

ADULT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Adult Undergraduate program offers a variety of degree options in an accelerated format designed for busy, working adults to complete their Associate of Arts (A.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.). Students complete a degree by taking one course at a time and by meeting one night per week onsite, online, or in a blended cohort structure. Depending on the number of credits transferred into the program, the A.A. degree takes approximately 32 months to complete, the B.S. degree for most majors takes 18–22 months to complete, and the B.S. in Accounting takes 30–34 months to complete.

GENERAL EDUCATION 31 CREDITS

- Written Communication 6 cr**
 - English Composition 3 cr
 - Research Writing 3 cr
- Oral Communication 3 cr**
 - Speech 3 cr
- Social Sciences (2 Areas) 8 cr**

- Humanities (2 Areas) 6 cr**
- Science & Mathematics 8 cr**
 - Lab Science 4 cr
 - Mathematics 4 cr

BSM4050 or PYC4045 & PYC4046 can fulfill the mathematics requirement

Requirement to Take Upper-Level Major Courses

To be eligible to take upper-level major courses, students must have completed a minimum of 30 credits including ENG1109 Composition and Editing; ENG2209 Argumentative Research Writing; and SPE1079 Public Speaking and Communication Fundamentals (or equivalent courses).

Major Summary Chart

PROGRAM	GENERAL EDUCATION	MAJOR CREDITS	ELECTIVE CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	31	36	58	125
COMMUNICATION STUDIES	31	36	58	125
HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	31	36	58	125
MINISTRY	31	46–48	46–48	125
PSYCHOLOGY	31	36	58	125

- Elective credits can be in any area of collegiate coursework and can be earned through standardized examinations, prior learning, or other methods. Needed credits may be adjusted if general education curriculum or major credit changes occur during the year.

Minor Summary Chart

PROGRAM	MINOR CREDITS
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	18
COMMUNICATION STUDIES	18
HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	18
MINISTRY	18
PSYCHOLOGY	18

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts in General Studies is for students who have zero or minimal prior college credits. Students complete foundational coursework designed with a Christian worldview to help students integrate faith and learning. Graduates of this program are able to transition into one of the existing B.S. programs or pursue an undergraduate degree at another institution.

- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses and 60 credits.

GENERAL EDUCATION 45 CREDITS		
Written Communication 6 cr		Bible 14 cr
English Composition 3 cr		Old Testament 2 cr
Research Writing 3 cr		New Testament 2 cr
Oral Communication 3 cr		Bible Study Methods 2 cr
Speech 3 cr		Additional BIA or BIB Courses 8 cr
Social Sciences (2 Areas) 8 cr		
Humanities (2 Areas) 6 cr		ELECTIVES 15 CREDITS
Science & Mathematics 8 cr		
Lab Science 4 cr		TOTAL 60 CREDITS
Mathematics 4 cr		

Business Management

The Bachelor of Science in Business Management prepares students to provide leadership within businesses and organizations. Emphasis is on the role of leadership for business and organizational planning, effectiveness, and problem solving through the application of professional skills, management techniques, team building, and the formulation and implementation of business strategies. Attention is given to contract law, marketing, economics, and managerial accounting and finance. The major also contains courses that help students apply Christian values and ethics to situations in the business setting.

- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses in general education curriculum, major/minor coursework, and electives (40 credits must be in upper-level courses) for a 125 total credits.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES 36 CREDITS		
BSM4007 Professional Skills in Business 2 cr		BSM4054 Microeconomics 2 cr
BSM4025 Business Ethics 2 cr		BSM4061 Marketing 3 cr
BSM4030 Accounting 3 cr		BSM4063 Business Law and Contracts 2 cr
BSM4032 Finance 3 cr		BSM4065 Information Management 2 cr
BSM4034 Management 3 cr		BSM4067 Corporate Strategies 3 cr
BSM4043 International Business 2 cr		ETH4021 Foundations for Ethics 2 cr
BSM4050 Business Mathematics and Statistics 3 cr		ETH4023 Worldview and Ethics 2 cr
BSM4052 Macroeconomics 2 cr		

REQUIRED MINOR COURSES 18 CREDITS

BSM4034 plus any other courses selected from the Business Management major (except ETH4021, ETH4023)

Communication Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies provides students with a conceptual knowledge of communication and develops skills in thinking, writing, speaking, conducting research, technology, conflict resolution, and public relations. The major promotes the effective and ethical practice of a Christian communicator in a civil and democratic society. Communication studies is an academic field that focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, and media.

- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses in general education curriculum, major/minor coursework, and electives (40 credits must be in upper-level courses) for a 125 total credits.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES..... 36 CREDITS

CMN4015	Communication Theory and Practice	4 cr	CMN4039	Strategic Communication Planning	4 cr
CMN4016	Intercultural Communication	2 cr	CMN4042	Advanced Speaking and Presentation	2 cr
CMN4017	Group Communication	2 cr	CMN4044	Technology and Communication	2 cr
CMN4018	Interpersonal Communication	2 cr	CMN4046	Communication and Conflict Resolution	2 cr
CMN4025	Communication Ethics	2 cr	CMN4049	Advanced Organizational Communication	2 cr
CMN4031	Business Communication	2 cr	CMN4051	Methods of Communication Research	2 cr
CMN4032	Public Relations Principles and Writing	2 cr	ETH4021	Foundations for Ethics	2 cr
CMN4034	Public Relations Event Planning	2 cr	ETH4023	Worldview and Ethics	2 cr

REQUIRED MINOR COURSES..... 18 CREDITS

CMN4015 plus any other courses selected from the Communication Studies major (except ETH4021, ETH4023)

Health Psychology

The Bachelor of Science in Health Psychology provides students with the theoretical background of how psychological, behavioral, cultural, and social factors influence health and wellness. Attention is given to the role of stress and lifestyle choices and how they affect our well-being. Interventions for stress and pain used in the helping professions, hospitals, and community education programs are addressed. The final capstone course allows students to integrate prior coursework and further their research in a specific area of interest.

- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses in general education curriculum, major/minor coursework, and electives (40 credits must be in upper-level courses) for a 125 total credits.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES..... 36 CREDITS

ETH4021	Foundations for Ethics	2 cr	PYC4046	Social Science Statistics II	3 cr
ETH4023	Worldview and Ethics	2 cr	PYC4051	Principles of Counseling	3 cr
PYC4005	Foundations of Health Psychology	3 cr	PYC4079	Abnormal Psychology	3 cr
PYC4025	Professional Ethics	2 cr	PYC4081	Stress Management Strategies	3 cr
PYC4034	Health Promotion Through the Lifespan	3 cr	PYC4083	Pain Management Strategies	3 cr
PYC4042	Social Science Research Methods	2 cr	PYC4855	Health Psychology Capstone	4 cr
PYC4045	Social Science Statistics I	3 cr			

REQUIRED MINOR COURSES..... 18 CREDITS

PYC4005, PYC4034, PYC4081 plus any other courses selected from the Health Psychology major (except ETH4021, ETH4023, PYC4855)

Ministry

The Bachelor of Science in Ministry with a concentration in *Christian Studies* prepares students to serve God in ministry. Whether called to be in a church, non-profit, or cross-cultural situation, students explore the knowledge, skills, and personal values that will prepare them biblically, relationally, practically, and incarnationally for service in God's kingdom work.

- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses in general education curriculum, major/minor coursework, and electives (40 credits must be in upper-level courses) for a 125 total credits.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES..... 36 CREDITS

MIN1007A	Ministry Foundations.....	4 cr
MIN2016A	Biblical Interpretation for Study	2 cr
	OR BIA2119 (2 cr)	
MIN2045A	Christian Formation for Ministry Practice	2 cr
	OR BIA1005 (2 cr)	
	OR BIA1009 (2 cr)	
MIN3045A	Developmental Foundations for Ministry	4 cr
	OR PSY2108 (4 cr)	
	OR PYC4032 (2 cr) & PYC4036 (2 cr)	
MIN3206A	Relationships	4 cr
MIN3207A	Ministry in a Globalized World	2 cr
MIN3216A	Leadership in Ministry	4 cr
MIN3218A	Teaching Methods for Ministry	4 cr
MIN3231A	Care and Counseling in Ministry.....	4 cr
MIN4855A	Capstone.....	2 cr
MIN4991A	Ministry Internship I	2 cr
MIN4992A	Ministry Internship II	2 cr

Students who have at least 3 years of professional ministry experience can petition to have MIN4991 & MIN4992 waived and their total major credits reduced to 42–44 credits

REQUIRED CONCENTRATION COURSES 10–12 CREDITS

BIB1006	Old Testament History and Literature: Law and History.....	2 cr
	AND	
BIB1007	Old Testament History and Literature: Poetry and Prophecy.....	2 cr
	OR BIB1009 (2 cr) instead of both BIB1006 & BIB1007	
BIB2008	New Testament History and Literature.....	2 cr
	OR BIB1019 (2 cr)	
BIB4460	Biblical Theology	4 cr
	OR BIB4360 (4 cr)	
PHI3057	Christian Apologetics.....	2 cr
	OR ETH4023 (2 cr)	

