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Psychology Department

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SPRING SEMESTER 2026

Happy March, Psychology Students!

Welcome back from spring break! We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating week off. In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find information on our upcoming events, a recap of our weekend at the 2026 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, and flyers for some paid opportunities. We would also like to generously thank you for your attendance at our 13th Annual Grad Fair, and we hope you were able to make some valuable connections with graduate programs!

Q: GUESS THE CORE COMPETENCY...

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

- Recognize how social structures and systems historically have and presently can create and perpetuate inequality and exclusion
- Employ and inhabit different modes of analysis and different “languages” for understanding the world
- Comprehend the impact of your actions in relation to other people as well as the natural and built world

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration Deadlines & Holidays Summer 2026

Advance Registration

Summer Full Term
02/16-02/27

Summer First 6 Weeks
02/16-02/27

Summer Second 6 Weeks
02/16-02/27

Open Registration

Summer Full Term
02/28-05/31

Summer First 6 Weeks
02/28-05/27

Summer Second 6 Weeks
02/28- 07/08

Change of Registration

Summer Full Term
06/01-06/05

Summer First 6 Weeks
05/28-05/31

Summer Second 6 Weeks
07/09-07/12

UNIVERSITY CLOSED / NO CLASSES

May 25:
Memorial Day

June 19:
Juneteenth

July 3:
Independence Day

August 17- August 23:
Summer Break

Registration Deadlines & Holidays Fall 2026

Advance Registration

Fall Full Term
03/09-03/20

Fall First 8 Weeks
03/09-03/20

Fall Second 8 Weeks
03/09-03/20

Open Registration

Fall Full Term
03/21- 08/30

Fall First 8 Weeks
03/21- 08/26

Fall Second 8 Weeks
03/21- 10/21

Change of Registration

Fall Full Term
08/31-09/04

Fall First 8 Weeks
08/27-08/30

Fall Second 8 Weeks
10/22-10/25

These dates are subject to change

UNIVERSITY CLOSED / NO CLASSES

September 7
Labor Day

November 3
Election Day

November 26-29
Thanksgiving Break

December 15- January 18
Winter Break

PSYCHOLOGY ALUMNI PANEL

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ALUMNI PANEL



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY?

**THURSDAY, APR. 2, 2-3 PM IN GOLDEN EAGLES (SU 103)
PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW!**

**JOIN US FOR THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS
WITH ALUMNI OF THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND
HEAR ABOUT THE MANY POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS FROM
FORMER NEIU PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS!**

THIS PANEL WILL INCLUDE...

- **RECENT GRADS, AND SOME FROM DECADES AGO**
- **A CHANCE TO MINGLE, ASK QUESTIONS, AND ENJOY REFRESHMENTS!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



HDSMA AND BA+1 PROGRAM INFO SESSIONS

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>



13TH ANNUAL GRAD FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the four winners we pulled from the raffle we hosted at the 13th annual grad fair!

Enjoy your fabulous NEIU psych swag!

Alysha Devitt - PSYC Major

Cameron Smith - PSYC Major

Paola Almendarez - PSYC Major

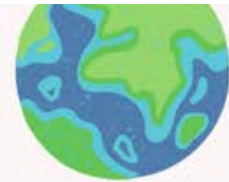
Nuha M. Taher - BIO Major

SPSP 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

This NEIU psych crew had an absolute blast at the SPSP 2026 Annual convention at the McCormick Center! Agata Soltys, Anabelle Jimenez, John Sayson, Alejandro Trejo and Christina Esparza-Cassidy (absent from our group picture, but missed!) successfully represented NEIU with their amazing poster presentations. They were also joined by Drs. Esposito and Young, who had their own research to present as well! To learn even more about our adventures at SPSP, make sure to check us out on Instagram [@neiu_psychology](https://www.instagram.com/neiu_psychology) (and yes, we got reposted by the official SPSP page)!



PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD - STILL OPEN!



