Undergraduate

Tailored for adult and transfer students, Northwestern University offers the affordability and flexibility to complete your degree and grow professionally.
Finish strong.

PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Elevate your academic and professional career by leveraging the value of a Northwestern University bachelor’s degree in today’s competitive marketplace.

At Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, we offer 12 majors that you can pursue in evening and Saturday sessions. You’ll learn from Northwestern’s renowned faculty alongside your peers — those seeking professional advancement or career change, and those with their eyes on business school or graduate programs. Many students apply transfer credit to their degrees, and flexible course planning enables you to pursue areas of study that help you meet specific goals.

Our alumni will tell you — having a Northwestern University Degree on your resume is a powerful thing. That’s because employers across many diverse fields know that Northwestern is among the best universities, currently ranked 12th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Leading organizations hire our graduates because they come to the workplace exceptionally well prepared, with highly valuable skill sets, diverse perspectives and a readiness to lead. Students interested in graduate school are able to submit impressive applications and arrive with strong writing, research and critical analysis skills.

A high-quality Northwestern education, access to a 200,000 plus global alumni network, and Northwestern University’s enviable reputation for excellence gives graduates a real competitive advantage in the marketplace — a worthwhile investment of your time and tuition dollars. In fact, SPS’s tuition is comparable to other private universities in the Chicago area, and scholarships are available to qualified individuals.

Northwestern can open doors that lead to lifelong career rewards and benefits. Applications are accepted each quarter. Find out how you can get started today.
Curriculum

MAJORS

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

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Once admitted, students will receive a credit evaluation and degree audit detailing all courses that transferred. All previously completed courses are evaluated, regardless of when they were completed. Students are able to transfer in up to half the of units required to graduate. Transferring of course credit is contingent upon:

- Courses taken at a regionally accredited institution
- Passed with a grade of C (2.0) or better
- Similar in focus and classroom hours to courses at Northwestern

STUDENTS-AT-LARGE

Students who are not seeking a degree can still take SPS undergraduate courses in more than 30 subjects. Registering as a student-at-large at SPS provides the opportunity to take one or more courses for personal enrichment or to prepare for future educational or career paths. Students-at-large may take up to four courses for credit or audit courses in which auditing is permitted. See sps.northwestern.edu/sal for details.

Admission

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- A completed online application (sps.northwestern.edu/apply)
- $50 application fee
- Statement of Purpose
- Official high school transcript with conferred date of graduation (or GED report)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities
- A current resume or CV
- Documentation of English proficiency for students whose first language is not English

Supplemental materials, with the exception of transcripts, must be uploaded to the online application. Official electronic transcripts from U.S. institutions are accepted via secure e-transcript providers at spsadmissions@northwestern.edu or mailed to our Chicago Admissions office. Please be sure to include Undergraduate Admissions when addressing your transcripts.

Undergraduate Admissions
Northwestern University School of Professional Studies
Wieboldt Hall, 6th floor
339 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall: August 1
- Winter: November 1
- Spring: February 1
- Summer: May 1
Time to Completion

SPS students often advance through their programs at different rates. Listed here are three common scenarios that indicate — depending on previous college experience and desired course load — how long students might take to complete their degrees. Students need 45 Northwestern units (1 unit = 1 course) to graduate. Upon acceptance, an academic and career adviser will work with you to personalize your plan for degree completion. For more information about advising, visit sps.northwestern.edu/student-services.

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| WITH TRANSFER CREDIT, SPS COURSES REQUIRED TO GRADUATE | 23 SPS courses | 33 SPS courses | 45 SPS courses |

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* Note: Students can transfer in up to 22.5 units of outside credit (including a maximum of 11 College Level Examination Program [CLEP] units) toward their undergraduate SPS degree. To learn more about CLEP credits at SPS, please visit sps.northwestern.edu/CLEP.
My SPS experience changed my career path — and it changed me. I learned more about my leadership and communication style and about how to be a better team member. The program was challenging, but the result was remarkable growth, both professionally and personally.”

Dallas Fitzpatrick, organization behavior (’14)

I find myself really driven to get the most out of every class. The knowledge I gain is recent and relevant, giving me an advantage in the workplace. The mental stimulation is fantastic. I plan on keeping up the momentum after finishing my degree.”

Mike Stiff, communication studies student
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