Accelerated Graduate Track (Dual Degree) Option

Students can apply to the accelerated graduate track by submitting an application acquired via their Academic Advisor after completing a minimum of 45 undergraduate credits. If approved by the A&GS Office and Program Manager, students will take the listed graduate-level courses (graduate tuition and policies apply) instead of the listed undergraduate course. All graduate-level courses taken as an undergraduate student must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to satisfy graduate degree requirements. This option can save time and money because the credits will count toward both the Bachelor of Science in Ministry and the Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership (MAML). Upon completion of the undergraduate program, students must follow the admission process to be officially admitted to a graduate program.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES 14 CREDITS

BIB4460	Biblical Theology.....	4 cr
MIN2016A	Biblical Interpretation for Study	2 cr
MIN3207A	Ministry in a Globalized World	2 cr
MIN3216A	Leadership in Ministry	4 cr
PHI3057	Christian Apologetics.....	2 cr

GRADUATE COURSES..... 16 CREDITS

BIB6312	Biblical Theology of the OT and NT	4 cr
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics.....	4 cr
MIN5610	Ministering Culturally and Globally.....	2 cr
MIN5210	Leading and Organizing Ministry.....	4 cr
BIA5021	Apologetics.....	2 cr

REQUIRED MINOR COURSES..... 18 CREDITS

MIN1007A, MIN2016A (or BIA2119), MIN2045A (or BIA1005 or BIA1009), MIN3207A, plus the following:

Electives	MIN or MNS Courses	4 cr
Electives	BIA, BIB, ICS, MIN, or MNS Courses.....	4 cr

Psychology

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a concentration in *Marriage and Family* provides students with a theoretical and applied understanding of psychological principles and specifically examines foundations for family communication, problem solving, and relationships; a systems perspective on family dynamics and their impact upon marital quality and the family; as well as counseling and intervention strategies. The major is designed to prepare students for graduate study in psychology, entry-level positions in the helping professions, or careers requiring a psychology background. Biblical coursework enables students to apply psychological principles from a Christian perspective.

- Students have the option of taking HMS-prefix courses instead of PYC-prefix courses in the concentration as part of their major, minor, or as electives for graduate credit (graduate tuition and policies apply). All graduate-level courses taken as an undergraduate student must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to satisfy graduate degree requirements. This option can save time and money because the credits will count toward both the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and the Master of Arts in Human Services (MAHS). Upon completion of the undergraduate program, students must follow the admission process to be officially admitted to a graduate program.
- The degree is granted upon successful completion of the required courses in general education curriculum, major/minor coursework, and electives (40 credits must be in upper-level courses) for a 125 total credits.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES..... 24 CREDITS

ETH4021	Foundations for Ethics.....	2 cr
ETH4023	Worldview and Ethics.....	2 cr
PYC4025	Professional Ethics.....	2 cr
PYC4032	Child and Adolescent Development.....	2 cr
PYC4036	Adult Development.....	2 cr
PYC4042	Social Science Research Methods.....	2 cr
PYC4045	Social Science Statistics I.....	3 cr
PYC4046	Social Science Statistics II.....	3 cr
PYC4051	Principles of Counseling.....	3 cr
PYC4079	Abnormal Psychology.....	3 cr

REQUIRED CONCENTRATION COURSES 12 CREDITS

PYC4054	Marriage and Family Dynamics.....	3 cr
PYC4055	Marriage and Family Counseling.....	3 cr
PYC4056	Family Communication and Relationships.....	3 cr
PYC4058	Intervention Strategies with Families.....	3 cr

Elective Course Option 1–4 credits

PYC4841	Research Practicum.....	1–4 cr
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REQUIRED MINOR COURSES..... 18 CREDITS

PYC4051, PYC4079, either PYC4032 or PYC4036 plus any other courses selected from the Psychology major (except ETH4021, ETH4023, PYC4841)

GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM

The Graduate Studies program offers a variety of degree options in an accelerated format designed for busy, working adults. Students complete a certificate or degree by taking one course at a time and by meeting one night per week onsite, online, or in a blended cohort structure. Depending on the number of credits transferred into the program, the certificates take approximately 8 months to complete; the MAED, MAHS, MAML, MOL, and MATS degrees take 18–22 months to complete; the MBA degree takes 22–26 months to complete; and the M.Div. degree takes 42–46 months to complete.

Graduate Core Competencies

The following core competencies should be reflected in all graduate-level coursework at Northwestern. Graduate students will:

1. Develop and demonstrate advanced skills in critical thinking and in written and verbal communication.
 2. Develop advanced skills in evaluating material and effectively presenting their research in a variety of media.
 3. Analyze key issues in their field of study through analysis and synthesis of significant field-specific research.
 4. Explore their field of study through a biblical worldview.
 5. Demonstrate sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity for building relationships and for communicating the Gospel in context.
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