Latina/o and Latin American Studies Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Latina/o and Latin American Studies (LLAS) provides academic and experiential opportunities to foster a comprehensive understanding of Latinas/os, Latin American, and Caribbean peoples in their relationship to each other, the United States, and the world. The program builds on the University’s commitment to diversity and community partnerships as it promotes pride in the values of diverse ethnic heritages. Through the coordination of diverse offerings of various departments, the program fosters an interdisciplinary approach to provide students with concepts and skills to interact effectively and constructively in a multicultural context. Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree in LLAS have unique opportunities for careers in national and international settings, for the private and public sector, for research organizations and the U. S. Government.

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.

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: an 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:

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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.
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 Morton, take ENG 101 – Rhetoric 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:** Must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours 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:** The Improving Human Relations requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social / Behavioral Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets both the Improving Human Relations requirement and Humanities or Social / Behavioral Sciences.

8.) **WIP (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 Latina/o and Latin American Studies fulfill this by taking LLAS 201 – WIP: Culture and History of Latinos.

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 Morton.

- **Complete an 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 Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) General Education requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts at Morton College, including assistance with course selection, please visit Academic Advising at Morton. More information is available at their website [http://www.morton.edu/Admissions-and-Registration/Academic-Advising/](http://www.morton.edu/Admissions-and-Registration/Academic-Advising/) or by calling (708) 656-8000, ext. 2250.

- **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 Morton College, including assistance with course selection, please visit Academic Advising at Morton. More information is available at their website [http://www.morton.edu/Admissions-and-Registration/Academic-Advising/](http://www.morton.edu/Admissions-and-Registration/Academic-Advising/) or by calling (708) 656-8000, ext. 2250.
- **Complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their BAIS General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative, including courses at Morton that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org).

- **Transfer Course Lists for Morton Community College:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern Illinois University’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 General Education guide:*

### Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program
The General Education Program requires a minimum of **36 credit hours** of courses distributed among 5 areas.

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| Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours) | 9       | • No more than two courses from the same department may be used.  
• One course must be a lab course. |
| Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours) | 6       | • No more than one course from the same department may be used. |
| Humanities 3 courses (9 hours) | 9       | • 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. |

### Latina/o and Latin American Studies Major Requirements

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<td>LLAS 101 Introduction to Latino and Latin American Studies</td>
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<td>HUM 154 Latin American Civilization and Culture</td>
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<td>LLAS 290 Research Methods in Latino and Latin American Studies</td>
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**Latin American Language**

Two courses taught in Spanish, Portuguese, French or an indigenous language from Latin America. *Note: Course levels are determined by the result of the World Languages and Cultures placement exam.*
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**Six elective courses with at least three courses at 300 level**

*Note: Elective courses must be from at least two different disciplines.*

For a list of courses that meet this requirement at Northeastern, click on the following link: [http://www.neiu.edu/~llas/llas_cross-listed_courses.htm](http://www.neiu.edu/~llas/llas_cross-listed_courses.htm)

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**Northeastern Illinois University recommends taking three of the following courses at Morton College:**

- ART 220 Latin American Traditions in Art
- ENG 218 US Latino/Hispanic Literature
- SPN 220 Culture and Civilization of Latin America
- SPN 225 Spanish American Literature I
- SPN 226 Spanish American Literature II

**Capstone Course**

- LLAS 391 Internship in Latino Studies
- Or
- LLAS 392 Internship in Latin American Studies

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**Latino and Latin American Studies Major Policies**

- Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major. Latino and Latin American Studies courses with "D" grades may be used as university electives.
- 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 of Latino and Latin American Studies major courses at Northeastern to meet the residency requirement.

**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/](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. 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 new 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 credits).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.50.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Northeastern.
Deans Merit Scholarship
Scholarships in the amount of **$1,000** will be awarded to new 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 3.00.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student 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.