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 Arts 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 Agnes Szemborski, Harper College Transfer Coordinator, to learn more about the program and to discuss requirements.
- 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 advisors for guidance prior to registering for classes.

NIU Psychology at University Center

Advisor Contacts

Harper College
Transfer Coordinator
Agnes Szemborski
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College Advisor
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Judy Santacaterina
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Your NIU advisors 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.
**Degree pathway**

### Year 1

**Fall**
- ENG 101  Rhetoric and Composition
- PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology
- MTH 165  Elementary Statistics
- Foreign Language

**Spring**
- ENG 102  Humanities/Fine Arts
- Physical/Life Science
- Social/Behavioral Science
- Foreign Language

### Year 2

**Fall**
- PSY Elective
- SPE 101  Speech Communication
- Humanities/Fine Arts
- Foreign Language

**Spring**
- PSY elective
- Physical Life Science
- Social/Behavioral Science
- Foreign Language

### Year 3

**Fall**
- PSYC 300 level elective
- PSYC 300 level elective
- Elective
- 300/400 level elective
- Elective

**Spring**
- PSYC 305 Research Methods
- PSYC 300 level elective
- PSYC 300 level elective
- Elective

### Year 4

**Fall**
- PSYC Laboratory Class
- PSYC 300/400 level elective
- 300/400 level elective
- Elective
- Elective

**Spring**
- PSYC Laboratory Class
- PSYC 300/400 level elective
- PSYC 300/400 level elective
- Elective
- 300/400 level elective

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**NIU Bachelor of Arts Requirements**

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language. This requirement can be met by 1) completing the equivalent of the fourth-year of a foreign language with no term grade lower than C at an accredited high school; or 2) a four semester sequence in a traditional foreign language. A student may be exempt from this requirement if they can demonstrate competence equal to the work required in the last course in one of the sequences listed above on a test administered through the NIU Office of Testing Services OR if a student is registered as an international student at NIU with a native language other than English.

**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.