ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-20

DATE: **December, 2010**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

Residency Requirements for the B.A. in Psychology program, the Liberal Arts major and minor in Psychology, and the Teaching Concentrations in Psychology and Psychology/Human Development (majors and minors)

Minimum Grade Requirement of C
All psychology courses and general education course requirements in the B.A. in Psychology program, the Liberal Arts major and minor in Psychology course requirements, and the Teaching Concentrations in Psychology and Psychology/Human Development (majors and minors) course requirements must be completed with a grade of C or better.

RATIONALE: A Psychology degree from NLU should have a consistent level of education, with appropriate course content that makes the degree meaningful for the student. To ensure this, it is necessary to have undergraduate requirements for upper level courses and residency. In addition, the Psychology Department believes a grade of D or F does not indicate that students have demonstrated this proficiency.

APPROVAL(S): Department of Psychology, Gale Stam; 10-05-10
CAS Interim Dean, Steve Thompson; 10-05-10
CAS Student Academic Standards Chair, Robert Bruhl: 10-07-10

Current Program Authorizations: The B.A. Psychology is authorized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to be offered in NLU's four home campus Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; South Metropolitan and West Suburban.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Winter Term 2011. Changes affect only new students (admitted Winter 2011 or later) and students who have not taken any classes at NLU for a year or longer. Current students stay under "old" requirements as long as they are continuously enrolled at NLU.

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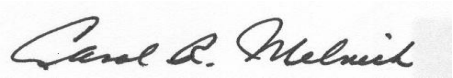

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RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

B.A. in Psychology Program
25 quarter hours of the core courses must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.
15 quarter hours of the concentration courses must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.

B.A. in Liberal Arts Studies Program, majors in Psychology and Psychology/Human Development
25 quarter hours for the major must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.

B.A. in Liberal Arts Studies Program and B.A. in Applied Behavioral Sciences program minors in Psychology and Psychology/Human Development
15 quarter hours for the minor must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.

B.A. in Elementary Education Standard Teaching Concentrations in Psychology and Psychology/Human Development
Major: 25 quarter hours for the major must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.
Minor: 15 quarter hours for the minor must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.

B.A. in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Practice Standard Teaching Concentrations in Psychology/Human Development
Major: 25 quarter hours for the major must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.
Minor: 15 quarter hours for the minor must be upper division and must be taken at NLU.

MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Grade Requirements for the B.A. in Psychology are as follows:

- Completion of the 80 quarter hours of Psychology with grades of *"C"* or better (10 required Psychology core courses and 6 required Psychology concentration courses).
- Completion of the general education core with *"C"* or better (60 quarter hours).

Implementation
Changes need to be entered in Banner CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

Staff in the Registrar's Office, Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

Advisors for undergraduate students, and faculty who teach in undergraduate programs at NLU need to be knowledgeable about the changes in order for students to be advised properly.

The revised catalog copy will be written by the Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs and submitted to the Vice Provost and program chair for review and approval for the next catalog, 2011-2012.