

# EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

## Description

This minor introduces students to the field of educational psychology and provides these students with a value added component to their degree. In order to provide students with flexibility, there are two ways to obtain the minor. The first (Plan A) requires taking one course from each of five domains that span educational psychology plus one additional course in a domain of the student's choosing. The second (Plan B) requires taking one course from each of three domains of the student's choosing plus additional concentrated coursework in a particular domain, research under the supervision of a faculty member, or field experience.

## College Requirements

### College Admission

Students accepted by the University must have an ACT of 20 or SAT of 950, or rank in the upper half of their high school graduating class and have the following high school preparation to be eligible for guaranteed admission to the College of Education and Human Sciences:

- Four years of English that include intensive reading and writing experience.
- Two years of one foreign language.
- Four years of mathematics that include Algebra I, II, geometry, and one year that builds on a knowledge of algebra.
- Three years of natural sciences that include at least two years selected from biology, physics, chemistry, and earth science and one year of laboratory instruction.
- Three years of social studies that include at least one year of American and/or world history and one year of history, American government, and/or geography.

### Transfer and Readmitted Students

Transfer students from universities or colleges outside of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and readmitted students seeking admission to the College of Education and Human Sciences must have an accumulated average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or above and no high school deficiencies. Students who do not meet these requirements must enroll as deciding students in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center or in another college. Once they have completed 12 graded hours at Nebraska with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and have removed any high school deficiencies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln students may apply for admission to the College.

Transfer and readmitted students must meet the graduation requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences as stated in the current catalog in effect at the time they enter or reenter the College.

Students who left the College on probation, or who were dismissed, may seek readmission to the College after two semesters by applying to the university's Admissions Office. Readmission is not assured. However, the admissions committee is receptive to giving students a second opportunity to be successful. The committee is interested in knowing what the student has done in the intervening period that would suggest the student will be successful when readmitted. Successfully completing

correspondence courses and/or community college courses is an effective way to demonstrate one's commitment to academic success.

### Transferring from Other Colleges within the University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Students transferring to the College of Education and Human Sciences from another University of Nebraska–Lincoln college or from the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, be in good academic standing, and meet the freshman entrance requirements that exist at the time of their admission to the College of Education and Human Sciences. **Students must fulfill degree requirements that exist at the time of their admission to the college, not at the time they enter the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.**

To remain current, College of Education and Human Sciences students must enroll in, and complete, at least one university course that will apply toward degree requirements during a 12-month period. Students who readmit following an absence of one year or more must meet all requirements in the Undergraduate Catalog in effect at the time of readmission and enrollment. Students who transfer to another University of Nebraska–Lincoln college and later return to the College of Education and Human Sciences will be considered readmitted students. Students who transfer out of a teacher education program, but continue their certification program while seeking a degree in another University of Nebraska–Lincoln college, are exempt from this policy.

### International Students

The College of Education and Human Sciences welcomes undergraduate international students. As a part of admission to the College, international students must present a TOEFL score of 550 or higher and TSE score of 230 or higher.

Students seeking teacher education and state certification must meet the same requirements as any other undergraduate students, including the CORE examination or other basic skills test approved by the Nebraska Department of Education. Students who have received a degree outside of the United States and are interested in teacher certification are required to have a transcript review completed by an approved agency not directly associated with the University of Nebraska. For more information, please contact the Student Services Center.

### Removal of Deficiencies

Students admitted to the University with core deficiencies are expected to remove those deficiencies in a timely manner. Students with deficiencies are not eligible for graduation. The courses that students use to clear core deficiencies may also be used to meet ACE requirements or other graduation requirements. The Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences will make the final decision concerning any problems or questions that may arise in satisfying requirements to remove deficiencies.

## College Degree Requirements

### Grade Rules

#### Minimum Grade Requirements

Grade requirements vary from major to major. Please see the appropriate major listing or check with your advisor regarding minimum grade requirements.

#### Pass/No Pass Option

CEHS students are allowed to take up to 12 hours of Pass/No Pass (P/N) credit. The college departments vary on P/N policies. Students should

check with their advisor to be certain they qualify for the Pass/No Pass option.

