For 105 years, UNO has served as the point of access for excellence in higher education. Our equation for distinction is quite simple: hire extraordinary faculty and staff; offer a broad range of relevant and unique programs; enroll dedicated and passionate undergraduate and graduate students; build state-of-the-art learning, teaching and living spaces; offer the most competitively priced tuition in the region; infuse engagement, creativity, diversity and community into the culture; leverage the opportunities of a great city; and build a network of over 40,000 alumni in the region.

Okay, not so simple. Yet, that is the Maverick way. We put this book together to share the value of UNO with students, parents, businesses and community partners.

Our value is a direct result of our relentless dedication to our mission: deliver excellence in academics; commitment to students; and remain locally and globally engaged. We call this the UNO advantage.

John Christensen
Chancellor
“Price is what you pay, value is what you get.”

—Warren Buffett, former instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (formerly Omaha University)
The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is a premier metropolitan university that combines the resources of a doctoral research university with a close-knit community.

With global reach and vision, UNO is large enough to provide the opportunities students seek, yet personal enough to provide the mentorship they need to achieve academic excellence, creativity and engaged learning at competitive tuition rates.

UNO is committed to and engaged with the city surrounding it, allowing students unique hands-on opportunities, internships, service learning, applied research and other collaborative activities that enhance time in the classroom.
Omaha and UNO: 105-year partnership

UNO serves as Nebraska’s metropolitan university and is driven by the extraordinary connection to and partnership with the city of Omaha.

The city truly functions as part of the UNO campus. With a population of more than 1.2 million within a 50-mile radius, Omaha is integral to what UNO is as a university and offers unlimited opportunities for collaboration.

UNO and Omaha enjoy a dynamic, fruitful, long-term partnership with a shared goal: changing the lives of students and residents while enriching the global community.
because place matters...

Internships, Practica & Careers

Corporate: Five Fortune 500 companies
Berkshire Hathaway
ConAgra Foods
Mutual of Omaha
Peter Kiewit
Union Pacific

Many additional opportunities in other sectors such as government, small business, non-profit, education, technology, news and more.

Omaha Rankings

The Fiscal Times:
#1 Best City with the Biggest Bang for Your Buck

The Daily Beast:
#2 Best City for Recent Grads

Forbes:
#5 Best City for Young Professionals

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine:
#3 Best city to live, work and play

Brookings Institution:
#1 Most recession proof city

Culture, Entertainment & Signature Events

NCAA College World Series
NCAA Basketball Tournament
U.S. Senior Golf Open
U.S. Olympic Swim Trials
U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Big Omaha
Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting
River City Rodeo
National Movie Premieres
Concerts, Plays & Museums
Restaurants & Shopping

...and much more
UNO's six colleges are dedicated to providing rigorous undergraduate and graduate academic programs, taught by faculty who are national and international experts in their fields. All of UNO's colleges offer unique opportunities in research and hands-on experiences that are critical to gaining an edge in a competitive global marketplace.

Arts & Sciences
Business Administration
Communication, Fine Arts & Media
Education
Information Science & Technology
Public Affairs & Community Service
• UNO has the lowest tuition and fees of 10 Eastern Nebraska four-year institutions.
• The Metropolitan Advantage Program (MAP) provides tuition and fees pricing for residents of Western Iowa counties that are lower than or competitive with four-year institutions in Iowa.
• Approximately 60% of recent alumni surveyed report graduating with no debt or less than $5,000 in debt.
Undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio: 17:1

Graduate student-to-faculty ratio: 13:1

UNO students learn from distinguished faculty drawn from the world’s leading universities. Faculty are fully invested in students and their success, providing a personalized higher education experience.

UNO professor Dr. Carol Mitchell with UNO students
student support services

UNO has specifically designed programs and services to support students academically, socially and physically to enhance time in and out of the classroom.

Criss Library  Veteran & Military Support (MaV USO)  Disability Services
Academic & Career Development Center (ACDC)  Speech Center
Writing Center  Math-Science Learning Center  Learning Communities
Honors Program  Multicultural Affairs  Campus Testing Services
Health Services  Campus Recreation  Counseling Services
Civic & Social Responsibility (OCSR)  Student Life & Leadership Development
cutting edge teaching, learning and living spaces

Newest Buildings
Mammel Hall
Biomechanics Research Building
Elkhorn River Research Station
Coming soon:
Community Engagement Center
Community/UNO Arena

Major Renovations
Criss Library
College of Public Affairs & Community Service
Rockens Hall
Health, Physical Education & Recreation (HPER)

Residence Halls
Maverick Village
University Village
Scott Court
Scott Hall
Scott Village

UNO has added over 1.8 million square feet of new or renovated facilities space since 2006, investing more than a quarter of a billion dollars.
our academic priorities

STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Early Childhood/Child Welfare

Sustainability

Global Engagement

Doctoral/Research
emerging research

UNO conducts globally relevant research that reflects the metropolitan mission of UNO.

