Ally program which is designed to identify and train community members interested in the continued growth of an inclusive campus community.
- [Military and Veteran Student Services](https://military.uni.edu/)
This service is to support military members, veterans, and their families at UNI as they transition between military duty, college, and new careers. The staff 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.

Forward Together

<https://forwardtogether.uni.edu/>

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNI created the Forward Together response team. This team takes into consideration public health guidelines to create a safe experience for students on UNI's campus. All COVID-19 related updates will be posted on the Forward Together website.

Student Accessibility Services

<https://sas.uni.edu/>

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) views disabilities as an integral part of the rich diversity at the University of Northern Iowa. To that end, SAS works collaboratively with students, faculty, and staff to create an accessible educational environment for students.

- [Assistive Technology](#) Assistive technology (AT) is any piece of equipment, product, or system which is utilized to improve the functional capacities of a person's learning or living environment and can be used by people with a wide range of abilities. Individuals at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) have access to various assistive technologies on campus to support their academic needs.
- [Classroom Accommodations](#)
 - Access to Food, Water, Medicine, and Medical Supplies
 - Alternative Textbooks & Course Materials
 - Audio Recording Lectures
 - Preferential Seating
 - Sign Language Interpreting

Student Health Clinic

<https://health.uni.edu/>

The Student Health Clinic functions as a general medical clinic and provides evaluation and treatment for a wide variety of health concerns. Routine health exams, illness or injury evaluations, mental health services, and coordination of care for chronic medical issues are a few of the services offered. If you are a registered UNI student taking five or more hours per semester you qualify for their services.

Student Wellness Services<https://studentwellness.uni.edu/>

Student Wellness Services supports the journey toward optimal health and well-being through holistic health promotion and education to enhance student success. The office coordinates program initiatives, provides information and referral, raises awareness and influences a culture of care at UNI. The Student Wellness Services offer the following:

- **Wellness coaching:** Meet one-on-one with trained staff or graduate students to use strengths to meet goals.
- **Intuitive eating consultation:** Create a healthy relationship with food, the body and the mind.
- **Alcohol and other drug (AOD) preventative and educational services:** For help and support, visit aodeducation.uni.edu or email wellness@uni.edu.

Getting Started at UNI

Campus Map

<http://uni.edu/campusmap/>

Submit your final transcripts

<https://admissions.uni.edu/contact-us>

Make sure your final, official transcripts are on file before the start of the semester. UNI requires official transcripts from the university that granted your Bachelor's degree, along with any other schools you attended after earning your degree. For transcripts to be considered official, they must be sent directly from the institution to UNI. Transcripts can be sent electronically to admissionsprocessing@uni.edu or via mail to the [Office of Admissions](#).

Sign in to your UNI email account

<https://email.uni.edu/>

All students are provided an official UNI email address used for many official UNI communications, including university bill notifications. If you would prefer to forward your UNI email to another email address, please refer to these [instructions](#).

'Graduate Student Success' Virtual Orientation

<https://tinyurl.com/36dpu8sh>

Log in with your CATID to learn about everything from campus resources and parking permits to helpful tips for making the most of your graduate studies at UNI. Here you can also upload items such as your photo for your UNI ID Card.

Pick up your UNI ID card

<https://dor.uni.edu/idcard/>

Access MyUNiverse and Student Center

<https://tinyurl.com/jjsevc55>

Register for classes, pay your U-bill, and access your personal records in MyUniverse. Sign in with your CatID and password.

Sign in to eLearning

<https://elearning.uni.edu/about-uni-elearning>

eLearning contains many components, but the most commonly used tool is Blackboard Learn. Await further instructions from your professors regarding how Blackboard will be used for your courses. To sign in, use your CatID and password.

Fill out the Mandatory Health Form

<https://health.uni.edu/requirements>

Buy a parking permit

<https://ctitt-uni.cticloudhost.com/>

Attend the Graduate College Welcome Event

Student Services & Resources

A-Z Alphabetical Index to UNI Website

<https://uni.edu/resources/a-z-index>

Academics

- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Academic Catalog](#)

Career Services

<https://careerservices.uni.edu/>

Career Services focuses on connecting students with opportunities to prepare them for the world of work. Career Services also hosts job and internship fairs throughout the academic year. The UNI Job Board, powered by Handshake, posts on and off campus employment opportunities.

