

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SPS Program

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The SPS (School of Professional Studies) program extends the mission of North Park University to adults by helping them complete their undergraduate degree with an education in the liberal arts. SPS courses provide a supportive Christian environment that calls forth a lively interest in life-long learning, a sense of personal wholeness, ethical servant leadership in the workplace, and responsible citizenship in the world.

The SPS (School of Professional Studies) program offers six majors to help the adult student with at least 12 semester hours of college credit complete a Bachelor of Arts degree. The eight majors are: (1) Business Administration, (2) Counseling Psychology (3) Criminal Justice, (4) Digital Marketing, (5) Nonprofit Management, and (6) Organizational Management and Leadership. Students complete their degree through two components: (1) Credit for Prior Learning (up to 20 semester hours for learning on the job, in seminars, or individually); and (2) instructional modules offered one four-hour session per week in seven-week courses.

Application Process

Adult applicants with 12 semester hours from an accredited college with a 2.0 grade point average or better are accepted. Those with a grade point average below 2.0 will be considered for admission on a provisional basis.

At the admission stage, students will be informed of any general education and/or elective courses still required, accompanied by a recommendation as to when and how these can be completed (See SPS Studies). Applicants who are accepted must complete an orientation process before registering in courses.

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts (120 semester hour credits total) requires the following:

1. 36-40 major credits
2. 44 general education credits
3. 36-40 elective credits

General Education Subject Requirements	B.A. Required Credits	Area of Concentration	SPS Course Offerings for the B.A.
Foundation Seminar	4		GS 2050: Strategies and Technologies for Professional Development (4 sh)
Research Writing Designation	4		GS 2080: Writing for the Disciplines (4 sh) GS 2085 Research Skills for Discipline (0 sh)
Health and Well-Being	2		GS 1400: Personal Development (2 sh) GS 1450: Adult Fitness and Wellness (2 sh)
Human Society	8		CJ 3000: Introduction to Criminal Justice (4 sh) GS 1050: Introduction to Psychology (4 sh) GS 1930: Introduction to Sociology (4 sh) BADM 3100: Principles of Macro and Micro Economics (4 sh) ISIT 3040: Web Technologies and E-Commerce (4 sh)
Biblical Studies	8		
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Christian Life and Thought	4		GS 2210: Jesus of Nazareth (4 sh) GS 2300: Faith and Business (4 sh) GS 2550: Christian Ethics (4sh) GS 3520: Christian Spirituality (4 sh) GS 3620: World Religions (4sh)
Analytical & Quantitative Reasoning	4		<i>A student may need to take prerequisites prior to completing this requirement.</i>
College Algebra and Beyond			GS 1030: Mathematical Concepts and Structures (4 sh) GS 1490: Statistics in Practice (4 sh)
Natural Sciences	4		<i>must include a laboratory science</i> GS 1040: Chemistry and Our World (1 sh) GS 1100: Conceptual Physics (2 sh) GS 1160: Astronomy (4 sh) GS 1200: Natural History of Illinois (4 sh) GS 1250: Nutrition (2 sh)
Intercultural & Global Competence	8		CPSY 3800: Principles of Counseling Diverse Populations (4 sh) BADM 3700: International Business (4 sh) GS 1010: Spanish I (4 sh) GS 1020: Spanish II (4 sh) GS 2600: Comparative Politics (4 sh) GS 3150: Global Themes in History (4 sh) GS 3620: World Religions (4 sh) CPSY 4040 Psychology of Religion (4 sh)

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Art & Aesthetic Interpretation	2		GS 1750: Studies in Literature (2 sh) GS 2030: Musical Connections: The Classical Tradition and American Jazz (3 sh) GS 2250: Film Studies (3 sh)
Writing Intensive Designation	4		BADM 4400: Strategic Management (4 sh) CJ 3300: Juvenile Justice System (4 sh) CJ 4400: Practicum in Criminal Justice (4 sh) CPSY 2010: Research Methods and Design (4 sh) CPSY 4120: Biopsychosocial Disorders of Human Development (4 sh) ISIT 3030: Information Systems in Organizations (4 sh) ISIT 3040: Web Technologies and E-Commerce (4 sh) NPM 4200: Building Public and Financial Support for Nonprofits (4 sh) ORG 3034: Business Communication (4 sh) ORG 4094: Principles of Marketing (4 sh)
Ethical Reasoning	2		CJ 4300: Professional Issues, Ethics, and Diversity (4 sh) CPSY 4400: Practicum in Counseling Psychology (4 sh) GS 2550: Christian Ethics (4 sh) ORG 4120: Business Ethics (4 sh)
Capstone Seminar	0		GS 4000: Integrative Capstone Seminar (0 sh)

SPS Studies (GS)

SPS Studies offers the general education requirements and selected elective courses in the accelerated format (one night a week or Saturday morning, in four-hour sessions over a period of seven weeks) to SPS students. Exceptions are Spanish I and II and 1-2 semester hour courses. Spanish I and II are offered twice a week in three-hour sessions. Courses bearing 1-2 semester hours meet on alternate schedules within the seven-week format. Students are expected to spend 10-20 hours per week in preparation. Sessions are taught in an interactive manner.

