

**Prairie State College Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)**



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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 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.

Social Work Program Description

The Bachelor of Social Work 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.

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.

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.
- 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 Prairie State 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 Prairie State 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. **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 39 credit hours of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	Prairie State College Equivalent (if any)
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Northeastern suggests taking MATH 153 Probability and Statistics at Prairie State with a grade of "C" or better.*
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This requirement will be fulfilled by completing these courses at Prairie State for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ANTHR 222 Intro to Social and Cultural Anthropology ○ PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology ○ SOCIO 101 Introduction to Sociology
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used. ● The following course is required for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BIOL 100 General Education Biology ● One course must be a lab course.
Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No more than one course from the same department may be used.
Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used. ● No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.
Non-General Education University Requirements (3-6 hours)	3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ENG 101 Composition I at Prairie State with a grade of "C" or better. ● Improving Human Relations requirement will be met through completion of ANTHR 222 Intro to Social and Cultural Anthropology or SOCIO 101 Intro to Sociology.

***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 Prairie State College by completing **MATH 153 Probability and Statistics**.

Degree Plan*

D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum		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>					
D	GECC	Semester 1	PSC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 101 – Composition I (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework DO THIS – Visit your campus Advising Center
•	•	ANTHR 222 – Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)	Social Science	General Education Human Relations	
•	•	PSYCH 101 – Introduction to Psychology (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
15 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 2	PSC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 102 – Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	BIOL 100 – General Educ Biology (4)	Life Science	General Education	
•	•	MAT 153 – Probability and Statistics or a College Level MAT Course (3-4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
•	•	COMM 101 – Principles of Communication (3)	Communication	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
16-17 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 3	PSC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Physical Science Lab Course (3-4)	Physical Science	General Education	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four year funding DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU
•	•	SOCIO 101 – Intro to Sociology (3)	Social Science	General Education Human Relations	
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 4	PSC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•		SOCIO 201 or SWK 201 Introduction to Social Work (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – SWK 200	DO THIS – Petition to graduate COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree DO THIS – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted)
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
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15 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60					
WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 61-63					

Note:

- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Prairie State College enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit, even if they earned less than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- ANTHR 222, PSYCH 101, SOCIO 101, and BIOL 100 (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 153 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 GPA and must get a "B" or higher in all of their major courses.

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Semester 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 207 – Social Welfare Policy I (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
12 Credit Hours		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 303 – WIP: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
SWK 304 – Social Work Practice I (3)	Major Course	
SWK 309 – Research and Quantitative Applications in Social Work (3)	Major Course	
Elective Course (2)	Elective	
11 Credit Hours		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 305 – Social Work Practice II (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – 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	DO THIS – Apply for graduation
300 level Social Work Elective Course (3)	Major Course	
12 Credit Hours		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 310 – Research Seminar I (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
SWK 353 – Field Seminar I (3)	Major Course	
SWK 355 – Field Practicum I (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 level Social Work Elective Course (3)	Major Course	
12 Credit Hours		
Semester 9	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SWK 311 – Research Seminar II (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
SWK 354 – Field Seminar II (3)	Major Course	
SWK 356 – Field Practicum II (3)	Major Course	DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
9 Credit Hours		
COMPLETION of Bachelor of Social Work Degree		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS		

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

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For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <http://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)
Deans 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.