- [Job & Internship Fairs](#)
- [UNI Job Board](#)

Dean of Students

<https://deanofstudents.uni.edu/students>

The Dean of Students Office is committed to student success. Whether new students are transitioning to the University or current students are in need of support, this office is here to make appropriate referrals and facilitate continued success.

Examination Services

<https://unialc.uni.edu/examination-services>

The University of Northern Iowa's (UNI) Examination Services supports the mission of the university by offering credit by examination, certification examinations, most major national college and professional school entrance exams, and proctoring services. Currently-enrolled UNI undergraduate and graduate students, non-UNI students, and non-students are eligible to utilize the services. All examinations are provided in a secure and convenient testing environment. Exams are administered by trained, certified professionals in accordance with testing companies' guidelines and the [National College Testing Association \(NCTA\) Professional Standards and Guidelines](#). To access a listing of exams offered, click on "Test Information" in the drop down menu at the top of the page.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

<https://it.uni.edu/>

Visit ITS online, by phone (319-273-5555), in person (Innovative Teaching and Technology Center Room 36) or by chatting on their website for answers to all technology questions. ITS has information to support students with their CatID, email, eLearning and more. ITS also provides technology help at the Service Hub. Free online software training is also provided by Lynda.com from LinkedIn Learning. Panther Print Stations have been set up around campus.

International Programs, Office of

<https://internationalprograms.uni.edu/>

The Office of International Programs (OIP) promotes international education, development, programming and collaboration among faculty and staff at UNI and helps students thrive in a diverse global environment. OIP also serves to enhance the experience of international students on UNI's campus by assisting them to succeed in their academic goals and social adjustment to campus.

- [Culture and Intensive English Program](#)
- [International Students and Scholars Office](#)
- [Study Abroad](#)

Panther Pantry

<https://pantherpantry.uni.edu/>

The UNI Panther Pantry is a student organization which seeks to provide UNI students who are financially unable to purchase necessity items on their own, access to food and necessities. The organization recognizes students need access to food in order to succeed academically. Visit the website above for details.

Professional Development

<https://grad.uni.edu/all-events>

The Graduate College strives to help graduate students develop professionally throughout their experience at UNI. Examples of past workshops that have been held include “Resume Writing for Graduate Students,” “Behavior-Based Interviewing” and “Conquering the Cover Letter.” Students should watch their UNI email for announcements regarding upcoming workshops or visit the Graduate College website. Additionally, workshop presentations and resources are shared through UNI blackboard.

Research & Sponsored Programs, Office of

<https://rsp.uni.edu/>

The mission of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (RSP) is to advance and support creative activity and scholarly research by working to: promote awareness of the intellectual life of the UNI community; encourage internal and external collaboration; support efforts to secure and administer sponsored funding; and ensure compliance with sponsored funding and research regulation, policies, and procedures. RSP offers:

- Trainings, resources, and events related to ethics, scholarship and grants
- IRB training is required for graduate and undergraduate students before conducting their own research within their programs.

Rod Library

<https://www.library.uni.edu/>

Rod Library offers resources for the entire campus including 200+ databases to use for research and an extensive selection of research articles. Resources include:

- [Fine & Performing Arts Collection](#)
- [Graduate Student Guide to Rod Library](#)
- [Interlibrary Loan](#)
- [Liaison Librarians & Collection Strategists](#)
- [Museum](#)
- [Reserving a Room in the Library](#)
- [ScholarSpace](#)
- [Services](#)
- [UNI ScholarWorks](#)
- [Video Collection](#)

Student Affairs, Division of

<https://studentaffairs.uni.edu/>

Departments in Student Affairs include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career Services ▪ Dean of Students ▪ Diversity, Inclusion, & Social Justice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Health & Well-Being Services ▪ Student Life & Event Services ▪ Student Success & Retention |
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The Learning Center @ Rod Library

<https://tlc.uni.edu/>

The Learning Center @ Rod Library (TLC) offers tutoring services to University of Northern Iowa (UNI) undergraduate and graduate students at all levels of preparation and achievement. Staff and trained certified peers deliver quality services in an accessible, supportive environment to help students become more independent, effective, and confident learners. Tutoring is available for math, science, writing, and general study skills and can be accessed via walk-ins (see tlc.uni.edu for hours).

