
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

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University of Northern Iowa — General Education

Purpose and History

Iowa has three public universities under the authority of the Iowa Board of Regents. Each university provides a broad array of programs and degrees while maintaining its own cultural heritage.

University of Northern Iowa (UNI) was formed as a normal school, a college for teacher preparation, and held its first class in 1876. While maintaining an emphasis on teacher training, the University has grown to nearly 12,000 students enrolled in more than 120 majors offered by 40 departments. The departments are organized into six colleges: Business Administration, Education, Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the Graduate College.

Funding

The annual General Fund appropriation to UNI was \$95.7 million for FY 2019. For FY 2020, the General Assembly gave the Board of Regents a lump sum appropriation of \$12.0 million to be allocated to provide the three universities with an increase in funding at the discretion of the Board. The Board allocated \$4.0 million to each university, giving UNI a total FY 2020 appropriation of \$99.7 million.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [268](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [681](#)

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