



Elgin Community College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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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.

Sociology Program Description

Northeastern's Department of Sociology offers courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. Additionally, students may choose an eighteen-hour minor in sociology.

Sociology is the systematic study of human societies, their patterns and arrangements, their processes of development and change. Course offerings cover sociological theories, research methods, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, inequalities, social institutions, social issues, social action and social change.

A major in sociology can provide a useful orientation for students who plan to attend graduate school or seek careers in community-based organizations or in such fields as education, human resources, urban planning, law, community organizing, social welfare, or research in government and private organizations.

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 Elgin Community 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 Elgin Community 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	Elgin Community 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 101 or higher at Elgin Community College with a grade of "C" or better.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SOC 100 Principles of Sociology ● SOC 201 Social Problems ● 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 English Composition I at Elgin Community College with a grade of "C" or better. ● Improving Human Relations Requirement – can be met through completion of the Sociology major at NEIU.

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	ECC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 101 English 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
•	•	SOC 100 Principles of Sociology (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement – SOC 100	
•	•	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	ECC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 102 English Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	
•	•	College Level Math Course: MTH 101 or higher (3-4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
•	•	CMS 101 Fund of Speech (3)	Communication	General Education	
•	•	SOC 201 Social Problems (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Elective – SOC 205	
15-17 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 3	ECC 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 DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four-year funding DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•	•	SOC 210 Marriage & Family (3)	Elective	Major Elective – SOC 214	
15-16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester 4	ECC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	SOC 220 Gender Roles & Social Change (3)	Human Relations	Major Elective	DO THIS – Petition to graduate COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree DO THIS – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted)
•	•	SOC 215, 225, or 230 (select one)	Elective	Major Elective	
•	•	Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
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15 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60					
WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 60-63					

Note:

- All Elgin Community College students must complete the Human Relations requirement as part of their associate's degree. See your Elgin Community College advisor for course options.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Elgin Community 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 Sociology. 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
SOC 105 Social Inequalities and Social Change (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with the Sociology Department and declare your major.
SOC 300-Level ELE-X Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective	
Any Level Elective/Minor (1)	Elective	
13 Credit Hours		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SOC 337 Sociological Research Methods (3)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your SOC advisor and discuss whether to register for SOC 351 (Senior Seminar in Sociology) in the upcoming Fall semester or SOC 342 (Sociology Internship Seminar) in the next Spring semester.
SOC 346A WIP: Critical Writing for Sociology (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective	
Any Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective	
15 Credit Hours		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SOC 335 Sociological Theory (3)	Major Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with your SOC advisor
SOC 339 Intro to Social Statistics (3)	Major Requirement	
SOC 351 Senior Seminar in Sociology OR SOC 300-Level Elective (consult with advisor) (3)*	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	DO THIS – Apply for graduation
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 Level Elective/Minor (1)	Elective/Upper Division	
13 Credit Hours		DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Semester 8	NEIU Category	
SOC 342 Sociology Internship Seminar OR SOC 300-Level Elective (If SOC 351 was completed in FALL) (3)*	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	
SOC 300-Level Elective (this course is not required for students enrolled in SOC 342) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective	
15 Credit Hours		COMPLETION of Bachelor of Arts Degree
BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS		

NOTE:

- ****All Sociology majors are required to complete a capstone course: SOC 351 or SOC 342. SOC 351 Senior Seminar in Sociology is offered in the Fall semester and SOC 342 Sociology Internship Seminar is offered in the Spring semester. Students should consult with their SOC advisor before deciding which course to take.***

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.