

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
APPROVED
681st Meeting
February 5th, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clark, Chen, Falkoff, Finley, Floyd, Garver, Gordon, Hill, Hunt, Klis, Lundstrum, Neal, Notebaert, Rohl, Scherer, Swingley, Ricklefs, Torkinejad-Ziarati, Van Dijk, A. Wu, K. Wu, Xia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bedeau, Contreras, Gaillard

OTHERS PRESENT: Gawron, Doane, Laudick, Matuszewich, Reyman, Wilks

Called to Order

- Dean Wilks calls the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the December 4th, 2023, meeting was approved electronically on 12.11.2023.

Committee Reports

- Criminal Disclosure: Report by Executive Director Laudick
 - Standard Operating Procedure reviewed and updated, will be finalized at the February Meeting. The criminal disclosure process will be done through Slate moving forward.
- Appeals Committee: Report by Associate Dean Reyman
 - 22 appeals were received. All 22 students reinstated for Spring 2024.
 - Dean Wilks reminded the Council of the changes that have taken place in this process during the last year that support student success.
 - Associate Dean Reyman and Dean Wilks thanked the committee for their work.

New Business

- Curriculum Agenda led by Graduate Council Executive Committee Chair Garver.
- Garver Summarized Curriculum changes proposed by each college, all motions were passed.
- Graduate Council meeting format:
 - Dean Wilks presented meeting options and background on the meeting format.
 - Council members provided feedback on hybrid, teams, and in person options for the Graduate Council meetings for next year. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the Graduate Council will continue to meet and use the Hybrid meeting model.
 - Members asked for procedures to be developed to accommodate alternates for when the need arises.
- University Goals
 - Graduate education and the graduate student experience are “front and center” in the university goals. Dean Wilks asked the Council to read the goals prior to the next meeting to ensure that the Council is also involved in this good work.

Old Business

- Assistantship Policy Update:
 - The annual memo regarding minimum stipends has gone out with a 5% increase.
 - No changes to the policy will be implemented during the 24-25 academic year regarding graduate assistant tuition waivers and the correlation to hours worked. This policy is still under review.

- In responding to comments, Wilks noted that regardless of any changes that may be made moving forward, the Graduate School will continue working closely with HRS to ensure that current students are not harmed by any future changes (i.e. the policy change would apply to new students/new assistantships).
- Tuition Waivers 24-25:
 - Temporary measures are in place for the next academic year. Notification went to the programs along with the number of waivers they have to utilize for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Announcements

- Slate Update from Executive Director Laudick
 - The new Slate Admission system is officially open for Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 terms.
- Rhoten Smith Update from Associate Dean Reyman
 - Associate Dean Reyman thanked the committee for their work.
 - 32 proposals came in. 41 assistantships funded through the Rhoten Smith Assistantship program. The proposed renewal process is being discussed and more information to come for those on the committee.
- Colloquium Update from Associate Dean Reyman. Please reach out to Dr. Reyman with additional comments, input, or feedback.

Adjournment

- Motioned by Floyd, Scherer seconded by to adjourn. The motion was approved by acclamation. Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2024, 10:00 am.

Minutes

- Minutes respectfully submitted: Kayla Doane, The Graduate School



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Graduate School

January 26th, 2024

To: Graduate Council Members

From: Criminal Disclosure Committee

Re: Committee Report

The criminal disclosure committee met on Monday January 16th, 2024; executive director Laudick reviewed the new standard operating procedure with the committee and asked for feedback. The committee members will finalize the standard operating procedure during the February meeting. During the meeting the committee reviewed user role and gained access to new materials in slate. There were no new cases to discuss.

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Graduate School

January 19th, 2024

To: Graduate Council Members

From: Appeals Committee

Re: Report from the January 11th Appeals Committee Meeting

The Appeals Committee met on Thursday, January 11th, 2024, to discuss Fall Semester Academic Dismissal Appeals. There were 22 appeals. The appeals were reviewed by the committee and 22 students were reinstated for the Spring 2024 Semester.

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CURRICULUM AGENDA

Graduate Council Meeting 4th Meeting / Academic year 2023-24

TEAMS ONLY

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2024

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Section E Expedited Curricular Changes –

II. DISCUSSION AGENDA

- **Section A – *For inclusion in the 2024-2025 Catalog.*** Dates listed after items are when the items were approved at the College level.
 1. **College of Business** – No Curricular Items
 2. **College of Education** –
 - **LTIC 720 – Course Revision**
 3. **College of Engineering** – *No Curricular Items*
 4. **College of Health and Human Sciences** –
 - **AHPT 622 – Course Revision**
 5. **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** –
 - **FLTH 500 – Course Revision**
 - **Public Budgeting and Financial Management – Other Catalog Changes**
 - **MS Biological Sciences – Admissions**
 - **PhD Biological Sciences – Admissions**
 - **MS in Chemistry – Admissions**
 - **PhD in Chemistry – Admissions**
 - **MA Communication Studies – Admissions**
 - **Computer Science – Admissions**

- *MS in Computer Sciences – Admissions*
- *PhD Computer Science – Admissions*
- *MS Earth, Atmosphere and Environment – Admissions*
- *PhD Earth, Atmosphere and Environment - Admissions*
- *MA Political Science – Admissions*
- *PhD Political Science – Admissions*
- *Psychology – Admissions*
- *MA in Psychology – Admissions*
- *PhD in Psychology – Admissions*
- *Specialist in School Psychology – Admissions*
- *Public Budgeting and Financial Management – Other Catalog Change*
- *Public Budgeting and Financial Management – New Certificate*
- *MPA – Specialization Name Change/Program Change*
- *MS in Statistics - Admissions*

6. College of Visual and Performing Arts – No Curricular Items

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **MS in Physics – Interdisciplinary Physics**
- **Master of Public Administration – Admissions**
- **Doctor in Ed. Curriculum and Instruction – Admissions**
- **MA in Communicative Disorders – Admissions**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

CEDU

Curriculum and Instruction

Course Revision

CEDU23.24.09.58

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LTIC 720 – **Review of Research in Teaching Multicultural Learners**

Course LTIC 720 Seminar in Educating English Language Learners **Review of Research in Teaching Multilingual Learners**

Review Catalog Description: **This is a survey course on theoretical perspectives about teaching multilingual learners** Comprehensive study of research literature in teaching English language learners across the lifespan. **The course is designed for advanced graduate students engaged in an initial examination of research literature preparing literature reviews for their thesis or dissertation.** **Pre-requisites: Instructor and advisor consent.**

Rationale: The course description was written over ten years ago and given recent changes in the field of multilingual learners teaching and research, it is necessary to update its description. The revised catalog description for the course also responds to current needs of advanced graduate students in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

CHHS

Course Revision

Online Catalog: [LINK](#)

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AHPT 622 - External Clinical Experience I (3)

Full-time clinical experience that provides the opportunity to apply previously learned skills under the **supervision** guidance of qualified physical therapists. Settings include outpatient facilities, skilled nursing or subacute facilities and community or acute general hospitals. Emphasis will be on safety, skill in examination, treatment techniques and communication. S/U grading. PRQ: **AHPT 621, good academic standing, and e**Consent of school.

RATIONALE:

As part of a larger review for an upcoming accreditation site visit, the DPT program has been reviewing all catalog course descriptions to assure accuracy and congruency with actual course content. Changes in the course description are to consistently align the course description in the Graduate Catalog with the actual course content per the syllabus.

Our contracts with external clinical sites require students to be in good academic standing and prepared for the clinical experience. We also require students to be

evaluated by faculty regarding clinical readiness, so we are making this a permit enrollment class.

CLAS

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Course Revision

CLAS 23.24.04.11

2023-24 Graduate Catalog

[LINK](#)

Current Course Component: LEC

Proposed Course Component: LEC (no change)

FLTH 500 - Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture

A. History

B. Culture

C. Language, Literature, and Linguistics

D. Special Topics

Topics announced. May be repeated to a maximum of ~~6~~ 12 semester hours when topic varies.

