

ACADEMIC POLICIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The policies listed below apply to all undergraduate students unless individual programs specifically indicate an alternate policy. Graduate programs are governed by different policies that are listed in the sections describing each graduate program.

Students are expected to know the policies governing the academic program as published in this catalog and to plan a program of studies that will satisfy the requirements for the degree program in which they have matriculated.

The catalog represents the University's effort to collect in one place the many policies and programs which govern the University's operations, and to that extent should be viewed as authoritative. However, the academic policies and programs of North Park University are continually being reviewed and changed in order to better achieve its educational mission. Therefore, the University reserves the right to revise this catalog from time to time without notice. The catalog is not a contract, and students should use it as an information guide and not as a statement of contractually binding terms. In cases of conflict between the most recent version of the catalog and other policy statements, the University president has discretion to resolve the conflict. Students are responsible for keeping informed of current university policies and meeting all applicable requirements.

Students must meet the degree requirements stated in the catalog under which they are enrolled, provided they maintain continuous enrollment. If a student withdraws from North Park, the graduation requirements in the catalog under which enrollment is resumed will apply. Transfer students must meet the requirements of the class with which they graduate.

Academic Leave and Readmission

Students may interrupt their education at North Park University for a period of no more than two consecutive terms by filing a leave of absence form with the Student Administrative Services. The catalog requirements under which a student initially entered the University will continue to apply to students who either maintain continuous enrollment or who file for a leave of absence. If a student is absent from the University for one year or more, an application for readmission must be made to North Park through the Center for Academic Services. The catalog under which a student is readmitted to the University will govern the graduation requirements for that student.

Academic Load

The normal academic load per term is 16 semester hours. Students may take up to 20 semester hours. By policy of the University faculty, a student seeking to register for more than 20 hours must have at least a 2.5 grade point average. Petitions for exception must be presented to the registrar. North Park reserves the right to restrict a student's program if employment or other conditions involve a risk to the student's health or scholarship.

Athletic Eligibility

The rules for athletic eligibility conform to the standards of the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, of which North Park is a member. A

student must be full-time, in good standing, and have passed a minimum of 12 semester hours the previous term.

Auditors

Students with a minimum GPA of 2.0 who are carrying a full academic program will be allowed to audit one course per term for an additional fee (see yearly fee schedule). Other auditors, except those listed below, will be charged full tuition. Auditors may, in addition, be charged a fee for the use of equipment.

Students taking a course for credit will have priority over an auditor in admission into a class. The authority to decide if a class will have auditors and, if so, how many and the extent to which auditors are to participate is vested in the respective instructor. Students may not receive credit by examination in a course that they have audited.

Alumni of North Park and senior citizens are eligible to audit a class for a fee and are subject to the conditions in the paragraph above. (An alumnus is defined as one who has attended any North Park school for at least one academic year, exclusive of currently enrolled students.) In addition to alumni and senior citizens, visitors from the community desiring to audit courses may do so for a fee and are subject to the conditions applying to other auditors.

Certificates, Diplomas, and Transcripts

A student's legal name will appear on all certificates, diplomas, and transcripts issued by the institution. Titles such as Mr., Ms., Dr., Rev., etc. will not be included unless this is part of a student's legal name. A name can only be changed within the institutional database upon presentation of legal documentation of the name change. A name cannot be changed once a student has graduated from the institution or has been absent for longer than one calendar year.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to be prompt and regular in attendance at all scheduled classes. Attendance requirements are set by individual instructors. Illness is generally the only acceptable excuse for absence from classes. Arrangements must be made with the instructor concerning short-term illness. In case of longer illness, the student should notify the Dean of Student Development.

Concurrent Registration

A student must obtain the approval of the advisor and the Student Administrative Services to enroll concurrently in either correspondence courses or in classes at another institution. Forms are available in the Student Administrative Services.

Dean's List

The Dean's List ranks students according to academic achievement after issuance of grades each term. The requirements for students attaining this distinction will be:

- Earning at least 12 semester hours credit other than P.
- Achieving a GPA of 3.50 or better for the term.
- Completing all courses taken during the term (i.e., no student with an incomplete for the term may qualify).

Degree Posting Date

A student's graduation will be posted in the term in which degree requirements, including submission of supporting documentation, have been met. Although course work may have been completed in a prior term, the degree will be awarded only for the term in which all academic and administrative requirements have been fulfilled.

