

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Degree Requirements

All students will earn a minimum of 120 semester hours in designated courses. Some majors or concentrations may require more hours. In order to earn a degree, all students need the following:

General Education Program

The General Education program is the core of the curriculum, foundational for all students and all areas of study and vocation. In its concern with ultimate questions, the development of the person, responsibility to society, and the integration of understanding across disciplinary lines, the program reflects the distinctive values of the Christian liberal arts university. In its concern for basic skills of thinking and communication, the program is directed toward practical success in the wide variety of occupations and roles that our graduates enter.

In accordance with the stated mission of North Park, we intend the entire student experience, including both curricular and co-curricular activities to achieve the following learning outcomes. These are stated with the understanding that learning outcomes can only be developed in a content-rich environment, and that academic outcomes are best formed as students attempt to enter into the community of scholars in a variety of disciplines.

A list of learning outcomes is an inadequate way to convey the whole of a person's formal education, let alone the whole of one's life. The arrangement of the learning outcomes as presented here is not to suggest a hierarchical or sequential relationship. As one reflects on who one is, one should come to realize what one needs to know. Acquiring that knowledge may prompt one to action, but it may also prompt further reflection.

A Life of Significance

- Introspection: Examining who one is and who one should become
- Wellness: Physical and psychological well being
- Character: Moral and ethical maturity
- Faith: Spiritual maturity

A Life of Intellectual Growth

- Learning: A deep commitment to and pleasure in the acquisition of information and knowledge
- Responsibility: The ability to monitor, direct, and take ownership for one's own learning
- Inquiry: The ability to use a variety of means for acquiring knowledge and constructing meaning
- Analysis: The ability to evaluate information, knowledge claims and beliefs
- Aesthetics: Appreciation and understanding of different kinds of aesthetic experience

A Life of Service

- Collegiality: Ability to work respectfully with others, including people who are not like you
- Communication: The ability to convey your beliefs, ideas, and feelings to others in a variety of ways and media and the ability to understand others communicating with you
- Problem Solving: The ability to take one's knowledge and skills and apply them to solving a problem

- Social Responsibility: The desire to work with others to create a better world

All graduates must satisfy the listed General Education requirements. All courses that meet G.E. requirements are found under their respective departmental headings and are indicated by the notation GE after the course title. Students admitted before Fall 2009 should consult prior editions of the University Catalog for General Education requirements. Transfer students should consult the transfer section in this catalog or contact the coordinator of transfer admissions regarding transfer guidelines and General Education requirements.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one requirement in the General Education curriculum, but courses taken to fulfill individual General Education requirements may also be used to satisfy major or minor requirements.

A component of writing instruction and practice is a requirement in all courses.

North Park University participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative. Under this agreement, transfer students who have satisfied the Illinois Core Curriculum through successful and approved coursework at Illinois institutions of higher education will be considered to have completed North Park's General Education requirements. The student must, however, additionally complete General Education requirements for Biblical Studies and Foreign Language. Contact the University's transfer counselor for more information.