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Credits: 3

Rationale: Addition of lettered topics (A-D) to allow students more specific areas of study. This increase in the credit hour limit for our advanced Thai classes is needed to ensure that our heritage language learners and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) recipients can continue to enroll in Thai language courses without incurring an “illegal repeat.” A FLAS fellow potentially may need to take Advanced Thai for up to four academic years and three summers. In these cases, we are finding that the students do not have enough Thai courses in which to enroll with the current credit limit in place. We are requesting to increase the maximum allowed semester hours from 6 to 12 to accommodate the enrollment needs of the students in these programs. Removal of the “when topic varies” allows students to repeat the topics.

Approval: The revision and checklist items have been reviewed and approved by the CLAS Curricular Dean on November 17, 2023.

*Under consideration with WLC. Sent an email asking for a status update. – Hogan

I’ve talked to the FLTH 500 instructor, Kanjana Thepboriruk, and explained the pros and cons of removing the phrase “when topic varies”. We are all in agreement that the phrase should remain a part of the description and not be deleted.

GRADUATE ITEMS

Approved Through the Non-Expedited Process

ALL UNIVERSITY SECTION

Other Catalog Change CLAS 23.24.10.24 2023-24 Graduate Catalog [LINK](#)

The Graduate School

Certificates of Graduate Study

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Adapted Physical Education

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Postsecondary Developmental Literacy and Language Instruction

Public Budgeting and Financial Management

Public Management

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World Languages and Cultures – Spanish and Hispanic Studies

Rationale: Addition of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Budgeting and Financial Management to the list of program offerings.

GRADUATE ITEMS

Approved Through the Non-Expedited Process

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Other Catalog Change CLAS 23.24.10.01 2023-24 Graduate Catalog [LINK](#)

Master of Science in Biological Sciences

~~The minimum requirement for admission to the master of science degree program is a baccalaureate degree with a major in an area of biological sciences or in a closely related field such as biochemistry or biophysics. The baccalaureate degree should have courses equivalent to those required for the B.S. degree at NIU, including organismal diversity; two semesters of principles of biology, and genetics; chemistry through one year of organic; one year of physics; and mathematics through introductory calculus. Such courses not completed before admission to the Graduate School, as well as other undergraduate courses deemed appropriate to the pursuit of the master's degree in a particular specialty in biological sciences, may be required~~

~~and must be taken early in the student's program. Students with deficiencies may find that the total number of semester hours required exceeds that stated under the requirements for the degree/specialization.~~

~~The submission of scores on either the GRE General Test or Subject Test in biology or biochemistry, or on the MCAT, could enhance an application.~~

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Biological Sciences must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. from an accredited United States university or an accepted program from an international university is required to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates with a B.A./B.S in Biology or related programs may be considered.
- **Grade Point Average:** At least 2.75/4.00 GPA is required overall and a 3.2/4.0 minimum GPA in Biology content courses.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 1-2 pages in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, as well as your scientific and career goals for graduate school and beyond. In the statement, also explain why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet your goals. Statements should also indicate which faculty you have communicated with and/or are interested in working with for your graduate research program.
- **Resume/CV:** Include either a resume or CV. The document should outline your experience and qualifications that make you a good candidate for the position and can include information on your education, work experience, skills, and/or volunteer experience.

Deadlines: Applications for the fall semester (August) admission will be reviewed beginning on January 1, and for the spring semester (January) admission will be reviewed beginning on October 1. Admission of new graduate students for the fall is common. However, spring admission availability is less consistent and not guaranteed.

Requirements for Degree without a Specialization



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

[Other Catalog Change](#)

CLAS 23.24.10.01

2023-24 Graduate Catalog

[LINK](#)

Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences

~~A student seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in biological sciences must meet all the requirements for admission to the Graduate School; must have a baccalaureate or master's degree in the biological sciences or a related field; and should have courses equivalent to those required for the B.S. degree at Northern Illinois University, including organismal diversity, two semesters of principles of biology, and genetics; chemistry through one year of organic, one year of physics, and mathematics through introductory calculus. Such courses not completed before admission to the program, as well as other undergraduate courses deemed appropriate to the pursuit of the Ph.D. degree in a particular area of biological sciences, may be required and must be taken early in the student's program.~~

~~The submission of scores on either the GRE General Test or Subject Test in biology or biochemistry, or on the MCAT, could enhance an application, but these test scores are not required.~~

~~During the admissions process, the student must indicate an area of study in the department and obtain a faculty advisor in that area who will agree to plan the student's first year of study.~~

Check departmental information for any additional requirements.

The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Biological Sciences must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. from an accredited United States university or an accepted program from an international university is required to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates with a B.A./B.S from U.S. accredited institutions or accepted international universities in Biology or related programs may be considered.
- **Grade Point Average:** At least 2.75/4.00 GPA is required overall and a 3.2/4.0 minimum GPA in Biology content courses.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 1-2 pages in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, as well as your scientific and career goals for graduate school and beyond. In the statement, also explain why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet your goals. Statements should also indicate which faculty you have communicated with and/or are interested in working with for your graduate research program.
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Requirements



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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

[Other Catalog Change](#)

CLAS 23.24.10.03

2023-24 Graduate Catalog

[LINK](#)

Master of Science in Chemistry



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry is preferred. Outstanding candidates from other related fields may also be considered.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can describe your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you. See “Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation” below.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 250 to 750 words in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in Chemistry or Biochemistry, as well as your goals for graduate school and beyond. Also explain why you believe the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at NIU can best help you meet your goals.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in pdf format indicating your professional or volunteer experience.

Optional Supplemental Information: Please feel free to submit up to three (3) additional documents, which you feel help demonstrate your preparedness for graduate studies. Examples of such items include, copies of published papers, presented posters, GRE general or subject test scores, etc.

Applications to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry are evaluated by a committee of faculty.

Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

You must provide names and email addresses of referees, people who will write letters of recommendation for you. Letters should describe your academic ability and goals, as well as your ability to succeed in your chosen program.

- Ask your referees if they are willing to write a letter for you. Tell them what program you plan to apply to and the due date for the letter (the application deadline).
- Enter the referees' names and professional email addresses on the application. You can then trigger emails to the referees requesting the letters. Be sure to submit your application as soon as possible after triggering the emails to your referees.
- Make sure your referees' email addresses are not designed to block emails from unknown or unapproved senders. Services such as Sendio and Boxbe will block emails from our application system. We cannot respond to requests to be an approved sender.
- When you apply, you must indicate if you wish to waive your right to see the letters. Some referees will only consent to write a letter if you waive your right to see it. If you plan to retain your right to read the letter, talk to your referee first.

Thesis Option

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

The “guidelines for letters of recommendation” were removed at the request of the Graduate School/GC Executive Committee due to consistency concerns with current catalog practices.

Other Catalog Change CLAS 23.24.10.04 2023-24 Graduate Catalog [LINK](#)

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Degree Field:** A B.A./B.S. or M.S. degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry is preferred. Outstanding candidates from other related fields may also be considered.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can describe your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you. See “Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation” below.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 250 to 750 words in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in Chemistry or Biochemistry, as well as your goals for graduate school and beyond. Also explain why you believe the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at NIU can best help you meet your goals.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in pdf format indicating your professional or volunteer experience.

Optional Supplemental Information: Please feel free to submit up to three (3) additional documents, which you feel help demonstrate your preparedness for graduate studies. Examples of such items include, copies of published papers, presented posters, GRE general or subject test scores, etc.

Applications to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry are evaluated by a committee of faculty.

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You must provide names and email addresses of referees, people who will write letters of recommendation for you. Letters should describe your academic ability and goals, as well as your ability to succeed in your chosen program.