Drops and Withdrawals

Students must complete a drop form to withdraw from a course. Withdrawal from a course or from the school will count from the date that formal written notice has been filed with the registrar. Mere absence from class or notice to the instructor does not constitute withdrawal. A grade of DW (dropped without permission) will be assigned to unauthorized withdrawals and a grade point of zero applied.

Students may withdraw from a course without an assigned grade through the fourth week of the fall and spring semesters (and the second week of the summer semester). That course will not appear on the student's permanent record.

After the beginning of the fifth week of the fall and spring semesters (and the third week of the summer semester), a dropped course is assigned a grade of W (Withdrawal) and is listed on the student's permanent record but is not used in the calculation of the student's GPA.

The last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of W depends on the length of the term:

Term Length	Last Date To Drop A Course With A Grade of W
16-week Fall/Spring semester	The end of the 12th week
7 1/2-week Fall/Spring quad	The end of the 6th week
9-week Summer semester	The end of the 7th week
4 1/2-week Summer quad	The end of the 3th week
3-week mini-term (May)	The end of the 2nd week

After these dates, students will be assigned grades that are used in the calculation of their GPA.

Students may be involuntarily withdrawn from the institution if they are determined by University officials to be a danger to themselves or others, or if their behavior or actions are incongruent with the values and mission of the institution. Students may be responsible for tuition, fees, and charges up to the point of withdrawal.

Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Participation

Any student participating in such extracurricular activities as musical groups, varsity athletics, gospel teams, drama and forensics, publications, cheerleading, team management, and the holding of office and committee chairpersonships in student groups must be a full-time student in good academic standing during the participating term of the school year or in the spring term if participation is during the summer.

Examinations and Re-examinations

Regular examinations are given on announced dates throughout the term at the discretion of the instructor. A student who is absent from an examination may take a make-up examination only upon the approval of the instructor. A student should arrange in advance with the instructor to take a make-up examination. Fourth-year students who will have completed all degree requirements for the May commencement and whose course grade is B or better at the time of final examinations may be excused from the spring term finals at the discretion of the instructor.

Grades

Grades are issued at the end of each term. Report cards are available online through the secured web advisor account. A student copy is available from Student Administrative Services.

Final responsibility for evaluating student achievement and assigning course grades rests with the course instructor. However, a student has the right to appeal a grade assignment without jeopardy and will be protected from arbitrary or unjustifiable grading practice.

Grade Point Average

The following grades are used at North Park. The corresponding grade point is:

Grade	Grade Point
A	4.00
A -	3.67
B+	3.34
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.34
C	2.00
C -	1.67
D+	1.34
D	1.00
D-	0.67
F	0.00
AU (Audit)	0.00
DR (Administrative Drop)	0.00
DW (Dropped without permission)	0.00
I (Incomplete)	0.00
NG (No grade)	0.00

NS (Not submitted)	0.00
P (Pass)	0.00
W (Withdrawal)	0.00

Grade Definition

- Administrative Drop (DR): Student withdrew from course with permission of university administration. Credits are not calculated in GPA.
- Audit (AU): See Audit entry in this section.
- Dropped without permission (DW): Student was registered for the course but failed to attend. Course calculated in GPA as a failure of credits.
- Incomplete (I): See Incomplete Grades entry in this section.
- No Grade (NG): See Incomplete Grades entry in this section.
- Not Submitted (NS): Instructor has not provided a grade.
- Pass (P): See Pass/Fail entry in this section.
- Withdrawal (W): Student dropped after the 4th week of class.

Graduate Courses Taken by Undergraduate Students

An undergraduate student may enroll in a graduate course only if:

- The student is a senior.
- The department chair of the student's major approves.
- The graduate program director approves.
- The request is submitted with the form provided by Student Administrative Services.

Graduate Credit For 5000-Level Work Taken As An Undergraduate

An undergraduate student who is within 16 semester hours of the bachelor's degree and has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 may request to enroll in and reserve for graduate credit a limited amount of work at the 5000 level during the last semester as a senior. The appropriate form may be obtained from Student Administrative Services. This form verifies that the units being reserved are not needed to fulfill any requirements for the bachelor's degree.

Students may take up to 6 semester hours of credit in a graduate program prior to completing their undergraduate degree.

