

WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS 2025-2026

New requirements for the BA were introduced in 2023. More details on the requirements and rules presented here can be found on the Weinberg College website, www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate, and in the 2025-26 edition of Northwestern University's *Undergraduate Catalog*.

1. COLLEGE SEMINAR

If you enter Weinberg College as a first-year student, you must complete a College Seminar in fall quarter of your first year. This course starts you on the path to fulfilling the learning goals for the BA degree.

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL EXPRESSION

Proficiency in written and oral expression is attained through completion of a First-Year Writing Seminar in winter or spring quarter of your first year, followed later by an approved Advanced Expression course which may be part of your major or may additionally satisfy some other degree requirement.

3. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to two years of college-level instruction in a language other than English through testing or through Northwestern coursework. For coursework, you must earn at least a C- in the final course. More information about language study at Northwestern see: <https://lrc.northwestern.edu/>.

4. FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINES

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

NS	Natural Sciences	HS	Historical Studies
EDR	Empirical and Deductive Reasoning	EET	Ethical and Evaluative Thinking
SBS	Social and Behavioral Sciences	LA	Literature and Arts

You may count a Foundational Disciplines course toward another Weinberg College requirement (such as your major and/or a Perspectives requirement) at the same time. However, if a course is approved for more than one foundational area you must choose in which one foundational area to count it. A maximum of two AP or IB credits may be counted toward these requirements; credits must be in two different foundational areas. Not all AP and IB subject areas are eligible; see the Weinberg College website for details.

You may not satisfy Foundational Disciplines requirements with courses from other universities. If you are a transfer student or take courses through an affiliated study abroad program, special exceptions may apply.

5. PERSPECTIVES ON POWER, JUSTICE, AND EQUITY

This two-part transdisciplinary requirement (one course focused on the United States, the second course Global) is designed to infuse the Weinberg College curriculum with active discussions about how to navigate the local-global continuum amidst the complex and highly dynamic social and political movements of today and in the past. Through taking these courses, students reflect on their own perspectives as the product of interconnected webs of people, ideas, and events. You may count a Perspectives course toward another Weinberg College degree requirement (such as a Foundational Discipline and/or your major) at the same time, but no course may be applied by a student towards both U.S. and Global Perspectives at the same time.

6. MAJOR

You must explore at least one academic discipline in depth by completing a Weinberg College major, including any required prerequisites. 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.

7. NUMBER OF COURSES AND QUARTERS

Most courses are worth one unit of Northwestern credit and to receive a BA from Weinberg College, you must earn at least 45 units of credit. At least 34 of the 45 units must come from course credits in Weinberg College subject areas. 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); see the Registrar's website for details.

MAJORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE

Below are the majors approved by the Weinberg College faculty effective 2025-26.

African Studies ²
American Studies ¹
Anthropology
Art History
Art Theory and Practice
Asian American Studies
Asian Languages and Cultures
Biological Sciences
Black Studies
Chemistry
Classics
Cognitive Science
Comparative Literary Studies
Computer Science
Data Science
Earth and Planetary Sciences
Economics
English (Literature or Creative Writing ¹)
Environmental Policy and Culture ²
Environmental Sciences
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
German
Global Health Studies ²
History
Integrated Science ¹
International Studies ²
Italian Literature and Culture
Jewish Studies
Latina and Latino Studies
Legal Studies ¹
Linguistics
Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences ^{1, 2}
Mathematics
Middle East and North African Studies
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science in Human Culture ²
Russian and East European Studies
Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics

MINORS OFFERED BY WEINBERG COLLEGE

Below are the minors approved by the Weinberg College faculty effective 2025-26. Note that a minor is not a degree requirement.

African Studies
Anthropology
Arabic
Art History
Art Theory and Practice
Asian American Studies
Asian Languages and Cultures (Humanities or Advanced Languages)
Black Studies
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
German
Global Health Studies
Hebrew Studies
History
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

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