



## Rock Valley College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Available at:  
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)  
University Center (Grayslake, 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 40 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.

### Psychology Program Description

Northeastern's Department of Psychology offers an undergraduate program that leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Our comprehensive Psychology program exposes you to various areas of psychology as well as opportunities for hands-on research and optional field experience.

The department faculty members represent a number of theoretical approaches as well as a wide range of content areas, enhancing your opportunity to become acquainted with the full scope of this broad and complex subject. Because of the need to create a combination of courses consistent with their career goals, students are urged to form a continuing relationship with a department faculty advisor early in their major.

The interdisciplinary nature of psychology requires familiarity with other fields. Students intending to pursue graduate studies should have a strong background in mathematics and the natural sciences. All Psychology majors will benefit from course work in philosophy, physiology, literature, history, the social sciences, and computer science.

### Contact Information

**Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center:** Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern 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 [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer).
- Application deadlines are as follows:

| Semester Applying | Deadline to Apply | International Student Deadline to Apply |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Fall              | July 15           | June 15                                 |
| Spring            | November 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 Rock Valley College.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree:** 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. Students who transfer with an Associate of Science 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.
- **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 Rock Valley College:** 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:*

| Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program   |         |   |
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| The General Education Program requires a minimum of <b>39 credit hours</b> of courses distributed among 6 areas. |         |   |
| Northeastern Illinois University Requirement   | Credits | Rock Valley College Equivalent (if any)   |
| <b>Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)</b>  | 3       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This requirement can be met by completing <b>MTH 115 or higher</b> at Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Social / Behavioral Sciences<br/>3 courses (9 hours)</b>  | 9       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>PSY 170</b> General Psychology</li> <li>● <b>PSY 251</b> Child Development <b>or PSY 275</b> Social Psychology (<b>select one</b>)</li> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Natural Sciences<br/>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>● One course must have a <b>lab</b> component.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Fine Arts<br/>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<br/>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>ENG 101</b> Composition I at Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>● Improving Human Relations requirement – can be met through completion of the Psychology major.</li> </ul>                    |

## Degree Plan\*

| D: Degree<br>GECC: General<br>Education Core<br>Curriculum  |      | Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students                |                       |  |  |
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| <i>*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i> |      |   |                       |  |  |
| D   | GECC | Semester 1  | Rock Valley Category  | NEIU Category  | Next Actions   |
| •   | •    | ENG 101 Composition I (3)   | Communication         | Writing Requirement  | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework           |
| •   | •    | Social Science Course (3)   | Social Science        | General Education  |  |
| •   | •    | Fine Arts Course (3)  | Fine Arts             | General Education  |  |
| •   | •    | Humanities Course (3)   | Humanities            | General Education  |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (3)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| •   |      | STU 100 Student Planning (1)  | Student Planning      | Elective   |  |
| <b>16 Credit Hours</b>  |      |   |                       |  |  |
| D   | GECC | Semester 2  | Rock Valley Category  | NEIU Category  | Next Actions   |
| •   | •    | ENG 103 Composition II (3)  | Communication         | Elective   | <b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  |
| •   | •    | Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)                           | Life/Physical Science | General Education  |  |
| •   | •    | PSY 170 General Psychology (3)*   | Social Science        | General Education<br>Major Requirement - PSYC 200                |  |
| •   | •    | SPH 131 Fund of Communication (3)                                       | Communication         | General Education  |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (3)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| <b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>   |      |   |                       |  |  |
| D   | GECC | Semester 3  | Rock Valley Category  | NEIU Category  | Next Actions   |
| •   | •    | Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)                           | Life/Physical Science | General Education  | <b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  |
| •   | •    | Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)                                      | Humanities/Fine Arts  | General Education  |  |
| •   | •    | College Level Math Course: MTH 115 or higher (3)                        | Mathematics           | Math/Quantitative Reasoning                                      | <b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four-year funding                                |
| •   | •    | Social Science Course (3)   | Social Science        | General Education  |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (3)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| <b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>   |      |   |                       |  |  |
| D   | GECC | Semester 4  | Rock Valley Category  | NEIU Category  | Next Actions   |
| •   | •    | PSY 225 Child Development or PSY 275 Social Psychology (select one) (3) | Elective              | General Education<br>Major Requirement - PSYC 200-level Elective | <b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate<br><br><b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree |
| •   | •    | Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)                                      | Elective              | General Education  |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (3)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (3)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| •   |      | Elective Course (4)   | Elective              | Elective   |  |
| <b>16 Credit Hours</b>  |      |   |                       |  |  |
| <b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64</b>  |      |   |                       |  |  |
| <b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 62-64</b>  |      |   |                       |  |  |

