



## Rock Valley College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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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.

### 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](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)
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This requirement can be met by completing <b>MTH 115 or higher</b> at the Rock Valley College with a grade of "C" or better.</li> </ul>
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SOC 190</b> Intro to Sociology</li> <li>• <b>SOC 290</b> Social Problems</li> <li>• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	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>
Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than one course from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)	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>
Non-General Education University Requirements (3-6 hours)	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 completion of the Sociology major.</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
•	•	SOC 190 Intro to 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	
•		STU 100 Student Planning (1)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					<b>DO THIS</b> – Visit your campus Advising Center
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•	•	ENG 102 Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	
•	•	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	
•	•	SPH 131 Fundamentals of Comm (3)	Communication	General Education	
•	•	SOC 290 Social Problems (3)	Social Science	Major Elective – SOC 205	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>					<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)
D	GECC	Semester 3	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Lab Course (4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•		SOC 299 Marriage & Family (3)	Elective	Major Elective – SOC 214	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					<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
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	
•		SOC 291, 292, 294, or 298 (select one) (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – JUST 326	
•		SOC 291, 292, 294, or 298 (select one) (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – JUST 334	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	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>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64</b> <b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 64</b>					

**Note:**

- All Rock Valley Community 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, 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	<b>DO THIS</b> – 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	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SOC 337 Sociological Research Methods (3)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – 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	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SOC 335 Sociological Theory (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your SOC advisor
SOC 339 Intro to Social Statistics (3)	Major Requirement	
SOC 351 Senior Seminar in Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 300 Level Elective (consult with advisor)* (3)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
300 Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective/Upper Division	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 Level Elective/Minor (1)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
SOC 342 Sociology Internship Seminar <b>OR</b> SOC 300 Level Elective (If SOC 351 was completed in FALL)* (6)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your SOC advisor
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	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 Level Elective/Minor (0-3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective/Minor (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

**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

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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).*