- Ask your referees if they are willing to write a letter for you. Tell them what program you plan to apply to and the due date for the letter (the application deadline).
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- When you apply, you must indicate if you wish to waive your right to see the letters. Some referees will only consent to write a letter if you waive your right to see it. If you plan to retain your right to read the letter, talk to your referee first.

Course Requirements

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

[Other Catalog Change](#)

CLAS 23.24.10.05

2023-24 Graduate Catalog

[LINK](#)

Master of Arts in Communication Studies

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.A. program in the Department of Communication must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. degree is required to be considered for admission.
- **Grade Point Average:** A 2.75/4.00 GPA is required at the graduate level.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. Letters from professors are preferred, but professional references are acceptable as well.
- **Personal Statement:** The personal statement should reflect the applicant's ability to collect and organize their thoughts and ideas into a coherent argument for why they should be admitted to the program. It should also address preparation for graduate study and interest in at least one subject area offered by the department, along with plans for graduate school and beyond. Additionally, the statement of purpose should make note of faculty members whose research and/or artistry interests align with theirs and inform the department as to why our program can help to meet an applicant's academic and/or professional goals.

Deadlines: Applications for the fall semester admission will be reviewed beginning on March 1 and for the spring semester admission will be reviewed beginning on September 15.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Other Catalog Change CLAS 23.24.10.06 2023-24 Graduate Catalog [LINK](#)

Computer Science

Chair: Nicholas T. Karonis



Jie Zhou, professor, Ph.D., Concordia University

~~For admission to the graduate program in computer science, students must have a bachelor's degree in computer science or a closely related field. Students without such a background may also be admitted, but may be required to take from one to four deficiency courses and earn a grade of B or higher in each.~~

Rationale: Removing the admission information on this page. Admissions information will now be on the M.A. and Ph.D. program pages in accordance with the Grad School request.

Master of Science in Computer Science

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Computer Science must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, The master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Transcripts:** Official academic transcripts of all baccalaureate and graduate level study, in accordance with Graduate School application requirements.
- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. degree in computer science or a closely related field is preferred. Students without such a background may also be admitted but may be required to take deficiency courses and earn a grade of B or higher in each. Deficiencies should be resolved in the first year and do not normally carry graduate credit toward the degree.
- **Test Scores:** All applicants must provide official scores on all sections of the General Test of the GRE taken in the past 5 years. English proficiency tests: All international applicants must provide English proficiency test scores in accordance with Graduate School application requirements.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the applicant's ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. Individuals submitting letters should have a professional or academic relationship with the applicant.
- **Personal Statement:** Should be at least 500 words in length. It should outline the applicant's preparation for graduate study in their chosen field, as well as their goals for graduate school and beyond. Additional information about the applicant's personal academic journey that cannot be found in other application documents should be included here.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in PDF format indicating the applicant's professional and/or volunteer experience. If applicable, papers and other works produced by the applicant should be mentioned here.

Deadlines: Application deadlines for fall semester (August) admission are May 1st for international applicants living abroad and July 15th for those residing in the U.S. Application deadlines for spring semester (January) admission are October 1st for international applicants living abroad and December 10th for those residing in the U.S. The department does not accept applications for initial summer term admission.

Program Information

~~For admission to the master's program in computer science, students must have a bachelor's degree in computer science or a closely related field. Students without such a background may also be admitted, but may be required to take deficiency courses and earn a grade of B or higher in each. Deficiencies should be resolved in the first year and do not normally carry graduate credit toward the degree.~~

Students pursuing the M.S. in computer science In addition, students must complete one semester hour of CSCI 600.

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Requirements (31-32)

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

After the GC Executive Committee review, changes were requested to remove the transcript language and English proficiency language.

Other Catalog Change

CLAS 23.24.10.08

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[LINK](#)

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

~~Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in computer science must meet all the requirements for admission to the Graduate School; must have a baccalaureate or master's degree in computer science or a related field; and should have a background equal to that required for the B.S. degree at Northern Illinois University.~~

Admission

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Computer Science must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, The doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Transcripts:** Official academic transcripts of all baccalaureate and graduate level study, in accordance with Graduate School application requirements.
- **Degree Field:** All applicants must have a baccalaureate or master's degree in computer science or a related field; and should have a background equal to that required for the B.S. degree at Northern Illinois University.
- **Test Scores:** All applicants must provide official scores on all sections of the General Test of the GRE taken in the past 5 years. English proficiency tests: All international applicants must provide English proficiency test scores in accordance with Graduate School application requirements.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from

individuals who can speak to the applicant's ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. Individuals submitting letters should have a professional or academic relationship with the applicant.

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- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in PDF format indicating the applicant's professional and/or volunteer experience. If applicable, papers and other works produced by the applicant should be mentioned here.

Deadlines: Application deadlines for fall semester (August) admission is February 1. The application deadline for spring semester (January) admission is September 15. The department does not accept applications for initial summer term admission.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH, ATMOSPHERE AND ENVIRONMENT

[Other Catalog Change](#)

CLAS 23.24.10.09

2023-24 Graduate Catalog

[LINK](#)

Master of Science in Earth, Atmosphere and Environment



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. in Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Geography, Geology, or a related field is ~~required~~ preferred to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates from other related fields with substantial course work in Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Geography, or Geology will also be considered.
- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** At least 2.75/4.00 GPA overall is required.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you. Letters should describe your academic record and goals, as well as your ability to succeed in your chosen program.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 400 to 600 words in length. Your statement should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, your goals for graduate school and beyond, and why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet those goals. It is strongly recommended that you mention at least one faculty member in a chosen research area of interest whom you would like to have serve as your academic advisor.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in a pdf format indicating your professional or volunteer experience.

Deadlines: Applications for the fall semester (August) admission will be reviewed beginning on February 1 and for the spring semester (January) admission will be reviewed beginning on October 1.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

GPA requirement removed due to graduate school request. GPA is already listed elsewhere as a Graduate School requirement.

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Doctor of Philosophy in Earth, Atmosphere and Environment

~~The Ph.D. program prepares students to design, conduct and manage research projects with large, diverse data sets. A student seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in EAE must meet all the requirements for admission to the Graduate School and have earned a baccalaureate or master's degree in geography, geology, environmental science, meteorology, soil science, biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, or related field from an accredited college or university.~~

All new students who are admitted Deficiencies should be resolved in the first year and do not normally carry graduate credit toward the degree.

Check departmental information for additional requirements.

The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. in Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Geography, Geology, or a related field is preferred to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates from other related fields with substantial course work in Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Geography, or Geology will also be considered.
- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** At least 2.75/4.00 GPA overall is required.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. The individuals who submit a letter for you should be individuals who have a professional or academic relationship with you. Letters should describe your academic record and goals, as well as your ability to succeed in your chosen program.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 400 to 600 words in length. Your statement should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, your goals for graduate school and beyond, and why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet those goals. It is strongly recommended that you mention at least one faculty member in a chosen research area of interest whom you would like to have serve as your academic advisor.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in a pdf format indicating your professional or volunteer experience.

Deadlines: Applications for the fall semester (August) admission will be reviewed beginning on February 1 and for the spring semester (January) admission will be reviewed beginning on October 1.

Requirements

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Master of Arts in Political Science



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.A. program in the Department of Political Science must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. in Political Science is preferred to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates with degrees from related fields (e.g. Public administration, Sociology, Psychology, Economics), and who have completed substantial course work in Political Science will also be considered.
- **Grade Point Average:** At least 3.20/4.00 GPA is required. If you have already completed a master's degree, a GPA of 3.20/4.00 or higher is required preferred.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. Ideally, the individuals who submit letters for you should have an academic relationship with you, be able to attest to your academic performance, as well as your suitability/readiness for graduate-level study. If it is not possible to obtain letters from someone with whom you have an academic relationship, letters from someone who knows you in a professional capacity may be substituted.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be no more than 750 words in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, as well as your goals for graduate school and beyond. Additionally, the statement should address why you believe the program at N.I.U. can best help you meet your goals, as well as discuss your research interests.
- **Writing Sample:** A writing sample no longer than 30 full pages. The writing sample could be a research paper from a course, a senior thesis or capstone project, a manuscript prepared for journal submission, or a published article. It can be a section of a longer document, or the document in its entirety, so long as it does not exceed 30 pages. It should demonstrate your ability to write competently in English, to construct a coherent argument, and/or your capacity to conduct empirical research of a social science-related topic.
- **Resume/C.V.:** A copy of your current resume/C.V. in a pdf format that should include your academic background, research interests, any paid and/or voluntary work experience, any achievements or awards, any involvement in academic

conferences, any publications or works-in-progress, as well as a brief list of references.

