



Rock Valley College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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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.

Psychology Program Description

Northeastern's Department of Psychology offers an undergraduate program that leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Our comprehensive Psychology program exposes you to various areas of psychology as well as opportunities for hands-on research and optional field experience.

The department faculty members represent a number of theoretical approaches as well as a wide range of content areas, enhancing your opportunity to become acquainted with the full scope of this broad and complex subject. Because of the need to create a combination of courses consistent with their career goals, students are urged to form a continuing relationship with a department faculty advisor early in their major.

The interdisciplinary nature of psychology requires familiarity with other fields. Students intending to pursue graduate studies should have a strong background in mathematics and the natural sciences. All Psychology majors will benefit from course work in philosophy, physiology, literature, history, the social sciences, and computer science.

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 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 115 or higher 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"> ● PSY 170 General Psychology ● PSY 251 Child Development or PSY 275 Social Psychology (select one) ● 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 completion of the Psychology major.

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	DO THIS – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		STU 100 Student Planning (1)	Student Planning	Elective	
16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 103 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	
•	•	PSY 170 General Psychology (3)*	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement - PSYC 200	
•	•	SPH 131 Fund of Communication (3)	Communication	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 3	Rock Valley 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	
•	•	College Level Math Course: MTH 115 or higher (3)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four-year funding
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	PSY 225 Child Development or PSY 275 Social Psychology (select one) (3)	Elective	General Education Major Requirement - PSYC 200-level Elective	DO THIS – Petition to graduate COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Elective	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (4)	Elective	Elective	
16 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64					
WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 62-64					

Notes:

- *Students who are awarded AP credit for PSY 170 at Rock Valley must have earned a score of '4' or '5' in order to receive credit for PSYC 200 at Northeastern. Students with a score of '3' on the AP test will still need to complete PSY 170 at RVCC with a grade of "C" or better in order to meet the major requirement at Northeastern.
- All Rock Valley College students must complete the Non-Western requirement, an additional Humanities or Fine Arts course, and an additional Social Science 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 have earned fewer 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 Psychology. 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
PSYC 202 WIP: Statistics and Research Methods I (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	DO THIS – To declare your psychology major, you must attend a declaration meeting in the Psychology department where we will review the course requirements and check your transcripts for prerequisites. You will also fill out the major declaration form and be assigned to a faculty advisor in the department. For further information, please contact Ramon Viera, Student Services Coordinator, at r.viera@neiu.edu .
PSYC Diverse Experience Course - (Select one from: PSYC 311, 312, 314, 317, 324, or 328) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
15 Credit Hours		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
PSYC 302 WIP: Statistics and Research Methods II (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your PSYC advisor
PSYC Social Core - PSYC 360 (3)	Major Requirement	
PSYC Cognitive Core - (Select one from PSYC 370 or 375) (3)	Major Requirement	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
Any Level Elective (4)	Elective	
16 Credit Hours		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
PSYC Lab Course - (Select one from: PSYC 308, 316, 331, 341, 351, 361, 374 or 378) (5)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your PSYC advisor
PSYC Developmental Core - PSYC 310 (3)	Major Requirement	
PSYC Clinical Core - (select one from: PSYC 330 or 340) (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Apply for graduation
PSYC 300 Level ELE-X Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
14 Credit Hours		DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Semester 8	NEIU Category	
PSYC Capstone - (Select in consultation with advisor) (5)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your PSYC advisor
PSYC Physiological Core - (Select one from: PSYC 350, 371 or 372) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
11 Credit Hours		
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)
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.