Required Requirement	Required Courses	Minimum Semester Hours	Course Selections
North Park Dialogue	3	12	NPD 1000: North Park Dialogue I NPD 2000: North Park Dialogue III NPD 3000: North Park Dialogue III*
Biblical and Theological Studies	2	8	BTS 1850: Introduction to the Bible And one course from the following: BTS 2110, 2120, 2130, 2210, 2260, 2500, 2510, 2520, 2600, 2640, 2650, 2700, 3250, 3410
Culture and Society	1	4	AS 2500: Introduction to Africana Studies BSE 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics COMM 2350: Intercultural Communications HIST 2230: The Mediterranean World HIST 2240: The Eurasian World HIST 2250: The Atlantic World HIST 2260: The Modern World MUS 2060: World Music in Cultural Perspective PHIL 2310: East Asian Philosophy and Ethics POGO 2300: Comparative Politics SCAN 2130: Scandinavian History and Culture SOC 1910: Introduction to Sociology SPAN 2130: Mexican History and Culture WGS 2010: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
Fine Arts	1-2	2	ART 1100: Drawing I ART 2010: History of African Art ART 2011: History of Art of the Americas ART 2012: History of Asian Art ART 2013: History of Classical Western Art ART 2014: History of Early Christian Art ART 2015: History of Renaissance and Baroque Art ART 2016: History of Nineteenth-Century Art ART 2017: Early Modern Art ART 2018: Contemporary Art COMM 2110: Performance Literature COMM 2140: Introduction to Theater COMM 2250: Film Studies ENG 1750: Studies in Literature MUS 1000: Introduction to Music MUS 2050: Contemporary American Popular Music Participation in ensembles for a total of 2 sh: MUS 0700, MUS0725, MUS 0750 MUS 0800 01, or MUS 0800 02
Foreign Language**	2	8	Must be proficient through the 1020 level in any ancient or modern language. North Park offers the following languages: ARAB 1010/1020 – Basic Arabic I/II FREN 1010/1020 – Basic French I/II GERM 1010/1020 – Basic German I/II

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			GRK 1010/1020 – Basic Greek I/II (Biblical Greek) ITAL 1010/1020 – Basic Italian I/II KOR 1010/1020 – Basic Korean I/II NORW 1010/1020 – Basic Norwegian I/II SPAN 1010/1020 – Basic Spanish I/II SWED 1010/1020 – Basic Swedish I/II For information on fulfilling the requirement with a language not listed please contact the Center for Academic Services.
Mathematics	1	4	MATH 1030: Concepts and Structures Any MATH course numbered 1030 or higher STAT 1490: Statistics for Social Sciences
Natural Science	2	4	A minimum of 4 semester hours in a laboratory science, at least 2 semester hours in biology and at least 2 semester hours in chemistry or physics. Biology: BIOL 1160, 1180, 1250, 1260, 2110, 2115, 2120, 2125, 2130 Physical Science (Chemistry or Physics): CHEM 1011, 1021, 1150 PHYS 1000, 1020, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1110, 1210
Personal Development	1	2	EXS 1000: Personal Health PSYC 1200: Stress and Health

* Students in the following professional programs are not required to take NPD 3000: Athletic Training, Business & Economics (BS degrees), Education, Music (BM and BME degrees), and Nursing.

** Students completing the foreign language requirement through examination (including AP and CLEP) can only receive an exemption from the requirement. Credit will not be awarded for 1000-level foreign language courses through examination. Credit by examination may be granted for 2000+ level foreign language courses only if the student is majoring or minoring in the language. International business majors may receive credit for 2000-level courses through examination. Students completing the Advanced Placement (AP) program and submitting passing examination scores can also receive credit for 2000-level foreign language courses regardless of major.

Additional Comments Regarding The North Park Dialogue

Transfer students are placed in the Dialogue courses according to the total amount of credit transferred in to North Park. Please refer to the following placement chart:

Total Credits Transferred	Required Dialogue Courses
< 30	NPD 1000, 2000, 3000
30 < 60	NPD 2000, 3000
60 < 90	NPD 3000

Transfer students with less than 60 credits who have not completed an English writing course may need to complete a writing assessment during the orientation period prior to the start of classes. Those students needing remedial writing instruction will be required to register for the appropriate classes. Contact the Center for Academic Services for more details.

Transfer students with 60 credits or more, and who have not completed an English writing course, will need to take a writing course at North Park.

Transfer students with 60 credits or more, and who have not completed a philosophy course, will need to take a philosophy course at North Park. Contact the Center for Academic Services for more details.

If you have questions about transfer credit and the North Park Dialogue courses, please contact the Center for Academic Services.

Degrees, Major and Minor Programs

In addition to the General Education program, every graduate completes a course of study in a specialized or major area.

