

**Rock Valley 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](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		
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>● Northeastern suggests taking MTH 220 Elements of Statistics at Rock Valley 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 Rock Valley for the Liberal Arts Requirement for the Social Work major               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ANP 103 Intro to Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>○ PSY 170 General Psychology</li> <li>○ SOC 190 Introduction to Sociology</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>○ BIO 103 Introductory Life Science</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>● ENG 101 Composition I at Rock Valley with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>● Improving Human Relations requirement will be met through completion of ANP 103 Intro to Cultural Anthropology or SOC 190 Introduction to Sociology.</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 Rock Valley College by completing **MTH 220 Elements of 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	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
•	•	ANP 103 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)	Social Science Non-Western Culture	General Education Human Relations	
•	•	PSY 101– General Psychology (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		STU 100 – Planning for Success (1)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					<b>DO THIS</b> – Visit your campus Advising Center
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•	•	ENG 102 – Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	
•	•	BIO 103 – Introductory Life Science (3)	Life Science	General Education	
•	•	MTH 220 – Elements of Statistics or a College Level MTH Course (3-4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
•	•	SPH 132 – Public Speaking (3)	Communication	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>					<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)
D	GECC	Semester 3	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•	•	Physical Science Lab Course (4)	Physical Science	General Education	
•	•	SOC 190 – 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	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					<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
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
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•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (4)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					<b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64</b> <b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 63-64</b>					

**Note:**

- All Rock Valley College students must complete a Non-Western Culture 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 earned less than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- ANP 103, PSY 170, SOC 190, and BIO 103 (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.
- MTH 220 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.

<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b>		
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<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
SWK 200 – Intro to Social Work (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 207 – Social Welfare Policy I (3)	Major Course	
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
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<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
SWK 303 – WIP: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – 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	
<b>11 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
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
300 level Social Work Elective Course (3)	Major Course	
<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
SWK 310 – Research Seminar I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
SWK 353 – Field Seminar I (3)	Major Course	
SWK 355 – Field Practicum I (3)	Major Course	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 level Social Work Elective Course (3)	Major Course	
<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 9</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
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
<b>9 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>COMPLETION</b> of Bachelor of Social Work Degree		
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

### 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](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).