

Northern Illinois University
TRANSFER GUIDE
2023-2024

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Tuition: \$15,096 per year
Room & Board: \$13,500 per year
Enrollment: 15,649

THIS TRANSFER GUIDE CONTAINS IMPORTANT TRANSFER INFORMATION THAT CAN IMPACT A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO TRANSFER AND COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

The information on this sheet is subject to frequent change; students should contact the four-year school to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Complete AA or AS* Degree

Students planning on transferring to Northern Illinois University who complete the AA or AS* degree can benefit from the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). By completing Harper's 1998 or later AA or AS* degree with a 2.0 GPA in Groups 1-5, NIU's general education requirements will be considered met.

Individual majors may have additional prerequisites and/or requirements that are not covered by this agreement.

Transfer without completing AA or AS* Degree

Students who choose to transfer prior to completing an AA or AS* degree can still benefit from Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) by completing Groups 1-5 of the AA or AS* with a cumulative 2.0 GPA. This completes the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) which will meet NIU's general education requirements.

Students who do not complete the AA or AS* or the GECC will need to meet NIU's general education requirements. See the transfer grid on page 4 of this guide. Students who have earned 30 hours of transferable credit to NIU and are IAI eligible may have the option to complete the GECC after transfer, instead of NIU's general education requirements. Students should check with an NIU advisor to determine the best option.

* On September 18, 2015 the Illinois Community College Board approved the changes to the AS degree. The changes are effective beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year. The new AS model requires fewer humanities and fine arts and social and behavioral sciences and requires additional mathematics and science. Effective the 2016/2017 catalog the AS will no longer include the IAI GECC package.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Admission requirements vary by the number of hours attempted at the time of application

12 semester hours or less

1. Applicants will be evaluated as freshmen for admission purposes and must meet the current freshman admission requirements.
2. The grade point average earned for the attempted 12 hours or less will not affect the admission decision. (This policy has been developed to encourage students to take advantage of local post-secondary educational opportunities, either during their senior year in high school or during the summer before NIU enrollment, without jeopardizing their admission to Northern.)

12-24 semester hours of transferable college-level credit at the time of application must

1. Meet current freshman admission criteria.
2. Be in good standing at the last college attended.
3. Have a GPA of at least a C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) from all colleges attended (as computed by NIU standards)

24-60 or more semester hours of transferable college-level credit at the time of application

1. Have at least a C grade point average (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) from all colleges attended (as computed by NIU standards).
2. Be in good standing at the last college attended.

Illinois Public Community College Graduates

A graduate of an Illinois public community college who has not previously attended Northern **will be admitted to NIU.**

LIMITED ADMISSIONS MAJORS

The following majors at NIU have additional admissions criteria:

- Acting
- Applied Manufacturing Technology
- Art and Design Education
- Art Studio and Design
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Health Sciences Degree Completion
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Music
- Nursing

Go to <https://www.niu.edu/admissions/path/transfer/credits/> to see the specific admission requirements for each major.

UNIVERSITY CENTER AT HARPER COLLEGE

Northern Illinois University offers three Bachelor's degree programs on site at Harper College through the University Center.

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Marketing
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

For more information, go to www.harpercollege.edu/university

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS, NURSING, ENGINEERING AND EDUCATION MAJORS

Students planning on majoring in Business, Nursing, Engineering or Education should consult the Transfer Major information found at www.harpercollege.edu/transfer for additional transfer requirements.

CORE COMPETENCY IN MATHEMATICS

Enrollment into courses offered at NIU which fulfill NIU's core competency requirement in mathematics requires an entry-skill level, determined through placement testing and/or explicit prerequisite, at least equal to that expected from the successful completion of an intermediate algebra course. Because intermediate algebra is not offered at NIU, you will be expected to have attained this skill level prior to enrollment into NIU core competency mathematics courses.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a foreign language equivalent to two years of college instruction. The requirement can be met by successfully completing a sequence of courses, four years of the same foreign language at an accredited high school with no grade lower than a C, or exemption by testing or being an international student with a native language other than English.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer credit from two-year colleges is limited to 66 semester hours plus a maximum of four semester hours of physical education activity credit.

CALCULATION OF ADMISSION GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- Per NIU's repeat policy, courses where a grade of C or better was earned can not be repeated. Repeated courses for which a grade of C or better was received in the first attempt will not be calculated in the admission GPA, nor will such a course be accepted for transfer credit.
- If D or F courses are repeated, the second attempt only will be utilized in calculating the GPA.
- Certain majors require special admission grading policies. All students, including those earning an AA or AS degree, who intend to major in one of these programs will be held to these grading policies.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The completed application and all supporting documents must be on file in the Office of Admissions by the dates listed below. However, early application is strongly recommended. The application process begins every September 1st.

Term	Application Deadline
Fall	August 1 st
Spring	December 1 st
Summer	May 15 th

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

NIU has several scholarships to offer to new students, including Phi Theta Kappa and the NIU Transfer Scholarship. Please see <http://www.scholarships.niu.edu/scholarships/index.shtml> for a complete list.