Undergraduate Credit For A Graduate Course

In some cases, an undergraduate student may receive special permission from a graduate program to enroll in and receive undergraduate credit for graduate courses (numbered 5000 and above.) Such permission will not be granted unless the student has reached senior class standing with an overall GPA of 3.0, has a 3.0 GPA in all courses attempted, or is a foreign exchange student with equivalent standing.

Students may take up to 6 semester hours of credit in a graduate program prior to completing their undergraduate degree.

Graduation Honors

The faculty selects students of outstanding scholarship and merit for graduation honors. For the purposes of graduation honors, all courses attempted for the North Park degree will be used in calculating a cumulative GPA. The academic record of transfer students will consist of those courses completed at North Park University and those transfer

courses submitted to the University by the time of the official graduation audit. The requirements for graduation with honors are as follows:

Category	Cumulative GPA
Cum laude	3.50
Magna cum laude	3.70
Summa cum laude	3.90

Upon completion of all requirements, honors will be listed in the student's permanent record and he or she will receive a diploma that bears appropriate recognition of achievement.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete (I)

A student will receive an Incomplete (I) when course work cannot be completed by the end of the semester due to illness and/or unforeseeable circumstances and the instructor believes the reason to be valid. A grade of Incomplete should not be awarded because of neglect on the part of the student. Students have one term in which to finish courses graded with an Incomplete. An Incomplete is computed as a failure until it is changed by the instructor of the course. Change of grade forms must be received by Student Administrative Services no later than the due date of grades for the subsequent regular term (Fall or Spring). Grades of I which are not completed in one term will be changed to a letter grade of F.

No Grade (NG)

A student will receive a No Grade (NG) when coursework cannot be completed by the end of a semester in courses such as Student Teaching (EDUC 4100, EDUC 4110, or EDUC 4120), Athletic Training Practicum Courses Internship (4970), or Independent Study (4910). The completion deadline for the coursework is determined by the instructor in the course. The grade of NG will not affect the student's grade point average.

Pass/Fail

A student who has completed 30 semester hours may take up to 16 semester hours on a Pass/Fail basis, not to exceed one per term. A grade of Pass is equivalent to at least a C and will be recorded as Pass on the transcript. A grade of either D or F will be recorded as such on the transcript. Registration on a Pass/Fail basis is subject to the following restrictions:

- The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- The courses taken Pass/Fail must not fulfill G.E. requirements or those of a major field, including supporting courses for the major.
- Not more than one course in a department may be taken Pass/Fail.
- Application to take a course on a Pass/Fail basis (or to withdraw an accepted application) must be made to the registrar before the end of the fourth week of classes.
- Application must have the approval of the student's advisor and, for courses in the education sequence, of an education advisor.

Registration

All students are expected to register during the regular registration period. Changes in schedule may be made before the beginning of each term and during the first week of class. Admission into classes will not be permitted after the first week of the term. A late registration and/or a change in registration fee may be assessed according to the fee schedule published

separately. Attendance in class without registration for the course will not be permitted and no credit will be granted if the student has not registered for the class at the appropriate time.

Repetition of Courses

A student then has the option of repeating a course in which the student received a “D” or “F”, either by examination, if appropriate and approved by the department, or by re-registering under the following stipulations:

- A course may be repeated by examination following the usual rules for credit-by-examination or department policy in the discipline concerned. The CLEP examination may not be used for the purpose of gaining credit in a failed class.
- Permission to repeat a course must be obtained from the registrar before registration. Courses repeated without permission will be averaged with the grade received in the previous attempt.
- All grades will remain on a student’s transcript. Three courses may be repeated with only the second grade counting in each course. Students wishing to repeat more than three courses may do so with the second grade average.
- Transfer coursework used to repeat a North Park course will be averaged with the original grade earned at North Park University. Students may petition the Repetition of Courses policies by written appeal to the Student Academic Standing Committee.

Student Academic Standing Committee

The Student Academic Standing Committee is comprised of members of the institution’s faculty, administration, and academic support staff. The committee makes all decisions relative to academic standing and appeals to academic policy.

Student Classification and Academic Standing

Student Classification

The academic records of all undergraduate students are reviewed at the end of the Fall and Spring semester. Students who do not meet the minimum academic standards are reviewed by the Student Academic Standing Committee. Academic performance will be evaluated on the basis of the number of credit hours attempted at North Park University and all credit hours transferred into North Park University from other institutions.

