



## Rock Valley College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Art (Studio Art Concentration)

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.

### Art (Studio Art Concentration) Program Description

Northeastern's Department of Art + Design offers an undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art. The fundamental objective of the Art + Design Department programs is to provide and promote a knowledge and understanding of the visual arts. The studio concentration gives students hands-on exposure to a variety of skills, both analytic and technical, in order to help students express concepts visually. Programs in the department prepare students to pursue graduate school, careers in the arts or teaching, and emphasize lifelong learning.

### 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>● <b>ART 251</b> History of Art I (3)</li> <li>● <b>ART 252</b> History of Art II (3)</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 Fund of Comm. (3)	Communication	General Education				
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities	General Education				
•		ART 111, 121, or 215 select one (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 200-level Elective				
•		STU 100 Planning for Success (1)	Student Planning	Elective				
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>								
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions			
•	•	ENG 103 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				
•	•	MTH 115 or higher (3)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning				
•	•	ART 251 History of Art I (3)	Fine Arts	General Education Major Requirement – ARTH 106				
•	•	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			
•	•	ART 252 History of Art II (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education Major Requirement – ARTH 107				
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education				
•		ART 103 Design I (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 130				
•		ART 101 Drawing & Comp I (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 120				
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>								
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley College 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)			
•		ART 203 Design II (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 140				
•		ART 102 Drawing & Comp II (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 220				
•		Humanities Course (3)	Humanities	General Education				
•		ART 111, 121, or 215 select one (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – ART 200-level 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>								

**Note:**

- All Rock Valley College students must complete one course in Non-Western Culture 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 Art. 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.

<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b> <i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>		
Semester 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ART 234 Digital Foundations (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with the ART + Design department to declare your ART major
ART 200-Level Elective (Select from designated list) (3)	Major Requirement	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ART 300-Level Elective in Studio Emphasis (in consultation with ART advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your ART advisor
ARTH 300 Contemporary Art (3)	Major Requirement	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 Level Elective (1)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ART 300-Level Elective in Studio Emphasis (in consultation with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your ART advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation  <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
ARTH 300-Level ELE Elective (Western) (3)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	
ART 395 WIP: Professional Practice in Studio Art (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ARTH 300-Level Elective (Non-Western) (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your ART advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling  <b>COMPLETION</b> of Bachelor of Arts Degree
ART 300-Level Elective in Studio Emphasis (in consultation with advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	
ART 396 Senior Seminar and Exhibit (3)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective (1)	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@neu.edu](mailto:scholarships@neu.edu).*

#### **Art + Design Department Merit Scholarship**

**Application Deadlines:** April 1 for Fall semester and November 1 for Spring semester. The online application and guidelines can be found on the [Art + Design Department website under Art Department Scholarships](#).