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## Psychology Department

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## SPRING SEMESTER 2026

Happy February, Psychology Students!

We hope you have been enjoying the beginning of the Spring 2026 semester! In this pink Valentine's-themed edition of the newsletter, you will find our new advising and tutoring schedules for the semester, our upcoming events, and a special student shoutout! We truly appreciate all of our students who utilize the resources we offer, and we hope to see you around even more as the semester starts to pick up! Have a lovely Valentine's Day from the NEIU psychology department!

### Q: GUESS THE CORE COMPETENCY...

(FIND THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE PSYCHOLOGY  
CORE COMPETENCIES SECTION!)

- Challenge existing processes and propose alternatives without being constrained by established approaches or anticipated responses of others
- Employ your knowledge, skills, abilities, and sense of originality to solve problems
- Express a willingness to take risks to expose creative ideas in order to bring forward new work

## Master of Arts in Human Developmental Science and BA + 1 Program INFO SESSION



Curious about psychology across the human lifespan? Then the **Master of Arts in Human Developmental Science** is for you! If you're also interested in earning your master's degree while earning your bachelor's, then check out our **accelerated BA+1 program!**

Want to learn more? Join us for an information session on...

- Wednesday, 2/25, from 5-6pm in BBH 102
- Tuesday, 3/24, from 4-5pm in BBH 311
- Monday, 4/13, from 3-4pm in BBH 311



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Can't make it in person? Scan the QR code to access the Zoom link:

<https://neiu-edu.zoom.us/j/85090794983?pwd=bzRzb0ZvZkxkTjVpcGxVYzBESHpnZz09>



# ***Beyond SRM II: Lab, Capstone, BA+ 1, and the new MA in Human Developmental Science***

Are you a current student who...

- Is in PSYC 302
- Has taken PSYC 302 but has not yet taken lab or capstone
- Has taken PSYC 302 AND lab (or is in lab now)
- Wants to hear about capstone, learn more about the BA+ 1 program, and our Master of Arts in Human Developmental Science?

If you identify with any part of the question, then this workshop is  
**FOR YOU!**

## ***On-campus workshop:***

**When:** Wednesday, February 18

**Time:** 11:30-12:45

**Where:** BBH 242

## ***Remote workshop:***

**Where:** Wednesday, February 18

**Time:** 5:40-6:55

**Zoom:** <https://nciu-edu.zoom.us/j/84322658674?pwd=UXgwdhZaLmjOTKaPze07xJFVqz4KXv.1>



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - ANABELLE JIMENEZ

We are so happy to announce that Anabelle Jimenez has been accepted into **Northwestern's 2026 SROP** cohort!



The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) is an eight-week competitive research experience hosted by Northwestern University for sophomores and juniors from colleges and universities across the United States. SROP is a gateway to graduate education at Big Ten Academic Alliance universities. The focus of the program is to help prepare undergraduates for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty mentors and enrichment activities. Anabelle will be working on social psychology research with Dr. Michael Kraus, and we are so happy for her!

## **SONA RESEARCH PARTICIPATION**

Want to earn your SONA points and extra credit? Interested in showing gratitude to your fellow peers? Do them a nice favor by helping them out with their SONA research!

### **Benefits of participating in SONA research:**

- You provide your peers with the data they need to carry out and present their research.
- Many classes require research participation credits as part of your grade, and earning these credits through participating in SONA studies is an efficient way to earn these credits.
- Some classes even count these SONA points as extra credit!

If you still have not acquired your required research participation credits, scan the QR code below in order to help your grade and your peers TODAY before the semester ends!



# THE NEW AND IMPROVED PSI CHI

## **Psi Chi is Back – And Better Than Ever!**

We're excited to announce the resurgence of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, here at NEIU! This isn't just a space for research ideas, article discussions, or theoretical deep-dives (though we love those too!) – it's a community for *all* psychology students, no matter your interest or focus. Whether you're passionate about clinical methods, developmental studies, neuroscience, social psychology, or anything in between, Psi Chi is here to support your academic growth *and* personal wellness.

