Are you looking to make a difference in the world? Look no further than Northern Illinois University!

NIU’s Nonprofit and NGO Studies is a one-of-a-kind undergraduate program that explores “what” the nonprofit and NGO (non-governmental organization) sector does along with “why” it is done. The program is interdisciplinary, meaning you will be exposed to a wide variety of topics spanning sociology, public administration, communication, political science and anthropology. You can customize the degree to your particular area of interest by taking elective courses.

Make a difference. Become a global citizen and a leader of this new generation.

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<td><strong>Major</strong> (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)</td>
<td>Through hands-on class projects, research opportunities, internships, and study abroad programs, you will apply classroom concepts to practical, real world situations. Use these experiences to gain firsthand knowledge of how and why community organizations operate and make a lasting impact while building your resume and earning course credit.</td>
<td>Young people are launching social-impact careers with a single goal in mind: to make a difference in their community and world. Careers in the nonprofit sector bring a steady paycheck as well as an opportunity to use talent and creativity to tackle some of the world’s most pressing social issues. Nonprofits span a wide range from small neighborhood soup kitchens to large healthcare organizations with billions of dollars in assets. <strong>The nonprofit sector offers a place for everyone to make a difference.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Minor</strong> (six classes)</td>
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<td>Our minors pursue majors in diverse areas such as Communications, Political Science, Pre-Nursing, Public Health, Sociology, Business and Psychology</td>
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<td><strong>Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Nonprofit and NGO Studies</strong> (four classes)</td>
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<td>A certificate provides a focused overview of nonprofits and public service, along with the work done in and careers available in the sector.</td>
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The Nonprofit and NGO Studies major requires core NNGO courses plus interdisciplinary requirements toward a B.A. or B.S. degree. You can then customize your degree by selecting elective courses that closely connect with your interests and career goals.

### Core Requirements in Center

- **NNGO 100** Community Leadership and Civic Engagement  
- **NNGO 302** Introduction to Research in NGO’s & Communities  
- **NNGO 350** Community Organizations in a Digital World  
- **NNGO 390** Special Topics in Nonprofit and NGO Studies Engagement  
- **NNGO 410** Nonprofits and Community Engagement  
- **NNGO 429** International NGOs and Globalization  
- **ANTH 429X** International NGOs and Globalization  
- **SOCI 329X** International NGOs and Globalization  
- **PSPA 301** Philanthropy and Fundraising  
- **PSPA 326X** Nonprofit Management  
- **SOCI 379** Collective Behavior and Social Movements  
- **SOCI 495** Capstone Seminar in Nonprofit and NGO Studies

### Core Requirements outside Center

- **ANTH 220** or **ANTH 429X** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
- **ANTH 464X** Disasters Without Borders  
- **COMS 305** Argumentation and Debate  
- **HIST 171** World History II: Problems in the Human Past  
- **HIST 492** Introduction to Public History  
- **PHIL 231** Contemporary Moral Issues  
- **POLS 260** or **SOCI 170** Introduction to Comparative Politics  
- **POLS 326** or **SOCI 379** or **SOCI 270** Introduction to Sociology  
- **PSPA 331X** Introduction to Public Administration  
- **PSPA 333X** Global Food and Nutrition Issues  
- **PSPA 334X** International Political Economy  
- **PSPA 335X** International Political Economy  
- **PSPA 337X** International Political Economy  
- **PSPA 338X** Peace and Social Justice  
- **PSPA 339X** Peace and Social Justice

* denotes gen ed requirement

Students choose five elective classes to customize their learning experience while finishing the degree requirements. Sample elective classes include:

- **ANTH 464X** Disasters Without Borders  
- **COMS 305** Argumentation and Debate  
- **HIST 492** Introduction to Public History  
- **NUTR 406** Global Food and Nutrition Issues  
- **PSPA 333X** Introduction to Public Administration  
- **PSPA 334X** International Political Economy  
- **PSPA 337X** International Political Economy  
- **PSPA 338X** Peace and Social Justice

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### Career Opportunities

Students often ask “What jobs are available?” Typical graduates pursue rewarding careers in the public and nonprofit sectors in the fields of management/administration, program design and delivery, fundraising and development, volunteer management, human resources and communications.

The nonprofit sector is one of the fastest growing job sectors in the United States, accounting for 10% of overall employment. The U.S. nonprofit sector accounts for 5.3% of the gross domestic product (GDP) -- according to World Bank data, if the nonprofit sector were a country, this would put it just shy of Australia in terms of GDP!

#CommunityLeadership  
#CivicEngagement  
#MakeADifference