

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Behavioral Sciences is to prepare students through Christ-centered curriculum for occupations or advanced study in their fields of interest.

Criminal Justice Major

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Criminal Justice major educates students in the fundamental concepts, knowledge, and skills of the criminal justice system with a biblical curriculum focused on service, integrity, and the development of leadership in the field. A Christ-like heart for public service and ministry is at the heart of the coursework. Students will examine the policies, principles, and social dynamics that shape the system of law and justice in the United States. This major builds on a foundation of psychology in addition to practical knowledge of law enforcement and criminal justice. This degree also lays the foundation for further graduate study in law or social work. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

Northwestern's law enforcement track is POST-certified (Police Officer Standards and Training). Northwestern is one of 29 schools in the state of Minnesota that offers this certification. After you complete your coursework through Northwestern, you will be approved for the academic component of the Professional Peace Officer Education (PPOE). Students will still be required to complete the skills component with an outside agency after graduating.

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3005; social science course SOC1035.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 50.

Track 1: General Criminal Justice

Required Courses 35 cr

CRJ2125	Criminology	4
CRJ3225	Criminal Justice	4
CRJ3226	Corrections	4
CRJ3228	Deviance [OCE, WCE]	4
CRJ4325	Juvenile Delinquency	2
CRJ4327	Criminal Law	4
CRJ4335	Police and Community	2
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship	3
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology	4
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology	4

Select from the following 12 cr

CRJ4425	Juvenile Procedures	2
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship (ADDITIONAL)	2–4
ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling	4
PSY3317	Treatment of Special Populations	4
PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4

Track 2: Law Enforcement

Required Courses 51 cr

CRJ2125	Criminology	4
CRJ3225	Criminal Justice	4
CRJ3226	Corrections	4
CRJ3228	Deviance [OCE, WCE]	4
CRJ4325	Juvenile Delinquency	2
CRJ4327	Criminal Law	4
CRJ4335	Police and Community	2
CRJ4425	Juvenile Procedures	2
CRJ4426	Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Code	4
CRJ4435	Issues in Policing	2
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship	3
ICS3015	Race and Ethnicity in America	4
PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4

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Criminal Justice Minor 23 cr

Required Courses: CRJ2125, 3225, 3226, 3228, 4327, 4995 (3 credits).

Psychology Major (AU Online)

Bachelor of Science

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology equips students with a theoretical and applied understanding of psychological principles to prepare them for graduate study in psychology, entry-level positions in the helping professions, or careers requiring a psychology background. Biblical coursework enables students to apply psychological principles from a Christian perspective. Students are encouraged (though not required) to declare a concentration. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

The concentration in Health Psychology provides students with the theoretical background of how psychological, behavioral, cultural, and social factors influence health and wellness. Attention is given to the role of stress and lifestyle choices and how they affect our well-being; stress and pain interventions are also addressed.

The concentration in Marriage and Family examines foundations for family communication, problem solving, and relationships; a systems perspective on family dynamics and their impact upon marital quality and the family; as well as counseling and intervention strategies.

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3208; social science course PSY2108 or PSY2005 and PSY2006.

Psychology Core 18 cr

PSY2005	Child and Adolescent Development and
PSY2006	Adult Development or
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology
	(SEE SCIENTIFIC & QUANTITATIVE LITERACY REQUIREMENT ABOVE)
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology.....4
PSY3208	Statistics for the Social Sciences
	(SEE SCIENTIFIC & QUANTITATIVE LITERACY REQUIREMENT ABOVE)
PSY3305	Research Methods in Psychology.....4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling4
PSY4055	Professional Ethics2
PSY4407	Integration of Psychology and Theology [OCE, WCE] ...4

Concentration/Selectives 16 cr

Select a concentration/selectives. Requirements are listed below.

Health Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4025	Foundations of Health Psychology4
PSY4026	Stress Management Strategies4
PSY4027	Pain Management Strategies4
PSY4425	Clinical Health Psychology4

Marriage and Family Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling4
PSY4318	Marriage and Family Dynamics4
PSY4365	Family Communication and Relationships4
PSY4367	Intervention Strategies with Families4

General Psychology Selectives (16 cr)

Any PSY-prefix courses.

Related transfer courses may apply toward elective credits.

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Psychology Minor (AU Online)18 cr

Required Courses: PSY3207, 3308; 10 additional credits from courses with PSY-prefix.

Psychology Major (TR On-Campus)

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Psychology major prepares students within a Christian context by educating them in four domains: psychological knowledge, scientific methodology, ethics, and communication skills. "Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2). Psychology is the study of God's greatest work—humankind. The discipline of psychology seeks to understand the nature of human development, motivation, thinking, learning, and emotion. An accurate picture of man must include the study of Scriptures; therefore, the study of psychology is made complete by integrating it with biblical principles. Furthermore, the study of psychology enables students to see themselves as persons of worth and significance. The study of psychology has practical value for Christian service. As we better understand people, we are more effective in our ability to minister to them. Students may earn a concentration in Forensic Psychology or Marriage & Family Counseling. Research and internship experiences help provide added value to their education. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3005; social science course, if chosen, must be selected from subjects other than psychology.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 50.

