University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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About the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL):

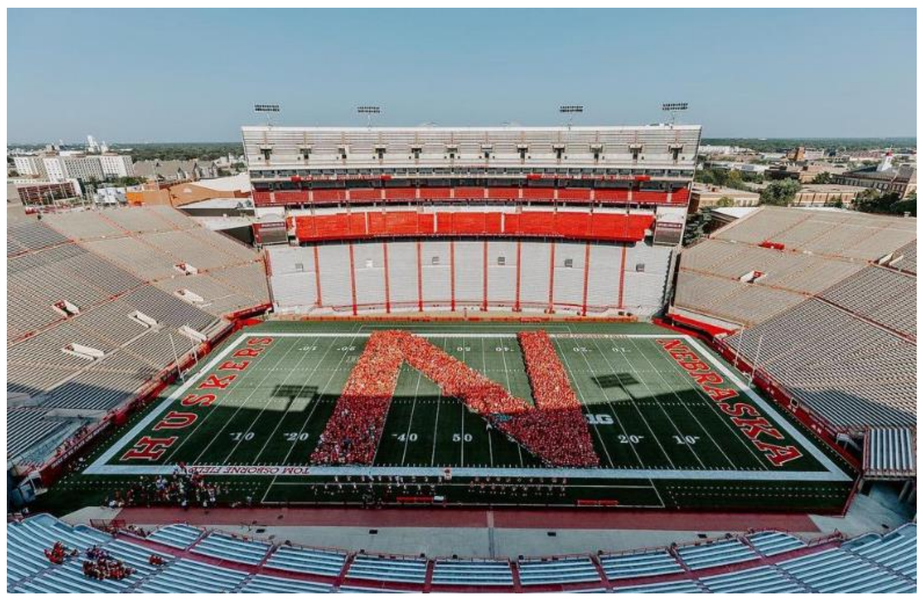
UNL is the largest university in Nebraska. It is based in the state capital of Lincoln and consistently ranks in the top 500 universities globally.

UNL consists of two campuses, Downtown and East. The main campus is Downtown Campus located in downtown Lincoln and there are public shuttle buses to the East Campus which take around 10 minutes.

UNL is famous for having the first undergraduate psychology lab globally and has notable alumni including Warren Buffet and Jeff Zeleny.







How did the teaching differ:

- Smaller classes:
  - Often fewer than 20 students per class, which led to a secondary school feel.
  - Teaching was more personalised for each student as professors were able to understand the needs of each student in more depth.
- Lots of graded assignments:
  - Grades are determined very differently. Most classes have weekly homework assignments, multiple mid-terms and presentations on top of a final exam which all count towards your grade.
  - Having many more graded assignments meant that you had to understand the content and be able to apply it almost immediately after it was taught.

Accommodation and Campus life:

- There are 3 types of accommodation offered at UNL:
  - Traditional – share a bedroom with 1-person, communal bathrooms, no access to a kitchen, meal plan required.
  - Suite-style – share a bedroom with 1-person, shared bathroom between 4 people, communal kitchen, meal plan required.
  - Apartment-style – most similar to UK experience, individual bedroom, shared kitchen and bathroom between 4, no meal plan required. I stayed in this style.
- Free access to a gym, sports centre and outdoor facilities including a bowling alley and a rock-climbing centre.
- Free Lincoln bus pass.









Cost of study year abroad:

Item	Cost
Visa Application	£157.25 + £21.00 delivery
SEVIS fee – mandatory fee for exchange students paid to US government	$220
Accommodation	$8890
Health insurance	$3909.11
Travel	$1000 - $1500 return flights + $200 taxi
Average food shop	$50 / week

Differences to UK experience:

- Secondary school-type classes as opposed to lectures.
- Students must meet Achievement-Centered Education (ACE) objectives, a list of 10 skills that are deemed essential for graduates. In-depth classes came in later years, so to learn new content relevant to my UK degree programme I had to take 4th year classes.
- Tax not being included in pricing labels anywhere. Tax added could be between 6 and 20 percent.
- People are a lot more friendly; they would often strike up conversation because I had a British accent.
- Driving on the right side of the road meant that people walked on the right side of the pavement.