Academic standing categories may or may not meet federal requirements for maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Students that participate in varsity athletics must also meet the eligibility rules of the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW).

Good Standing

A student is considered in good academic standing when their cumulative grade point average (g.p.a.) is at, or above, the following minimum standards on a four-point scale:

Credit Hours Attempted	Cumulative Grade Point Average
<30	1.60
30 < 60	1.80

60 < 90	2.00
90+	2.00

Academic Warning

A student will receive an academic warning at the end of any semester in which the student’s term grade point average falls below a 2.0 grade point average and whose current academic status is good standing.

Academic Probation and Dismissal

• Immediate Dismissal Rule (Dean’s Rule)

Any student who receives a term GPA of 0.40 or below may be immediately dismissed from the institution.

• Probation Status 1

A student is placed on Probation Status 1 when their cumulative GPA falls below the minimum standard for good academic standing. Students remain on Probation Status 1 for one semester. These students are required to establish an Academic Support Contract with the Center for Academic Services by the end of the fourth week of the term. Failure to establish a contract, or failure to comply with the terms agreed upon in the contract, may result in the loss of all financial assistance. Students who improve their cumulative GPA above the minimum standards at the end of the term will be removed from probationary standing. Students who improve their cumulative GPA by receiving a term GPA of 2.00 or above, but who fail to raise their cumulative GPA above the minimum standard will be placed on Probation Status 2. Students who receive a term GPA below 2.00, regardless of whether or not this improves their cumulative GPA, will be placed on Probation Status 3.

• Probation Status 2

Probation Status 2 identifies those students who are improving their academic performance. Students in this category can remain at level 2 until such time as they raise their cumulative GPA above the minimum standards. This assumes the student’s term GPAs are at 2.00 or above. These students are required to establish an Academic Support Contract with the Center for Academic Services by the end of the fourth week of the term. Failure to establish a contract or failure to comply with the terms agreed upon in the contract may result in the loss of all financial assistance. Students who receive a term GPA of below 2.00 will be placed on Probation Status 3.

• Probation Status 3

Students can remain on Probation Status 3 for one semester. These students are required to establish an Academic Support Contract with the Center for Academic Services by the end of the fourth week of the term. Failure to establish a contract or failure to comply with the terms agreed upon in the contract may result in the dismissal of the student from the institution. Students who improve their cumulative GPA to the minimum standard at the end of the term will be removed from probationary standing. Students who improve their cumulative GPA by receiving a term GPA of 2.00 or above, but who fail to raise their cumulative G.P.A. above the minimum standard, will be placed on Probation Status 2. Students who receive a term GPA below 2.00, regardless of whether or not this improves their cumulative GPA, will be dismissed from the institution.

• Probation Status 4

Probation Status 4 identifies those students who have been dismissed from the institution but who are allowed to continue at the

institution under special circumstances established by the Student Academic Standing Committee. Students may remain in this category for one semester. These students are required to establish an Academic Support Contract with the Center for Academic Services by the end of the fourth week of the term. Failure to establish a contract or failure to comply with the terms agreed upon in the contract will result in the dismissal of the student from the institution. Students who improve their cumulative GPA to the minimum standard at the end of the term may be removed from probationary standing. Students who improve their cumulative GPA by receiving a term GPA of 2.00 or above, but who fail to raise their cumulative GPA above the minimum standard, may be placed on Probation Status 2. Students who receive a term GPA below 2.00, regardless of whether or not this improves their cumulative GPA, will be dismissed from the institution.

Testing and Placement Credit

Advanced Placement

Many high school graduates have completed college-level courses in high school and have taken advanced placement examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). North Park recognizes such programs and encourages superior high school students to seek college credit through these examinations and thereby accelerate their progress toward degrees. The University may grant credit where a grade of 3, 4, or 5 has been earned on the CEEB advanced placement examination. Credit received under the advanced placement program may be applied toward North Park graduation requirements. No tuition charge is made for these credits. Students who wish to obtain such credit should have their examination scores forwarded to the Center for Academic Services.

College Credit While Still in High School

Some high schools have developed relationships with colleges or universities that allow college credit to meet high school graduation requirements. Students wishing to enter North Park with such credit may apply for admission as a first year student or as a transfer student under the following respective policy stipulations. Students must choose between being a first year or transfer student prior to an admission decision.

