



**College of Lake County Transfer Guide  
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**

**Available at:  
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)  
University Center (Grayslake, IL)**

**Social Work Program Description**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work is 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.

**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 the University Center: (847) 665-4173. To reach us at the main Chicago campus, please call (773) 442-4076 or email [TransferSteps@neiu.edu](mailto:TransferSteps@neiu.edu).

**University Center:** For more information about the UC or to schedule an appointment, contact Nora Mena, Recruitment Specialist/Advisor at (847) 665-4014 or [nmena@ucenter.org](mailto:nmena@ucenter.org). Current schedules, program updates and upcoming events are available on their website: [www.ucenter.org](http://www.ucenter.org).

**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](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer).
- Application deadlines are as follows:

		<i><b>International Applicants</b></i>
<b>Fall</b>	July 15	June 15
<b>Spring</b>	November 1	October 1
<b>Summer I</b>	April 1	March 1
<b>Summer II</b>	May 1	April 1

**Transfer Policies**

- Students with an AA degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled Northeastern Illinois University’s general education requirements.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours may be transferred to Northeastern from a community college. In cases where both a community college and university were attended, a maximum of 90 semester hours are accepted, with a maximum of 64 semester hours allowed at the community college level.
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer).

## Northeastern Illinois University Degree Requirements

- 1.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see requirements below)
- 2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At CLC, take ENG 121 - English Composition I
- 3.) **Total Credits and Credit Levels:** A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern. **Students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours at the 300 level to meet the Upper Division requirement.**
- 4.) **Major Program:** Undergraduate students must declare and complete a major. Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major.
- 5.) **Residency:** The last 30 consecutive 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.) **Improving Human Relations:** Social Work students will complete this requirement within the major.
- 8.) **Writing Intensive Program:** Students must successfully complete a writing intensive course within their discipline. **This course must be completed at Northeastern.** Students completing the Bachelors of Arts in Social Work fulfill this requirement by taking SWK 303 WIP: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I or SWK 322 WIP: International Social Work.
- 9.) **University Core Curriculum (UCC):** Students must complete three 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

Four options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at CLC.

- **Associate of Arts:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University’s General Education requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts at CLC, including assistance with course selection, please visit the Counseling, Admissions, and Transfer Center at CLC. More information is available at their website ([www.clcillinois.edu/depts/cou/](http://www.clcillinois.edu/depts/cou/)) or by calling (847) 543-2060.
- **Associate of Science:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Science degree granted August 2016 or earlier will have met Northeastern Illinois University’s General Education requirements. Students who transfer with an approved ICCB Model Associate’s degree granted December 2016 or later may need to take one additional Humanities course and one additional Social and Behavioral Sciences course to meet Northeastern’s General Education requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Science at CLC, including assistance with course selection, please visit the Counseling, Admissions, and Transfer Center at CLC. More information is available at their website ([www.clcillinois.edu/depts/cou/](http://www.clcillinois.edu/depts/cou/)) or by calling (847) 543-2060.

- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative, including courses at CLC that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org).
- **Transfer Course Lists for CLC:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer). **When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:**

<b>Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program</b>		
The General Education Program requires a minimum of <b>36 credit hours</b> of courses distributed among 5 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	College of Lake County Equivalent (if any)
<b>Math / Quantitative Reasoning</b> 1 course	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeastern suggests taking MTH 140 or MTH 222 at CLC with a grade of “C” or better. MTH 118 is also acceptable, but will not meet the requirements for an AA or an AS at CLC.</li> </ul>
<b>Social / Behavioral Sciences</b> 3 courses	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This requirement will be fulfilled by completing these courses at CLC for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major (Please see Liberal Arts Requirements on page 4).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ANT 221 Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>○ PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology</li> <li>○ PSY 220 Life Span Development</li> <li>○ SOC 121 Introduction to Sociology</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Natural Sciences</b> 3 courses	9	<p>*See the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses that meet this requirement at the College of Lake County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>• <b>One</b> of the following courses is required for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major. Either course will meet the General Education lab requirement (Please see Liberal Arts Requirements on page 4).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BIO 123 Principles of Biology</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></li> <li>○ BIO 141 Concepts in Biology</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Fine Arts</b> 2 courses	6	<p>*See the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses that meet this requirement at the College of Lake County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than one course from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Humanities</b> 3 courses	9	<p>*See the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses that meet this requirement at the College of Lake County.</p> <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>

**\*Please note:** NEIU does not offer lower division (general education and prerequisite) courses at the University Center.

**\*Please visit [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer) and click on the Transfer Course Equivalency Link to view list of courses.**

## Liberal Arts Requirements

Liberal Arts Requirements: 15 credits (Must be completed prior to taking major courses)		
Northeastern Illinois University Course	Credits	College of Lake County equivalent (if any)
ANTH 212 Cultural Anthropology	3	ANT 221 Cultural Anthropology
BIOL 100 Introduction to Biology	3	BIO 123 Principles of Biology <b>Or</b> BIO 141 Concepts in Biology
PSYC 100 Survey and Psychology <b>Or</b> PSYC 200 General Psychology	3	PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 110 Life Span Development	3	PSY 220 Lifespan Development
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 121 Introduction to Sociology

\* Note: Northeastern suggests taking MTH 140 or MTH 222 at CLC with a grade of "C" or better. MTH 118 is also acceptable, but will not meet the requirements for an AA or an AS at CLC. See page 3 for additional General Education requirements.\*

## Social Work Major Requirements

Northeastern Illinois University Social Work Major: 48 credits		
Northeastern Illinois University Course	Credits	College of Lake County Equivalent (if any)
SWK 200 Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 121 – Introduction to Social Work
SWK 207 Social Welfare Policy I	3	<i>No equivalency at College of Lake County.</i>
SWK 303 WIP: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I This course fulfills the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) degree requirement <b>(This course must be completed at Northeastern)</b>	3	<i>No equivalency at College of Lake County.</i> Prerequisites for this course can be fulfilled at CLC by taking ENG 121 - English Comp I and SWK 121 Introduction to Social Work (upon Social Work department approval), with "C" grade or higher in each course.
SWK 304 Social Work Practice I	3	<i>No equivalencies at College of Lake County.</i>
SWK 305 Social Work Practice II	3	
SWK 306 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3	
SWK 309 Research and Quantitative Applications in Social Work	3	
SWK 310 Research Practicum I	3	
SWK 311 Research Practicum II	3	
SWK 353 Field Seminar I	3	
SWK 354 Field Seminar II	3	
SWK 355 Field Practicum I	3	
SWK 356 Field Practicum II	3	
SWK 357 Social Welfare Policy II	3	
<b>Two Electives in Social Work:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One from the Skills offering</li> <li>One from the Values and Knowledge offering</li> </ul>	6	SWK 228 - Human Sexuality (cross-listed with PSY 228) counts as Values and Knowledge elective

### **Policies that Apply to the Social Work Major**

- All students must have a 2.50 GPA in order to declare a major in Social Work, and must maintain that 2.50 GPA in order to remain in the program.
- Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minors.
- Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in courses at the 200 and/or 300 level in their majors at Northeastern.
- Students interested in the major in social work must submit an application for admission to the major and be approved by the program's Admissions Committee. Application forms are available in the program office.
- Students need to complete all General Education and Liberal Arts requirements in order to move beyond SWK 207.

## **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 Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <http://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:**

#### **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 Northeastern.

#### **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 Northeastern.

*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).