Adult applicants to the SPS program who have 12 semester hours from an accredited college with a 2.0 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 or better are accepted. Those with a grade point average below 2.0 will be asked to submit a writing sample and may be considered for provisional admission. SPS Studies courses are open only to currently enrolled SPS students (with the permission of the advisor). RN-BS Degree Completion students may take SPS Studies courses with the approval of their advisors. Education Certification students who have completed a bachelor's degree may also take SPS Studies courses upon the approval of the School of Education; traditional students may petition to take SPS courses with advisor's approval.

At least one SPS Studies course is offered for each general education requirement.

SPS Core

The SPS Core is a set of three courses designed to prepare incoming students with additional instruction in writing, oral communication, information technology, and mathematical skills. Students are required to complete the core sequence prior to enrolling in their major courses of study. The SPS core is made up of the following:

GS 2050 Strategies and Technologies for Professional Development.. 4 sh

GS 2080 Writing for the Disciplines 4 sh

GS 4000 is a capstone seminar required for all SPS students and is to be taken in the semester prior to graduation.

GESAL Designates a course that fulfills all or part of a General Education (G.E.) requirement for the B.A. degree; see the General Education section of the School of Professional Studies for more information.

1000 College Composition (4 sh) GESAL

The goal of the course is competent writing, critical reading, responsible thinking, and applied understanding of the rhetorical range of the English language. Weekly essay and research paper. Enrollment by placement. In order to pass, students must earn a grade of C- (70%) or higher. 1010 **Spanish I (4 sh) GESAL**

Introduction to contemporary Spanish through materials relating to culture and civilization, with equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Coordinated laboratory work.

1020 Spanish II (4 sh) GESAL

Introduction to contemporary Spanish through materials relating to culture and civilization, with equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Coordinated laboratory work. No credit for Spanish/French/German/Swedish/ Norwegian will be granted to students who have more than two years of high school Spanish, etc. or the equivalent within the last five years. Prerequisite: GS 1010.

1030 Mathematical Concepts and Structures (4 sh) GESAL

Topics such as symbolic logic, set theory, axiomatic systems, non-Euclidean geometry, probability, and basic computer concepts will be covered. Prerequisite: GS 1015.

1040 Chemistry in Our World (2 sh) GESAL

A seminar-based approach to some of the relevant issues of chemistry as applied to sociological, economic, and international contexts.

1050 Introduction to Psychology (4 sh) GESAL

An introduction to the methodology and the major content areas of psychology.

1100 Conceptual Physics (2 sh) GESAL

An introductory algebra-based course in physical science, this course will cover selected topics in physics and astronomy with some introduction to geology and meteorology as they pertain to planetary evolution and environments. Emphasis will be placed on the role of technology in society, physics as a human endeavor, and the present and future status of space exploration. Lab is included in this course. Prerequisite: GS 1015 or by math placement.

1160 Astronomy (4 sh) GESAL

An introduction to basic principles and issues in astronomy. Topics include celestial observations, planetary mechanics, comparative planetology, star evolutions, galaxies, the earth-moon system, and the solar system. Students will also develop important insights into scientific inquiry through use of a variety of data sources. Lab is included in this course.

1200 Natural History of Illinois (4 sh) GESAL

A survey of the natural history of Illinois. Introduces basic concepts of natural history and environmental science. Develops the ability to think critically about scientific problems and concepts. Includes laboratory and field experiences.

1250 Nutrition (2 sh) GESAL

A general course in nutrition that will evaluate the eating habits of the student and suggest how to improve their diet. The digestive process, the role of macronutrients and micronutrients, and weight control will be explored. Nutrition will be examined from pregnancy through the elderly years. Eating disorders, food safety and the general problem of malnutrition throughout our world will be addressed. Independent laboratory activities will be assigned weekly to supplement lecture presentations.

1400 Personal Development (2 sh) GESAL

Examination of the traditional domains of mind, body and spirit, while exploring a holistic approach to the integration of those domains. This course will help students create a personal framework, which will serve them for life. Familiar habits that may lead to ill health will be challenged. Attitudes that respect the wisdom of the body will be cultivated. The interactions among the body, mind, and spirit will be explored. Contemporary interpretations of what contributes to wellness will be examined and applied in the service of identifying and implementing lasting lifestyle changes.