Degrees

- B.A. – Bachelor of Arts
- B.G.S. – Bachelor of General Studies
- B.M. – Bachelor of Music
- B.M.E. – Bachelor of Music Education
- B.S. – Bachelor of Science

Majors and Degrees

Students may earn the following degrees in the traditional undergraduate program by choosing a major in:

- Advertising (B.A., B.S.)
- Africana Studies (B.A.)
- Art (B.A.)
- Athletic Training (B.S.)
- Biblical and Theological Studies (B.A.)
- Biology (B.A., B.S.)
- Business and Economics (B.A., B.S.)
- Chemistry (B.A., B.S.)
- Clinical Laboratory Science (B.S.)
- Communication Arts (B.A.)
- Early Childhood (B.A.)
- Elementary Education (B.A.)
- English (B.A.)
- Environmental Science (B.A., B.S.)
- Exercise Science (B.S.)
- French (B.A.)
- French Studies (B.A.)
- Global Studies (B.A.)
- History (B.A.)
- Mathematics (B.A., B.S.)
- Music (B.A., B.M., B.M.E.)
- Nursing (B.S.)
- Philosophy (B.A.)
- Physical Education (B.A., B.S.)
- Physics (B.A., B.S.)
- Politics and Government (B.A.)
- Psychology (B.A.)
- Scandinavian Studies (B.A.)
- Sociology (B.A.)
- Spanish (B.A.)
- Youth Ministry (B.A.)

Students in the Gains of Adult Learning (GOAL) program may earn the following degrees by choosing a major in:

- Business Administration (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Church and Ministry Management (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Computer Information Systems (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Counseling and Social Services (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Criminal Justice (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Human Psychology (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Management Information Systems (B.A., B.G.S.)
- Organizational Management and Leadership (B.A., B.G.S.)

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one requirement in the General Education curriculum, but courses taken to fulfill individual General Education requirements may also be used to satisfy major or minor requirements.

Only two courses may be double counted between two different majors or between a major and a minor.

Major Declaration Process

At the end of the first year, advisors assist students in selecting and declaring a major field of study. A student is then assigned a major advisor by the Center for Academic Services respective of the department's faculty. If the student is not ready to choose a major, they will be assigned a status of undeclared and be advised through the Center for Academic Services until the end of the second year. At that point they will declare a major and be assigned to an advisor in the appropriate department. A GPA of a 'C' average (2.00) in the courses within the major is required as a minimum for acceptance. Some programs and majors require a higher grade point average.

Individually Constructed Major (ICM)

North Park University's commitment to the liberal arts provides students with a community that encourages a spirit of innovation and supports the desire to learn from a dynamic community around us. As a result, a student may demonstrate depth of learning and scholarship by planning a major involving subject area(s) of interest. An Individually Constructed Major (ICM) allows students significant independence to form a major that corresponds to his/her own interests, as well as an appropriate culmination identifying the associations of disciplines involved. Whenever possible, the work should be creative, original, and scholarly, rather than simply the mastery of the course content of the selected disciplines.

Working with a faculty advisor(s), the student develops a statement articulating the justification and appropriateness of the ICM and designs a rationale sequence of studies.

The sequence of studies should include:

- A total of at least 36 credits for a B.A. degree and at least 44 credits for a B.S. degree
- At least four courses at the 3000+ level, one of which must be an independent study, internship or capstone course that demonstrates integrated work
- At least 20 credits for a B.A. and 28 credits for a B.S. in the ICM must be taken at North Park University.
- Within one academic department, a student may take no more than 24 credits for a B.A. and 32 credits for a B.S.
- A student must receive a C or better in courses for the ICM.

In order for such a program to be approved, the student must:

- Obtain the permission of the departments of each named academic area involved. Documentation of permission must be provided, such as a memo or letter.
- Obtain the signature of a faculty member who will be responsible for supervising the ICM.
- Gain the approval from the entire Curriculum and Instruction Committee Faculty.
- Complete the Individually Constructed Major Proposal Form.

All approvals must be completed in the academic year prior to graduation. For example, a student graduating in May 2010 must have the ICM approved by May 2009.

