



First Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
77-101	University Seminar	1	10-112	Composition II	3
10-111	Composition I	3		Life Science & Lab	4
	Fine Arts elective	3	35-101	General Sociology	3
08-103	General Psychology	3		Digital Literacy	3
29-102	Fundamentals of Oral Comm	3		Career Paths*	3
	Humanities (1/2)	3			
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		16
Second Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
	Minor course	3	08-365	Social Psychology	3
	Physical Science & Lab	3	34-102	American Govt. & Politics	3
08-234	Research Literacy*	4	08-334	Research Methods 1	3
	History course	3		Theories of Psychology	3
08-223	Abnormal Psychology	3	17-114	General Statistics I	3
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		15
Third Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
08-434	Research Methods 2	3	08-353	Psychology of Race & Gender	3
	Foreign Language	3	08-343	Biological Psychology	3
	Minor Course	3		Minor Course	3
08-333	Developmental Psychology	3		Minor Course	3
08-363	Psychology of Personality	3	08-313	Psych at Work*	3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		15
Fourth Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
	Minor Course	3		Minor Course	3
	Foreign Language	3		Foreign Language	3
08-310	Cognitive Psychology	3		Minor Course	3
10-220	Intro to Literature	3		Humanities (2/2)	3
	Minor Course	3			
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		12

Classes marked with an asterisk (*) are also offered in the summer

This sample plan is a supplement to your Degree Audit. Consult your advisor on a regular basis for individual academic planning.



WHY MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY?

The **Psychology** major at Northwest provides students with multiple perspectives on human behavior and mental processes. At the same time, the classes add to each student's knowledge, skills, and abilities so that they can demonstrate critical thinking in a wide range of situations.

Minor in Psychology

A minor in psychology teaches students the fundamentals of cognitive, developmental and biological psychology, the psychology of personality and social psychology. After taking the required courses, students can customize their minor from a list of approved electives. For a list of required courses, visit the academic catalog. This minor requires the completion of 24 credit hours.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

More than 94% of students who graduated with a degree in psychology obtained employment or continued their education within six months after graduation. Below is a list of possible job titles:

- Crisis Counselor
- Family Counselor
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Youth Counselor

*Based on self-reported data in recent years.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Psi Chi is the international honor society of psychology and Northwest's chapter is a Model Chapter Award recipient. Psi Chi's mission is to recognize and promote excellence in the science and application of psychology. Northwest's chapter supports the professional development of its members and contributes to the university in a number of ways, including hosting an annual Scholarly Works Showcase. Membership eligibility depends upon academic achievement, including having a GPA that places students in the top 35% of their class. Applications are reviewed in the fall and spring semesters.

INTERNSHIPS

Although internships are not required in the psychology major, they are highly encouraged to gain hands-on, real-world experience.



“ This fall I was an intern for the New Beginnings Counseling Center in Maryville. It was an opportunity that I never imaged I would have. I worked with substance and alcohol abuse clients monitoring individual and group-counseling sessions. This is a picture of me and my fellow intern, Courtney (Northwest graduate) jumping into Mozingo Lake for our polar plunge to raise awareness for mental health and substance abuse. We raised more than \$700! When I finished the internship, I received my certification as a recognized associate substance abuse counselor, second level, RASAC II! ”

Jessica Reyes
Omaha, Neb.

THE NORTHWEST DIFFERENCE

Founded in 1905, Northwest is a traditional campus with more than 7,200 undergraduate and graduate students. Located in the middle of everywhere, Maryville is two hours from Omaha, Nebraska and Kansas City, Missouri and

2 ½ hours from Des Moines, Iowa.

- The textbooks and laptop rental programs save students nearly \$7,300 over four years.
- Ranked as the top moderately selective regional university in the "25 Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for third time in four years.
- The Bearcat Advantage provides out-of-state students the opportunity to earn in-state tuition rates that can save more than \$6,000. With the average undergraduate financial aid award of \$5,467 for in-state students and \$8,286 for out-of-state students, Northwest offers a quality education at an affordable price.
- At Northwest, the American Dream Grant covers 100% of the tuition and fees for Pell-eligible students.
- Students organizations, internships and profession-based learning experiences ensure students are Career Ready, Day One.