**Kishwaukee College Transfer Guide**
**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design**

**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.

## Graphic Design Program Description

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design is an applied arts program with a focus on the development of visual solutions to communication problems, and offers students guided hands-on experience in the creation of visual messages in print and electronic media. Degree candidates in the program are prepared for professional careers in the field and are challenged to research and evaluate the role contemporary design practices hold in our society.

The B.F.A. in Graphic Design begins with a strong foundation in design principles, introduces students to digital technologies and progresses into more specialized courses. Particular emphasis is placed on the development of typographic skills, and students are familiarized with a range of topics including branding/identity design, packaging design, systems design and environmental design through studio and special topics courses. Interaction design, mobile apps, and web design are taught alongside publication design, as well as historic print processes that inform contemporary design practice. The program is enriched through mentorship by professionals in the related fields of photography, digital arts, and printmaking. Courses in these areas help our students develop image-making and print production skills, expose them to base level coding and web development skills, and introduce them to experimental areas of design, which merge elements of branding, web design and development.

The B.F.A. in Graphic Design is a professional degree and students must fulfill required coursework to be admitted to the program.

## 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 |
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| **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 Kishwaukee 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 Kishwaukee 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<br>The General Education Program requires a minimum of **39 credit hours** of courses distributed among 6 areas. | | |
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| **Northeastern Illinois University Requirement** | **Credits** | **Kishwaukee College Equivalent (if any)** |
| **Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)** | 3 | ● This requirement can be met by completing **MAT 101 or higher** at Kishwaukee College with a grade of "C" or better. |
| **Social / Behavioral Sciences**<br>**3 courses (9 hours)** | 9 | ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used. |
| **Natural Sciences**<br>**3 courses (9 hours)** | 9 | ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.<br>● One course must have a **lab** component. |
| **Fine Arts**<br>**2 courses (6 hours)** | 6 | ● **ART 291** History of Art I<br>● **ART 292** History of Art II |
| **Humanities**<br>**3 courses (9 hours)** | 9 | ● No more than two courses from the same department may be used.<br>● No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement. |
| **Non-General Education University Requirements (3-6 hours)** | 3-6 | ● **ENG 103** Composition I at Kishwaukee College with a grade of "C" or better.<br>● Improving Human Relations - requirement can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the Kishwaukee College Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting the Human Relations requirement. |

## Degree Plan*

| | | Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students | | | |
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| D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum | | *All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters* | | | |
| **D** | **GECC** | **Semester 1** | **Kishwaukee Category** | **NEIU Category** | **Next Actions** |
| ● | ● | ENG 103 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 | |
| ● | ● | COM 100 Oral Comm I (3) | Communication | General Education | |
| ● | ● | Humanities Course (3) | Humanities | General Education | |
| ● | | Student Success Course (2) | Student Success | Elective | **DO THIS** – Visit your campus Advising Center |
| ● | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| | | | | **17 Credit Hours** | |
| **D** | **GECC** | **Semester 2** | **Kishwaukee Category** | **NEIU Category** | **Next Actions** |
| ● | ● | ENG 104 Composition II (3) | Communication | Elective | **DO THIS** – Mid-term check-in with advisor |
| ● | ● | Life Science or Physical Science Course (3) | Life/Physical Science | General Education | |
| ● | ● | MAT 101 or higher (3) | Mathematics | Math/Quantitative Reasoning | **DO THIS** – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) |
| ● | ● | ART 291 History of Art I (3) | Fine Arts | General Education Major Requirement – ARTH 106 | |
| ● | | ART 100 Basic Drawing* (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 120 | |
| | | | | **15 Credit Hours** | |
| **D** | **GECC** | **Semester 3** | **Kishwaukee Category** | **NEIU Category** | **Next Actions** |
| ● | ● | Life Science or Physical Science Lab Course (4) | Life/Physical Science | General Education | **DO THIS** – Mid-term check-in with advisor |
| ● | ● | ART 292 History of Art II (3) | Humanities/Fine Arts | General Education Major Requirement – ARTH 107 | |
| ● | ● | Social Science Course (3) | Social Science | General Education | **DO THIS** – Begin seeking additional four-year funding |
| ● | | ART 211 2-Dimensional Design* (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 130 | |
| ● | | ART 250 Relief Printmaking (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 250 | **DO THIS** – Apply for admission to NEIU |
| | | | | **16 Credit Hours** | |
| **D** | **GECC** | **Semester 4** | **Kishwaukee Category** | **NEIU Category** | **Next Actions** |
| ● | ● | Social Science Course (3) | Social Science | General Education | **DO THIS** – Petition to graduate |
| ● | | ART 212 3-Dimensional Design (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 140 | |
| ● | | ART 200 Life Drawing I (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 220 | **COMPLETION** of Associate of Arts Degree |
| ● | | ART 167 Graphic Design I*(3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 281 | |
| ● | | ART 223 Photography I (3) | Elective | Major Requirement – ART 261 | |
| ● | | Elective Course (1) | Elective | Elective | **DO THIS** – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted) |
| | | | | **16 Credit Hours** | |
| | | **MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64** | | | |
| | | **WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 64** | | | |

