



McHenry County College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)
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Political Science Program Description

Political Science is central to an understanding of all basic social issues and is one of the most popular liberal arts majors. A political science education gives people the ability to understand the workings of politics and the way it impacts the lives of all of us. A major in this field helps students develop the skills of understanding and analysis, and builds competence in oral and written expression. Graduates go on to careers in law, government, business, public policy, non-profit management, journalism, and teaching.

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 the University Center: (847) 665-4173. To reach us at the main Chicago campus, please call (773) 442-4076 or email TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

University Center: For more information about the UC or to schedule an appointment, contact Tonia Baxter, Recruitment Specialist/Advisor at (847) 665-4014 or tbaxter@ucenter.org. Current schedules, program updates and upcoming events are available on their website: www.ucenter.org.

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:

		<i>International Applicants</i>
Fall	July 1	June 1
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

Transfer Policies

- Students with an AA degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled Northeastern Illinois University's general education requirements.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours may be transferred to Northeastern from a community college. In cases where both a community college and university were attended, a maximum of 90 semester hours are accepted, with a maximum of 64 semester hours allowed at the community college level.
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.

Northeastern Illinois University Degree Requirements

- 1.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see requirements below)
- 2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At McHenry, take ENG 151 - Composition I
- 3.) **Total Credits and Credit Levels:** A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern. **Students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours at the 300 level to meet the Upper Division requirement.**
- 4.) **Major Program:** Undergraduate students must declare and complete a major. Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major.
- 5.) **Residency:** Must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Northeastern.
- 6.) **GPA:** Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall “C” average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.
- 7.) **Improving Human Relations:** The Improving Human Relations requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social / Behavioral Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets the Improving Human Relations requirement **and** Humanities or Social / Behavioral Sciences.
- 8.) **WIP (Writing Intensive Program) Requirement:** all newly admitted students must successfully complete a writing intensive course within their discipline. **This course must be completed at Northeastern.** Students completing the Bachelors of Arts in Political Science at the University Center will have to complete one of the following courses to satisfy the WIP requirement: PSCI 344 Public Organization Theory or PSCI 392 Contemporary Political Philosophy.
- 9.) **University Core Curriculum (UCC):** Students must complete three Engaged Learning Experience (ELE) courses. ELE courses are either Boundary Crossing (ELE-X) or Discipline Specific (ELE-DS) and are chosen in consultation with the student’s advisor. At least one course must be at the 300 level and one course must be an ELE-X course as part of meeting the requirement.

General Education Requirements

Four options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at McHenry.

- **Associate of Arts:** 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. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts at McHenry, including assistance with course selection, please visit the Advising and Transfer Center at McHenry. More information is available at their website (<http://www.mchenry.edu/atc/index.asp>) or by calling (815) 479-7565.
- **Associate of Science:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Science degree granted August 2016 or earlier will have met Northeastern Illinois University’s General Education requirements. Students who transfer with an approved ICCB Model Associate’s 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. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts at McHenry, including assistance with course selection, please visit the Advising and Transfer Center at McHenry. More information is available at their website (<http://www.mchenry.edu/atc/index.asp>) or by calling (815) 479-7565.

- **Completion of 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 McHenry that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at www.itransfer.org.
- **Transfer Course Lists for McHenry:** 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		
The General Education Program requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of courses distributed among 5 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	McHenry County College Equivalent (if any)
Math / Quantitative Reasoning 1 course	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any math course College Algebra or higher with a grade of "C" or better.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majors in Political Science may waive up to six credit hours of General Education requirements in Social/Behavioral Sciences. It is recommended that students take two Political Science courses to meet this requirement as they will also count toward the major: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLT 150 Intro to Political Thought PLT 151 United States Government PLT 255 Comparative Government
Natural Sciences 3 courses	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than two courses from the same department may be used. One course must have a lab component.
Fine Arts 2 courses	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than one course from the same department may be used.
Humanities 3 courses	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

- **Please note:** NEIU does not offer lower division (general education and prerequisite) courses at the University Center.

Political Science Major Requirements

Northeastern Illinois University Political Science Major: 33 Credits		
Northeastern Illinois University Course	Credits	McHenry County College Equivalent (if any)
Three introductory courses selected from:		
PSCI 216 American National Government	3	PLT 151 United States Government
PSCI 251 Comparative Political Systems	3	PLT 255 Comparative Government
PSCI 275 Introduction to World Politics	3	<i>No Equivalency at McHenry County College.</i>
PSCI 291 Concepts of Political Science	3	<i>No Equivalency at McHenry County College.</i>
PSCI 210 Introduction to Political Science	3	PLT 150 Intro to Political Thought
Writing Intensive Program (WIP) Requirement:		
PSCI 344 Public Organization Theory OR PSCI 392 Contemporary Political Philosophy (This course must be completed at Northeastern)	3	<i>No Equivalency at McHenry County College.</i>

Eight 300 level courses to be distributed among:		
Five courses in the first area: American Politics and Public Affairs (PSCI 310-349) AND Two courses in the second area: International Relations and Comparative Politics (PSCI 350-389) AND One course in the third area: Political Theory (PSCI 390-399)	24	<i>No Equivalencies at McHenry County College.</i>
*The following courses are cross listed, so they can count towards one of two different areas: PSCI 333: either American Politics/Public Affairs <u>OR</u> International/Comparative Politics PSCI 373: either International/Comparative Politics <u>OR</u> Political Theory PSCI 383: either International/Comparative Politics <u>OR</u> American Politics/Public Affairs		
Political Science Major Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No "P" grades will count toward a major. Political Science courses with "D" grades may be used as university electives. • Community college courses may not be used to fulfill 300-level requirements. • Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minor. • Students must complete at least half of their major or minor course work at Northeastern. 		

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

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.

For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including **Financial Aid and Scholarship** opportunities, please see our website: 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:

Provost Merit Scholarship

Scholarships in the amount of **\$2,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credits).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.50.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled full time at Northeastern.

Deans Merit Scholarship

Scholarships in the amount of **\$1,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credit hours).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled full time at Northeastern.

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 M-Morrow@neu.edu.