### **Grade Appeals**

Any student enrolled in a course in the College of Education and Human Sciences who wishes to appeal alleged unfair and prejudicial treatment by a faculty member shall present their appeal in writing to the Dean's Office no later than 30 days after notice of the student's final course grade has been mailed from campus.

Students may use and are encouraged to use the following sequential procedures to appeal the grade. The problem may be solved at any of the levels of the appeal procedure.

1. Contact the instructor. Frequently, the problems can be solved at this point.
2. Submit a request to the chair of the department.
3. Take the case to the departmental Grading Appeals Committee. The Committee is contacted by the department chair.
4. Take the case to the College Appeals, Retention and Certification Committee by contacting the Dean's Office.

The complaint will be forwarded to a committee consisting of faculty and student representatives. After a hearing, the Committee will make a written recommendation regarding the appeal. The Committee's recommendation is binding on the appealing student and faculty member.

### **Transfer Credit Rules**

#### **Acceptance of Transfer Grades**

- Grades earned at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, UNO, UNK
- Grades of D-, D, D+, and C- satisfy requirements in all programs in the College unless specified otherwise. Students who receive a grade of D-, D, D+, C-, however, are encouraged to retake the course.
- Grades earned outside the University of Nebraska system

The college will accept no more than 9 credit hours of grades less than a C from any program outside the University of Nebraska system. Grades below a C can only be applied to general education requirements and elective classes.

#### **Maximum Number of Hours for Transfer**

Transfer courses are evaluated by the University and by the College to determine University of Nebraska–Lincoln and College course equivalencies. The College determines which courses will be accepted and how they will apply toward degree requirements. Sixty (60) is the maximum number of hours that will be accepted on transfer from a two-year college. Ninety (90) is the maximum number of hours that will be accepted on transfer from accredited four-year colleges and universities.

Courses taken 10 years before admission or readmission to the College will be evaluated by the major department to determine if it is appropriate to accept those courses for transfer credit and for application to degree requirements. Specific courses will be reviewed in keeping with the guidelines specified by each department.

#### **Transfer Credit from Technical, Non-Accredited and Foreign Institutions**

Students who desire to transfer from these institutions must have each course evaluated by the appropriate departmental representative. All rules stated above in reference to grades and maximum credit hours

apply. For additional information and guidance in this process, contact the Dean's Office.

### **Transfer Agreements with UNO and UNK**

Transfer agreements between the three institutions within the University System allow for a smooth transition for students interested in taking courses from UNO, UNK, and/or the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Although restrictions noted above on grades and maximum transfer hours still apply, there are some exceptions. For purposes of residency, courses from UNO and UNK fulfill these requirements. Students planning to major in a program in the college should read the specific requirements noted with individual programs. Questions about academic transfer should be addressed to the Advising Office.

### **Transfer Agreements with Community Colleges**

Articulation agreements and "Transfer with Ease Programs" with Nebraska community colleges indicate how courses and programs will transfer to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Education and Human Sciences. The same guidelines noted above on the acceptance of courses, grades, and hours also apply to these institutions. Students interested in transferring from a community college should consult with their school or the Student Services Center to determine which courses will transfer to fulfill specific College of Education and Human Sciences requirements.

Courses from accredited two-year institutions will generally not be substituted for 400-level human sciences classes in the College. The 300-level courses will be considered on an individual basis by the respective departments in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Courses taken prior to course articulation agreements will be accepted contingent upon departmental validation of the credit.

### **Residency Rules**

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credit hours to earn a degree.

All students are expected to complete at least 30 of their final 36 hours of credit at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

### **Degree Application Process**

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Students are expected to develop a clear understanding of degree requirements and to plan their course of study with a College advisor. Students requiring clarification of outstanding degree requirements should visit with a College advisor promptly.

Students should access their Degree Audit via MyRED at least once each term to review degree requirements and progress toward graduation. It is the student's responsibility to make sure their Degree Audit accurately reflects their current College and program of study.

Students who believe their Degree Audit has errors or omissions should visit with a College advisor promptly. It is important that you resolve these matters as soon as practicable to avoid a delay in graduation.