Enter as a First-Year Student

- The subject matter and course level conform to North Park's policy for any college course.
- The college credit is granted by a regionally accredited college or university.
- The credit is recorded on an official college or university transcript.
- If transferable, the final courses up to the last 16 college credit hours will be evaluated and accepted as college level transfer credit, according to our guidelines and policies.

For purposes of admission and financial aid, including academic scholarships, the student will be considered a first-year student at the University regardless of the amount of credit transferred.

Enter as a Transfer Student

- The subject matter and course level conform to North Park's policy for any college course.
- The college credit is granted by a regionally accredited college or university.
- The credit is recorded on an official college or university transcript.

- If transferable, all college credit hours will be evaluated and accepted as college level transfer credit, according to our guidelines and policies.

For purposes of admission and financial aid, including academic scholarships, the student will be considered a transfer student at the university regardless of the amount of credit transferred.

College Level Examination Program

North Park University may grant credit for university-level knowledge as demonstrated by passing grades on the exams offered by the College Level Examination Program. Credit received under the CLEP program may be applied toward North Park's graduation requirements. A fee per credit hour will be assessed in order that the credits post to the student's transcript. Students who wish to obtain such credit should have their examination scores forwarded to the Center for Academic Services. CLEP scores will be reviewed according to the guidelines:

- **General Examination:** In order to take a General Examination, a student must have earned no more than 57 semester hours of university-level credit.
- **Subject Examinations:** If a student has over 57 semester hours he or she can take a subject examination, as long as he or she does not test backward (i.e. testing out of lower level courses if he or she has completed higher level courses).

A student is not eligible to receive credit-by-examination in any course that he or she has previously audited.

Credit will post to a student's transcript once the student has officially enrolled at North Park University and has paid the fee per credit hour.

North Park University must receive an official copy of the CLEP score in order to process and post the credit.

Examination For Placement or Credit

Credit by examination is available to any student by petition and upon departmental approval. A student qualifies to receive credit upon the receipt of a grade of B or better in the subject examination; however, a grade of P will be recorded in the student's permanent record. A student may not receive credit by examination in a previously audited course.

Petitions for credit by examination must be presented to the department chairperson before a test is taken. Repeat times vary according to discipline. Information and petition forms are available through the Center for Academic Services.

Foreign Language Examination

- **Students who completed their education in an English-speaking school.**

Alien residents of the USA, foreign nationals, and American students who completed their secondary education in an English-speaking school but have learned another language formally or informally, may take a language proficiency exam in the language they know.

The student is responsible for finding a person competent to conduct the exam in the language in question. The student must demonstrate proficiency equal to at least the first year, level 1020, of formal study in the language.

A proficiency exam is offered at the beginning of each academic year. North Park University offers proficiency exams in the following languages: French, German, Korean, Spanish, and Swedish.

To complete the proficiency exam at a time other than the beginning of the academic year contact North Park's Foreign Language Department or contact another four-year university or college to arrange for a proficiency exam.

If the student successfully passes the 1020 level proficiency exam they are exempt from the foreign language requirement. North Park University does not award credit for the 1010/1020 level.

- **Students who completed their education in a language other than English and for whom English is a second language.**

Foreign Nationals and American students who have completed their education in their native language and for whom English is a second language will be exempt from the Foreign Language Requirement if they meet the following criteria:

- Provide transcript evidence, such as results of graduation exams that their schooling was in a language other than English. Transcripts must be translated into English and certified by a translating agency.
 - Successfully complete one semester at North Park University.
- **Foreign Language and Business & Economics with a concentration in International Business.**
- If the student is an international business major or majoring/minoring in one of the languages in which North Park offers a major/minor, they need to demonstrate proficiency through the 2020 level. There are two ways in which a student can meet this requirement.

1. The student will be considered exempt from this requirement if the student meets all of the following requirements:
 - Provide transcript evidence at or above the high school level, such as results of graduation exams that their schooling was in a language other than English.
 - Successfully complete one semester at North Park University.
 - Acceptance into the major.
 - Complete an additional 8 semester hours in the field of study to meet the required semester hours for the major or minor. The student will need to contact the appropriate department to determine what classes would be suitable.
2. The student will receive 8 hours of foreign language credit if the student meets all of the following requirements:
 - Contact North Park University's Foreign Language Department or another university to arrange for a proficiency exam in the chosen foreign language. At the time of testing the student will need an Examination Grade Report. This is available in the Center for Academic Services. There is a fee of \$42.00 for this form.
 - Demonstrates a proficiency equal to at least a second year of formal study in the chosen foreign language on the proficiency exam.
 - Successfully complete one semester at North Park University.
 - Acceptance into the major.
 - Pays the appropriate fee (\$35 per credit) to have the credit posted to the student's transcript.

