



Rock Valley College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Economics

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NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)

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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.

Economics Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics focuses on increasing students' understanding of economic principles and important issues that face consumers, business, and the national and international economy. Business, governments, and non-profits all value people who can help plan the best course of action and make sense of the complicated issues we face every day. Not only does an economics degree provide students with a useful set of business tools - problem-solving, data analysis, and policy modeling - it gives graduates the ability to handle challenges in a wide range of fields - international economics, urban economics, health economics, behavioral economics, and real estate. It is more than a technical degree. It is real world skills for real world problems.

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: 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 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. *When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:*

Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program		
The General Education Program for requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	Rock Valley College Equivalent (if any)
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This requirement can be met by completing MTH 120 College Algebra or MTH 211 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences at Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ECO 110 Principles of Economics Macro ● ECO 111 Principles of Economics Micro ● 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"> ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used. ● One course must have a lab component.
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 Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better. ● Improving Human Relations requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the Rock Valley College Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting Human Relations.

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	RVC 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
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
15 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 2	RVC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 102 Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	
•	•	MTH 120 College Algebra (3)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	DO THIS – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	SPH 131 Fundamentals of Communication (3)	Communication	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 3	RVC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	ECO 110 Principles of Economics Macro (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement – ECON 215	DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four-year funding
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 4	RVC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ECO 111 Principles of Economics Micro (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement – ECON 217	DO THIS – Petition to graduate
•		MTH 211 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences (4)	Elective	Major Prerequisite	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
16 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60					
WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 61-63					

Note:

- All Rock Valley College students must complete a course in Non-Western Culture as part of their associate's degree. See your Rock Valley College advisor for course options.
- The Economics department recommends students complete MTH 211 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences since this is a prerequisite for many Economics courses.
- 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.
- Students have the option of completing a minor course of study along with their major in Economics. 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.

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Semester 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECON 220 Business and Economics Statistics I (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
ECON 304 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (3)	Major Requirement	
ECON 300 level ELE Elective (3)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
12 Credit Hours		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECON 303 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
ECON 221 WIP: Tools for Economists (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	
ECON 300 level Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
ECON 300 level Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
15 Credit Hours		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECON 300 level ELE Elective (3)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your advisor
ECON 300 level Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	DO THIS – Apply for graduation
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
15 Credit Hours		DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Semester 8	NEIU Category	
ECON 300 level ELE-X Elective (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (1)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (4)	Elective	
14 Credit Hours		COMPLETION of Bachelor of Arts Degree
BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 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)
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.