1450 Adult Fitness and Wellness (2 sh) GESAL

Comprehensive instruction in adult fitness and wellness strategies and activities. Particular attention will be paid to practical applications of fitness theories, appropriate nutritional behaviors, and examinations of commonly encountered health and wellness challenges encountered by adults. Includes applied exercise and activity components to assure comprehensive learning and fullness of appreciation for achieving personal fitness and wellness goals.

1490 Statistics in Practice (4 sh) GESAL

This course introduces students to modern statistical practice, focusing on the analysis of data. The most commonly used descriptive and inferential methods are covered. Students develop analytic skills for working with data to gain understanding of real-world

problems in a variety of fields, and critical thinking skills regarding the role of statistics in the modern world.

1750 **Studies in Literature (2 sh)** GESAL

Reading and analysis of the major forms of literary expression. This course is designed to acquaint the student with principles of aesthetic criticism applied to significant works of world literature.

1850 **Introduction to Biblical Studies (4 sh)** GESAL

An introductory survey of the history and theology of the Biblical narrative as it informs Christian faith today. Particular emphasis on the theological unity of the Bible's message.

1910 **U.S. History to 1877 (3 sh)** GESAL

Development of a Western civilization on the American seaboard from colonial beginnings to 1877; emphasis on the colonial experience, Revolution, Constitution, evolution of institutions, division, and reunion.

1920 **U.S. History Since 1877 (3 sh)** GESAL

Development of an industrial and urban society and its political, economic, social, and intellectual significance; emergence as a world power.

1930 **Introduction to Sociology (4 sh)** GESAL

Problems, fields, and methods of sociology. Emphasis on a theoretical frame of reference to explain basic social process, the role of culture in social behavior, the nature of social organization, and social and cultural change. Intensive reading in descriptive studies from a wide range of societies.

1940 **American Government (3 sh)** GESAL

This course will provide a general survey of American politics and government. The purpose is to explain, analyze, and increase your understanding of the processes and institutions by which our nation makes political decisions.

2030 **Musical Connections: The Classical Tradition and American Jazz (3 sh)** GESAL

This course is an introduction to the basic elements of music common to all periods and styles of music. Melody, harmony, and form will be defined as variables that create unique and recognizable musical styles. These styles will be illustrated with lectures and guided listening. The development of American Jazz as it emerged alongside the Western Classical Tradition will be a significant component. A sampling of major composers and their works from both traditions will be covered.

2040 **Women in U.S. History (3 sh)** GESAL

Intensive exploration of the history of work as exemplified by women in the United States. Emphasis on developing the requisite skills for historical inquiry. Opportunity for independent inquiry within the overall theme of the course.

2050 **Strategies and Technologies for Professional Development (4 sh)**

Students will develop transferable skills for academic and professional success, including written and oral communication, use of technology, problem solving, critical reasoning, and lifelong learning. Adult learners will assess their own learning styles, practices, and experiences; reflect on personal and professional roles and goals; and develop learning plans for achieving those goals. Emphasis on understanding fundamental concepts of information technology necessary to effectively exploit computers as tools for academic and professional development. Orientation to expectations of baccalaureate education in general and North Park University learning resources in particular. This is a required course for all incoming School of Adult Learning students.

2070 **Fluency with Information Technology (4 sh)**

This course will develop proficiency with contemporary word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, e-mail, and browser application. The course will also introduce fundamental knowledge underlying information technology including how computers work, how information is represented digitally, modeling and abstraction, and algorithm discovery. Finally, this course will facilitate development of higher-level thinking processes necessary for exploiting IT: problem solving, reasoning, managing complexity, and troubleshooting. Limitations and social implications of technology will also be addressed. Second course in SAL Core sequence.

2080 **Writing for the Disciplines (4 sh)** GESAL

The focus of this course is on helping students to develop communication skills, both written and oral. The course provides instruction and practice in the explanatory, analytical, and persuasive writing that is found in multiple disciplines, emphasizing a writing-to-learn method. Students are given guidance through the writing process and through providing sources and ideas for thinking, rhetorical analysis and writing of complex essays, at least one of which utilizes and documents research, so that students also develop skill in information literacy and the appropriate method of documentation. Additionally, they develop skill in effective and persuasive oral presentation. Overall, students are given opportunities to learn and practice skills for success in their chosen careers, both in college and beyond.

