WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS  
2020-2021

The following requirements and rules apply to most Weinberg College students. Additional information can be found in Northwestern University’s Undergraduate Catalog and in the undergraduate section of the Weinberg College website, www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/.

1. FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS
If you enter Weinberg College as a first-year student, you must complete two First-Year Seminars, typically one in fall of your first year and one in winter or spring. P/N registration is not allowed in these seminars.

2. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS
As part of your liberal arts education, you will take courses in a wide range of academic disciplines. You must take two approved courses in each of these areas:

- I Natural Sciences  
- II Formal Studies  
- III Social and Behavioral Sciences  
- IV Historical Studies  
- V Ethics and Values  
- VI Literature and Fine Arts

Courses from many departments and programs count toward each distribution requirement area. The Registrar’s website provides information on courses approved for each quarter. Lists of all approved courses for each academic year are posted at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/distribution-requirements/. Some “interdisciplinary studies” courses are approved for more than one distribution area. If you take such a course, you can choose in which one eligible area to count it. Courses taken P/N do not count for Distribution Requirement credit. A maximum of two AP or IB credits may be counted toward these requirements; credits must be in two different areas. You can find detailed information on scores conferring Distribution Requirement credit at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first-year-transfer/first-year/placement-and-credit/ap-and-ib-exams/.

You may not satisfy Distribution Requirements through coursework from other universities. If you are a transfer student or take courses through an affiliated study abroad program, special exceptions may apply.

3. WRITING PROFICIENCY
You must demonstrate proficiency in writing to earn a degree from Weinberg College. Most students do this through work in First-Year Seminars. Detailed information on the requirement is available from the Cook Family Writing Program, 555 Clark St., Room 201, 847-491-7414, www.writingprogram.northwestern.edu/.

4. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
You must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to two years of college-level instruction in a classical or modern foreign language. Some students satisfy this requirement prior to entering Northwestern, some continue with a language studied in high school, and some choose to begin a new language. You may not use the P/N option in courses taken toward meeting this requirement, and you must earn at least a C- in the final course. Detailed information on different options for completing the foreign language proficiency requirement is at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/foreign-language-proficiency/.

5. MAJOR
You must explore at least one academic discipline in depth by completing a Weinberg College major, including any required prerequisites, department or program courses, and related courses; details on major requirements are in Northwestern’s Undergraduate Catalog. You must declare your major by the beginning of your junior year. All courses for the major must be completed with grades of C- or better.

Weinberg College students may choose to complete a minor, but this is not required. A student’s total number of majors plus minors may not typically exceed three; exceptions require permission from the Weinberg College Office of Academic Advising.

This document lists majors and minors offered by Weinberg College. Minors and certificates in some other schools at Northwestern are also open to Weinberg College students. Several rules restrict the counting of any course toward more than one major or minor. Details can be found on the College website at www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/double-counting-faq.html.

6. NUMBER OF COURSES AND QUARTERS
To receive a BA from Weinberg College, you must earn at least 45 units of credit. (Most courses are worth one unit.) At least 34 of the 45 units must come from courses offered by Weinberg College; certain restrictions apply to courses offered by other schools of the University. You must be a student in Weinberg College for your last three quarters. All Weinberg College students are also subject to Northwestern University’s Undergraduate Registration Requirement (URR), which specifies for how many quarters a student must be registered at Northwestern and how much credit must be earned at Northwestern in order to receive a Northwestern degree. URR details are on the Registrar’s website.
MAJORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE
Many departments and programs offer several options within the major. In addition, with approval of the Curricular Review Committee, a student may complete an ad hoc major.

- African American Studies
- African Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Art Theory and Practice
- Asian American Studies
- Asian Languages and Cultures
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Literary Studies
- Computer Science
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Economics
- English (Literature or Creative Writing)
- Environmental Sciences
- French
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geography
- German
- Global Health Studies
- History
- Integrated Science
- International Studies
- Italian Literature and Culture
- Jewish Studies
- Latina and Latino Studies
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Materials Science
- Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Middle East and North African Studies
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Science in Human Culture
- Russian and East European Studies
- Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics

MINORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE
Many departments and programs offer several options within the minor. Completion of a minor is not a degree requirement.

- African American Studies
- African Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Art Theory and Practice
- Asian American Studies
- Asian Languages and Cultures (Humanities or Advanced Languages)
- Business Institutions
- Catholic Studies
- Chemistry
- Classics (Latin, Greek, or Classical Studies)
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science
- Critical Theory
- Data Science
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Economics
- English (Literature or Creative Writing)
- Environmental Policy and Culture
- French
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geography
- German
- Global Health Studies
- Hebrew Studies
- History
- Humanities
- International Studies
- Italian
- Jewish Studies
- Latina and Latino Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Middle East and North African Studies
- Native American and Indigenous Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Portuguese Language and Lusophone Cultures
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Russian and East European Studies
- Science in Human Culture
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- World Literature

1 Special admission requirements; 2 Adjunct major must be completed with another major that is not an adjunct major