- **Test Scores (GRE):** The GRE is optional to apply to the M.A. program in Political Science. However, should you wish to submit GRE scores, you may submit an unofficial copy. Please ensure your name and all scores are legible.
- ~~**A note on the GRE:** The GRE is not required to apply to the M.A. program in Political Science, and is optional. Should you wish to submit GRE scores, you may submit an unofficial copy. Please ensure your name and all scores are legible.~~
- **Deadlines:** Applications for Fall semester (August) admission will be reviewed beginning shortly after the application deadline of January 15. All application materials must be submitted by this date.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

~~*I don't see any info on this, so I will follow up with the department.~~ Hogan

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Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

~~An applicant may be admitted to the Ph.D. program without a prior degree in political science or public administration if the discipline of the prior degree(s) is relevant to their primary fields of doctoral study. If the applicant has not completed a prior degree in political science or public administration, he or she must have completed the equivalent of 9 semester hours of undergraduate political science course work or the department may require that introductory political science courses appropriate to their fields of study be taken as a condition of admission.~~

~~An applicant to the Ph.D. program in political science is usually expected to have completed both a baccalaureate and an M.A. degree; however, an individual with a baccalaureate degree may be admitted directly into the Ph.D. program. Such an applicant must have GRE scores, strong letters of recommendation, and an undergraduate record which present conclusive evidence of an ability to begin high quality work at the doctoral level immediately.~~

~~Students with a baccalaureate degree who are admitted directly into the Ph.D. program must complete all requirements for the master's degree in political science with at least a 3.20 GPA in~~

~~graduate political science courses exclusive of thesis and independent study courses. Having met the master's degree requirements, they will be strongly encouraged to apply for and receive an M.A. in political science.~~

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Political Science must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.A./B.S. in Political Science is preferred to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates with degrees from related fields (e.g. Public Administration, Sociology, Psychology, Economics), and who have completed substantial course work in Political Science, will also be considered. Additionally, outstanding applicants who have earned only a B.A. or B.S. (but not a Master's degree) can apply for direct entry into the Ph.D. program. Should they be accepted into the Ph.D. program, those applicants will be jointly enrolled in both the M.A. and Ph.D. programs.
- **Master's Field:** An M.A./M.S. in Political Science is preferred to be considered for admission. Outstanding candidates with master's degrees from related fields (e.g. Public administration, Public policy, Sociology, Psychology, Economics), and who have completed substantial course work in Political Science, will also be considered.
- **Grade Point Average:** At least 3.20/4.00 GPA is required. If you have already completed a Master's degree, a GPA of 3.20/4.00 or higher is required.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program. Ideally, the individuals who submit letters for you should have an academic relationship with you, be able to attest to your academic performance, as well as your suitability/readiness for graduate-level study. If it is not possible to obtain letters from someone with whom you have an academic relationship, letters from someone who knows you in a professional capacity may be substituted.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be no more than 750 words in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in your chosen field, as well as your goals for graduate school and beyond. Additionally, the statement should address why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet your goals, as well as discuss your research interests.
- **Writing Sample:** A writing sample no longer than 30 full pages. The writing sample could be a research paper from a course, a senior thesis or capstone project, a manuscript prepared for journal submission, or a published article. It can be a section of a longer document, or the document in its entirety, so long as it does not exceed 30 pages. The writing sample should demonstrate your ability to write competently in English, to construct a coherent argument, and/or your capacity to conduct empirical research of a social science-related topic.

- **Resume/C.V.:** A copy of your current resume/CV in a pdf format that should include your academic background, research interests, any paid and/or voluntary work experience, any achievements or awards, any involvement in academic conferences, any publications or works-in-progress, as well as a brief list of references.
- **Test Scores (GRE):** The GRE is optional to apply to the Ph.D. program in Political Science. However, should you wish to submit GRE scores, you may submit an unofficial copy. Please ensure your name and all scores are legible.
- ~~**A note on the GRE:** The GRE is not required to apply to the Ph.D. program in Political Science, and is optional. Should you wish to submit GRE scores, you may submit an unofficial copy. Please ensure your name and all scores are legible.~~
- **Deadlines:** Applications for Fall semester (August) admission will be reviewed beginning shortly after the application deadline of January 15. All application materials must be submitted by this date.

Course Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Psychology

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~~The Department of Psychology offers programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, as well as the Specialist in School Psychology (S.S.P.). All students apply directly to the Ph.D. or S.S.P. programs, even if they have not completed a master's degree. The requirements for the M.A. are part of students' training. Students who have completed a master's degree when they begin either program may request to have relevant work evaluated for whether it meets some M.A. requirements. There is no separate application stage for admission to the Ph.D. or S.S.P. programs after having completed the M.A. requirements. However, elevation to candidacy status for the Ph.D. and S.S.P. is based on completion of program requirements and the positive recommendation of curricular area faculty.~~

Admission

~~In considering applicants for admission to its graduate programs, the department evaluates the general undergraduate GPA as well as the GPA for any relevant graduate work, preparation in undergraduate psychology courses, previous research training and productivity, background in science and mathematics, a personal statement, and letters of recommendation. Interview performance is also considered for programs requiring an interview. An attempt is made to select the best applicants on a combination of indices, recognizing that no index is absolute. While there are no minimum requirements, applicants should have a GPA of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) during the last two years of undergraduate work and/or any relevant graduate course work. Exceptions may be made under special conditions. Applicants do not need to hold a master's degree to be eligible to apply to the graduate training programs in this department.~~

Rationale: Removing the admission information on this page. Admissions information will now be on the M.A. and Ph.D. program pages in accordance with the Grad School request.

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Master of Arts in Psychology

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Degree Programs

The Department of Psychology offers graduate training programs leading to the M.A., Ph.D., and Specialist in School Psychology (S.S.P.) degrees. All applicants are considered with respect to their qualifications for completing the Ph.D. or S.S.P. program. That is, applicants who seek to complete the M.A. as their terminal degree are not considered.

The Department of Psychology primarily offers doctoral training that leads to the PhD. The six areas of study (Clinical, Cognitive, Developmental, Neuroscience & Behavior, School, and Social/Industrial-Organizational) all offer the PhD. School Psychology offers both the PhD and a Specialist in School Psychology (SSP) degree. During the process of completing the PhD or SSP, students earn the MA. However, none of the six areas of study offers a training program that is designed or intended to conclude with the MA. Some refer to that type of program as a *terminal* MA program. In our department, only applicants who are qualified and intend to pursue the PhD or SSP are considered during the graduate admissions review process.

There are six areas of emphasis within this department: Clinical, Cognitive and Instructional, Developmental, Neuroscience and Behavior, School, and Social/Industrial-Organizational.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.A. program in the Department of Psychology must meet all requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. Applications are considered on an individual basis by the Graduate Admissions Committee. In addition to the standard

requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** Baccalaureate degree in Psychology or related field is preferred (official transcript required by the time of matriculation).
- **Personal Statement:** Statement of preparation for Graduate School and professional interests.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in PDF format indicating the applicant's professional and/or volunteer experience.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation are required.

Following initial review, the top-ranked candidates will be invited for a required interview as part of the admission process.