DR. SABA & DR. CONDON PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

A limited number of **student scholarships** are available for the **Dr. Saba & Dr. Condon Psychology student Travel Award in Psychology**. This award is designed for **Psychology majors who are current NEIU students or recent NEIU alumnae** who need **financial support for research presentations** (e.g., supplies, copies, questionnaires) or to attend a national or international conference. **Conference presentations are prioritized.**

Research performed from **7/1/25 -6/30/26** will be eligible.

Submission Deadline: **3/31/26.**

Award winners will be notified on **4/30/26.**

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please complete the online application at the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRsBxFAfQz5rNZrrCOgWbTA1EppC3OBliMbl8wTg6-cofWsa/viewform?usp=dialog>



SCSE SUMMER RESEARCH APPLICATIONS - LAST CALL!

SCSE SUMMER RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

NOW OPEN

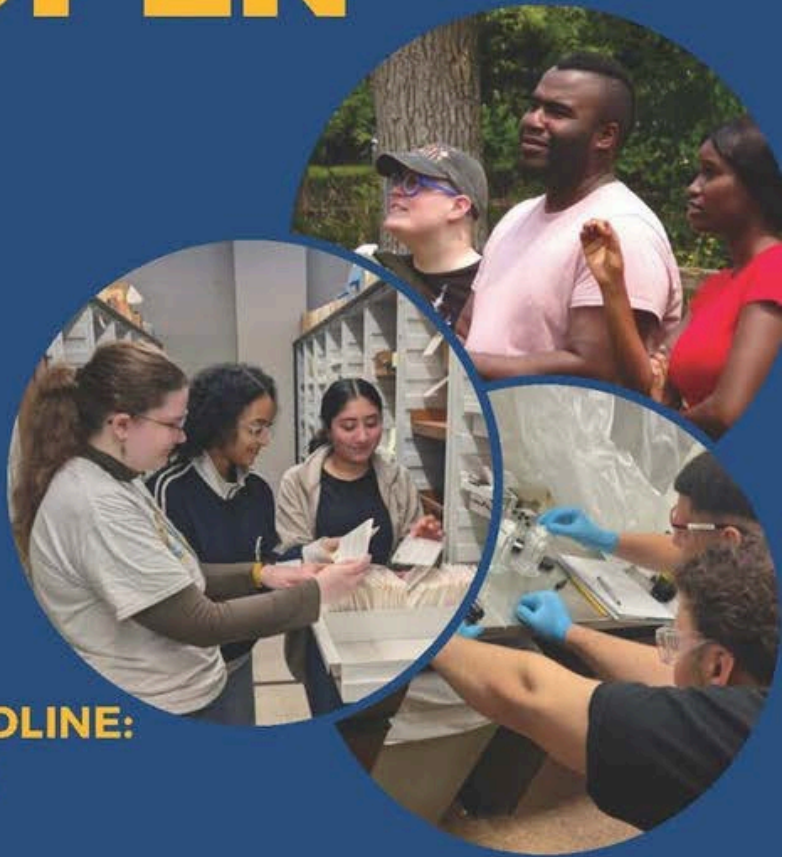
REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application
- Personal statement
- Resume or CV
- Unofficial transcripts
- Names and contact info of
2 recommenders

**NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
11:59PM CST**

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: SCSE@NEIU.EDU

APPLY NOW!



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 - Agata Soltys
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 OR
DEPTPSYC@NEIU.EDU TO SEND IN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!**

CHECK OUT OUR NEW PSYCH MINORS!

