



**Rock Valley College Transfer Guide  
Bachelor of Arts in History**

**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.

**History Program Description**

Northeastern's Department of History trains students to question essential assumptions about human societies and cultures. Students develop a broad and deep body of historical knowledge that gives important context to human action and events. Our students learn to collect, organize, analyze and interpret complex sources. They use these sources to craft clear and well-supported historical arguments, and to present their findings to a variety of audiences. We apply historical knowledge and historical thinking to contemporary issues, and learn to weigh diverse points of view. The ability of historians to engage both complexity and detail and to develop critical thinking, clear writing, and persuasive speaking skills prepare our students for successful careers in business, law, education, and government.

**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>● <b>HST 142</b> History of U.S. to 1865</li> <li>● <b>HST 140</b> History of Western Civilization I</li> <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 may 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
•	•	HST 142 History of U.S. to 1865 (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement – HIST 214	
•	•	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>					
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
•	•	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	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
<b>16 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
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	HST 140 History of Western Civilization I (3)	Social Science	General Education Major Requirement – HIST 111A	<b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four-year funding
•		HIST 151, 152, 162, 163, 172, 173, 182 or 183 (3) (select one of the above)	Elective	Major Requirement – Non-Western History/Non-U.S. History	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•		HST 142 History of U.S. to 1865 (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – HIST 215	<b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate
•		HST 141 History of Western Civilization II (3)	Elective	Major Requirement – HIST 111B	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	<b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (1)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
<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 History. 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
HIST 275 WIP: Writing and Methods for Majors OR HIST 300 WIP: The Historian's Craft (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with the History department and declare your History major
HIST 300 level Elective (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
Any level Elective (1)	Elective	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
HIST 300 level ELE-X Elective (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your History advisor
HIST 300 level Non-Western Course (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
HIST 300 level ELE Elective (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your History advisor
HIST 300 level Elective (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (1)	Elective/Upper Division	
<b>13 Credit Hours</b>		<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Semester 8	NEIU Category	
HIST 300 level ELE Elective (3) (consult with advisor)	Major Requirement ELE Requirement	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
300 level Elective (3)	Elective/Upper Division	
Any level Elective (3)	Elective	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		<b>COMPLETION</b> of Bachelor of Arts Degree
<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)
Deans 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).*