Also check out the NIU Scholarship Finder <http://www.scholarships.niu.edu/scholarships/search/index.shtml>

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Advising Services
Building A, Room A-364
847-925-6220

Northern Illinois University Transfer Guide

Below are the Progressive Learning in Undergraduate Studies (PLUS) general education requirements for Northern Illinois University. Individual majors may require additional course work for admission and/or additional general education course work for graduation.

Final decisions regarding the acceptance of credit rest with Northern Illinois University.

Students transferring with an AA or AS (1998-2015) degree or the IAI General Education Core (Groups 1-5) will have met the general education requirements listed below.

FOUNDATION STUDIES	SEMESTER HRS REQUIRED	EQUIVALENT HARPER COURSES
1 st Year Rhetoric & Composition <i>A grade of "C" or better is required in ENG 101 & 102</i>	3	ENG 101
2 nd Year Writing in Domains <i>A grade of "C" or better is required in ENG 101 & 102</i>	3	ENG 102
Oral Communication	3	SPE 101
Quantitative Literacy <i>A grade of "C" or better is required (in all except MATH 101).</i> <i>* Both MTH 130 & 131 must be taken to meet the math requirement.</i>	3	MTH 162 or 165 or 225, MTH 101, 124, 130 & 131*, 134 or 200, 140, 201, 202, 220

KNOWLEDGE DOMAIN STUDIES	SEMESTER HRS REQUIRED	EQUIVALENT HARPER COURSES
Creativity & Critical Analysis	6-9	ANT 206; ART 105, 111, 114, 130, 131, 132; EDU 211; ENG 103; HST 111, 112, 141, 142; HUM 101, 102, 120; LIT 105, 110, 112, 115, 206, 207, 210, 221, 222, 224, 231, 232, 241; MUS 103, 104, 106, 120; PHI 101, 102, 105, 115, 170, 190; SPE 200; THE 111
Nature & Technology	6-9	ANT 205; AST 100, 101, 112, 115; BIO 101, 103, 105, 110, 115, 116, 120, 135, 140; CHM 100, 103, 105, 110, 121, 122, 125; CIS 101, 106; ESC 100, 110, 111, 112, 113, 121; GEG 111, 112; KIN 203; PHY 100, 110, 121, 122, 201, 202
Society & Culture	6-9	ANT 101, 202, 205, 206, 210; DIV 101; ECE 102; ECO 200, 210, 211, 212; EDU 201; GEG 100, 101, 103, 104, 210; HED 200, 203, 206; HST 210, 212; HUM 110, 115; KIN 224; PHI 120, 180, 215; PSC 101, 250, 270; PSY 101, 216, 228; SOC 101, 205, 210, 215

Note: Other Harper courses are transferable to NIU but do not satisfy general education requirements.

Check <https://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/> or www.transferology.com for a complete listing of transferable courses.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Business

Accountancy (B.S.)
Business Administration (B.S.)
Finance (B.S.)
Management (B.S.)
Marketing* (B.S.)
Operations and Information Management (B.S.)

Education

Early Childhood Studies (B.S.)
Elementary Education (B.S.Ed.)
Kinesiology (B.S.)
Physical Education (B.S.Ed.)
Special Education (B.S.Ed.)

Engineering

Electrical Engineering (B.S.)
Industrial and Systems Engineering (B.S.)
Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)
Technology (B.S.)

Health and Human Sciences

Communicative Disorders (B.S.)
Family and Child Studies (B.S.)
Health Education (B.S.Ed.)
Health Sciences (B.S.)
Medical Laboratory Sciences (B.S.)
Nursing (B.S.)
Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality Administration (B.S.)
Public Health (B.S.)
Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising (B.S.)

Visual and Performing Arts

Art (B.A.)
Art Education - 2 options (B.S.Ed.)
Art History (B.A.)
Art, Studio - 11 options (B.F.A.)
Music (B.A.)
Music - 8 options (B.M.)
Theatre Arts - 3 options (B.F.A.)
Theatre Studies (B.A.)

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Anthropology (B.A. and B.S.)
Biological Sciences (B.S.)
Chemistry (B.S.)
Communication Studies (B.A. and B.S.)
Computer Science* (B.S.)
Economics (B.A. and B.S.)
English (B.A.)
French (B.A.)
Geography (B.A. and B.S.)
Geology and Environmental Geosciences (B.S.)
German (B.A.)
History (B.A. and B.S.)
Journalism (B.A. and B.S.)
Mathematical Sciences (B.S.)
Meteorology (B.S.)
Philosophy (B.A.)
Physics (B.S.)
Political Science (B.A. and B.S.)
Psychology* (B.A. and B.S.)
Russian (B.A.)
Sociology (B.A. and B.S.)
Spanish (B.A.)

Contract Majors

Education (B.G.S.)
Education (B.S.)
Engineering and Engineering Technology (B.G.S.)
Health and Human Sciences (B.S.)
Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.A. or B.S.)
Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.G.S.)
Visual and Performing Arts (B.A.)
Visual and Performing Arts (B.G.S.)

*Available at the University Center at Harper College