*Note:*

- ***In order to be admitted to the BFA in Graphic Design, students must undergo a portfolio evaluation and complete the following courses with a 3.0 GPA or higher:  ART 100, ART 167 and ART 211 (taken at Kishwaukee College) and ART 314 and 381 (to be taken at Northeastern).  Applicants to the program must also have a 2.5 or higher overall university grade point average.***

- All Kishwaukee College students must complete a course in Improving Human Relations as part of their associate's degree. See your Kishwaukee College advisor for course options.

- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Kishwaukee College enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit.  See the NEIU Transfer Policy for further information.

## Northeastern Illinois University
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| Semester 5 – *Fall* | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
|---|---|---|
| ART 314 Typography (3) | Major Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with the Graphic Design advisor |
| ART 289 Graphic Design Survey (3) | Major Requirement | |
| ART 315 Letterpress (3) | Major Requirement | |
| ART 234 Digital Foundations (3) | Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement | |
| **12 Credit Hours** | | |
| Semester 6 – *Spring* | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| ART 285 Image (3) | Major Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with the Graphic Design advisor ***at the start of the Spring Semester*** to submit portfolio and apply for admission to the Graphic Design program |
| ART 387 Special Topics in Graphic Design (3) | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | |
| ART 388 Typography (3) | Major Requirement | |
| ART 280 Art + Tech (3) | Major Requirement | |
| **12 Credit Hours** | | |
| Semester 7 – *Fall* | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| ART 381 Studio in Graphic Design (3) | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with your Graphic Design advisor |
| ART 344 WIP: Professional Practices in Graphic Design (3) | Major Requirement WIP Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with Career Services for career counseling |
| ART 379 Interactive Arts: Web (3) | Major Requirement | |
| ART 384 Internship in Graphic Design (1-3)* | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | |
| Any Level Elective (2) | Elective | |
| **12-14 Credit Hours** | | |
| Semester 8 – *Spring* | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| ART 386 Interactive Arts: Form and Motion (3) | Major Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with your Graphic Design advisor |
| ART 387 Special Topics in Graphic Design (3) | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with Career Services |
| ART 389 Print Production (3) | Major Requirement | |
| ART 394C Senior Exhibition in Graphic Design (2) | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | **DO THIS** – Apply for graduation |
| **11 Credit Hours** | | |
| Semester 9 – *Fall* | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| ART 381 Studio in Graphic Design (3) | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with your Graphic Design advisor |
| ART 384 Internship in Graphic Design (1-3)* | Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement | **DO THIS** – Meet with Career Services |
| ART 301 Contemporary Design (3) | Major Requirement | |
| **7-9 Credit Hours** | | **COMPLETION** of Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree |
| **BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS** | | |

*Note: * ART 384 Internship in Graphic Design can be taken more than once but must add up to 4 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.

**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 + Design Department Scholarships.