



**City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Guide**  
[Bachelor of Social Work \(BSW\)](#)  
[Advanced Standing Master of Social Work \(MSW\)](#)

Associate of Arts to BSW to MSW Track

Available at:

[NEIU Main Campus \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

[University Center \(Grayslake, IL\)](#)

[El Centro \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

[Center for Inner City Studies \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

**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.

**Social Work Program Description**

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree in Social Work is accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education \(CSWE\)](#) and designed to prepare beginning level generalist social work practitioners who are committed to the values and ethics of the profession and the provision of quality services to diverse clients. Coursework and field experiences expose students to a variety of social work settings and clients who represent diverse socio-cultural backgrounds.

Students who earn their BSW can transition into the Advanced Standing Master of Social Work (MSW) program to earn their MSW in one year if attending full-time or two years if attending part-time.

**Contact Information**

**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](mailto:TransferSteps@neiu.edu).

**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	December 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

## 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 Illinois University General Education Program		
The General Education Program requires a minimum of <b>39 credit hours</b> of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	City Colleges of Chicago Equivalent (if any)
<b>Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Northeastern suggests taking <b>MATH 125</b> Introductory Statistics at CCC with a grade of "C" or better.*</li> </ul>
<b>Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This requirement will be fulfilled by completing these courses at CCC for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>ANTHRO 202</b> Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>○ <b>PSYCH 201</b> General Psychology</li> <li>○ <b>SOC 201</b> Intro to the Study of Society</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>● The following course is required for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>BIOLOGY 114</b> General Education Biology</li> </ul> </li> <li>● One course must be a lab course.</li> </ul>
<b>Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)</b>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than one course from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>● No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-General Education University Requirements (3-6 hours)</b>	3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ENGLISH 101</b> Composition at CCC with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>● Improving Human Relations requirement will be met through completion of <b>ANTHRO 202</b> Cultural Anthropology or <b>PHIL 107</b> Ethics or <b>SOC 201</b> Intro to the Study of Society.</li> </ul>

**\*Note** – If you are planning on pursuing a graduate degree in Social Work upon completion of your BSW, you are advised to successfully complete a statistics course. This is a requirement of most MSW programs. You can do this at City Colleges of Chicago by completing MATH 125 Introductory Statistics.

## Degree Plan\*

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students			
<i>*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>			
Semester 1	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ENGLISH 101 – Composition (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework
MATH 125 – Introductory Statistics (4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
BIOLOGY 114 – General Education Biology (4)	Life Science	General Education SWK Liberal Arts	
PSYCH 201 – General Psychology (3)	Social Science	General Education SWK Liberal Arts	
<b>14 Credit Hours</b>			
Semester 2	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ENGLISH 102 – Composition (3)	Communication	Elective	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply</a> to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
SOC 201 – Intro to Study of Society (3)	Social Science	General Education Improving Human Relations SWK Liberal Arts	
PHIL 107 Ethics (3)	Humanities	General Education Improving Human Relations	
Physical Science Course (4)	Physical Science	General Education	
SOC SER 101 – Introduction to Social Work (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – SWK 200 Introduction to Social Work	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>			
Semester 3	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SPEECH 101 – Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)	Communication	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four-year funding  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply for admission</a> to NEIU
Fine Arts Course (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
ANTHRO 202 – Cultural Anthropology (3)	Social Science Human Diversity Req	General Education Improving Human Relations SWK Liberal Arts	
SOC SER 201 – Principles of Social Work Practice (3)	Elective	Major Values & Knowledge Elective – SWK 250 Issues in Soc Ser Delivery	
MENHLTH 223 – Intro to Addiction Studies (3)	Prerequisite for SOC SER 212	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>			
Semester 4	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate  <b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)
SOC SER 212 – Introduction to Group Process (3)	Elective	Major Skills Elective – SWK 328 Social Work Practice with Groups	
Any PSYCH Course (3)	Pathway Elective	General Education	
Any SOC Course (3)	Pathway Elective	General Education	
Any Elective (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>			
<b>Minimum Total AA Credit Hours: 60</b> <b>Written Degree Plan Credit Range: 60</b>			

**Note:**

- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from City Colleges of Chicago enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit, even if they have earned fewer than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- ANTHRO 202, PSYCH 201, SOC 201, and BIOLOGY 114 (or their equivalents at Northeastern) must be completed by the end of Semester 5 as part of the Liberal Arts requirement in the Social Work major.
- MATH 125 should be completed if the student wishes to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work, as most Social Work Master's Degree programs require a statistics course.
- Students pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work need to maintain a 3.0 overall GPA.

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<i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>		
Semester 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 207 – Social Welfare Policy I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 303 – WIP: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)	Major Course WIP Requirement	
SWK 304 – Social Work Practice I (3)	Major Course ELE-DS Requirement	
SWK 309 – Research and Quantitative Applications in Social Work (3)	Major Course	
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 305 – Social Work Practice II (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 306 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)	Major Course	
SWK 357 – Social Welfare Policy II (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation and start the application process for MSW
SWK 300 – Human Sexuality and Social Work (3)	ELE-X Requirement	
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 310 – Research Seminar I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 353 – Field Seminar I (3)	Major Course ELE-DS Requirement	
SWK 355 – Field Practicum I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
Elective Course (2)	Elective	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
<b>14 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 311 – Research Seminar II (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 354 – Field Seminar II (3)	Major Course	
SWK 356 – Field Practicum II (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

### Advanced Standing Master of Social Work (MSW)

Students admitted to the MSW Program who have earned a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree in the past five years from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) can immediately transition into the 30 credit-hour Specialized Curriculum. This curriculum can be completed in one year full-time or two years part-time.

Admission requirements to the program are as follows:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- A two-page professional statement addressing your goals and objectives specific to the MSW program
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Three letters of recommendation with one letter coming from the BSW Program Director, Field Director, or a faculty member of the school from which you received your BSW

## Northeastern Illinois University – Advanced Standing MSW Track

*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters*

Semester 9	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 472 – Trauma Treatment with Children and Families (3)	Program Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 431 – Social Work Practice with Families (3) or SWK 441 – Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice (3)**	Program Course	
SWK 432 – Family-centered Policy (3) or SWK 442 – Political Advocacy (3)**	Program Course	
SWK 491 – Specialized Research I (3)	Program Course	
SWK 495 – Practicum III (3)	Program Course	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 10	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 433 – Social Work Practice with Children (3) or SWK 443 – Social Justice and Social Change (3)**	Program Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 434 – Child-centered Policy (3) or SWK 444 – Community Practice (3)**	Program Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
SWK 496 – Practicum IV (3)	Program Course	<b>COMPLETION</b> of Master of Social Work Degree
Program Elective (3)	Program Course	
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<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		

**\*\*Note** – Course choice depends on your program concentration.

### Tuition, 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](mailto: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
<b>Provost Merit</b>	\$2,000	60+ credit hours	3.50 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)
<b>Deans Merit</b>	\$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](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).*