



City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Guide Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)

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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.

Environmental Science Program Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science integrates a wide range of scientific disciplines necessary to understand the environment and the many interactions among its components. These interactions include the impact of human activities on the environment and the impact of the environment on humans. This degree will prepare graduates for careers in industry, consulting, research, and academics, as well as federal, state and local government, among many other areas.

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.

Student Center for Science Engagement (SCSE): The SCSE supports students enrolled in majors in the biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, environmental science, math, physics, and psychology fields. For more information, please contact Laura West, Student Academic Services Specialist in STEM, at 773-442-5664 or L-West2@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 City Colleges of Chicago.

- **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 City Colleges of Chicago:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern's [Transfer Course Equivalency Guides](#). *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 36 credit hours of courses distributed among 5 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	City Colleges of Chicago Equivalent (if any)
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will fulfill the Math/Quantitative Reasoning requirement by completing the major in Environmental Science.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than two courses from the same department may be used.
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will fulfill the Natural Sciences requirement by completing the major in Environmental Science.
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"> ENGLISH 101 Composition I at City Colleges of Chicago with a grade of "C" or better. Improving Human Relations Requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting the Human Relations requirement at your school.

Degree Plan*

D: Degree
GECC: General
Education Core
Curriculum

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters

D	GECC	Semester 1	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENGLISH 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
•	•	Social/Behavioral Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	BIOLOGY 121 Biology I (5)	Life Science	General Education Major Requirement – BIO 201	
•	•	BIOLOGY 119 Environmental Biology (4)	Life Science	General Education Major Requirement – ENVI 101	
•	•	SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)	Communication	General Education	
18 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 2	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENGLISH 102 Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	BIOLOGY 122 Biology II (5)	Life Science	General Education Major Requirement – BIO 202	
•		MATH 143 Precalculus (6)	Prerequisite	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
17 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 3	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	MATH 207 Calculus & Analytic Geometry I (5)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning Major Requirement – MATH 187	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four-year funding DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU
•	•	GEOLOGY 201 Physical Geology (4)	Physical Science	General Education Major Requirement – ESCI 211	
•	•	CHEM 201 General Chemistry I (5)	Physical Science	General Education Cognate Requirement – CHEM 211	
14 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 4	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•		CHEM 203 General Chemistry II (5)	Elective	General Education Major Requirement – CHEM 212	DO THIS – Petition to graduate COMPLETION of Associate of Science Degree DO THIS – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted)
•	•	Social/Behavioral Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities	General Education	
•	•	PHYSICS 235 Engineering Physics I: Mechanics & Wave Motion (5)	Physical Science	General Education Major Requirement – PHYS 206L	
16 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AS CREDIT HOURS: 60 WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 65					

Notes:

- All students who earn an Associate of Science degree from City Colleges of Chicago 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.
- All City Colleges of Chicago students must complete the Human Diversity requirement as part of their associate's degree. See your City Colleges of Chicago advisor for course options.
- **The above plan does not include the additional Social/Behavioral Science and Humanities courses required to meet general education at Northeastern. If these courses are not taken at City Colleges of Chicago, they will need to be taken at Northeastern. All substitutions in the plan should be made in consultation with the student's advisor.

Northeastern Illinois University		
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Semester 5	NEIU Category	DO THIS – Meet with the Environmental Science Department to declare your major, have your transcripts evaluated, and get advice about the next courses you should take.
BIO 250 Essential Skills for Biologists (2)	Major Requirement	
MATH 275 Applied and Computational Statistics (4)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
Social Behavioral Science Course (3)	General Education	
Humanities Course (3)	General Education	
ESCI 307 Climate Change: Evidence, Causes, Effects (4)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
16 Credit Hours		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ENVI 301 Methods in Environmental Science (4)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your Environmental Science advisor
PHYS 207L University Physics II with Lab (5)	Major Requirement	
300 Level STEM Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (4)	Major Requirement	
300 Level WIP Requirement (3)	WIP Requirement	
16 Credit Hours		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
300 Level STEM ELE Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (4)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your Environmental Science advisor
300 Level STEM Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (4)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Apply for graduation
GES 319 Environmental and Natural Resources Policy (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 Level Social Sciences/Policy/Humanities Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
14 Credit Hours		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ENVI 390 Environmental Science Research & Practice (4)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your Biology advisor
300 Level STEM Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (3-4)	Major Requirement	
300 Level STEM Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (3-4)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 Level Social Sciences/Policy/Humanities Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
13-15 Credit Hours		COMPLETION of Bachelor of Science Degree
BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 123-125 CREDIT HOURS		

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. 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.