Students may also utilize TLC resources for:

- Breaking writer’s block and getting class assignments, personal statements, and other projects started
- Identifying problems with focus, development, organization, clarity, and grammar
- Effective planning, revising, editing, and proofreading strategies
- Calculator lending program
- Test-taking preparation and study skills
- Effective time management strategies

The Learning Center @ Rod Library also offers “Presentation Requests” for specific courses and groups.

Visit tlc.uni.edu and click the link for workshop information and registration.

All TLC services are free to all currently-enrolled UNI students.

UNI Bookstore

<https://unibookstore.com/default.asp?>

Textbooks may be purchased at the UNI Bookstore or on their website. The UNI Bookstore also offers an assortment of UNI apparel and merchandise, college supplies, and more.

University Policies and Procedures

<https://policies.uni.edu/>

Financial Aid & Scholarships at UNI

Awards & Funding Opportunities

<https://www.grad.uni.edu/current-students>

Financial Aid & Scholarships

<https://finaid.uni.edu/financing-graduate-school>

UNI is committed to providing the finest education attainable at the lowest cost possible. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships prides itself on assisting individuals in understanding the financial aid process. Remember to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which is available for completion on October 1st at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Be sure to check with your academic program for scholarship opportunities. Additionally, UNI graduate students are eligible for numerous scholarships which can be found on the UNI Directory at

<https://cgi.access.uni.edu/cgi-bin/scholarship/search.cgi?action=list&guest=1>

Graduate Assistantships

<https://grad.uni.edu/application-graduate-assistantship>

A Graduate Assistantship is an employment position on campus available to qualified full-time students who are working toward a graduate degree at UNI. GA positions are offered at full-time (20 hours per week) or half-time (10 hours per week). Graduate Assistantships enhance the student's graduate education by exposing them to the professional activities and concerns of their discipline and gives them opportunities to work closely with faculty and other university professionals. Graduate Assistantship salaries are paid through payroll the last business day of each month during the awarded semester.

Students can apply for a Graduate Assistantship position by completing the application form on the Graduate College website (link below) along with submitting other requested materials to their graduate program or to a non-academic department they are interested in. Submission instructions are provided on the [application form](#). Most Graduate Assistantship position applications are due in the spring prior to the position's commencement in the fall. Additional Graduate Assistantship openings will be posted on Handshake.

Graduate College Tuition Scholarships

<https://grad.uni.edu/application-tuition-scholarship>

Graduate College Tuition Scholarships are available to qualified full-time students who are working toward a graduate degree at UNI. These scholarships are offered at the half or full in-state tuition rate. No service or work is done in exchange for a Graduate College Tuition Scholarship. Students are responsible for the amount of their tuition and fees that the scholarship does not cover. Students can apply for this scholarship by completing the application form on the Graduate College website and submitting it to their graduate program. Submission instructions are provided on the application form.

Involvement on UNI Campus

Arts & Athletics

Students receive a Panther Pass, which is supported by the Mandatory Student Services Fee for on-campus students. The Panther Pass provides free admission for students to most UNI athletic, music and theater events and reduced ticket prices to events at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

- [Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center](#)
 - Gallagher Bluedorn provides all UNI students **two free tickets** each semester. Students have the choice to use these two free tickets for a show or concert
<http://www.gbpac.com/tickets/uni-students.aspx>
- [Gallery of Art](#)
- [Interpreters Theatre](#)
- [Panther Athletics](#)
- [School of Music](#)
- [Strayer-Wood Theatre](#)

Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG)

<https://nisg.uni.edu/>

The Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) represents the student body in university and non-university matters and promotes activities that are in the best interest of the student body. NISG also promotes student involvement in the governmental process by addressing issues that affect students such as tuition, financial aid, educational quality, and student rights.