Psychology Core 24 cr

PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology	.4
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology	.4
PSY3135	Positive Psychology	.4
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology	.4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling	.4
PSY4475	Philosophy of Professional Psychology [OCE, WCE]	.4

Concentration/Selectives 16 cr

Select a concentration. Requirements are listed below.

Forensic Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

CRJ3225	Criminal Justice	.4
CRJ4327	Criminal Law	.4
PSY4305	Measurement and Assessment	.4
Select 4 credits from the following:		
CRJ3228	Deviance	.4
CRJ4325	Juvenile Delinquency	.2
CRJ4425	Juvenile Procedures	.2
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship	2–4

Health Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4025	Foundations of Health Psychology*	.4
PSY4026	Stress Management Strategies*	.4
PSY4027	Pain Management Strategies*	.4
PSY4425	Clinical Health Psychology*	.4

Marriage and Family Concentration (16–18 cr)

PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling	.4
PSY4318	Marriage and Family Dynamics*	.4
PSY4365	Family Communication and Relationships	.4
PSY4367	Intervention Strategies with Families*	.4
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	.2
MIN3206	Relationships	.4

Psychology Selectives Concentration (16–18 cr)

Any PSY-prefix courses.		
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	2 cr
MIN3206	Relationships	4 cr

* OFFERED ONLY THROUGH ADULT UNDERGRADUATE ONLINE

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Psychology Minor (TR On-Campus) 18–20 cr

Required Courses: PSY1005, 2108, 3207, 3308; 2–4 additional credits selected from courses with PSY-prefix; MIN3205 or 3206.

Associate of Arts in Psychology (AU Online) (60 cr)

The Associate of Arts in Psychology is designed for students who have zero or minimal prior college credits. Students complete general education and psychology coursework designed with a Christian worldview. A.A. graduates are able to transition into one of the existing B.S. programs or pursue an undergraduate degree at another institution. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here.

- All approved Traditional Undergraduate courses will apply to the corresponding category. Related transfer credits may apply if approved.
- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: must include at least one mathematics course and one natural science course; social science courses are optional.

Core Curriculum 30–33 cr

Biblical Thinking & Living 6–8 cr

Select 2 credits from the following:

BIA1015	Interpreting Scripture.....	.2
MIN2016	Biblical Interpretation for Study.....	.2

Select 2 credits from the following:

BIA1007	Christian Thinking and Living.....	.2
BIB1008	History of Redemption.....	.2
BIB2008	Survey of the New Testament.....	.2

Select 2–4 credits from the following:

PHI2005	Introduction to Philosophy.....	.4
PHI2016	Ethics.....	.4
PHI2055	Introduction to Theological Philosophy.....	.2
PHI3057	Christian Apologetics.....	.2

Leadership & Professionalism 2 cr

LDR3415	The Self-aware Leader.....	.2
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Effective Communication 3 cr

COM1075	Public Speaking.....	.3
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Critical Thinking & Information Literacy..... 4 cr

(reinforces Effective Communication outcomes)

ENG1107	College Writing & Research.....	.4
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Cultural & Global Engagement..... 4 cr

HIS1005	Historical Perspectives on Culture, Belief, and Civilization.....	.4
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Creative Expression 3–4 cr

(Art, Film, Literature, Music, or Theatre)

Any ART or LIT prefix or any of the below:

COM2008	Film Appreciation.....	.3
ENG2215	Writing Creative Nonfiction.....	.2
THE1055	Introduction to Theatre.....	.2

Scientific & Quantitative Literacy..... 8 cr

Select 2–6 credits from the following:

Any MAT-prefix

BUS2035	Business Mathematics and Statistics.....	.4
PSY3208	Statistics for the Social Sciences.....	.4

Select 2–6 credits from the following (lab not required):

Any BIO (excludes BIO1025), CHE, PHY, or SCI prefix

BIO2016	Our Changing Climate.....	.2
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Select credits from the following, if needed:

Any ANT, ECO, GEO, or SOC prefix or any of the below:

ICS2045	Socio-cultural Anthropology.....	.4
POS2005	U.S. National Government.....	.4

Psychology Specialization 16 cr

PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology.....	.4
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology or	
PSY2005	Child and Adolescent Development and	
PSY2006	Adult Development.....	.4
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology.....	.4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling.....	.4

General Electives 11–14 cr

Select a combination of any electives.

Social Studies Education Major see Department of Teacher Education