



**Promoting the Publics**  
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**Fall 2011 largest enrollment majors:** Art and Design, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Biology, Management, Social Work, Zoology, Psychology, Accounting, Environmental Studies and Sustainability

### **Special Programs**

**Superior Edge:** Other universities have leadership programs, but Northern is the only university in the U.S. that packs community engagement, diversity awareness, leadership development and real-world experience into one life-changing program. Superior Edge is open to all students, regardless of major, leadership experiences, year in school or GPA. Upon graduation, a student enrichment transcript showing accomplishments in Superior Edge is issued along with each academic transcript. Nearly 30% (over 2,600) of NMU students are participating. [nmu.edu/superiorede](http://nmu.edu/superiorede)

**Student Leader Fellowship Program:** Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, this competitive 2-year program welcomes 50 students each year for an intensive leadership development experience including community mentors, a leadership theory course and community-service internship. [nmu.edu/slfp](http://nmu.edu/slfp)

**Honors Program:** A challenging interdisciplinary program with an admission process that includes minimum high school academic criteria (3.5 or higher academic GPA; 27 or higher ACT). [nmu.edu/honors](http://nmu.edu/honors)

**Freshman Fellowship:** Freshman-year paid research opportunity with faculty open to new students with a 3.5 or higher academic HS GPA and ACT of 24+. [nmu.edu/freshmanfellows](http://nmu.edu/freshmanfellows)

**Disability Services:** Information can be found at [nmu.edu/disability](http://nmu.edu/disability).

**Technology:** Northern has the largest educational WiMAX network (next generation—4G—wireless) in the U.S. This type of signal has much broader access than the WiFi signal, meaning that students can connect to the NMU network from more places off campus than ever before. Fall 2011 marks the 12th anniversary of our campus-wide notebook computer program (every full-time student is provided a notebook computer and software, training and service).

**Freshman Experience Abroad:** A 10-day, 2 credit study abroad in August prior to fall semester.

### **Admissions-at-a-Glance—Freshmen (1,851 in Fall 2011)**

**Transcripts:** NMU accepts transcripts electronically from a variety of secure sources.

**HS GPA: Why do we recalculate the high school GPA?** Institutional research over multiple years indicates that performance in a threshold number of high school core courses is the primary indicator of academic success at NMU, with the standardized test score adding predictive value.

**Secondary School Academic Preparation** – Michigan students should follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum, and it is recommended that all students take core courses as follows: four years of English, four years of college preparatory mathematics; four years of social studies; four years of science; two years of foreign language. These are the courses used to recalculate the GPA for admissions and scholarship purposes (but less than two years of foreign language does not prevent admission). Beyond

these core courses, students are encouraged to take courses or get experience in the arts and information technology.

**Computation of High School Grade Point Averages** – The grade point average of high school students is recomputed on a 4.00 scale (excluding +/-) by counting all grades received in core subjects as outlined above, for a minimum of six semesters. Grades in courses designated on the transcript as “honors,” International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced Placement (AP) – as well as dual enrollment college courses listed on the high school transcript – receive added weight in the computation.

Admission policy for baccalaureate degree and some associate degree/certificate programs:

<b>1. HSGPA—recomputed in academic core courses:</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>2. Test score:</b>	
*ACT composite score:	<b>19</b>
*SAT combined math/critical reading:	<b>900</b>
*We do not require the writing component.	
<b>3. Academic core courses (semester course is .50 unit):</b>	<b>12 units min.</b>

*Those not meeting criteria are reviewed for possible admission into programs with required interventions.* Admission criteria vary for associate, certificate and diploma programs and are noted on the Application for Admission.

**Profile:**

Average HSGPA (academic) of FTFT Baccalaureate students:	3.12
Average ACT comp of FTFT Baccalaureate students:	22.9

**Automatic Merit Scholarships:** Students who meet the criteria upon admission are awarded the scholarship that matches their credentials—see admissions application or [nmu.edu/scholarships](http://nmu.edu/scholarships).  
3.0 + 24; 25-26; 27-29; 30-32; 33+ (New freshmen; \$1000-\$3500; renewable)  
3.0 + 19 and higher (Non-Michigan new freshmen; \$4000; renewable)

**Competitive Scholarships:** [nmu.edu/presidentialscholars](http://nmu.edu/presidentialscholars)

Presidential Scholars Competition (Full-ride; \$2,000; \$1000; \$500; Leadership-\$2000)  
Art, Music and Theatre Scholarships (portfolio and audition).

**Admissions-at-a-Glance—Transfers (582 in Fall 2011)**

**Admission policy:** “Transfer” students are those who have taken college courses after high school graduation and they must have earned at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA in their college level courses in order to be admitted to NMU. This applies to all NMU certificate, associate and baccalaureate level programs. If a student has taken 12 or more semester hours of college level work, we only look at the college transcript(s) when making the admissions decision. If they’ve taken less than 12 hours, we require the high school transcript and ACT/SAT (some exceptions) and that is used in the decision.

**Transfer credit policy:** All college level credit, from regionally accredited institutions, in which a student has earned a C- or better transfers to NMU. The GPA does not carry over; start new with an NMU GPA. **Course equivalencies and Transfer Guides:** [www.nmu.edu/transfer](http://www.nmu.edu/transfer)

**Transfer Scholarships:** Students who meet the criteria upon admission are awarded the scholarship that matches their credentials—see admissions application or [nmu.edu/scholarships](http://nmu.edu/scholarships). Range: \$500/yr to \$4000/yr. Generally 12 or more college level credits after high school graduation with 3.0 or higher college GPA.

**Profile:**

Average transfer hours:	51.3	Average transfer GPA:	2.95
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