



NIU Psychology at University Center

We're thrilled that you've decided to pursue your education at a place close to home. Through our University Center program, you'll earn your Bachelor of Science degree in psychology while gaining knowledge and developing your skills through classes taught by NIU faculty who are active researchers in the field.

The science of psychology is rapidly evolving and influences all aspects of society. Psychologists work in traditional and nontraditional settings including schools, hospitals, businesses, government, mental health organizations, laboratories and nonprofit organizations.

Completion of your undergraduate psychology major will provide you with both a strong liberal arts education and preparation for entry-level employment in a variety of career paths or for graduate training in a mental health field, such as counseling, clinical psychology or school psychology.

You have plans for the future. We'll help you get there.

Let's get started...

- Schedule a meeting with the University Center to learn more about the program and to discuss requirements.
- Stop by and visit Brenda Powell, NIU transfer counselor, on Mondays (either in the University Center or in front of Starbucks) to get answers regarding applying to NIU. Schedule an appointment by going to go.niu.edu/Harper-appointments.
- Apply to NIU as a transfer student (select the option off campus) and submit your transcripts.
- Setup your MyNIU account to stay updated on your application status.
- Accept your admission through your MyNIU account to confirm your spot.
- Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA.
- Contact NIU advisor for guidance prior to registering for classes.

Advisor Contacts

**Harper College
University Center**
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Students can also contact the CLAS Advising Office at clas_advising_office@niu.edu

Your NIU advisor will work with you to plan your course schedules for a timely graduation. It is highly recommended that you schedule an appointment with your psychology advisor once a semester to discuss your degree progress and select courses for the upcoming semester.



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Degree pathway - Psychology B.S.

* Denotes required pre-requisite courses.

To complete the B.S. requirements, students should complete three of the following at Harper: BIO 110, 115, 116; CHM 121, 122; ESC 111, 121; MTH 124, 134, 200, 201, 202, 203, 220; PHY 121, 122, 201, 202.

YEAR 1 Fall

ENG 101 Rhetoric and Composition
PSY 101* Introduction to Psychology
MTH 165* Elementary Statistics
Physical/Life Science

YEAR 1 Spring

ENG 102 English Composition II
Humanities/Fine Arts
Physical/Life Science
Social/Behavioral Science (non-PSY)
Humanities/Fine Arts

YEAR 2 Fall

PSY 228* Psychology of Human Development
SPE 101 Speech Communication
Additional Physical/Life Science for AS Degree
Electives (non-PSY)

YEAR 2 Spring

PSY elective (recommended options include 210, 216, 217, 218, 220, 225, 230, 235 or 245)
Additional Math for AS Degree
Social/Behavioral Science (non-PSY)
Electives (non-PSY)

* Harper will ensure students take enough courses to get to 60 credits.

YEAR 3 Fall

PSYC 300 Brain and Behavior *OR*
PSYC 345 Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 332 Personality or PSYC 316 Introduction to Psychopathology
100/200/300/400 elective (online)
100/200/300/400 elective (online)
University Baccalaureate 300/400 elective (online)

YEAR 3 Spring

PSYC 315 Developmental Psychopathology or PSYC 324 Child Development
PSYC 305 Research Methods*
100/200/300/400 elective (online)
100/200/300/400 elective (online)

YEAR 4 Fall

PSYC 300 Brain and Behavior or PSYC 345 Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 332 Personality or PSYC 316 Introduction to Psychopathology
PSYC 411 Experimental Psychology: Animal Cognition
100/200/300/400 elective (online)
University Baccalaureate 300/400 elective (online)

YEAR 4 Spring

PSYC 315 Developmental Psychopathology or PSYC 324 Child Development
PSYC 413 Clinical Psychology Laboratory
100/200/300/400 elective (online)
University Baccalaureate 300/400 elective (online)
University Baccalaureate 300/400 elective (online)

NIU Bachelor of Science Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree must demonstrate competence in laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills. This requirement can be met by completing a four semester sequence listed in the undergraduate catalog with a 2.0 GPA. If you are seeking a B.S. degree, see an advisor to determine which sequence to complete and which additional courses may be required for your major.

Graduation Requirements

NIU requires a total of 120 credit hours to graduate, with 54 hours required at the university level. A minimum of 40 hours must be in courses at the 300 and/or 400 level. More information is available at go.niu.edu/graduation-requirements.



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