Student Life & Event Services

<https://studentlife.uni.edu/>

The Office of Student Life encourages all students to engage and become active in at least one of the 250+ student organizations UNI has to offer. View the following resources:

- [Campus Activities Board](#)
- [Maucker Union Events](#)
- [Student Organizations](#)
- [Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley](#)

Wellness and Recreation Services

<https://recreation.uni.edu/>

The Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC) is a state-of-the-art facility housing Wellness and Recreation Services. The facility includes two pools, a climbing wall, a multi-purpose gymnasium, a fitness area, a free-weight room and more! Currently enrolled students have free access to these facilities. Spouses and dependent children of current full-time students can use the WRC facilities during designated family times at no extra charge. UNI has a separate multipurpose gym on campus located in Maucker Union called the Health Beat. The Health Beat offers a fitness area, machines and weights. Wellness and Recreation Services include the following:

- [Recreation Services](#)
 - Recreation services offers intramural sports, outdoor recreation opportunities, sport clubs, personal trainers and fitness classes.
- [The Health Beat](#)

Cedar Valley Community

Housing: Off Campus

There are a variety of locations for students to live off campus in the Cedar Falls and Waterloo area. The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, the daily local newspaper, includes advertisements for housing rentals. The following are housing resources in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area:

- [Apartment Finder- Cedar Falls](#)
- [Apartment Finder- Waterloo](#)
- [Cedar Valley Homes](#)
- [Zillow](#)
- [Apartments.com](#)

Cedar Falls

For an overview of things to do in Cedar Falls check out these sites:

- [Cedar Falls Main Street](#)
 - Cedar Falls Main Street offers shops, restaurants, bars and various events such as holiday events, a farmer's market, and community activities
- [Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau](#)
- [College Hill](#)
 - College Hill offers a wide range of amenities including restaurants, bars, coffee shops, bakeries, hot yoga, shopping and even a seasonal Farmers' Market.
- [Hearst Center for the Arts](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
 - [Parks](#)
 - [Water Trails, Walking Trails and Biking Trails](#)

For equity resources in Cedar Falls, visit the [Cedar Falls Human Rights Commission](#)

Cedar Falls Community School District

<http://www.cfschools.org/>

Waterloo

For an overview of things to do in Waterloo check out these site

- [Cedar Valley Sportsplex](#)
- [Museums & Exhibits](#)
- [Waterloo Convention & Visitors Center](#)
- [Waterloo Main Street](#)
 - Waterloo Main Street offers restaurants, bars, shops and public entities such as museums, recreation centers and sports facilities.

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Waterloo Community School District

<http://www.waterlooschools.org/>

Graduation & Beyond

Graduation and Commencement <https://registrar.uni.edu/graduation-and-commencement>

Graduating students must apply for graduation and also respond to the Commencement Reply. The deadline to graduate in the Fall is November 10th, the deadline to graduate in the Spring is April 1st, and the deadline to graduate in the Summer is July 1st.

- [Commencement Ceremony Information](#)
- [Completing the Graduation Application](#)
- [Fall Graduation](#)
- [Graduation Fair](#)
- [Spring Graduation](#)
- [Summer Graduation](#)

Alumni Association

<https://unialum.org/>

The UNI Alumni Association facilitates communications and outreach activities with alumni, students and friends of UNI. The UNI Alumni Association's vision is to strengthen relationships with alumni, students and the University through lifelong connections. Membership in the Alumni Association is FREE! Visit their website to learn about the Association events, programs and services including the seven Alumni Clubs for the following locations:

- Cedar Rapids- Iowa City Corridor Alumni Club
- Central Iowa Alumni Club
- Chicago Alumni Club
- Denver Alumni Club
- Kansas City Alumni Club
- Omaha- Council Bluffs Alumni Club
- Twin Cities Alumni Club

For more information about joining, see below:

- [Alumni Clubs](#)
- [Membership](#)