We're building something special: a space where students can connect academically *and* socially, share ideas, get support, and grow together. From conference opportunities and certifications to friendship, mentorship, and mutual encouragement, we're creating a network that lifts us up as scholars and as people.

We'd love for you to be part of this new chapter. Dr. Merchant will serve as our society's faculty advisor.

Interested in joining or learning more?  
Reach out to Agata Soltys or Alejandro Trejo!

[awsoltys@neiu.edu](mailto:awsoltys@neiu.edu) - Agata Soltys  
[A-Trejo9@neiu.edu](mailto:A-Trejo9@neiu.edu) - Alejandro Trejo



# HUMAN DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE

For more information on the MA or the BA+1 program, click the link below or scan the QR code!

<https://www.neiu.edu/academics/programs/master-arts-human-developmental-science>



# NEED A LAPTOP?



**STUDENTS CAN BORROW LAPTOPS FROM NEIU  
LIBRARIES!**

**HERE'S THE RUNDOWN...**

- **ALL CURRENTLY ENROLLED NEIU STUDENTS.**
- **8 WEEKS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW AND KEEP THE MACHINE THROUGH THE END OF SPRING SEMESTER. WE ALSO PROVIDE LAPTOPS ON TWO-WEEK LOANS.**
- **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!**

CHECK OUT OUR NEW PSYCH MINORS!

**NEW!**

## MINOR IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

**2 PSYC COURSES + 2 SOC COURSES + 2 JUST COURSES + 1 ELECTIVE  
= 21 CREDIT HOURS**

- PSYC 200  
General  
Psychology (4  
credit hours)

- PSYC 329  
Psychology of  
Criminal  
Behavior (3  
credit hours)

- JUST 201 Intro  
to the Criminal  
Justice System  
(3 credit hours)

- JUST 312  
Theories of  
Criminal  
Behavior (3  
credit hours)

- SOC 304  
Sociology of  
Law (3 credit  
hours)

- SOC 316 Race  
and Ethnic  
Relations (3  
credit hours)

- 1 Elective in  
PSYC, SOC, or  
JUST (based on  
Advisor Approval)  
(3 credit hours)



### Careers with a Forensic Psych Minor:

- Behavioral Health Technician (with PSYC major)
- Case Manager (PSYC, SOC)
- Community Outreach Coordinator (SOC)
- Correctional (PSYC, JUST, SOC)
- Court Clerk or Legal Assistant (JUST)
- Crime Analyst (SOC)
- Crime Scene Investigator (JUST)
- Diversity & Inclusion Specialist (SOC)
- Fraud Investigator (JUST)

Forensic psychology applies psychological principles and research to legal issues, assisting in criminal investigations, civil cases, and the judicial system, often involving assessments, expert testimony, and interventions. This minor is 21 credit hours and perfect for those who are interested in criminal justice, civil law, victimology, correctional, investigative, and police psychology.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT [L-CUEVAS@NEIU.EDU](mailto:L-CUEVAS@NEIU.EDU) OR  
[DEPTPSYC@NEIU.EDU](mailto:DEPTPSYC@NEIU.EDU) TO SEND IN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!**

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# MINOR IN NEUROSCIENCE

Only 3 PSYC and 3 BIO courses needed:

PSYC 200: General Psychology  
PSYC 202: Stats & Research Methods I  
300-level elective:  
- PSYC 350: Physiological Psychology  
- or PSYC 371: Neuropsychology

BIO 201: General Biology I  
BIO 301: Cell Biology \*  
300-level elective:  
- BIO 365: Neurobiology  
- or BIO 380H: Sensory Mechanisms

\*For students *not* pursuing a biology major or minor, the BIO 250 prerequisite will be waived, and they may substitute CHEM 110 for CHEM 211.



## Opportunities

- This interdisciplinary field has growing applications in healthcare, research, and psychological treatments.



## Knowledge

- Understand biological and psychological principles that shape behavior, cognition, and brain function.



## Flexibility

- This minor is an easy addition to a psychology or biology major, while also complementing other fields.

# STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES



Counseling services are available to currently registered NEIU students. We provide short-term treatment and the number of individual or couples therapy sessions are determined in collaboration with the therapist. Group counseling services are also available to Northeastern students without session limits. Student Counseling Services is open for both in-person and remote services. The mission of Student Counseling Services is to provide high-quality, inclusive, and responsive counseling services. We promote student success and wellness through culturally-sensitive direct service, education, advocacy, and outreach to the NEIU community.

You can use counseling to explore problems in your life such as:

- anxiety
- depression
- suicidal thoughts
- sexual assault and abuse
- grief and loss
- anger
- relationship concerns and many other difficulties that may cause stress and disrupt your life.

Explore the information on this site to learn more about:

- how counseling might help you
- how to refer someone else to a counselor
- how to find help off campus

(773) 442-4650  
counsect@neiu.edu

# ICE RESPONSE GUIDE

## Tarjeta De Derechos

- Le estoy dando esta tarjeta porque no deseo hablar o tener mas contacto con usted.
- Yo elijo ejercer mi derecho a mantenerme callado y me niego a contestar sus preguntas.
- Si me arresta, seguiré ejerciendo mi derecho a mantenerme callado y a negarme a contestar sus preguntas.
- Yo quiero hablar con un abogado antes de contestar  
Quiero contactar a este abogado/organización:

- 나는 당신에게 말 원하지 않기 때문
- 나는 침묵을 유지
- 당신이 나를 체포 거부 할 수있는
- 귀하의 질문에 답
- 이 변호사 또는

연락을

사하기로 결정한다.  
문에 답하는 것을

습니다.

## Karta praw

- Daję Ci tą kartę ponieważ nie chcę z Tobą rozmawiać ani mieć jakikolwiek kontakt z Tobą.
- Chcę skorzystać z prawa do zachowania milczenia i odmawiam odpowiedzi na jakiegokolwiek pytania.
- Jeżeli mnie aresztujesz, ja nadal będę korzystał z prawa do zachowania milczenia i odmówię odpowiedzi na jakiegokolwiek pytania.
- Chcę porozmawiać z prawnikiem, zanim odpowiem na jakiegokolwiek pytania.
- Chciałbym się skontaktować z tym prawnikiem / organizacją:

# STAY SAFE ON CAMPUS

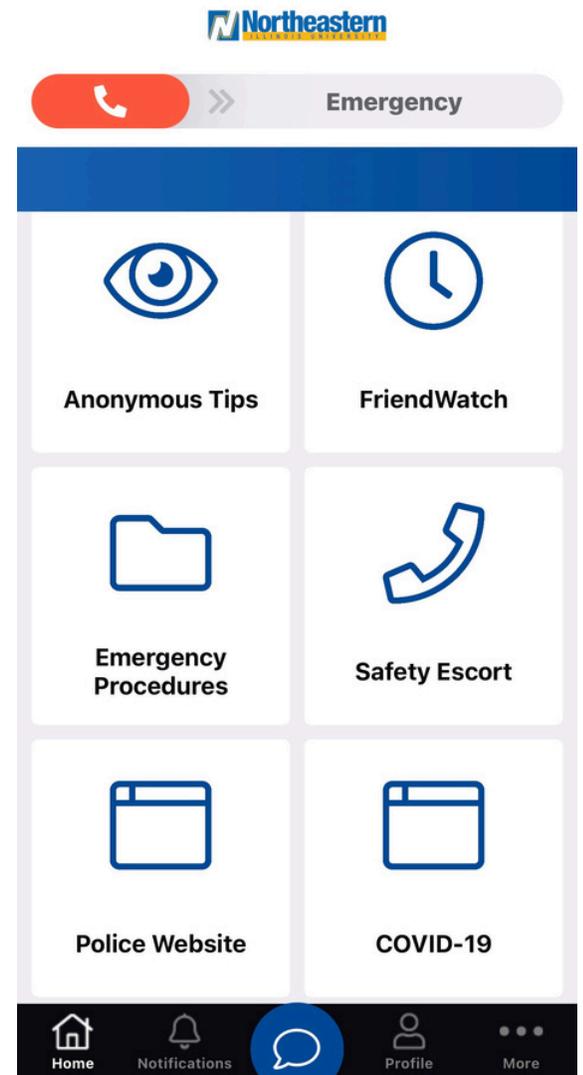
Want to learn more about how to stay safe on campus?  
Check this out!

