Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology prepares students for careers that require research and analytical skills, such as careers in community and social services, as well as in human resource and personnel positions in business and industrial settings. Students will also be well prepared for pursuing graduate education in any of the professional or academic areas of psychology and many other fields including law and medicine.

Contact Information

NEIU Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the NEIU Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email: TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

Student Center for Science Engagement (SCSE): The SCSE supports students enrolled in majors in the biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, math, physics, and psychology fields. For more information, please contact Laura West, Student Academic Services Specialist in STEM, at 773-442-5664 or L-West2@neiu.edu.

Admission Requirements

- 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: application for admission, $30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Additional Admission and application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

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# Psychology Major Requirements

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<th>Northeastern Illinois University Course</th>
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<td>PSYC 200 General Psychology</td>
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<td>PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology</td>
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<td>PSYC 202 WIP: Statistics and Research Methods I</td>
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<td>Prerequisites for this course can be fulfilled at Oakton by taking EGL 101 Composition I and MAT 110 Intermediate Algebra or higher (“C” grade or higher in each course)</td>
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<td>PSYC 302 Statistics and Research Methods II</td>
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<td>Prerequisite for this course can be fulfilled at Oakton by taking EGL 102 Composition II</td>
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### Three core courses, one from each of the following three categories:

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<td>PSYC 350 Physiological Psychology</td>
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Two elective courses in psychology: 6 credits

A 300 level laboratory course
- Selected from the department’s current approved list.
- Students must first take PSYC 302 and the appropriate courses from the list above: 3 credits

Senior Capstone Project
- Proposed in advance with assistance from your faculty advisor and approved by the Department chairperson: 3 credits

### Psychology Major Policies
- Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major. Psychology courses with "D" grades may be used as university electives.
- A maximum of one 200-level course, in addition to General Psychology, may be used within the major. All others shall be 300-level.
- Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minors.
- For transfer students at least one half of the courses applied to the major (15 semester hours) must be taken at NEIU.
- No more than two courses, or six credit hours, in transfer from a community college, may be applied to the Psychology major. Any remaining hours may be used as university electives. Community college courses may not be used to fulfill 300-level NEIU requirements.
General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at Oakton.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science**: Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Sciences degree will have met NEIU’s General Education Requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Science at Oakton Community College, including assistance with course selection, please visit the Office of Advising and Counseling. More information is available at their website (http://www.oakton.edu/studentservices/advisingcounseling/contactus.php) or by calling (847) 635-1741 (Des Plaines campus) or (847) 635-1400 (Skokie campus).

- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)**: Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative, including courses at Oakton that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at www.itransfer.org.

- **Transfer Course Lists for Oakton**: Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from NEIU’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: www.neiu.edu/Transfer. *When choosing this option, please use the following NEIU General Education guide:*

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<td>Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)</td>
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<td>Students who major in Psychology at NEIU fulfill this requirement by taking PSYC 302 – Statistics and Research Methods II. (See page 2 of this guide for course prerequisites.)</td>
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| Social / Behavioral Sciences 4 courses (12 hours)         | 12      | • Majors in Psychology may waive up to six credit hours of General Education requirements in Social/Behavioral Sciences.  
• It is recommended that students take two Psychology courses to meet this requirement as they will also count toward the major:  
1.) PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology  
2.) One of the following:  
• PSY 201 Educational Psychology  
• PSY 204 Adolescent Psychology  
• PSY 211 Child Psychology |
| Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)                      | 9       | • No more than two courses from the same department may be used.  
• One course must have a lab component. |
| Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)                             | 6       | • No more than one course from the same department may be used. |
| Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)                            | 9       | • No more than two courses from the same department may be used.  
• No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement. |
NEIU Degree Requirements

1. General Education: 39 credit hours (see requirements above)

2. English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher): At Oakton, take EGL 101 – Composition I.

3. Total Credits and Credit Levels: A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern. Students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours at the 300 level and 18 semester hours at the 200 or 300 levels.

4. Major Program: Undergraduate students must declare and complete a major. Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major.

5. Residency: Must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Northeastern.

6. GPA: Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall “C” average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.

7. Improving Human Relations: The Improving Human Relations requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social / Behavioral Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets the Improving Human Relations requirement and Humanities or Social / Behavioral Sciences.

8. Writing Intensive Program: Students must successfully complete a writing intensive course within their discipline. This course must be completed at NEIU. Students completing the Bachelors of Arts in Psychology fulfill this requirement by taking PSYC 202 - WIP: Statistics and Research Methods I.

Transfer Policies

- Students with an AA or AS degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled NEIU’s general education requirements.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours may be transferred to NEIU from a community college. In cases where both a community college and university were attended, a maximum of 90 semester hours are accepted, with a maximum of 64 semester hours allowed at the community college level.
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to providing an affordable education. That’s why our tuition and fees are among the most affordable of the Illinois Public Universities. We offer a tuition guarantee program that guarantees incoming students the same tuition rate for four years.

For information about financing your education at NEIU, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email Financial-Aid@neiu.edu. If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern’s federal School code is 001693.
Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students:

**Provost Merit Scholarship**
Scholarships in the amount of **$2,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credits).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.50.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Northeastern.

**Deans Merit Scholarship**
Scholarships in the amount of **$1,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credit hours).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Northeastern.

Until all of the scholarships are awarded, students who meet these qualifications will automatically be considered for the Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships at the time of applying for admission to NEIU. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.