Students who wish to obtain such credit should have their examination scores forwarded to the Center for Academic Services. Credit will post to the student's transcript after the student has enrolled at North Park University. A maximum of 30 semester hours may be awarded.

Transferring Courses Taken Outside North Park University

Students pursuing a degree from North Park University are expected to complete their course work at North Park University. Under exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary for students to include course work from other institutions. When this is necessary, students, to be assured of the acceptance of the course work, must secure prior approval of outside courses. To be approved, courses must be offered by an accredited four-year college or university (or a two-year community or junior college, if the student has completed less than 60 semester hours of academic credit). The course itself must be an academic course (rather than technical or vocational) and must be approved for elective credit or for application toward the fulfillment of general education or departmental requirements. An approval form is available from Student Administrative Services and must be signed by the student's academic advisor, the department chair of the department in which the course is offered (or the most appropriate division chair), and the registrar. All transferred courses will be recorded with the grade received and will be included in a student's grade point average at North Park.

Value of Courses

The curriculum is based on a schedule of two semesters per academic year. Most courses are valued at two or four semester hours but the value of each is indicated in the section describing the courses of instruction.

Visiting Students

A Visiting Student is one who is authorized by the Office of Admission to register for a course or courses for college credit but has not been fully accepted for a degree at North Park University. Visiting Students interested in taking classes must submit a Visiting Student Application as well as a statement of good standing from the school or university last attended. Credits earned as a Visiting Student are transferable to other universities or may later be applied to a North Park degree.

A Visiting Student may earn up to 30 semester hours with that status. Thereafter, the student must apply for full admission to the University before being allowed to register for additional courses. The application procedure for moving from the status of Special to a fully admitted student is the same as for other students. The same criteria are used by the University in approving applications for admission of a Visiting Student as would apply for any other application for admission. The Visiting Student is expected to meet the degree requirements that are in force at the time of application for degree status.

International Baccalaureate Program

North Park University recognizes the rigor of the International Baccalaureate program and may grant academic credit for scores of 5, 6, and 7 on the Higher Level examinations. The specific amount of credit and course equivalencies to be awarded for each Higher Level pass is determined through evaluation by the appropriate academic department. Credit received under the International Baccalaureate program may be applied toward North Park graduation requirements. No tuition charge is made for these credits.

Additional Educational Opportunities

Conflict Transformation Studies Program

Conflict is inescapable and occurs in all human experience. Conflict emerges from many sources—systemic structures, religion, class and economic resources, race and ethnicity, sexuality, cultural and national differences, failures, commitments, and efforts for positive social change. The focus of conflict transformation studies is to enhance the ability of individuals and communities of people to meet their own needs while recognizing the competing needs of others and pursuing creative, nonviolent processes for transforming their conflicts. An understanding of processes, such as arbitration, negotiation, conflict management, conflict resolution, peace building, forgiveness and reconciliation, is central to the building of civil society and a new world order.

The purpose of Conflict Transformation Studies (CTS) at North Park University is to examine, from interdisciplinary and faith-based perspectives, the theory, analysis, history, culture, and transformational processes involved in conflict situations, justice, and peace building. As a Christian community grounded in the gospels, we believe that it is our responsibility to study the roots of conflict and violence, and to explore the many approaches to the work of nonviolent conflict transformation—from conflict management to mediation and reconciliation. Additional information is located in the undergraduate majors and courses section of this catalog.

Honors Program

Honors Congress

The North Park University Honors Congress brings together students of high academic ability with faculty in a learning community designed to promote academic excellence, rigorous intellectual development, community involvement, service to others, and vocational direction.

Honors in the Academic Major

During the Junior and senior years, students will take honors courses and submit to requirements in individual majors. Major professors will serve as guides to Honors Congress members and specifics are determined by the individual departments.

Graduate School Application

The Office of Career Planning and individual school deans work with the Director of the Honors Congress to run seminars and plan events to consider graduate education. Vocational exploration undertaken in the first two years becomes actual planning in the second two years of university study.

