The General Education Program requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of courses distributed among five areas. Majors in the Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social/Behavioral Sciences may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area. Students in the Natural Sciences may waive all 9 hours.

Fine Arts
Choose two courses (6 hours) from the following list. No more than ONE course from any department may be used to complete the Fine Arts requirement. This includes transfer courses. Please note: Dance is part of the Music Department.

ART-101  Art in Society
ART-106  Introduction to Art History I
ART-109*  FYE: Art, Architecture, and Urban Design in Chicago
ART-170A  Studio Experiences: Photography
ART-170B  Studio Experiences: Painting
ART-170C  Studio Experiences: Sculpture
ART-170D  Studio Experiences: Metals and Jewelry
ART-170E  Studio Experiences: Printmaking
ART-170F  Studio Experiences: Ceramics
ART-170G  Studio Experiences: Drawing

CMTM-109A*  FYE: Chicago on Video: One Pixel At A Time
CMTM-160  The Art of Film and Video
CMTT-109*  FYE: Staging Chicago: Performances In, For, & About Chicago
CMTT-109C*  FYE: Theater in Chicago
CMTT-130  Introduction to Theatre
ELAD-109*  FYE: School’s Out: Chicago’s Bouquet of Nontraditional Educational Programs
MUS-101  The Musical Experience
MUS-104  Music Concepts: An Introduction
MUS-109*  FYE: Chi-Tunes: Music in Chicago
DANC-101  The Dance Experience: Introduction to the Art of Dance
DANC-109*  FYE: Steppin’ Out – Dance in Chicago
DANC-131  Introduction to Spanish Dance

ZWON-191  Honors Introduction to the Arts

Social/Behavioral Sciences
Choose four courses (12 hours) from the following list. No more than TWO courses from any department may be used to complete the Social/Behavioral Sciences requirement. This includes transfer courses.

AFAM-109*  FYE: Exploring Africa in Chicago
AFAM-200  Introduction to African and African American Studies
ANTH-109C*  FYE: Skin of Chicago
ANTH-212  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH-215  Human Origins: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
CS-100  Computers and Society
CS-109*  FYE: The Information Age: Its Impact on Chicago’s Culture
ECON-109*  FYE: Money Matters: The Chicago Economy
ECON-215  Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON-217  Principles of Microeconomics
EDNM-109*  FYE: Schooling Chicago: Communities, Public Education and Change
EDNM-109*  FYE: Building Chicago One Teacher At A Time
GES-104  Introduction to Geography
GES-109A*  FYE: Chicago Geographies: Global Chicago
GES-109B*  FYE: Chicago Geographies: Environmental Chicago
GES-150  Introduction to Environmental Studies
GS-201  Introduction to Global Studies I
HIST-109*  FYE: History of Chicago
HIST-111A  World History: West to 1500
HIST-111B  World History: West, 1500-Present
HIST-111C  World History: East Asia
HIST-111D  World History: Latin America
HIST-111E  World History: Africa
HIST-111F  World History: Islam
HIST-214  United States History, 1607-1877
HIST-215  United States History, 1877-Present
JUST-109*  FYE: Justice in Chicago
LLAS-101  Introduction to Latino and Latin American Studies
LLAS-109*  FYE: Art, Thought and Revolution in Chicago
PEM-109B*  FYE: Adventure in Chicago
PSID-109*  FYE: Civic Engagement, Community, & Social Change in Chicago
PSDI-210  Introduction to Political Science
PSDI-216  American National Government
PSYC-100  Survey of Psychology
PSYC-109*  FYE: Growing Up in Chicago
PSYC-109E*  FYE: The Pursuit of Happiness, Chicago Style
PSYC-110  Life Span Development
SOCI-100  Introduction to Sociology
SOCI-104  Schools and Society
SOCI-105  Women, Men, and Social Change
SOCI-109A*  FYE: Investigating Chicago: Immigration & Migration
SOWK-109*  FYE: Search for Meaning of Life
WGS-210  Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
ZWON-192  Honors Introduction to the Social Sciences

Natural Sciences
Choose three courses (9 hours) from the following list. One course MUST have a lab component (NSL). No more than TWO courses from any department may be used to complete the Natural Sciences requirement. This includes transfer courses.