**Notes:**

- \*Students who are awarded AP credit for PSY 170 at Rock Valley must have earned a score of '4' or '5' in order to receive credit for PSYC 200 at Northeastern. Students with a score of '3' on the AP test will still need to complete PSY 170 at RVCC with a grade of "C" or better in order to meet the major requirement at Northeastern.
- All Rock Valley College students must complete the Non-Western requirement, an additional Humanities or Fine Arts course, and an additional Social Science course as part of their associate's degree. See your Rock Valley College advisor for course options.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Rock Valley College 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.
- Students have the option of completing a minor course of study along with their major in Psychology. Minor courses of study at Northeastern are 18-21 credit hours and can be completed in place of general electives without adding additional semesters or credit hours to a student's graduation plan.

| Northeastern Illinois University   |                         |  |
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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   |
| PSYC 202 WIP: Statistics and Research Methods I (3)  | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> –To declare your psychology major, you must attend a declaration meeting in the Psychology department where we will review the course requirements and check your transcripts for prerequisites. You will also fill out the major declaration form and be assigned to a faculty advisor in the department. For further information, please contact Ramon Viera, Student Services Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:r-viera@neiu.edu">r-viera@neiu.edu</a> . |
| PSYC Diverse Experience Course - (Select one from: PSYC 311, 312, 314, 317, 324, or 328) (3)           | Major Requirement       |  |
| 300 Level Elective (3)   | Elective/Upper Division |  |
| Any Level Elective (3)   | Elective                |  |
| Any Level Elective (3)   | Elective                |  |
| 15 Credit Hours  |                         |  |
| Semester 6   | NEIU Category           | Next Actions   |
| PSYC 302 WIP: Statistics and Research Methods II (3)   | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your PSYC advisor   |
| PSYC Social Core - PSYC 360 (3)  | Major Requirement       |  |
| PSYC Cognitive Core - (Select one from PSYC 370 or 375) (3)  | Major Requirement       |  |
| Any Level Elective (3)   | Elective                |  |
| Any Level Elective (4)   | Elective                |  |
| 16 Credit Hours  |                         |  |
| Semester 7   | NEIU Category           | Next Actions   |
| PSYC Lab Course - (Select one from: PSYC 308, 316, 331, 341, 351, 361, 374 or 378) (5)                 | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your PSYC advisor   |
| PSYC Developmental Core - PSYC 310 (3)   | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation  |
| PSYC Clinical Core - (select one from: PSYC 330 or 340) (3)  | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling   |
| PSYC 300 Level Elective (consult with advisor) (3)   | Major Requirement       |  |
| 14 Credit Hours  |                         |  |
| Semester 8   | NEIU Category           | Next Actions   |
| PSYC Capstone - (Select in consultation with advisor) (5)  | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your PSYC advisor   |
| PSYC Physiological Core - (Select one from: PSYC 350, 371 or 372) (3)                                  | Major Requirement       | <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling   |
| 300 Level Elective (3)   | Elective/Upper Division | <b>COMPLETION</b> of Bachelor of Arts Degree   |
| 11 Credit Hours  |                         |  |
| <b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>   |                         |  |

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

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\*:

| 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](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).*