In considering applicants for admission to its graduate training programs, the Department of Psychology uses a holistic approach in that all of the required elements are reviewed and considered. An attempt is made to select the best applicants on a combination of these indices, recognizing that no index is absolute. Applicants are directed to consult the department's website for detailed guidance regarding each application element and the application deadline.

Course Requirements

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

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Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Degree Programs

The Department of Psychology offers graduate training programs leading to the M.A., Ph.D., and Specialist in School Psychology (S.S.P.) degrees. All applicants are considered with respect to their qualifications for completing the Ph.D. or S.S.P. program. That is, applicants who seek to complete the M.A. as their terminal degree are not considered.

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There are six areas of emphasis within this department: Clinical, Cognitive and Instructional, Developmental, Neuroscience and Behavior, School, and Social/Industrial-Organizational.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Psychology must meet all requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. Applications are considered on an individual basis by the Graduate Admissions Committee. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the doctoral program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** Baccalaureate degree in Psychology or related field is preferred (official transcript required by the time of matriculation).
- **Personal Statement:** Statement of preparation for Graduate School and professional interests.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in PDF format indicating the applicant's professional and/or volunteer experience.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation are required.

Following initial review, the top-ranked candidates will be invited for a required interview as part of the admission process.

In considering applicants for admission to its graduate training programs, the Department of Psychology uses a holistic approach in that all of the required elements are reviewed and considered. An attempt is made to select the best applicants on a combination of these indices, recognizing that no index is absolute. Applicants are directed to consult the department's website for detailed guidance regarding each application element and the application deadline.

Requirements

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Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

Specialist in School Psychology



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Degree Programs

The Department of Psychology primarily offers doctoral training that leads to the PhD. The six areas of study (Clinical, Cognitive, Developmental, Neuroscience & Behavior, School, and Social/Industrial-Organizational) all offer the PhD. School Psychology offers both the PhD and a Specialist in School Psychology (SSP) degree. During the process of completing the PhD or SSP, students earn the MA. However, none of the six areas of study offers a training program that is designed or intended to conclude with the MA. Some refer to that type of program as a *terminal* MA program. In our department, only applicants who are qualified and intend to pursue the PhD or SSP are considered during the graduate admissions review process.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the S.S.P. program in the Department of Psychology must meet all requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. Applications are considered on an individual basis by the Graduate Admissions Committee. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the school specialist program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** Baccalaureate degree in Psychology or related field is preferred (~~official transcript required by the time of matriculation~~).
- **Personal Statement:** Statement of preparation for Graduate School and professional interests.
- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in PDF format indicating the applicant's professional and/or volunteer experience.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation are required.

Following initial review, candidates may be invited for a required interview as part of the admission process.

In considering applicants for admission to its graduate training programs, the Department of Psychology uses a holistic approach in that all of the required elements are reviewed and considered. An attempt is made to select the best applicants on a combination of these indices, recognizing that no index is absolute. Applicants are directed to consult the department's website for detailed guidance regarding each application element and the application deadline.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



Public Administration

Go to information for this department.

Hide programs for this department.



Certificates of Graduate Study

- **Public Budgeting and Financial Management (15)**
- Public Management (15)

Display courses for this department.

Rationale: Addition of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Budgeting and Financial Management to the list of program offerings.

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Public Budgeting and Financial Management (15)

Certificate of Graduate Study

This certificate should be of interest to public service employees and professionals who are currently employed in or aspire to a career in public or nonprofit budgeting and financial management. The certificate provides students with the core competencies that align with professional certification standards.

Credit earned for this certificate may be applied toward the M.P.A. degree with the advice and approval of the department chair. Admission to pursue the certificate is based on an overall assessment of the applicant's education needs and career objectives. Each applicant must complete an admissions form furnished by the Department of Public Administration, a written statement describing the applicant's work experience in a public service organization, a brief statement indicating how the applicant's career objectives can be enhanced by completing the certificate, a copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and one professional reference

from a recent supervisor stating the applicant's ability to perform graduate level work and potential for leadership.

Required Courses (15)

- PSPA 609 - Human Resources Management in Public Service Organizations Credits: 3
- PSPA 610 - Budgeting and Financial Management in Public Service Organizations Credits: 3
- PSPA 611 - Public Revenue Analysis and Management Credits: 3
 - OR PSPA 624 - Resource Development for Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3
- PSPA 652 - Public Sector Revenue Management Credits: 3
- PSPA 653 - Intermediate Public and Nonprofit Financial Management Credits: 3

Rationale: We are proposing the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Public Budgeting and Finance. The graduate certificate is created out of existing courses currently being offered. As such, it requires no new resources and can be delivered with little interruption to current course scheduling. The certificate is modeled after the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certified Public Finance Officer program.

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Master of Public Administration

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Specialization in ~~Fiscal Administration~~ Public Financial Management

~~The critical examination of techniques and problems in the areas of fiscal management, accountancy, budgetary policy, and political economy.~~ A thorough study of public financial administration, focusing on the financial operations of public service organizations and tools of financial management.

- Approved graduate course work (6)
- PSPA 652 - Public Sector Revenue Management Credits: 3
- PSPA 653 - Intermediate Public and Nonprofit Financial Management Credits: 3
- ~~PSPA 657X - Accounting for Public Administration Credits: 3~~
- PSPA 695 - Internship in Public Administration Credits: 1-3

(The requirement for PSPA 695 may be waived if a student has had appropriate professional experience.)

Two of the following:

- PSPA 630 - Local and Metropolitan Government Credits: 3
- PSPA 657X - Accounting for Public Administration Credits: 3

This course is strongly recommended.

- PSPA 664 - Politics of Budgeting Credits: 3
- PSPA 673 - Strategic Planning for Public Service Organizations Credits: 3

Specialization in Nonprofit Management



Rationale: The current “Fiscal Administration” specialization changes to “Public Financial Management” to better reflect content of the specialization. Remove the requirement for PSPA 657X and add PSPA 652 to the required courses. Add a requirement that students complete two of the four courses listed over and above the two courses required by all students who complete the specialization.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

Other Catalog Change

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Master of Science in Statistics



The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master’s program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Resume/CV:** Copy of current resume/CV in a pdf format indicating your professional or volunteer experience.

Students may also submit the following materials:

- **Optional GRE Scores:** Submission of official GRE scores is optional. Applicants who choose to provide those scores must do so for all sections of the General Test of the GRE, and the scores must be from the past 5 years.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

This was updated after the GC Executive Committee reviewed the proposals and suggested the GRE change.

Unfinished Business from 12/4 Meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS (RESOLVED)

Other Catalog Change

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Master of Science in Physics

A student pursuing the M.S. in physics must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours and pass a comprehensive examination in classical mechanics, electricity and magnetism, special relativity, quantum mechanics, statistical physics and thermodynamics, optics, and modern physics. The student must also satisfy the requirements in one of the specializations described below and submit an acceptable thesis and pass an oral examination thereon.

~~The proficiency examination in any of the specializations should be taken during the first or second semester of residence. It normally should be passed in the second semester in order for the student to be considered for continuing financial assistance. The proficiency examination also serves as the department's comprehensive exam.~~

All master's degree students are required to register for PHYS 798, Physics Seminar, each semester. This requirement may be waived for a student whose circumstances in a particular semester preclude such enrollment, with the approval of the graduate studies director or the department chair.

~~Check departmental information for any additional requirements.~~

The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Physics must meet all the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants submit the following materials:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** A B.S. in Physics. Outstanding candidates from other related fields with substantial course work in physics will also be considered.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation are required.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement should be approximately 250 to 750 words in length. It should outline your preparation for graduate study in

physics, as well as your goals for graduate school and beyond. It should also explain why you believe the program at NIU can best help you meet those goals.