Internship

Chicago connections explored in the first two years become work place learning environments during the last two years. Students take advantage of the city they have come to love and put their academic knowledge to the test, gaining valuable experience for choices after graduation.

National Fellowship Awards

Honors Congress students are encouraged to apply for awards and fellowships both in their individual disciplines and in competitive national applications to serve and learn beyond the undergraduate years.

Rewards of the Honors Congress

The Honors Congress at North Park University provides opportunity for students of promise to excel during their first two years of undergraduate study. If you are highly motivated, and if you are ready to be challenged and to challenge yourself this program may be for you. We strive to take the words of Jesus—"To whom much is given much will be required"—and give them special life during your NPU experience. Our philosophy is simply this: the Honors Congress gives students of high intellectual ability an array of learning experiences from which to choose, places them side-by-side faculty mentors who care, and offers guidance and encouragement along the way.

Departmental Honors Program

The Departmental Honors program is designed to challenge North Park's most talented and motivated students to achieve at the highest level in their major fields. The requirements of this program are:

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a minimum major GPA of 3.7 for admission and retention in the program
- A minimum of 45 and a maximum of 90 semester hours earned at the time of admission into the program
- A grade of A or B in 3-8 semester hours of Departmental Honors (DH) 4000, which requires a paper or project at honors level
- Presentation of the DH 4000 paper or project at a Spring Honors Symposium
- Departmental approval

DH 4000 is listed in each major department with the course number 4000 and the prefix of the department, i.e., HIST 4000. For a course description of DH 4000, see the Departmental Honors section of the catalog and/or the individual department listings.

For additional requirements specific to a particular major, see departmental descriptions. Applications for admission may be obtained from the department chair.

Internship Program

For North Park University interns, Chicago is an occupational laboratory. The city's lively business community and extensive cultural resources offer opportunities for students in all areas of study to work in jobs appropriate to their disciplines and career interests. Internships may also be arranged throughout the United States and overseas.

Students interested in an internship must submit an application to the Campus Coordinator. All Business-related majors must contact the Coordinator of Internships and Placement for the School of Business and Nonprofit Management. Acceptance into the program is determined by the Internship Committee, and approval is based on: (1) attainment of third-year or fourth-year status (including at least 30 semester hours earned at North Park University); (2) a major GPA of 2.5 or more (some departments have more rigorous requirements; please refer to individual department entries); and (3) results of interviews with the Campus Coordinator and faculty sponsor. A faculty sponsor helps the intern identify activities, learning goals, and projects to be performed, and evaluates and grades the intern. Grading is done on a pass/fail basis. No more than 8 semester hours of internship may be applied toward graduation. Tuition is charged as for any other course.

The internship program is designed to help students (1) recognize and appreciate the relevance and value of a liberal arts education for career preparation; (2) combine classroom studies with direct involvement in

a potential life-long occupation; (3) have a better idea of their strengths, weaknesses, and future needs in terms of knowledge and skills; (4) clarify vocational goals; and (5) make potential contacts for future employment.

Study Abroad and Off-Campus Programs

North Park students have access to more than 150 international universities or study abroad programs in more than 40 countries through North Park's International Office. We are proud to offer a variety of academic options on six of the seven continents that serve students in most majors and minors. North Park students are encouraged to check with the International Office early in their academic careers to learn about study abroad options, program requirements, and costs. The International Office is located in Caroline Hall.

Sweden Exchange Program

Since 1976 North Park has maintained an exchange program with Södra Vätterbygden Folkhögskola (SVF) in Jönköping, Sweden. This school operates under the auspices of our sister Church, Svenska Missionförbundet (the Swedish Mission Covenant), and an extremely close, cooperative relationship results from common values and concerns. North Park students with a background of one year of college-level Swedish may apply to study in Sweden for the Fall semester with a cohort of other students and a North Park faculty member. Swedish students from SVF are in residence on the North Park campus during the Spring semester, so that friendships begun with the American students abroad may continue.

