

Undergraduate Degree Programs



2020/21 UPDATES

New Professional Career Coaching

Northwestern SPS has partnered with InsideTrack to provide personalized career coaching to Evening Undergraduate students. In addition to the Northwestern University academic and career on-campus advising, this career coaching program meets the needs of working adult students who can work one-on-one with their coach via voice, video, email, text, or through the InsideTrack mobile app. With personalized support for every stage of career development, students can work with a coach from career exploration and planning to long-term goals for professional success. The program prepares students for the job search with guidance for networking, career strategy, branding, and self-promotion. And students actively seeking a job or career advancement benefit from strategies for applying to jobs, interviewing skills, and career cultivation.

Online Expansion

In keeping with the School of Professional Studies mission to provide accessibility to innovative learning, this academic year will feature a variety of new course offerings made available completely online. Courses range from accounting, English literature, writing/composition, philosophy, organization behavior, marketing, and more. SPS anticipates additional online courses in upcoming academic years.

Information Systems Major Update

To meet the needs of today's IT industry, the information systems major will begin development on new computer information system courses. Undergraduate subject areas in development include programming, artificial intelligence, and data science. SPS is collaborating with the McCormick School of Engineering to ensure that our curriculum reflects current knowledge and incorporates the latest technology.

		STUDENT WITH MAXIMUM TRANSFER CREDIT	STUDENT WITH SOME COLLEGE CREDIT	STUDENT WITH NO COLLEGE CREDIT
OUTSIDE TRANSFER CREDIT		22 courses (66 semester hrs.) maximum allowed	12 courses (36 semester hrs.)	No previous college credit
WITH TRANSFER CREDIT, SPS COURSES REQUIRED TO GRADUATE		23 SPS courses	33 SPS courses	45 SPS courses
AGGRESSIVE PLAN	SPS ENROLLMENT	23 courses 3 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 2 per summer quarter (11 courses/year)	23 courses 3 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 2 per summer quarter (11 courses/year)	38 courses 3 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 2 per summer quarter (11 courses/year)
	CLEP EXAMS*	None (transferred in the maximum amount of credit that can be applied toward an NU degree)	10 units of credit through CLEP exam	7 units of credit through CLEP exam
	TIME TO COMPLETION	Approximately 2 years	Approximately 2 years	Approximately 3½ years
MODERATE PLAN	SPS ENROLLMENT	23 courses 2 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 1 per summer quarter (7 courses/year)	31 courses 2 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 1 per summer quarter (7 courses/year)	43 courses 2 per fall, winter and spring quarters; 1 per summer quarter (7 courses/year)
	CLEP EXAMS*	None	2 units of credit through CLEP	2 units of credit through CLEP
	TIME TO COMPLETION	Approximately 3 years	Approximately 4½ years	Approximately 6 years

This sheet is a guide for transferring to Northwestern University School of Professional Studies. This guide is not intended to be a contract with Northwestern University and it does not apply to any other Northwestern University program.

PART-TIME EVENING COURSES

Northwestern University School of Professional Studies (SPS) Undergraduate Degree program is designed for individuals looking to complete their degree at a pace that is both flexible and convenient.

A leader among top universities in its emphasis on teaching, research and writing, Northwestern University has been serving adult learners for more than 80 years.

Our 13 part-time programs offer the academic rigor synonymous with Northwestern in a schedule that accommodates the unique needs of adult students. For convenience, classes are held in the evenings and on Saturdays in Chicago and Evanston.

MAJORS

- Biological Sciences: Human Biology
- Communication Studies
- Communication Systems
- Economics
- English Major in Writing
- Humanities
- Information Systems
- Mathematics
- Organization Behavior
- Accelerated Business Leadership Option
- Psychology
- Radio/Television/Film
- Social Sciences

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

2020–21 TUITION PER UNIT: \$2,054

Undergraduate students pay per course. Each course is equivalent to one unit unless otherwise specified in the course description.

Undergraduate students are eligible for federal financial aid.

sps.northwestern.edu/financialaid

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rewards outstanding transfer applicants for success in previous academic study. Scholarship recipients receive a tuition grant for up to three courses at SPS, based on available funds. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 from all previously attended institutions. SPS Scholarship Application and required supporting materials are due September 1 for full consideration for Fall and Winter, and March 1 for Spring and Summer.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Review

The admissions review committee reads each application fully and employs a holistic review process dedicated to determining an applicant's preparedness to meet the academic rigors of a Northwestern University education. In addition to reviewing academic records, the committee also pays close attention to other indicators of likely success at Northwestern, such as work experience, professional advancement, evidence of commitment to completing the degree, and other relevant factors that demonstrate persistence and motivation.

The most successful applications will include:

- Recent record of academic achievement at a regionally accredited institution
- A clear statement of purpose highlighting educational and professional goals
- Professional resume that highlights occupational experience, skills and achievements

Admitted applicants may be offered additional resources, support and guidelines at the discretion of the decision committee. These terms of admissions are set in an effort to foster academic success and a positive student experience at Northwestern.

Requirements

- A completed online application
- \$50 application fee
- Official high school transcript with conferred date of completion (or GED report)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities
- A current resume or CV
- Statement of purpose
- Documentation (TOEFL) of English proficiency for students whose first language is not English

Deadlines

- Winter quarter: November 1
- Spring quarter: February 1
- Summer quarter: May 1
- Fall quarter: August 1

Quarter Start Dates

- Winter quarter: January 11, 2021
- Spring quarter: March 29, 2021
- Summer quarter: June 21, 2021

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