- **Resume/CV:** A current resume or CV is required.
- **Tests Scores:** GRE General scores are not required for applicants and will not be used for admission purposes. Physics GRE scores are also not required but can optionally be used to strengthen an application. A satisfactory score on the Physics GRE can also be used to place out of the department's MS exam. When preparing your score report for upload, be sure that your name and all scores are legible. If you are sending scores, use institution code 1559. NIU does not require department codes; neither does the testing center.

Deadlines: The Master of Science program in the Department of Physics admits new graduate students during the spring and fall semesters, on an annual basis. It follows deadlines set by the Graduate School at NIU, though priority consideration is given to applicants who apply by February 1 for start in the following fall semester and August 15 for start in the following spring semester. These priority deadlines are earlier than the general graduate school deadlines.

Please note: International students should review additional information on the department page about test score requirements for assistantships. These are in addition to any Graduate School requirements for admission.

Specialization in ~~Basic~~ Professional Physics

A student in the Professional Physics specialization must complete ~~Completion of~~ 24 semester hours in physics, including:

- PHYS 600 - Classical Mechanics Credits: 3
- PHYS 660 - Quantum Mechanics I Credits: 3
- PHYS 670 - Electromagnetic Theory I Credits: 3
- PHYS 699 - Master's Thesis Credits: 1-6

Students must take at least 6 ~~semester~~ semester hours in this course.

At least ~~One~~ one of the following:

- PHYS 661 - Quantum Mechanics II Credits: 3
- PHYS 663 - Statistical Physics I Credits: 3
- PHYS 671 - Electromagnetic Theory II Credits: 3

~~Additional requirements~~

- ~~• Passage of a proficiency examination in mechanics, electricity and magnetism, thermodynamics, optics, and modern physics.~~
- ~~• Submission of an acceptable thesis and passage of an oral examination thereon.~~

Specialization in ~~Applied~~ Interdisciplinary Physics

A student in the Interdisciplinary Physics specialization must complete at least 30 semester hours, including the requirements listed below, with at least 6 of the remaining hours chosen from biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, or other relevant subjects not including physics, with approval of the department.

- PHYS 600 - Classical Mechanics Credits: 3
- PHYS 660 - Quantum Mechanics I Credits: 3
- PHYS 670 - Electromagnetic Theory I Credits: 3
- PHYS 699 - Master's Thesis Credits: 1-6.
Students must take at least 6 hours in this course.

At least one of the following:

- PHYS 661 - Quantum Mechanics II Credits: 3
- PHYS 663 - Statistical Physics I Credits: 3
- PHYS 671 - Electromagnetic Theory II Credits: 3

~~Passage of a proficiency examination which may include a special area examination (e.g., acoustics, biophysics, geophysics) in place of one section of the proficiency examination.~~

~~Submission of an acceptable thesis and passage of an oral examination thereon.~~

~~Three of the following (9-11)~~

- ~~• PHYS 530 - Optics Credits: 4~~
- ~~• PHYS 563 - Thermodynamics, Kinetic Theory, and Statistical Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 574 - Methods of Experimental Physics Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 575 - Laboratory Electronics II Credits: 4~~
- ~~• PHYS 580 - Introduction to Materials Science Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 680 - Introduction to Nanophysics Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 790 - Special Topics in Physics Credits: 1-6~~

~~Two of the following (6)~~

- ~~• PHYS 600 - Classical Mechanics Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 660 - Quantum Mechanics I Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 663 - Statistical Physics I Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 666 - Solid State Physics I Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 670 - Electromagnetic Theory I Credits: 3~~
- ~~• PHYS 673 - Beam Physics I Credits: 3~~

Specialization in Physics Teaching

A student in the Physics Teaching specialization must complete ~~Completion of~~ 24 semester hours in physics, including at least 12 semester hours at the 600 level or above, excluding PHYS 659, 692, 699, 790, 798, and 799. The student must also complete:

- PHYS 692 - Seminar on College Teaching of Physics Credits: 3
 - OR one year of successful teaching experience.
- PHYS 699 - Master's Thesis Credits: 1-6.
Students must take at least 3 semester hours in this course.

~~Passage of proficiency examination with an option of course work in a related science substituted for one area of proficiency examination.~~

~~Submission of an acceptable thesis and passage of an oral examination thereon, or submission of~~ **In lieu of a thesis, the student in this specialization may submit two papers, one of which may pertain to teaching of physics or history and philosophy of physics, and pass an oral examination thereon.**

See also “Teacher Certification Information.”

- ~~● PHYS 692 Seminar on College Teaching of Physics Credits: 3
or one year of successful teaching experience.~~
- ~~● PHYS 699 Master’s Thesis Credits: 1-6
Students must take at least 6 semester hours in this course.~~

Rationale: **1)** Archaic language referring to the “proficiency examination” (which is now the comprehensive examination) has been changed. **2)** Because all specializations require the same comprehensive examination and a thesis, the structure has been simplified, rearranged, and clarified by moving those requirements to the beginning and deleting them from the individual specialization requirements. **3)** The topics of the examination had been partially listed before, but are now listed in accord with current practice. **4)** The name of the “Basic Physics” specialization has been changed to “Professional Physics”, to avoid misunderstanding. **5)** The “Applied Physics” specialization has been changed to “Interdisciplinary Physics” for the same reason. **6)** In the case of the Interdisciplinary Physics specialization, the possibility of a special area examination has not been relevant within living memory and is not anticipated to be relevant in the future and is therefore deleted. **7)** The requirements for the Interdisciplinary Physics specialization have been updated to reflect the modern areas of emphasis and courses offered by the department, and to give students credit for relevant courses in other departments. **8)** In the Physics Teaching specialization, the wording now clarifies that a student should pass an oral examination on papers submitted in lieu of a thesis, and that the 12 semester hours must not include thesis, dissertation, seminar, or special topics courses. **8)** Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION **(RESOLVED)**

Other Catalog Change

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2023-24 Graduate Catalog

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Master of Public Administration

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The student learning outcomes for this degree are located at <http://www.niu.edu/assessment/clearinghouse/outcomes/index.shtml>.

Admission

~~Application for admission to the M.P.A. program is made directly to the Graduate School. A completed application consists of the Graduate School application, a two-page statement of career goals, three letters of recommendation, and transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.~~

~~Pre-career students should request at least two letters of recommendation from previous instructors who can judge their ability to do graduate work. If pre-career students have public sector experience, they should request a letter from an employer who can judge their potential as future public administrators. In-service students should request at least one letter of recommendation from a previous instructor and remaining letters from public sector employers.~~

~~Prerequisites for admission to the program are 9 semester hours in the social sciences, including at least one course in U.S. government, and appropriate undergraduate work in mathematics or statistics. With the approval of the student's advisor, a maximum combined total of 15 semester hours of graduate credit transferred from other accredited institutions plus graduate credit earned in courses at Northern Illinois University as a student-at-large may be counted toward meeting the requirements of the M.P.A. degree. The limit on student-at-large hours may be waived in special circumstances, with the approval of the director of the Department of Public Administration.~~

Students seeking admission to the M.P.A. program in the Department of Public Administration must meet all of the requirements for admission to the NIU Graduate School. In addition to the standard requirements for graduate admission, the master's program requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the applicant's ability to be successful in the completion of a graduate-level degree program.
 - Pre-career students who have less than 3 2 years of full-time work experience in public affairs are required to have three letters including at least two letters of recommendation from previous instructors who can judge their ability to do graduate work. The third letter may be from an employer or volunteer organization who can speak towards their professionalism.
 - Mid-career students who has been working in public affairs for three or more years (or the approval of the department chair) are required to have three letters of recommendation; one from an employer, one letter from a previous instructor (or an interview with the department chair if the applicant cannot reach former instructors), and one that can be from anyone who can provide a relevant evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for the program.
- **Statement of Purpose:** This statement should be about 500-750 words in length and include:
 - The nature of your interest in public affairs
 - Career goals
 - Why the NIU M.P.A. program is a good fit for you
- **Transcripts:** Transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate institutions including:
 - Proof of one course in US government

- Proof of one course in statistics/discrete mathematics
- NOTE: These specific course requirements are waivable with permission of the department chair but the transcripts are still required in all cases

With the approval of the student's advisor, a maximum combined total of 15 semester hours of graduate credit transferred from other accredited institutions plus graduate credit earned in courses at Northern Illinois University as a student-at-large may be counted toward meeting the requirements of the M.P.A. degree.

