



City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

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Why Choose Northeastern?

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.

Northeastern offers more than 50 undergraduate degree and certificate programs, with classes on weekdays, evenings, weekends, and online. Small class sizes allow for students to pursue a more personal academic experience in one of the most ethnically diverse universities in the nation.

Interdisciplinary Studies 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.

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

Northeastern Illinois University 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.
- Additional admission and application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at <https://www.neiu.edu/admissions/transfer>.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

Semester Applying	Deadline to Apply	International Student Deadline to Apply
Fall	August 1	June 15
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies 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 the [Interdisciplinary Studies website](#) for further information on applying to the BAIS Program.

Transfer Policies

- All coursework from a **regionally accredited 2-year 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 <https://www.neiu.edu/admissions/transfer>.

Northeastern Illinois University 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 40 hours of 300 level coursework. No courses equivalent to 300 level coursework at Northeastern from a community college will be able to be applied to this requirement.
- 3.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see requirements below).
- 4.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At CCC, take ENGLISH 101 – Composition
- 5.) **Residency:** A minimum of 24 credit hours **must be taken at Northeastern**.
- 6.) **GPA:** Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall “C” average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.
- 7.) **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 Northeastern by taking any Math course that is 100 level or higher.
- 8.) **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.
- 9.) **Writing Intensive Program:** Students must successfully complete a writing intensive course. **This course must be completed at Northeastern.** 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**.
- 10.) **University Core Curriculum (UCC):** Students must complete two Engaged Learning Experience (ELE) courses. ELE courses are either Boundary Crossing (ELE-X) or Discipline Specific (ELE-DS) and are chosen in consultation with the student’s advisor. At least one course must be at the 300 level and one course must be an ELE-X course as part of meeting the requirement.

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at City Colleges of Chicago.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University's General Education requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science at CCC, including assistance with course selection, please visit [Advising Services at CCC](#). More information is available at their website, or by calling (773) 265-5343.
- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements.
- **Transfer Course Lists for City Colleges of Chicago:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern's [Transfer Course Equivalency Guides](#). **When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:**

Northeastern General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Program		
The General Education Program requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of courses distributed among 3 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	City Colleges of Chicago Equivalent
Humanities	12	Need 12 hours of any combination of courses in the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Communication Media, Comparative Religion, Dance, Digital Multimedia, English, Fine Arts, Humanities, Linguistics, Literature, Media Communication, Music, Philosophy, Speech, Theater Art, World Languages, Africana Studies (can be used as Humanities or Social Science, depending on the course)
Social/Behavioral Science	12	Need 12 hours of any combination of courses in the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Africana Studies (can be used as Humanities or Social Science, depending on the course)
Natural Science	12	Need 12 hours of any combination of courses in the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Cybersecurity, Environmental Studies, Geology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Networking Technologies, Oceanography, Physical Science, Physics, Zoology

Financial Aid and Scholarships

For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <https://www.neiu.edu/financial-aid>. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email Financial-Aid@neiu.edu. If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern's federal School code is **001693**.

Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students*:

Scholarship	Amount Awarded	Credit Hour Requirement	GPA Requirement	Residency Requirement	NEIU Enrollment Requirement
Provost Merit	\$2,000	60+ credit hours	3.50 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)
Dean's Merit	\$1,000	60+ credit hours	3.0 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)

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 Northeastern. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.

Nontraditional Degree Program 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.