



Psychology

Earn your B.A. in Psychology from Northern Illinois University at the University Center at McHenry County College.

By studying psychology, you'll gain insight into people's thoughts and behaviors to help improve their lives.

We're thrilled you've chosen to study close to home and learn from NIU faculty who are active researchers in a rapidly evolving field that influences society widely.

Our psychology program offers a wide field of focus that includes child/development psychology, clinical psychology, social psychology and more.

The average mid-career salary for graduates of this program is \$77,177.* Our alumni work in diverse settings such as schools, hospitals, businesses, government, mental health organizations, labs and nonprofits.

Completing an undergraduate psychology major provides:

- A strong liberal arts education.
- Preparation for entry-level employment in a variety of careers.
- Qualifications for graduate training in mental health fields such as counseling, clinical or school psychology.

Let's get started:



Reach out to the University Center at McHenry County College (UC MCC) at ucenter@mchenry.edu or 815-479-7600 to make your academic plan.



Apply to NIU as a UC MCC transfer student at niu.edu/apply. Email transfercenter@niu.edu with questions about your application or next steps.



Explore financial aid options at niu.edu/financial-aid and complete your FAFSA at fafsa.gov using NIU school code 001737.

**You have future plans.
We'll help you achieve them.**

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Year One — Semester I (16 Hours)	
MCC	NIU
ENG 151 Composition I (3)	ENGL 103 Rhetoric and Composition I (3)
MAT 120 General Education Statistics (3)	STAT 100 Basic Statistics (3)
SPA 151 Beginning Spanish (4)‡	FLSP 101 Beginning Spanish I (3)
PSY 151 Intro Psychology (3)	PSYC 102 Intro to Psychology (3)
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts (3)†	General Education Elective

Year Two — Semester I (16-17 Hours)	
MCC	NIU
PSY 265 Social Psychology (3)	SOCI 260 Intro to Social Psychology (3)
IAI Social/Behavioral Science (3)	General Education Elective
IAI Humanities/Fine Arts (3)†	General Education Elective
SPA 251 Intermediate Spanish I (4)‡	FLSP 201 Intermediate Spanish I (3)
IAI Physical Science/Life Science (3-4)**	General Education Elective

Year Three — Semester I (13 Hours)	
PSYC 101 University Experience in Psychology (1)	
PSYC 300 Brain and Behavior or PSYC 345 Cognitive Psychology (3)	
PSYC 332 Personality or PSYC 316 Introduction to Psychopathology (3)	
University Baccalaureate 100-400 Electives (online) (6)^	

Year Four — Semester I (15 Hours)	
PSYC 300 Brain and Behavior or PSYC 345 Cognitive Psychology (3)	
PSYC 332 Personality or PSYC 316 Introduction to Psychopathology (3)	
PSYC 306 Advanced Research Methods (3)	
University Baccalaureate 300-400 Electives (online) (6)	

Year One — Semester II (16 Hours)	
MCC	NIU
ENG 152 Composition II (3)	ENGL 203 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech (3)	COMS 100 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
PSY 250 Human Development Lifespan (3)	PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Child-Adult (3)
IAI Humanities/Fine Arts (3)†	General Education Elective
SPA 152 Beginning Spanish II (4)‡	FLSP 102 Beginning Spanish II (3)

Year Two — Semester II (16-17 Hours)	
MCC	NIU
PSY 251 Child Psychology (3)	HDFS 230 Child Development (3)
PSY 275 Abnormal Psychology (3)	Major Elective
IAI Social/Behavioral Science (3)	General Education Elective
IAI Physical Science/Life Science (3-4)**	General Education Elective
SPA 252 Intermediate Spanish II (4)‡	FLSP 202 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS COMPLETED AT MCC (64-66)

Year Three — Semester II (12 Hours)	
PSYC 315 Developmental Psychopathology or PSYC 324 Child Development (3)	
PSYC 305 Research Methods (3)^^	
University Baccalaureate 100-400 Electives (online) (6)^	

Year Four — Semester II (15 Hours)	
PSYC 315 Developmental Psychopathology or PSYC 324 Child Development (3)	
PSYC 413/433 Research Laboratory (3)	
University Baccalaureate 300-400 Electives (online) (9)	

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS COMPLETED AT NIU (55)
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR A B.A. DEGREE (120)

*Data source: Steppingblocks, 2023. **Seven to eight total credits required for physical and life sciences with one lab. †See MCC catalog for course options.
‡B.A. degree requirement: Two years of college-level work in the same foreign language or equivalent. ^A minimum of 40 hours must be in courses at the 300 and/or 400 level.
^^Prerequisite course. Must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Disclaimer: You're encouraged to use this transfer guide when planning your progress toward degree completion. Following a transfer guide does not guarantee admission into the listed program. Information was updated December 2024. However, any curriculum changes reflected in our Undergraduate Catalog override the information on this guide. Contact your MCC academic advisor for assistance interpreting this guide.