Download “CampusShield” on the Apple App Store or Google Play. You can also register online using this link:

<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/community-alerts/Northeastern-Illinois-University>

After putting in your information (make sure to use your NEIU email) select the NEIU communities that appear. You will then be taken to this screen that features some extremely useful tools.

You will be able to learn about emergency procedures, how to call for a safety escort, and even how to leave an anonymous tip for a variety of situations. All of this can be done directly through the app!



# SPRING 2026 ADVISING SCHEDULE



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY  
**SPRING 2026**  
ADVISING SCHEDULE

**IN PERSON:**



**ONLINE:**



# SPRING 2026 PSYCH DEPT. TUTORING HOURS



**Agata Soltys** (Graduate Student Mentor)

Wednesdays: 11:00am-1:00pm

Located in BBH 315

\*Appointments can be online or In-Person

\*Contact Agata Soltys with reason for appointment at [awsoltys@neiu.edu](mailto:awsoltys@neiu.edu)



**Marquee Reno** (Graduate Student Mentor)

Mondays: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Located in BBH 315

\*Appointments can be online or In-Person

- Use <https://calendly.com/mmneander-neiu/new-meeting> to book



**Alejandro Trejo** (SCSE Psychology Tutor)

Tuesdays: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesdays: 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursdays: 11:00am-4:00pm

Located in BBH 247

\*Appointments can be walk-in or scheduled using

<https://calendly.com/ajtrejo9/psychology-tutoring>



**Glenn Turner** (Psychology Tutor)

Mondays: 10:00am-1:00pm

Wednesdays: 10:30am-1:30pm

Thursdays: 11:00am-2:00pm

Located in LSC/CAW (4th floor of the library)

\*Appointments can be made online or In-Person

\*Call 773) 442-4568 or (773) 442-4492 / Use Google (Nmail) Chat [lsc@neiu.edu](mailto:lsc@neiu.edu) to set up appt.



**John Sayson** (Psychology/WIP Tutor)

Mondays: 12:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am-12:00pm, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesdays: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursdays: 11:00am-2:00pm, 3:00-7:00pm

Located in LSC/CAW (4th floor of the library)

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**Anabelle Jimenez** (Lab Manager/Capstone Assistance)

Thursdays: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Located in BBH 313A

\*Appointments are In-Person

\*Contact Anabelle Jimenez with reason for appointment at [ajimenez19@neiu.edu](mailto:ajimenez19@neiu.edu)



# PSYCHOLOGY CORE COMPETENCIES

## A: Innovation and Creativity

As a student, you recognize that our environment is evolving (e.g., work during and after Covid) and that people need to adapt and offer ideas to continue to grow and improve. Instead of being rigid or fixed, those who engage in creative and innovative processes welcome the opportunity to adapt and disrupt traditional ways of doing business and can shift from conventional ways of thinking, imagine possibilities and try out new ideas.

## MORE HELP? WE GOT YOU!

### **Student Service Coordinator**

Lori Cuevas, MA

**In person location: BBH 313G**

**Email [l-cuevas@neiu.edu](mailto:l-cuevas@neiu.edu) to set up appt.**



### **Office Administrator**

Kristin Wilkens

**In person location: BBH 313F**

**Email [kl-wilkens@neiu.edu](mailto:kl-wilkens@neiu.edu) for questions.**



### **Lab Manager**

Anabelle Jimenez

**In person location: BBH 313A**

**Email [a-jimenez19@neiu.edu](mailto:a-jimenez19@neiu.edu) for questions.**



# STAY IN TOUCH

## Save the Date!

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Fair Hosted by the Psychology  
Department at NEIU Spring 2026, 1:30-4:30 pm,  
Alumni Hall - [March 12, 2026](#)

The 33rd John Sargon Albazi Student Symposium -  
[May 1, 2026](#)

## Stay Connected!



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Psychology Department's  
Google Classroom

Google Classroom

<https://classroom.google.com>

code: rszuvk4