Each student with MyRED access must submit an online Application for Graduation via MyRED for each degree to be received by:

- The fourth Friday in January for May graduation
- The second Friday in June for August graduation
- The second Friday in September for December graduation

Students submitting an electronic Application for Graduation via MyRED will be billed a \$25.00 per degree fee on their student account. Students without MyRED access may apply for graduation **in person at Husker Hub in the Canfield Administration Building**, or by mail. Applications for graduation submitted in person or by mail must be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Failure to submit a timely Application for Graduation may preclude the awarding of a degree in the intended term.

Your Application for Graduation and required \$25.00 fee are good only for the term marked on your application. Neither your application nor your fee are transferrable to another term. If you submit an Application for Graduation and pay the \$25.00 fee for a specified term but do not complete your degree requirements in that term, you will need to reapply to graduate in a future term and incur another \$25.00 fee.

Commencement ceremony information will be emailed to all degree applicants approximately one month before graduation. Each student who has applied for graduation must submit an online Commencement Attendance Form via MyRED, which will be available when the informational email is distributed.

Only those students who have applied for graduation, had the application accepted, and fulfilled all degree requirements as of the last day of the academic term may participate in the commencement ceremony for that term. Because the University of Nebraska–Lincoln has a commencement for each term, ceremony participation is allowed only in the term during which the student has properly and timely applied for graduation and fulfilled degree requirements.

## Catalog Rule

Students are responsible for following the rules, policies, and requirements found in the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Undergraduate Catalog for the academic year in which they were last admitted to a program in the College of Education and Human Sciences. Students must complete all program requirements from a single catalog year. In consultation with their advisor, a student may choose to move to and follow a subsequent catalog if it is in their best interest.

## Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

### Plan A – General

#### General

Select one course from each area: 15

#### Cognition

EDPS 362	Learning in the Classroom
EDPS 454	Human Cognition and Instruction
EDPS 457	Learning and Motivation Principles for Secondary Teaching

#### Development

EDPS 450	Child Psychology
EDPS 451	Psychology of Adolescence

#### Counseling Psychology

EDPS 320	Happiness and Well-Being through Positive Psychology
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#### Quantitative Methods

EDPS 459	Statistical Methods
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EDPS 470	Introduction to Educational and Psychological Measurement	
<i>School Psychology</i>		
EDPS 463	Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		15
<b>Additional Course</b>		
Select one additional course from any area		3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Total Credit Hours		18

### Plan B – Advanced

#### General

Select one course from each of three areas: 9

#### Cognition

EDPS 362	Learning in the Classroom
EDPS 454	Human Cognition and Instruction
EDPS 457	Learning and Motivation Principles for Secondary Teaching

#### Development

EDPS 450	Child Psychology
EDPS 451	Psychology of Adolescence

#### Counseling Psychology

EDPS 320	Happiness and Well-Being through Positive Psychology
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#### Quantitative Methods

EDPS 459	Statistical Methods
EDPS 470	Introduction to Educational and Psychological Measurement

#### School Psychology

EDPS 463	Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
Select three of the following:		9
EDPS 297	Professional Practicum Experiences II	
EDPS 496	Directed Field Experience <sup>1</sup>	
EDPS 497	Readings in Educational Psychology and Measurements <sup>1</sup>	
EDPS 498	Special Topics <sup>1</sup>	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9
Total Credit Hours		18

<sup>1</sup> EDPS 496, EDPS 497, and EDPS 498 are capstone courses and should be taken towards the end of the minor program or can be taken earlier with permission of instructor.

Substitution of one course allowed, provided the substitution is at the same or higher level and has an educational perspective. As capstone courses, EDPS 496 Directed Field Experience, EDPS 497 Readings in Educational Psychology and Measurements, and EDPS 498 Special Topics require working with an educational psychology professor, who will serve as the student's advisor.

### Grade Rules

#### C- and D Grades

Only grades of C or above will count toward minor requirements.

**Pass/No Pass Limits**

Students minoring in educational psychology may take up to 6 hours  
Pass/No Pass.