Oakton College Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)
El Centro (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 50 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.

Information Technology Program Description

The Information Technology major is designed to prepare students for employment involving information management, user experience design, and platform technologies. It covers fundamental and advanced IT topics to prepare graduates for joining the information technology workforce or starting and successfully completing a Master's degree in IT or related fields. Hands-on laboratories are an essential component of the program, where students put their classroom knowledge into practice.

Contact Information

Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

Student Center for Science Engagement (SCSE): The SCSE supports students enrolled in majors in the biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, environmental science, math, physics, and psychology fields. For more information, please contact Laura West, Student Academic Services Specialist in STEM at 773-442-5664 or L-West2@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	August 1	June 15
Spring	December 1	October 1
Full/First Half Summer	April 1	March 1
Second Half Summer	May 1	N/A – Full Summer Only

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at Oakton.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University's General Education Requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science at Oakton, including assistance with course selection, please visit Academic Advising Services at Oakton. More information is available at their website (https://www.oakton.edu/academics/academic-services/advising/) or by calling (847) 635-1700.

- **Complete the *Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):*** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative, including courses at Oakton that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at www.itransfer.org.

- *Transfer Course Lists* **for Oakton**: 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 General Education guide:***

Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program		
The General Education Program requires a minimum of **36 credit hours** of courses distributed among five areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	**Credits**	**Oakton College Equivalent (if any)**
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	• Students who major in Cybersecurity at Northeastern should fulfill this requirement by taking MAT 140 College Algebra at Oakton.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	• 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	• No more than one course from the same department may be used.
Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)	9	• 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	• **EGL 101** Composition I at Oakton with a grade of "C" or better. • Improving Human Relations Requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting the Human Relations requirement at your school.

Degree Plan*

D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum	Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students *All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters*			
D	**GECC**	**Semester 1**	**Oakton Category**	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**

D	GECC	Semester 1	Oakton Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
●	●	EGL 101 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	
●	●	Fine Arts Course (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
●	●	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities	General Education	
●		MAT 140 College Algebra (4)	Elective	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	**DO THIS** – Visit your campus Advising Center
		16 Credit Hours			
D	**GECC**	**Semester 2**	**Oakton Category**	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**
●	●	EGL 102 Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	**DO THIS** – Mid-term check-in with advisor
●	●	CSC 155 or 156 or 157 Computer Science I (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – CS 200	
●	●	CSC 144 Discrete Mathematics (3)	Mathematics	Major Requirement – CS 201	**DO THIS** – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
●	●	SPE 103 Effective Speech (3)	Communication	General Education	
●		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
		15 Credit Hours			
D	**GECC**	**Semester 3**	**Oakton 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
●	●	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	**DO THIS** – Begin seeking additional four-year funding
●	●	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	**DO THIS** – Apply for admission to NEIU
●		CSC 240 or 241 or 242 or 255 Data Structures (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – CS 207	
●		CIS 267 or 268 Advanced Apps Programming (3)	Elective	Major Elective – CS 347	
		15-16 Credit Hours			
D	**GECC**	**Semester 4**	**Oakton Category**	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**
●	●	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	**DO THIS** – Petition to graduate
●	●	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	**COMPLETION** of Associate of Arts Degree
●		CIS 215 or 235 or CSC 204 or 211 (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – CS 301	
●		CNS 228 Linux I (3)	Elective	Major Elective – CS 334	
●		Elective Couse (1)	Elective	Elective	**DO THIS** – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted)
		13-14 Credit Hours			
		MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60			
		WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 60-62			

Notes:

- All Oakton College students must complete the U.S. Diversity Requirement and the Global Studies requirements as part of their associate's degree. See your Oakton College advisor for course options.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Oakton 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 Computer Science. Minor courses of study at Northeastern are 15-21 credit hours and can be completed in place of general electives without adding additional semesters or credit hours to a student's graduation plan.

Northeastern Illinois University		
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Semester 5	**NEIU Category**	
CS 319 WIP: Fundamentals of Software Engineering (3)	Core Major Requirement WIP Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	**DO THIS** – Meet with the Computer Science Department to declare your major, have your transcripts evaluated, and get advice about the next courses you should take.
CS 260 Computer Security (3)	Core Major Requirement	
CS 300 Client Side Web Development (3)	Core Major Requirement	
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
	15 Credit Hours	
Semester 6	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**
CS 308 Operating Systems (3)	Core Major Requirement	**DO THIS** – Meet with your Computer Science advisor
CS 315 Modern Database Management (3)	Core Major Requirement	
CS 339 Fundamentals of Information Technology Project Management (3)	Core Major Requirement	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
	12 Credit Hours	
Semester 7	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**
CS 331 Computer Networks (3)	Core Major Requirement	**DO THIS** – Meet with your Computer Science advisor
CS 342 Introduction to Human Computer Interaction (3)	Core Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	**DO THIS** – Apply for graduation
300 Level ELE-DS Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (3)	ELE-DS Requirement	**DO THIS** – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective (3)	Elective	
	15 Credit Hours	
Semester 8	**NEIU Category**	**Next Actions**
CS 300 Level Elective (select in consultation w/advisor) (3)	Major Requirement	**DO THIS** – Meet with your Computer Science advisor
300 Level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any Level Elective (4)	Elective	**DO THIS** – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Any Level Elective (4)	Elective	
	14 Credit Hours	**COMPLETION** of Bachelor of Science Degree
BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 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.