

Northern Illinois University
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Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and check with the four-year school as soon as the transfer decision is made. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Transfer Options

- **Associate in Engineering Science (AES) Degree** - Engineering baccalaureate programs are highly structured and require extensive, sequential math and science courses at freshman and sophomore levels; some general education courses are postponed to junior and senior years. The AES degree allows students to take courses in this pattern. (The AES degree does not include the complete IAI GECC.) Course recommendations on the following pages of this guide apply to MCC's AES degree and to specific engineering majors at NIU.
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)** - Completing the IAI GECC prior to transferring is not recommended. Students should focus on completing prerequisite math and science courses and some courses that fulfill NIU general education requirements. Course recommendations on this guide provide guidance to NIU's general education requirements that can be completed at MCC. The IAI code determines, in most cases, which NIU General Education requirement will be satisfied. NIU may make exceptions to benefit a student. For example, MCC's history courses are IAI coded as social science courses but are defined as humanities courses by NIU.

Transfer Application

- Application deadline: **Spring**, December 1; **Fall**, July 15; **Summer**, May 1
- Submit application and supporting documents to the Office of Admission. Refer to the NIU catalog for application information.
- Indicating primary area of academic interest on the application does not constitute a declaration of a major. The "Major Request" form must be completed and submitted to the department governing the desired program.
- The student must formally request a department's transcript review. Generally, this review must be done before the student is granted permission to take 300 and 400 level courses.

Transfer Admission

- Grades of C or better are required. NIU will not accept grades of D in transfer.
- **GPA Calculation** – Repeated courses for which a grade of C or better was earned in the first attempt will not be calculated into the admission GPA or be accepted for transfer credit. If D or F courses are repeated, the second attempt only will be utilized in calculating the GPA. Certain majors require special admission grading policies.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 66 academic semester hours from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** - Students may choose the NIU catalog which was in effect when they became freshmen at their original school or any later NIU catalog, providing they were enrolled during the catalog year of their choice. The catalog year must not precede enrollment at NIU by more than three years. Students may elect to satisfy all graduation requirements from a single catalog or major and minor requirements from one and general education requirements from a second.