NEW

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

VIRTUAL STUDY HALLS



CENTER OF
HEALTH

STUDY HALLS

MODERATOR-LED SESSIONS
USING THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE
(POWERFUL TIME MANAGEMENT TOOL)

Pomodoro (2 hours = 4 x Work)
25 min work | 5 min break

**Open to all NEIU Students,
Faculty and Staff**

**PROCRASTINATION GOT YOU
STUCK?**

WORK WITH LIKE-MINDED
PEERS

Format: Virtual

MARCH 23 - MAY 15

**Schedule changes week to week.
Register to get weekly updates!**

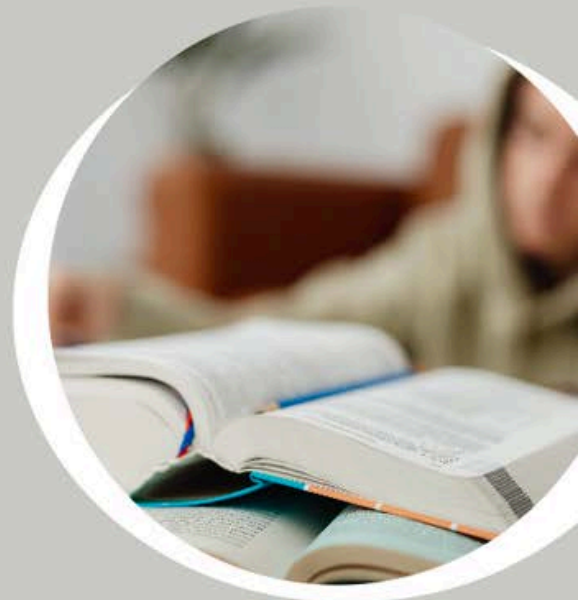
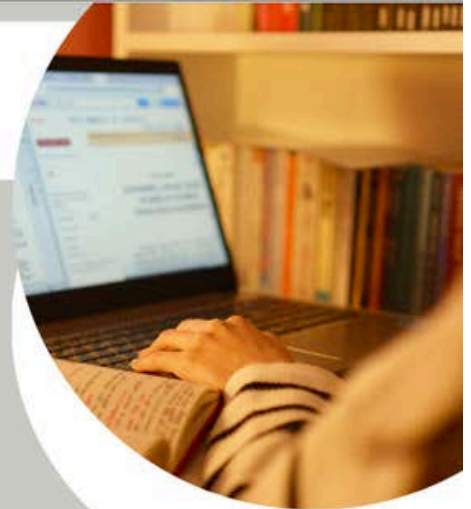
Can't join for the full 2 hours?

Join us for one 25-minute session
and get things done!



REGISTER NOW!

For more information, contact
Sana Habiya at smhabiya@neiu.edu



BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE FUND



Basic Needs Assistance Fund

Eligibility criteria

- Be a degree-seeking student (working towards a Bachelors or Masters)
- Be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours or more) in Spring 26 semester
- Demonstrate barriers to accessing basic student needs, as defined below:

Basic Needs Definition:

- Basic needs are the essential resources students require to maintain their well-being and stay focused in school. This can include stable housing, reliable transportation, and help covering some medical costs—such as visits to the doctor's office, dentist, or other non-hospital health expenses. These needs make it possible for students to stay healthy, safe, and persist to degree completion.

Only available for Spring 26 through June 3, 2026, or until funds are exhausted (whichever occurs first).



Distribution of Funds

The one-time grant does not allow for funds to be given directly to the student. Funds are instead issued to the third-party/vendor (e.g., the landlord, utility company, mechanic, bodyshop etc.) who would need to complete a W-9 form.



For application visit

Questions?

Contact the office of Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students Office:
(773) 442-4600
saffairs@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:
-

권리 카드

- 나는 당신에게 말하고 싶지 않거나 당신과 더 이상의 연락을 원하지 않기 때문에 이 카드를 당신에게 줍니다.
 - 나는 침묵을 유지하고 질문에 답하지 않을 권리를 행사하기로 결정한다.
 - 당신이 나를 체포하면, 계속 침묵을 지키고 당신의 질문에 답하는 것을 거부 할 수 있는 권리를 행사할 것입니다.
 - 귀하의 질문에 답하기 전에 변호사와 이야기하고 싶습니다.
 - 이 변호사 또는 기관에 연락하고 싶습니다.
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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