The student must still complete all the General Education requirements. If applicable the following requirements outlined in the catalog may be helpful for students pursuing an ICM.

- Transferring courses taken outside North Park University
- Undergraduate credit for graduate courses
- Graduate courses taken by undergraduate students
- Dual Bachelor's degree

Students pursuing an ICM will be held to the same academic standards as any student at North Park University.

Minor Field

In general, a minor is not required for degree completion. However, the student might find the completion of a minor to be advantageous. In consultation with the major advisor, a supplementary series of courses comprising a minor may be determined from one of the following alternatives:

- Subject Minor. A minor may be chosen from any of the major fields of study previously listed.

- **Special Minor.** The student may select a cohesive unit of five courses to be approved by the major advisor and the division chairperson of the minor discipline.

Comprehensive Examination

A comprehensive examination may be required in a major field (see individual departmental requirements).

Dual Bachelor's Degree

A student will be simultaneously awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science degree under the following conditions:

- Candidates must meet the 30-hour residency requirement.
- Candidates must complete a minimum of 150 semester hours of course work.
- Candidates must complete all requirements for both degrees
- No more than two (2) courses may be common to both degrees (excluding General Education requirement).
- 30 semester hours must be unique to the second degree.
- General Education courses completed for one degree may be applied toward the second degree.

Grade Point Average

A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 (C) in all courses attempted as well as in the major field is required for graduation. Some majors or programs may require a higher grade point average.

Pre-Professional and Professional Programs

Pre-Professional Programs

The University offers pre-professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, theology, and veterinary science. These programs are not major areas in the strict sense, but are sequences of courses that will establish an adequate foundation for entry into graduate professional study. Students who are contemplating entry into graduate professional programs in the health and legal fields will understand the increasingly competitive nature of these fields. North Park provides advisory services and foundation courses that enable its graduates to compete very favorably for entry into such graduate programs. Close contact with the University's pre-professional advisors should be maintained throughout the student's residence at North Park.

Professional Programs

The program of studies at North Park permits the student to achieve preparation for entry into a number of careers:

- **Athletic Training:**
The Athletic Training Educational Program prepares students to take the BOC examination. Successful completion of the BOC examination is required in order for the student to work as an entry-level Certified Athletic Trainer. The Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) has a competitive admission process. Entrance into North Park does not guarantee entrance into the Athletic Training Educational Program (ATEP).
- **Business and Economics:**
North Park University offers a bachelor of science in business & economics which will prepare students for careers in accounting,

economics, finance, international business, management, marketing and non-profit management. Courses are offered for those preparing for the Illinois examination for Certified Public Accountant. Five-Year Bachelor/M.B.A. Program: With the availability of first- and second-year M.B.A. courses in both evening and Saturday class formats, North Park University students can complete a bachelor's degree in most fields and an M.B.A. degree within five years. Contact the School of Business and Nonprofit Management (SBNM) Admissions Office for further details.

- **Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical Technology):**

In cooperation with institutions that have established a 12-month professional program, North Park University offers a four-year program leading to the degree of bachelor of science in clinical laboratory science. Students interested in this career must be accepted by the University through the regular admission process. Early in the third year, specific arrangements are made with the sponsoring institution for the professional training phase of the curriculum. Acceptance into a program in Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology for the professional training phase of the curriculum is determined on a competitive basis of all applicants to each individual Clinical Laboratory Science program and is not guaranteed by North Park University.

The following requirements must be met for the bachelor of science in clinical laboratory science degree:

1. Acceptance into major
2. Completion of the general education curriculum
3. Completion of the major requirements and pre-requisite and supporting courses.
4. Acceptance into a Clinical Laboratory Science training curriculum at a sponsoring institution (this requires a minimum of a 2.80 cumulative GPA, and a minimum of a 3.00 GPA in biology and chemistry courses taken during the first three or pre-professional years of the program)
5. Completion of the Clinical Laboratory Science training curriculum at a sponsoring institution.

