Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) Program is a degree program specifically designed to meet the undergraduate needs of experienced adults in a matter compatible with career and family responsibilities. It enables students to complete graduation requirements through an alternative, self-paced approach to higher education.

Contact Information

Nontraditional Degree Programs: Students who have questions about the BAIS Program prior to admission may contact the Nontraditional Degree Programs Office at (773) 442-6030 or in person in room B-147.

NEIU Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the NEIU Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

NEIU Admission Requirements

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Required documents are: application for admission, $30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

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<td>Fall</td>
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BAIS Program Admission Requirements

- Attend a Prospective Student Meeting and complete all application materials.
  - Application for admission
  - $30 nonrefundable application fee
  - Official transcripts from all colleges and universities
- Please visit http://www.neiu.edu/~ndp/ApplyBAIS.html for further information on applying to the BAIS Program.
Transfer Policies

- All coursework from a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year institution will be accepted and applied toward your degree requirements, as long as the coursework is completed successfully and is college level (100 level or higher).
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer).

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at CCC.

- **Complete an Associate of Arts or Science**: Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Sciences degree will have met NEIU’s Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) General Education Requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Sciences at CCC, including assistance with course selection, please visit Advising Services at CCC. More information is available at their website ([http://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Advising.aspx](http://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Advising.aspx)) or by calling (773) 265-5343.

- **Complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)**: Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their BAIS General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative, including courses at CCC that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org).

- **Transfer Course Lists for CCC**: Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from NEIU’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer). When choosing this option, please use the following NEIU General Education for the BAIS Program guide:

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<td>Need 12 hours of any combination of courses in the following disciplines:</td>
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<td>• Art, Communication Media, Digital Multimedia, English, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Linguistics, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Speech, Theater Art, African American Studies (can be used as Humanities or Social Science, depending on the course)</td>
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<td>Social/Behavioral Science</td>
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<td>• Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, African American Studies (can be used as Humanities or Social Science, depending on the course)</td>
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<td>Natural Science</td>
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<td>• Astronomy, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Environmental Studies, Geology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Networking Technologies, Oceanography, Physical Science, Physics, Zoology</td>
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NEIU Degree Requirements

1.) **Total Credits:** A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.

2.) **Credit Levels:** Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of 300 level coursework. No 300 level coursework from a community college will be able to be applied to this requirement.

3.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see requirements above).

4.) **Residency:** A minimum of 24 credit hours must be taken at Northeastern.

5.) **GPA:** Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall “C” average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.

6.) **Math/Quantitative Reasoning:** This requirement can be met by taking MATH 118 or higher at CCC with a grade of “C” or better. It can be met at NEIU by taking any Math course that is 100 level or higher.

7.) **Improving Human Relations:** The Improving Human Relations Requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets the Improving Human Relations requirement and Humanities or Social Sciences.

8.) **Writing Intensive Program:** Students must successfully complete a writing intensive course. **This course must be completed at NEIU.** Students completing the Bachelors of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies fulfill this requirement by taking any approved WIP course, but **NDP 310 WIP: Diversity in the Workplace** has been created especially for BAIS students and also meets the Improving Human Relations Requirement.

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to providing an affordable education. That’s why our tuition and fees are among the most affordable of the Illinois Public Universities. We offer a tuition guarantee program that guarantees incoming students the same tuition rate for four years.

For information about financing your education at NEIU, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: [www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm](http://www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm). You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email [Financial-Aid@neiu.edu](mailto:Financial-Aid@neiu.edu). If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern’s Federal School code is 001693.

**NDP Scholarship**

Nontraditional Degree Programs awards Merit Tuition Scholarships each semester to high achieving students in the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) and University Without Walls (UWW) Programs.

Please contact the NDP office at (773) 442-6030 for information regarding eligibility requirements, the application process, and application due dates.
Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students:

**Provost Merit Scholarship**
Scholarships in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded to prospective transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:
- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science, or at least 60 earned credit hours.
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.50.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled full time at NEIU.

**Deans Merit Scholarship**
Scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded to prospective transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:
- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science, or at least 60 earned credit hours.
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.0.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled full time at NEIU.

Until all of the scholarships are awarded, students who meet these qualifications will automatically be considered for the Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships at the time of applying for admission to NEIU. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.