



**Rock Valley College Transfer Guide  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Communication, Media and Theatre**

**Available at:  
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)**

**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.

**Communication, Media and Theatre Program Description**

Northeastern's Communication, Media and Theatre major is a multi-disciplinary, liberal arts program which allows students to concentrate in one of three areas (Communication, Media, or Theatre) or blend their interests together in creative and innovative ways. CMT students can go into corporate, non-profit, or government positions or continue into advanced graduate school programs. Potential careers include Public Relations, Social Media, Podcasting, Advertising, Corporate Communication, Politics and Activism, Journalism, Film and TV Criticism, Video and Audio Production, Acting or Directing for Stage or Screen, Set Design, Costume Design, Makeup Design, and many others.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 <b>39 credit hours</b> of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	Rock Valley College Equivalent (if any)
<b>Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This requirement can be met by completing <b>MTH 115 or higher</b> at Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.</li> </ul>
<b>Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>● One course must have a <b>lab</b> component.</li> </ul>
<b>Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)</b>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than one course from the same department can be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>● No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-General Education University Requirements (3-6 hours)</b>	3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ENG 101</b> Composition I at Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>● Improving Human Relations Requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the <a href="#">Rock Valley College Transfer Course Equivalency Guide</a> to find courses meeting the Human Relations requirement.</li> </ul>

## 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	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework  <b>DO THIS</b> – Visit your campus Advising Center		
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education			
•	•	SPH 131 Fundamentals of Communication (3)	Communication	General Education Major Requirement – CMTC 101			
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education			
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective			
•		STU 100 Student Planning (1)	Student Planning	Elective			
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>							
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions		
•	•	ENG 102 Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply</a> to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)		
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3)	Life/Physical Science	General Education			
•	•	College Level Math Course - MTH 115 or higher (3)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning			
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education			
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education			
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>							
D	GECC	Semester 3	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions		
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Lab Course (4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four-year funding  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply for admission</a> to NEIU		
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education			
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education			
•		Communication Course (3) Select from: SPCH 141, 201 or 211	Elective	Major Requirement – 200-level CMTC course			
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective			
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>							
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions		
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate  <b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)		
•		Theatre Course (3) Select from: THE 121, 134, 135, 230, 235 or 237*	Elective	Major Requirement – 200-level CMTT course			
•		Media Course (3) Select from: COM 130, 156, 157, 218*	Elective	Major Requirement – 200-level CMTM course			
•		Humanities or Fine Arts course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education			
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective			
•		Elective Course (2)	Elective	Elective			
<b>17 Credit Hours</b>							
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64</b>							
<b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 64</b>							

**Notes:**

- **\*All of the COM, SPCH and THE courses listed above will transfer to NEIU as 200-level Communication (CMTC), Media (CMTM) or Theatre (CMTT) courses.**
- All Rock Valley College students must complete the Non- Western requirement 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. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- Students have the option of completing a minor course of study along with their major in Communication, Media & Theatre. 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
CMTC 305 WIP: Writing in Communication, Media, Theatre (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with the CMT department and declare your CMT major
300 level CMT Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level CMT Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
Any level CMT Elective (3)	Major Requirement	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
CMTT 339 Technical Theatre Production (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your CMT advisor
300 level CMT Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level CMT Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
300 level CMT ELE Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your CMT advisor
300 level CMT Elective (consult with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
300 level Elective (4)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your CMT advisor
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Any level Elective (4)	Elective	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).

### CMT Scholarship Opportunities

Information, online applications, and guidelines for all CMT scholarships can be found on the [CMT Department website under Advising, Internships and Scholarships](#).