Requirements



Rationale: Revisions are being made to meet the Graduate School's change in admission policy in the catalog.

Additional wording defining mid/early career was added.

CEDU (RESOLVED)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Other Catalog Change
[Catalog](#)

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[2023-2024 Grad](#)

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction



Admission



Applicants for the Ed.D. program are expected to have a broad base of general education in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences and are required to present evidence of a minimum of three years of acceptable professional experience and/or demonstrated field leadership.

An applicant for admission is generally expected to

- have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in previous graduate work.
- ~~submit scores on the General Test of the GRE or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT).~~

- provide two letters of recommendation from professors, employers, or supervisors which provide supportive evidence of an applicant's professional qualifications.
- ~~demonstrate satisfactory academic and professional progress as indicated by data included in the application for admission to the Graduate School.~~
- submit a writing sample of approximately 10 pages in length. The writing sample should demonstrate the applicant's strength in critical and evaluative thinking/reasoning. It should be an original work, written solely by the applicant (rather than co-authored with another person). The written work should also include properly cited references (both in-text and in the references). For more information, please contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.
- submit a 500-750 words personal statement, indicating a) the basis for the applicant's interest in the program, b) their possible research interests and, c) professional goals as they align with the program.
- provide a professional resume
- participate in a preadmission interview, if requested by program faculty

RATIONALE: *Per stipulations of the Graduate School, program faculty revisited admission application requirements for the Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction program. Program faculty reviewed our current application guidelines and struck the GRE/ Millers Analogy Test from the requirements; they also reduced the number of requisite letters of recommendation from three to two.*

The "if requested by program faculty" was removed at the request of the Graduate School/GC Executive Committee due to concerns about arbitrariness.

Approved:

____ James
Cohen _____ 9/29/2023 _____

Department Curriculum Chair Date

Sally
Blake _____ 9/29/2023 _____

Department Chair

Date

CHHS (RESOLVED)

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

Other Catalog Change

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2023-2024 Graduate Catalog

Master of Arts in Communicative Disorders

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Specialization in Speech-Language Pathology

Admission

Admission to the specialization in speech-language pathology is limited to the summer term with an application deadline of January 1. To be assured consideration for admission, prospective students must submit all required application materials through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) and the Graduate School portals. After a review of the applications, qualified candidates may be invited to an interview. NIU university honors students admitted via the freshman guaranteed admission program should check with the SLP program regarding entry requirements.

Admission to the master's degree program is typically for full-time study. An applicant for admission to the program is generally expected to meet or exceed the following requirements.

A **cumulative** minimum 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) in all undergraduate work.

Prerequisite coursework in communicative disorders must be completed before matriculation.

Three letters of recommendation from professors, employers, or supervisors providing supportive evidence of an applicant's professional qualifications.

A statement describing the applicant's qualifications, goals, and career aspirations as they relate to the speech-language pathology program at NIU.

A professional resume outlining students' experiences.

Final decisions regarding admissions are made by the program's admission committee on the basis of a total profile of an applicant's qualifications. When students accept their admission offer, they will be asked to enter into a matriculation agreement with NIU. The agreement requires a \$100 non-refundable deposit to hold a spot in the program. The amount of the deposit will be applied to the first year's tuition unless the agreement is broken, which will result in forfeiture of the deposit.

A maximum of 12 semester hours of student-at-large credit may be applied to degree requirements. In addition, the maximum combined total student-at-large hours plus transfer credit may not exceed 12 semester hours.

The Master of Arts in Communicative Disorders with a specialization in speech-language pathology program directly admits up to seven Northern Illinois University Honors students each year. Students in the freshman admit program are Communicative Disorders majors admitted to the Honors program as freshman and complete all requirements for full university honors within four years. They work closely with speech-language pathology faculty throughout their undergraduate study.

Requirements

The master's degree requires a minimum of 64.5 semester hours. Additional semester hours may be required in course work and/or clinical practicum to fulfill the requirements of the appropriate clinical or educator licensures.

After the first semester in the program, students are required to enroll in 2 semester hours of COMD 687 for four consecutive terms.

Other courses can be used to fulfill elective course requirements with the consent of academic advisor.

Students are required to take the following:

- COMD 601 - Principles of Assessment in Communicative Disorders Credits: 3
- COMD 603 - Communication Disorders in Early Childhood Credits: 3
- COMD 605 - Fundamentals of Augmentative and Alternative Communication in Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 3
- COMD 607 - Language Disorders in School-age Populations Credits: 3
- COMD 610 - Multicultural Aspects of Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 3
- COMD 618 - Autism and Social Communication Disorders Credits: 3
- COMD 644- Stuttering Credits: 1
- COMD 670- Voice Disorders: Research and Therapy Credits: 2
- COMD 671 - Speech Sound Disorders Credits: 3
- COMD 674 - Cognitive-Linguistic Disorders of Neurologically Impaired Adults Credits: 3

- COMD 676 - Organization and Planning of Speech, Language, and Hearing Services Credits: 3
- COMD 680 - Medical Aspects of Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 3
- COMD 684 - Swallowing Disorders Credits: 3
- **COMD 695 - Comprehensive Examination in Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 1**
- COMD 773 - Advanced Professional Issues in Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 1

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96 semester hours of the following:

- COMD 602 - Motor Speech Disorders: Assessment and Treatment Credits: 3
- COMD 624 - Supervisory Techniques in Speech and Hearing Services Credits: 3
- COMD 635 - Family Based Treatment in Communicative Disorders Credits: 3
- ~~COMD 644 - Stuttering Management and Remediation Credits: 3~~
- ~~COMD 670 - Voice Disorders: Research and Therapy Credits: 3~~
- COMD 672 - Craniofacial Anomalies Credits: 3
- COMD 673 - Instrumentation for Voice Analysis Credits: 3
- COMD 688 - Treatment of Cognitive-Communication Disorders Associated with Acquired Brain Injury Credits: 3
- COMD 772 - Seminar in Language Credits: 3
- COMD 775 - Seminar: Speech-Language Pathology Credits: 1-3

Students must take 3 semester hours in this course.

- COMD 784 - Pediatric Swallowing Disorders Credits: 3
- AHCD 698 - Directed Individual Study Credits: 1-6

A maximum of 3 semester hours by consent of advisor.

- COMD 699 - Master's Thesis Credits: 1-6

A maximum of 3 semester hours.

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Thesis Option

~~The student must earn a minimum of 64 semester hours of graduate credit. A thesis must be submitted and approved. A maximum of 3 semester hours may be allotted to thesis research and writing.~~

~~The student is normally required to pass a comprehensive oral examination which assesses knowledge and ability in the specialization in graduate study, but this may be waived at the discretion of the thesis committee.~~

Thesis Option

The student must earn a minimum of 65⁴ semester hours of graduate credit. A thesis must be submitted and approved. A maximum of **Up to 3 semester credit hours of AHCD 699** may be allotted to thesis research and writing **applied to the total number of credit hours required for graduation.**

~~The student is normally required to pass a comprehensive oral examination which assesses knowledge and ability in the specialization in graduate study, but this may be waived at the discretion of the thesis committee.~~

~~Non-thesis Option~~

~~The student must earn a minimum of 64 semester hours of graduate credit and pass an examination which will assess knowledge and ability in the specialization of graduate study. The examination typically consists of both written and oral components; however, the oral component may be waived at the discretion of the written examination committee.~~

RATIONALE:

- Cumulative GPA is added for clarity.
- Students need to complete prerequisite communicative disorders coursework at the undergraduate level to be successful in the graduate program.
- A resume is required at application so the graduate admission committee can evaluate students' experiences as part of a holistic graduate admission process.
- Matriculation agreements help ensure that available spots are taken by students who have a strong intent to stay in the program. Students who leave the program before classes start take away the opportunity for other students to enter the program. This program has always collected a matriculation fee, we are just adding it to the catalog to create consistency.
- Credit hour change reflects changes in credit hours for COMD 644 and COMD 670.
- COMD 644 and COMD 670 are now required to meet the minimal competency standards set by the Council for Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Stuttering and Voice are topic areas in the standards.
- *Title and credit hour changes are consistent with the proposals submitted for COMD 644 course revision.*
- *Credit hour change is consistent with the proposals submitted for COMD 670 course revision.*
- *These changes are consistent with the proposal submitted for the new course COMD 695.*
- We are required to publish this admission criteria regarding the Freshman Honors program since it is different than the program's standard admission criteria.