Completion of the entire program will require three academic years and one professional year. Students will be registered at North Park University for each of the four years of study including the professional year. This will be necessary so students can earn academic credit towards their bachelor degree. Students will be billed by North Park University and eligible for financial aid based on their enrollment.

The following hospital is utilized by North Park University through an affiliation agreement to provide professional education approved by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

North Shore University Health System
Evanston Hospital, Evanston, IL
Director, CLS/Medical Technology Program
Evanston Hospital
2650 Ridge Ave.
Room 1927 D
Evanston, IL 60201

- **Engineering Program (Three-Two Program):**

Through programs of affiliation with the engineering schools of the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland), and the University of Minnesota

(Minneapolis), a student can, through a five-year coordinated program, earn both a baccalaureate degree from North Park University and an engineering degree from one of these three universities. Students spend three years in residence at North Park University, followed by two years in residence at the engineering school. During the North Park years, the student acquires a broad background in the liberal arts while at the same time obtaining the fundamental skills in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and computer science, which are required for engineering. A North Park engineering advisor, knowledgeable about the current requirements of the affiliated schools, is assigned to each student in the program. All North Park general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree must be completed, together with a departmental major. Certain courses taken at the engineering school will be transferred to North Park to complete any requirements not satisfied during the three years spent in residence.

- **Music:**

The School of Music offers the degree of bachelor of music in applied music. This program prepares students for graduate school, careers in performance, and applied teaching.

- **Nursing:**

The School of Nursing offers a four-year program that leads to a bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing. Successful completion of the program qualifies the graduate to apply for the professional nurse licensing examination, the NCLEX-RN.

- **Occupational Therapy (Cooperative Education Program):**

Through affiliation with the occupational therapy program at the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, a student can earn both a baccalaureate degree from North Park and a master of science in occupational therapy from Washington University. The cooperative education program is a five-year program. Students spend three years in residence at North Park, followed by two years in residence at Washington University. During the North Park years, the student acquires a broad background in liberal arts, and fulfills the prerequisites for the occupational therapy program.

All North Park general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree must be completed, together with a departmental major (biology, psychology, or a specially designed pre-occupational therapy constructed major are suggested). Certain courses taken at Washington University may be transferred to North Park to complete any requirements not satisfied during the three years spent in residence. A North Park occupational therapy advisor, knowledgeable about current requirements of the program, is assigned to each pre-occupational therapy student.

- **Teacher Education Program**

The professional sequences combine theoretical and practical studies and include clinical experiences in a preschool, elementary, or secondary school. The following programs have been approved by the Illinois State Certification Board:

- Early Childhood Education (major) (infant-grade 3, type 04 certificate)
- Elementary Education (major) (K-9, type 03 certificate)
- Secondary Education (6-12, type 09 certificate): Biology, English, General Science, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Social Science

- Special K-12 Certification (K-12, type 10 certificate): Art, Music, Physical Education

Early Childhood Education

The combination of an early childhood education major, a major area of concentration selected from a list of approved options, and an expanded general education program enables the student to qualify for Illinois certification.

Elementary Education

The combination of an elementary education major, a major area of concentration selected from a list of approved options, and an expanded general education program enables the student to qualify for Illinois certification.

Secondary Education

An education sequence together with a teaching major, a second area of endorsement, and an expanded general education program qualifies the graduate for a 6-12 certificate.

Special (K-12) Education in Art and Physical Education

An education sequence, together with a teaching major and an expanded general education program, qualifies the graduate for a K-12 certificate or an elementary and secondary certificate in a single subject area.

Residence

All candidates for graduation must take the last 30 semester hours of their degree requirements at North Park University. At least 10 of these must be in the major field.

Second Bachelor's Degree

A student who has previously graduated with a bachelor's degree from North Park may be eligible for a second bachelor's degree if an additional 30 hours are taken beyond the initial degree at North Park and all requirements for the major of the second degree are met. A student who has completed a bachelor's degree from another institution will be treated as a transfer student and must complete all the degree requirements.