



ACADEMIC ALERT #2008-21

DATE: December 2008

DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Revised General Education Requirements for B.A. Psychology

RATIONALE: The revised general education requirements will apply to both on-campus traditional and off-campus cohort delivery models for the B.A. Psychology program. The revision reduces the general education requirements from 69 QH to 60 QH, thereby increasing the ease by which transfer students can transition to NLU. In addition to easing transfer, this change is also important as it brings the Psychology program into alignment with the NLU general education minimum requirements. This is consistent with NLU's and CAS's goals of increasing enrollment and creating partnerships with community colleges.

APPROVALS: Senate Academic Planning Committee: November 20, 2008
Faculty Senate; not required

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Psychology program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: For students admitted on or after January 2, 2009

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Admission Criteria

Revised General Education Requirements B.A. Psychology from 69 QH to 60 QH

General Education Area	Existing Requirements	Revised Requirements
Communication	LAE 101 English Comp I 5 QH LAE 102 English Composition II 5 QH	LAE 101 English Comp I 5 QH LAE 102 English Composition II 5 QH
Humanities	Philosophy elective 5 QH Humanities elective 5 QH	Philosophy elective 5 QH Humanities elective 5 QH
Fine Arts	LAA 110 Introduction to Art or Art elective 2 QH LAU 110 Introduction to Music or Music Elective 2 QH	Fine Arts course(s) 5 QH
Quantitative Reasoning	LAM 110 College Mathematics 5 QH LAM 106 Basic Statistics <u>OR</u> LAM 216 Statistical Methods 5 QH	LAM 110 College Mathematics 5 QH LAM 106 Basic Statistics <u>OR</u> LAM 216 Statistical Methods 5 QH
Physical and Life Sciences	LAN 110 General Biology 5 QH LAN 150 Survey of Physical Science 5 QH Science Elective 5 QH	LAN 110 General Biology 5 QH Physical science 5 QH One lab science is required.
Social Sciences	Introductory Social Science Course 5 QH LAS 200 US History and Culture, 1492- 1828 <u>OR</u> LAS 202 US History and Culture, 1828-1898 <u>OR</u> LAS 203 US History and Culture, 1898- Present 5 QH LAS 300 Contemporary World Cultures 5 QH	Introductory Social Science Course 5 QH 1 US History course 5 QH
Behavioral Sciences	LAP 100 General Psychology 5 QH	LAP 100 General Psychology 5 QH
TOTAL	69 QH	60 QH

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1. Communications

LAE101 English Composition I 5
LAE102 English Composition II 5

2. Humanities

Philosophy course 5
Humanities course 5

3. Fine Arts

Fine Arts course(s) 5

4. Quantitative Reasoning

LAM110 College Mathematics 5
LAM106 Basic Statistics OR
LAM216 Statistical Methods 5

5. Physical and Life Sciences

LAN 110 General Biology 5
Physical science 5
One lab science is required.

6. Social Sciences
Introductory Social Science course 5
1 US History course 5

7. Behavioral Sciences
LAP100 General Psychology 5

Implementation

The revised General Education requirements for the B.A. in Psychology need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2009-2010.