Per Council on Academic Accreditation CAA standards, programs are required to comply with the following:

Standard 1.9: The program provides information about the program and the Institution to students and to the public that is current, accurate, and readily available.

Requirement for Review:

- Websites, catalogs, advertisements, and other publications/electronic media must be accurate regarding standards and policies regarding recruiting and admission practices, academic offerings, matriculation expectations, academic calendars, grading policies and requirements, and fees and other charges.

Standard 4.1: The program criteria for accepting students for graduate study in audiology or speech-language pathology meet or exceed the institutional policy for admission to graduate study.

Requirement for Review:

- The admission criteria must meet or exceed those of the institution and be appropriate for the degree being offered.
 - Policies regarding any exceptions to the criteria (such as “conditional” status) must be clearly explained and consistently followed.
- Due to accreditation changes effective January of 2023, all students must take a summative examination that covers the scope of practice in speech-language pathology that cannot be the national licensing examination. Therefore, students can no longer complete a thesis in lieu of comprehensive examinations. All students must take COMD 695 for the program to meet the 2023 standards set by the Council for Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Thesis wording was resolved

There was initial concern about the thesis course being present but the Thesis/Non-Thesis options were removed. The department decided to keep the Thesis option after this. Additional rationale that they provided is below:

As of January 2023, all students in the MA in Communicative Disorders with a specialization in Speech Language Pathology are required to complete a comprehensive content exam for accreditation standards. We have been doing this, but we allowed students who completed a thesis to use their oral defense as their comprehensive exam. Our accreditor is requiring that all students take a comprehensive content exam, and since the thesis is typically on a narrow topic, it does not satisfy the requirement. While we encourage students to complete a thesis, especially those who are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree, many students choose not to complete one. We are updating the catalog to reflect that the students still have the option to complete a thesis, but all students must take the same comprehensive exam. The [SLP admissions page](#) will be updated and give the students more information about the comprehensive exam and the optional thesis.

Section E - Expedited Proposals

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Course Revision
Catalog

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2023-2024 Undergraduate

NURS 710. DNP Project I: Development and Implementation (3)

Assessment and planning of the DNP Project to address an emerging or current healthcare practice problem or issue in a specific healthcare setting. Development of a proposal to implement a system-wide healthcare policy, service, or practice innovation that contributes to evidence-based practices or quality improvement at a local, regional, or national level. Activities focused on **development of the DNP project proposal including implementation and evaluation plans. Project implementation strategies including how to work effectively with interprofessional colleagues will also be addressed.** ~~refinement of the issue statement, analysis of background, knowledge synthesis, and detailed planning for implementation and evaluation. Formal defense of a final written project proposal.~~

Prerequisites & Notes

PRQ: NURS 700, NURS 702, and NURS 704; or Consent of School. CRQ: NURS 743 or consent of school.

RATIONALE: The course description was updated to reflect the content of the course and be more descriptive. The content that has been removed will be part NURS 743 so it is no longer needed in the NURS 710 course description.

From: [Stephen Martin](#)
To: [Suzanne Hogan](#)
Subject: Fwd: change in curriculum in Physics MS
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:07:42 PM
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From: Andrew Ledoan <aledoan@niu.edu>
Date: Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 11:50 AM
Subject: Re: change in curriculum in Physics MS
To: Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com>

Hi Steve,

>>As I understand it, no action is needed on your part, since no specific courses from your programs are being required, but could you please reply to this email acknowledging receipt of this message?

Received!

Thank you,
Andrew

Andrew Ledoan

Professor and Chair
Department of Mathematical Sciences
Northern Illinois University
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815-753-0566
aledoan@niu.edu



From: Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Garry Sunter <gsunter@niu.edu>; Victor Ryzhov <ryzhov@niu.edu>; Andrew Ledoan <aledoan@niu.edu>; Nicholas Karonis <karonis@niu.edu>; Dave Grewell <dgrewell@niu.edu>
Cc: Suzanne Hogan <shogan@niu.edu>; Vishnu Zutshi <vzutshi@niu.edu>; Jahred Adelman <jahred.adelman@niu.edu>
Subject: change in curriculum in Physics MS

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Thanks,
Steve Martin
Physics Department Graduate Curriculum Committee Chair
smartin@niu.edu

From: [Stephen Martin](#)
To: [Suzanne Hogan](#)
Subject: Fwd: change in curriculum in Physics MS
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:29:38 AM

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From: **Nicholas Karonis** <karonis@niu.edu>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 5:03 AM
Subject: Re: change in curriculum in Physics MS
To: Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com>
Cc: Nicholas Karonis <karonis@niu.edu>

Dear Stephen,

I apologize for the delay in responding.

could you please reply to this email acknowledging receipt of this message?

I acknowledge receiving your message.

Best,
Nick

On Nov 30, 2023, at 1:07 PM, Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com> wrote:

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To: [Stephen Martin](#); [Garry Sunter](#); [Nicholas Karonis](#)
Cc: [Suzanne Hogan](#)
Subject: RE: change in curriculum in Physics MS
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 9:58:52 AM

Sorry, we do not see any issue.

David Grewell, Ph.D.
Dean College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
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Dekalb, IL 60115

From: Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com>
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Best regards,
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Importance: High

Sorry, we are fine with this

Garry

Garry Sunter, Ph.D.
Professor & Chair

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On Jan 24, 2024, at 1:32 PM, Suzanne Hogan <shogan@niu.edu> wrote:

Hi Garry,

I've heard from everyone with the exception of BIOS. The GC is holding the proposal pending confirmation from the outside departments so I can't move this forward without your approval.

Please let me know if BIOS supports this at your earliest convenience.

Thanks!

Suzanne

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Cc: [Suzanne Hogan](#); [Vishnu Zutshi](#); [Jahred Adelman](#)
Subject: RE: change in curriculum in Physics MS
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:05:32 AM

Hi Steve:

Receipt acknowledged. Chemistry has no issues if an occasional Physics grad student takes our courses, we have no caps.

Best

Victor

From: Stephen Martin <spmartinniu@gmail.com>
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Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Degree Programs

The Department of Psychology offers six areas of study: Clinical, Cognitive, Developmental, Neuroscience & Behavior, School, and Social/Industrial-Organizational. All six areas offer the PhD degree. School Psychology also offers a Specialist in School Psychology (SSP) degree. During the process of completing either the PhD or SSP, students earn the MA. However, none of the six areas of study offers a training program that is designed or intended to conclude with the MA. Some refer to that type of program as a terminal MA program. In our department, only applicants who are qualified and intend to pursue the PhD or SSP are considered during the graduate admissions review process.

Admission Requirements

Students seeking admission to the PhD program must meet all requirements for admission to the Graduate School. Applications are considered on an individual basis by the Graduate Admissions Committee. In addition to the application requirements and the policies set by the Graduate School, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

1. Baccalaureate degree in Psychology or related field
2. Statement of Preparation for Graduate School and Professional Interests
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Specialist in School Psychology

Degree Programs

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