ANTH-109B*  FYE: Skeletons in Chicago’s Closets
BIO-100  Introduction to Biology (Lab)
BIO-104  The Changing Natural Environment
BIO-109A*  FYE: Alien Invasions of Chicago
BISI-110  Introduction to Biology for Educators (Lab)
CHEM-103  Chemistry and Society
CHEM-109*  FYE: One Hundred Years of Public Health in America
CHEM-110  Chemical Concepts (Lab)
ENV-101  Introduction to Environmental Science (Lab)
ESCI-109*  FYE: Chicago Rocks! Geology in the City

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ESCI-109W*  FYE: Muddy Waters: Chicago’s Environmental Geology (Lab)
ESCI-121  Introduction to Earth Science (Lab)
ESCI-123  Environmental Geology
PEMT-109*  FYE: Chicago Body Works
PHYS-103  The Universe: Past, Present, and Future
PHYS-120  Physics in Everyday Life (Lab)
ZWON-194  Honors Introduction to the Sciences

Humanities
Choose three courses (9 hours) from the following list. No more than TWG courses from any department may be used to complete the Humanities requirement. This includes transfer courses. PLEASE NOTE: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.

ARAB-101  Arabic I
ARAB-102  Arabic II
BLAW-109*  FYE: Professionalism, Ethics, Law and Chicago Scandal
CHIN-101  Chinese I
CHIN-102  Chinese II
CHIN-103  Chinese III
CHIN-104  Chinese IV
CMTC-100  Introduction to Communication
ENGL-109A*  FYE: Chicago’s Literary Diversity: Reading the Neighborhoods
ENGL-109B*  FYE: Reading and Writing the Literary and Political Landscapes of Chicago
ENGL-109C*  FYE: Drama and Diversity in Chicago
ENGL-109D*  FYE: Language and Literacy in Ethnodiversity
ENGL-109E*  FYE: Your Chicago: Write On!
ENGL-201  The World of Poetry
ENGL-202  The World of Drama
ENGL-203  The World of Fiction
ENGL-205  Literatures and Literacies
FREN-101  French I
FREN-102  French II
FREN-109*  FYE: Chicago: The French Connection
FREN-201  Intermediate French I
GER-101  German I
GER-102  German II
GER-103  German III
GERK-101  Greek I
GERK-102  Greek II
GERK-103  Greek III
ITAL-101  Italian I
ITAL-102  Italian II
ITAL-103  Italian III
JPN-101  Japanese I
JPN-102  Japanese II
JPN-103  Japanese III
JPN-104  Japanese IV
KOR-101  Korean I
KOR-102  Korean II
KOR-103  Korean III
LING-109*  FYE: Language and Diversity in Chicago
LING-120  Lexiconology: The Study of Words
LING-190  Language and Human Behavior
PHL-101  Critical Thinking
PHL-102  Introduction to Philosophy
PHL-213  Ethics
POL-101  Polish I
POL-102  Polish II
POL-103  Polish III
PORT-101  Portuguese I
PORT-102  Portuguese II
PORT-103  Portuguese III
RUS-101  Russian I
RUS-102  Russian II
RUS-103  Russian III
SPAN-101  Spanish I
SPAN-102  Spanish II
SPAN-109*  FYE: Chicago's Latina/o Cultures
SPAN-211  Spanish for Spanish Speakers I
SPAN-212  Spanish for Spanish Speakers II
SWAH-101  Swahili I
SWAH-102  Swahili II
TSLA-109A*  FYE: Teaching English in Chicago
WGS-101  Women's Perspectives and Values
WGS-109*  FYE: Women Organizing in Chicago
ZWON-192  Honors Introduction to the Humanities

Math/Quantitative Reasoning

Choose one course, a minimum of 3 credit hours. In addition to the courses listed below, any three hour college level MATH course beyond Intermediate Algebra meets this requirement. Consult the NEIU Academic Catalog for a list of majors and minors which automatically satisfy this distribution requirement. A grade of “C” or better is necessary to fulfill this distribution requirement.

MATH-112  Statistics in Daily Life
MATH-113  Quantitative Reasoning
MATH-141  College Mathematics I
MATH-149  Math for Elementary Teachers I
MATH-163  Elem Functions Business
MATH-173  College Algebra
MATH-175  Trigonometry
MATH-177  Elem Functions Science/Math
PSYC-302  Statistics and Research Methods II
SOC-212  Introduction to Social Statistics

For further information regarding additional graduation requirements please refer to the University Catalog.