DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION: NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY’S CHANCE PROGRAM

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STUDENT VOICES & PERSPECTIVES
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANCE PROGRAM:

• **Annual Admissions:** 400-500+ students for over 50 years

• **Student background:** recruited from regional low-income families & underfunded schools

• **Placement metrics:** high school & community college transcripts, letters of recommendation, NIU departmental tests or competency requirements (dropped ACT/SAT scores)

• **Writing:** credit-bearing 2-semester stretch course or 1-semester accelerated learning course (co-requisite: weekly tutoring, Writers’ Workshop)

• **Math:** implementing credit-bearing 2-semester stretch course (co-requisite: weekly tutoring, Peer-Led Study sessions)

• **Advising:** ongoing throughout program

• **Class size:** 15 students per section
CHANCE PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS:

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<th>Ethnicity</th>
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<td>Black / African-American / African</td>
<td>65.9%</td>
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<td>Central / Southeast / East Asian</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<td>Hispanic / Latino(a)</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
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<td>Indian Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani)</td>
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<td>Native American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or First Nation</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
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WRITING-COURSE STATISTICS:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>F’16</th>
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<tr>
<td>Accelerated</td>
<td>87.11%</td>
<td>85.95%</td>
<td>85.70%</td>
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<td>Stretch</td>
<td>82.77%</td>
<td>91.63%</td>
<td>86.05%</td>
<td>81.32%</td>
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<td>Mainstream 2nd semester</td>
<td>92.16%</td>
<td>82.23%</td>
<td>78.51%</td>
<td>89.62%</td>
<td>88.38%</td>
<td>84.13%</td>
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<td>TOTALS*</td>
<td>87.48%</td>
<td>85.87%</td>
<td>84.40%</td>
<td>87.41%</td>
<td>86.70%</td>
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*Totals reflect 8.37-13.95% attrition rate

ADMITTED STUDENTS:
- 2016—414
- 2017—413
- 2018—526
- 2019—561
NIU Student Survey, Item #1 Developmental Writing: "The Course Improved My Ability to Communicate in Written English"
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NIU Student Survey, Item #2 Developmental Writing:
"Success in this Class is Important"

![Bar chart showing student survey results for Developmental Writing from AY 2014-15 to AY 2018-19, with categories for Stretch Course, Fall, Accelerated Learning Course, and Stretch Course, Spring.]