2085 **Research Skills for the Disciplines (0 sh)**

Research for the Disciplines introduces students to a variety of strategies for conducting quality academic research. In addition, it reinforces appropriate academic-integrity etiquette, including proper citation and formatting for integrating outside sources into a student's own writing or other projects requiring research. This zero credit, Pass/Fail course is a requirement for any SPS undergraduate student who has successfully tested out of GS 2080: Writing for the Disciplines. Either a passing grade for GS 2080 or a grade of P in GS 2085 or is required to fulfill an SPS student's Research Writing GE requirement.

2210 **Jesus of Nazareth (4 sh)** GESAL

The life and teachings of Jesus studied with reference to current research. Explores the "quest for the historical Jesus," the historicity of the gospels, and the method and message of Jesus' teachings. Prerequisite: GS 1850.

2250 **Film Studies (3 sh)** GESAL

An exploration of relationships between film and society through the study of film aesthetics, film history, and film criticism. Emphasis will be placed on the criticism of narrative films. Critical skills will be developed through discussion, assigned readings, research, and writing.

2260 **The Modern World (4 sh)** GESAL

The Modern World is an introduction to the cultures and historical developments of the major world regions and their global interactions in the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries.

2300 **Faith and Business (4 sh)** GESAL

The course will foster student understanding of the interplay between Christianity and business and encourage students to consider the issues related to individual Christians as entrepreneurs, employees, leaders and observers of business. It will also examine Christian approaches to business such as "Kingdom Business", "Christ-centered", marketing and management, and Biblical and moral principles for the work place. The purpose of the course is to encourage students to discover how faith and business can co-exist

and to construct a theology of Christian business that will guide them in their career. Prerequisite: GS 1850.

2510 African-American History to 1865 (3 sh) GESAL

Explores the history of African Americans beginning with African origins and continuing through the Civil War. Focuses on Black religion, identity formation, participation in plantation society, and contribution to American culture. Emphasizes African-American self-expression through a reading of primary sources, especially slave narratives.

2520 African-American History from 1865 to the Present (3 sh) GESAL

Explores the history of African Americans from the end of the Civil War to the present. Investigates Black identity formation, migration and urbanization, leadership production, protest strategies, and recent political movements. Gives attention to the writings of African-American authors, especially those of the Harlem Renaissance and the Civil Rights Movement.

2550 Christian Ethics (4 sh) GESAL

A study of the moral implications of the Christian faith, with emphasis on their integration into personal belief. Prerequisite: GS 1850.

2560 C.S. Lewis (4 sh) GESAL

A study of the life and thought of C.S. Lewis. Emphasis will be given to his religious ideas, his understanding of the Christian doctrine, and his methods of commending the Christian faith by reason and imagination. Prerequisite: GS 1850.

2600 Comparative Politics (4 sh) GESAL

An introductory comparative study of the political institutions of the nations of Europe and selected nations of the Middle East, Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Political parties, ideologies, military, social revolution, and modernization will be considered.

3150 Global Themes in History (4 sh) GESAL

An introduction to the cultures, historical developments and global interactions of the world history through an intense examination of one of its significant themes.

3520 Christian Spirituality (4 sh) GESAL

An examination of the nature of Christian spirituality with emphasis on spiritual development and maturity. Relevant literature of a variety of approaches to spirituality will be introduced and evaluated.

3620 World Religions (4 sh) GESAL

Study of the common features and distinctive motifs that characterize some of the main religious traditions; Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and others. Emphasis on development of a methodology for reading and interpreting the world's religions. Prerequisite: GS 1850.

3910 Topics in General Studies (1-4 sh)

An intensive investigation of a selected topic offered from time to time at the discretion of the department.

4000 Integrative Capstone Seminar (0 sh)

This capstone seminar is required for all SAL students and is to be taken in the semester prior to graduation. The student will develop a professional portfolio by revising the resume and professional development plan initiated during the first term at North Park. Participants will reflect on their own learning and professional growth through discussion and synthesis of the University learning outcomes, as well as outcomes specific to each student's major. An opportunity for feedback on the various types of services that

have been part of their experience as well as discussion about methods for continuing service after graduation will be provided. This seminar serves as the final component of the School of Adult Learning assessment of student learning program. A variety of other resources will be shared to help the student continue as a life-long learner.

4910 Topics in International Settings (1-4 sh)

The School of Adult Learning encourages adult students to understand the implications of a global community, both theoretically and experientially. Topics within the overall theme of the course will be announced one year prior to offering the exchange. Study will include three to four weeks of in-class preparation, one to two weeks in a foreign country (e.g., Sweden, Mexico), one to two in-class sessions upon return. A journal will be kept throughout the experience.