

Psychology Major

Introduction

Students who graduate from the psychology department are able to think reflectively, analytically and critically about the science of the human mind and behavior. Students gain:

- Knowledge of various theories and content areas in psychology;
- Research skills that include posing meaningful questions, conducting appropriate research and effectively communicating their results;
- The ability to integrate theory, research and application in the classroom and beyond.

Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology prepares students for careers in:

- Community and Social Services
- Human resources in business and industrial settings
- Research associate positions in academic and industrial settings

Students are also prepared for graduate education in any of the professional or academic areas of psychology as well as other fields including law and medicine.

Accreditation

Northeastern Illinois University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.



Subject to change. See current catalog for up-to-date information. For further information call 773 / 442-5640.

Major Required Courses

PSYC 200	General Psychology*	4 cr.
PSYC 202	Statistics & Research Methods I	3 cr.
	(Prerequisite PSYC 200 and Intermediate Algebra)	
PSYC 302	Statistics & Research Methods II	3 cr.
	(Prerequisite ENGL 102 and PSYC 202)	

*This course must be transferred in or taken at NEIU's Chicago Main Campus.

Three core courses, one from each of the following three categories:

A.	PSYC 350	Physiological Psychology	3 cr.
	PSYC 370	Theories of Learning	3 cr.
	PSYC 373	Human Perception	3 cr.
	PSYC 375	Cognitive Psychology	3 cr.
B.	PSYC 330	Psychology of Personality	3 cr.
	PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3 cr.
C.	PSYC 310	Developmental Psychology	3 cr.
	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3 cr.

Two elective courses in psychology 6 cr.
(taken at NEIU or transferred from other universities and colleges)

A 300 level laboratory course 3 cr.
(selected from the department's current approved list.
Students must first take PSYC 302 and the appropriate courses from the list above)

Senior Capstone Project 3 cr.
(proposed in advance with assistance from your faculty advisor and approved by the department chairperson)

Total (minimum) 30-31 cr.

Degree Requirements

- No more than two courses (six credit hours) may be transferred from a community college and applied to the major. Additional Psychology transfer credit may be used as electives;
- Community college courses may not be used to fulfill 300-level requirements;
- Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minor.
- Students must complete at least half of their major or minor course work at Northeastern;
- Please see the NEIU University Catalog for a complete listing of degree requirements, which is available online at www.neiu.edu.

Bachelor Degree Requirements

Students are expected to have completed an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree or have completed a minimum of 60 semester credits. Students with an AA degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled Northeastern's general education requirements.

University Requirements

A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.

1. General Education Program: All undergraduate students must complete the General Education Program requirements consisting of 39 semester hours in the following distribution areas:

- Behavioral/Social Sciences (12 hours)
- Natural Sciences (9 hours)
- Mathematics (3 hours; grade of "C" or higher at college level)
- Humanities (9 hours)
- Fine Arts (6 hours)

2. University Requirements: English Composition I (grade of "C" or higher); Improving Human Relations (consult the schedule of classes or catalog for listing of courses).

3. Residency: The last 30 consecutive credit hours must be taken at Northeastern, unless permission is received from the Office of Enrollment Services.

4. Upper Division: Students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours at the 300 level and 18 semester hours at the 200 or 300 level.

5. Academic Major and Minor: Undergraduate students must complete a major. Some majors require a minor or set of cognate courses. Students should refer to the section of the Catalog which details the requirements for each major to determine if a minor or a set of cognate courses is required. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major, minor or approved area of study. All grade point average requirements must be met for the successful completion of a program of study.

6. Grade Point Average: To be eligible to graduate, a student must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall "C" average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements. Check with your academic advisor.

Application Deadlines

Fall	July 1
Spring	November 1
Summer I	April 1
Summer II	May 1

Admissions

Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended. Required documents are an application for admission, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.

Transfer Policy

For admission purposes only, all college level course work at post-secondary institutions previously attended will be considered in the calculation of grade point average. Up to 60 credits of transferable community college course work will be counted toward the minimum 120 hours needed for graduation. Courses from colleges or universities must have been completed at the appropriate level to be eligible for transfer credit consideration.

Financial Aid

For Financial Aid information, call (773) 442-5000 or visit the web at www.neiu.edu. Click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Northeastern's Federal School code is 001693.

For Foundation Scholarship information, please contact Michelle Morrow at M-Morrow@neiu.edu or visit the web at www.neiu.edu/~schret.

Contact Information

Admissions Counseling

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