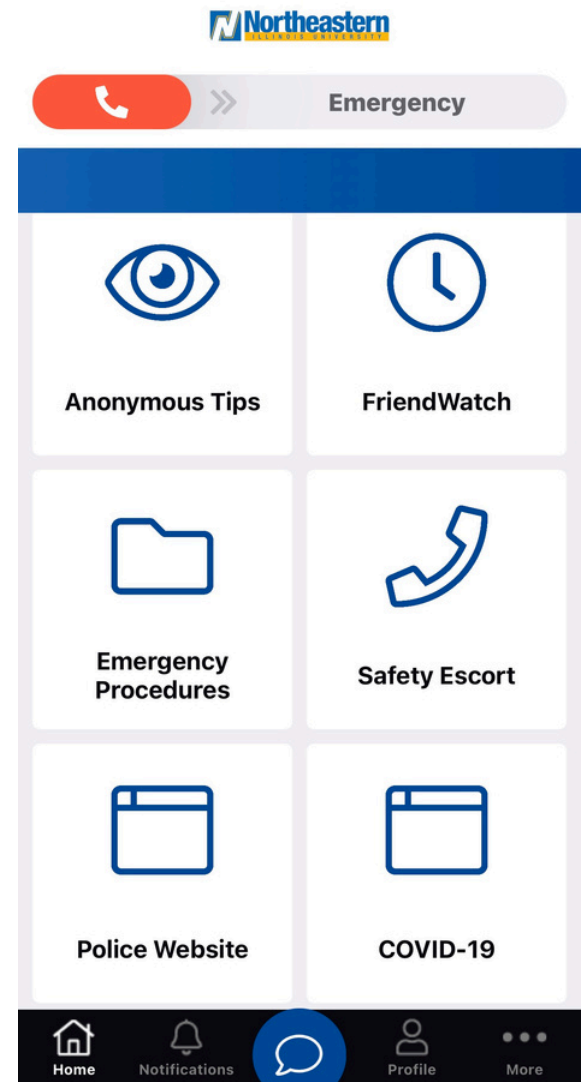
Want to learn more about how to stay safe on campus?
Check this out!

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



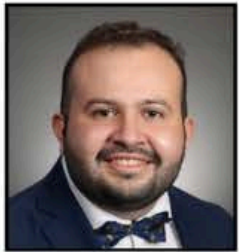
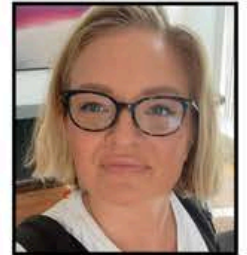
Marquee Reno (Graduate Student Mentor)

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 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)

*Appointments can be made online or In-Person

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



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



PSYCHOLOGY CORE COMPETENCIES

A: Active Community Participation and Engaging a Diverse Community

Many competencies that you will acquire in the liberal arts and sciences which prepare you for career success. But, really, these skills help you succeed in life in general and play a role in shaping the world around you, from your family life to your neighborhoods to the nation and the globe! To participate in public life and influence the world around you, you need to be able to understand a culturally diverse world, the respective interests of different groups of people (such as the needs of our children and of older adults), the landscape of social inequality, and more. Participating actively to influence the world you want requires a number of skills – communication, ethical reasoning, creativity, teamwork, and so on.

MORE HELP? WE GOT YOU!

Student Service Coordinator

Lori Cuevas, MA

In person location: BBH 313G

Email l-cuevas@neiu.edu to set up appt.



Office Administrator

Kristin Wilkens

In person location: BBH 313F

Email kl-wilkens@neiu.edu for questions.



Lab Manager

Anabelle Jimenez

In person location: BBH 313A

Email a-jimenez19@neiu.edu for questions.



STAY IN TOUCH

Save the Date!

Psychology Alumni Panel - April 2, 2026

HDSMA Info Session - April 13, 2026

The 33rd John Sargon Albazi Student
Symposium - May 1, 2026

Stay Connected!



[@neiu_psychology](https://www.instagram.com/neiu_psychology)



Psychology Department's
Google Classroom

Google Classroom

<https://classroom.google.com>

code: rszuvk4