- The Carnegie Foundation has classified UNO as a Doctoral Research University for our specialized doctoral programs and comprehensive range of master’s degrees and certificates.
- UNO receives millions of research dollars from national funding agencies including National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Defense, National Science Foundation and NASA.
- The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) is dedicated to supporting faculty and student scholarly activity.
UNO is nationally recognized for community engagement. Every year since 2005, UNO has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll— the highest honor for engagement by the Federal government. This places UNO among the top universities in the nation for service learning, community service and civic engagement initiatives.

In addition, UNO has achieved the prestigious elective classification for “Community Engagement” by the Carnegie Foundation for excellence in collaboration with the Omaha metro area.

In early 2014, UNO will open the Community Engagement Center, the first facility of its kind in the United States.

UNO students join forces with Habitat for Humanity during UNO’s Seven Days of Service.
UNO is proud to have the most diverse collegiate student body in the region. Racial and ethnic diversity are celebrated, and UNO fosters a welcoming culture for all learners: from Omaha to Oman; from high school dual enrollment to doctoral studies; from on-campus to online. A wide range of rich experiences are possible when the world comes to study at UNO.

**International**
Students from 121 countries study at UNO.

**Military**
UNO is ranked no. 6 in the country for military friendliness by Military Times (2013).

**Online**
UNO’s online Bachelor of General Studies Degree is ranked no. 11 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, offering flexibility and excellence.

**Adult Degree Completion**
Working with adults to enhance careers and professional opportunities through degree completion.

**Transfers**
Key partnerships and agreements with regional community colleges.
UNO is successfully competing in Division I athletics and holds membership in two athletic conferences: the National Collegiate Hockey Conference and The Summit League. UNO student-athletes compete at the highest level in collegiate sports.

With a new 7,500-seat Community/UNO arena set to open on campus in Fall 2015 and a state-of-the-art soccer pitch (field), the profile of UNO Athletics is rising both in prominence and as a point of pride for students, faculty and alumni of UNO, as well as the Omaha community. The new Community/UNO arena will house men’s ice hockey, men’s and women’s basketball, and volleyball.

UNO student-athletes compete in 15 men’s and women’s sports including: baseball; basketball; golf; hockey; soccer; tennis; cross country; softball; swimming and diving; track and field; and volleyball.
UNO 2013 student body

15,227 students
1,700 students from 121 countries

7% Summer 2013 enrollment
3% Fall 2013 enrollment
46% No. of graduates in the last 10 years

Student breakdown of entering class:
80% from the metropolitan area
10% from greater Nebraska
10% from out of state/country
UNO celebrates the first week of school during Durango Days 2013

Largest first-year class in UNO history

Entering class:

- 7% New first-year enrollment
- 29% minority
- 44% first generation

7%
UNO offers premier graduate education. Whether attending full-time, part-time, or taking a course for professional development, students have full access to a traditional university experience on a metropolitan campus with nationally recognized faculty and accredited curriculum.

After completing a course of study and earning a UNO graduate degree or certificate, students will find their skills are highly sought-after, setting a path toward a dream job and thriving career.

UNO Executive MBA program representatives (left to right): Lori Mitchell, Bill Swanson (director of the Executive MBA program), Dede Johnson, Liliana Bronner, and Phil Higgins.
Approximately 60% of alumni surveyed graduated without debt or $5,000 or less.

80% of graduates had one or more internships, practices, or job-like experiences while attending UNO.

Approximately 95% of graduates are employed or continuing their education.

UNO Spring 2013 Commencement
The UNO Alumni Association is dedicated to serving UNO and its alumni, and celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2013. Every UNO student automatically becomes a member of the UNO Alumni Association upon graduating from the university. There are no dues to join. Since its founding in 1908, the university has graduated nearly 108,000 alumni, with 43,000 currently in the Omaha metro area. The network of UNO alumni is world-wide. Once a Maverick, always a Maverick.
To celebrate the UNO Alumni Association’s centennial, a new tradition is coming to campus. The Alumni Association is giving students the “Maverick Monument”—an 8-foot-high, 1,500-pound bronze bull statue representing the university’s mascot.

The monument will be part of a newly renovated plaza in front of the Sapp Fieldhouse on UNO’s Dodge Campus, coming in the fall of 2014.

UNO’s Maverick symbolizes the determination, pride and success of UNO students and alumni and the opportunities before them. The monument will create new traditions and offer a point of pride for the UNO community.

Go Mavs!
A university is, above all, an experience. It exists in the hearts and minds of those who draw from its wisdom and add to its reputation. A university is a place, yes, but a place of the spirit.

*The Idea of a University*
Robert T. Reilly
UNO Professor Emeritus