Winter term in Mexico

In 1984, North Park initiated a Spanish language and culture program in Morelia, Mexico. Students live with host families and enjoy high quality instruction in small and highly interactive classes. Service projects in the region allow students to volunteer time on crucial health and economic development programs. On select weekends, the cohort of North Park students and a North Park faculty member participate in excursions throughout Mexico, including Mexico City, Uruapan, Patzcuaro, Guanajuato, and Zihuatanejo. Students with one and a half years of college Spanish or the equivalent are invited to apply for this eight week program which runs each spring. Students may apply to remain through the end of the spring term. If chosen, they will register for SPAN 3300, 3400 and 4970 for a total of eight semester hours. Students are charged for a full semester study at North Park University.

Bilateral Reciprocal Exchange Programs

North Park has exchange agreements with 11 universities around the world. North Park and its partners are able to send students to each others' institutions for a semester or year of exchange studies. Universidad del Salvador offers regular university courses taught in Spanish for advanced speakers. All other exchange sites offer regular university courses taught in English and/or foreign language instruction. North Park's exchange partners are:

- International University of Moscow (Russia)
- Jönköping International Business School (Sweden)
- Mälardalen University (Sweden)
- Sungkyunkwan University (South Korea)
- Universidad del Salvador (Argentina)
- University of Akureyri (Iceland)
- University of Bergen (Norway)
- University of Iceland (Iceland)

- University of Jönköping School of Health Sciences (Sweden)
- University of Jönköping School of Education and Communication (Sweden)
- University of Tampere (Finland)

International Student Exchange Program

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) enables students to study independently at any of 140+ universities around the world. The language of instruction and available courses varies by host institution. North Park has been a member of ISEP since 2005 and has sent 28 students abroad to locations as diverse as Australia, Chile, Ghana, France, Germany, Costa Rica, Italy, and Bulgaria. As an ISEP member, North Park also receives international exchange student from throughout the ISEP network.

Oxford Study Abroad Program

The Oxford Study Abroad Program (OSAP) offers students the opportunity to study independently at one of the Oxford colleges in the tutorial system. A variety of cultural excursions are also part of the OSAP program.

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Programs

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities runs 11 semester programs. Four "culture shaping" programs give students the opportunity to incorporate their faith with popular culture and public life issues in the US while seven "culture crossing" programs take students outside of the US to help them better understand the role of faith in the global community. North Park students will study with other students from CCCU member schools. The CCCU program offerings are:

- American Studies Program (Washington, DC)
- Australia Studies Program (Sydney, Australia)
- China Studies Program (Xiamen, China)
- Contemporary Music Center (Martha's Vineyard, MA)
- Latin American Studies Program (San Jose, Costa Rica)
- Los Angeles Film Studies Center (Los Angeles, CA)
- Middle East Studies Program (Cairo, Egypt)
- Scholars' Semester in Oxford (Oxford, England)
- Russian Studies Program (Nizhni Novgorod, Russia)
- Uganda Studies Program (Kampala, Uganda)
- Washington Journalism Center (Washington, DC)

Short Term Academic Study Tours

Academic departments at North Park periodically offer short term travel opportunities during school breaks. These programs may be connected to credit-bearing semester length courses or function as standalone tours. Recent academic study tours have taken North Park students and faculty members to Canada, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, and Thailand.

Accreditation

North Park University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation which is responsible for ensuring accrediting bodies and institutions uphold and meet established standards of quality.

The Higher Learning Commission accredits degree-granting institutions located in the nineteen state north central region, including West Virginia.

North Park University was first accredited in 1926 by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association (NCA). The Higher Learning Commission evaluates and accredits the entire institution as a whole.

The Association can be researched at 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, 800-621-7440, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org

The following schools or programs are each accredited individually.

Athletic Training

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: 727-210-2350
Fax: 727-210-2354

School of Business and Nonprofit Management

International Assembly for Business Education
IACBE
P.O. Box 3960
Olathe, KS 66063
Phone: 913-631-3009
Fax: 913-631-9154

School of Education

Illinois State Board of Education for Teacher Certification Programs
100 N. 1st Street
Springfield, IL 62777
Phone: 866-262-6663

Illinois Board of Higher Education
431 East Adams, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1404
Phone: 217- 782-2551
Fax: 217-782-8548

School of Nursing

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
One Dupont Circle, NW
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-463-6930
Fax: 202-785-8320

School of Music

National Association of Schools of Music
11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Ste. 21
Reston, VA 20190
Phone: 703-437-0700
Fax: 703-437-6312

Seminary

The Association of Theological Schools
10 Summit Park Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15275
Phone: 412-788-6505
Fax: 412-788-6510