

Northern Illinois University Transfer Guide

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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 the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Transfer Options

- **AA or AS Degree** - Transfer students who receive an AA or an AS degree from an Illinois public community college, have not previously attended NIU, are in good standing at the last college attended, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher are guaranteed the following:
 - Minimum of 60 semester hours in transfer credit
 - Junior status
 - Lower division NIU General Education requirements satisfied (Additional course requirements may be needed for specific NIU majors.)
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - Transfer students who enter NIU as first time students with the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) completed are considered to have completed NIU's general education requirements. Specific majors may require additional coursework.
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - NIU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of the AA or the AS degree.
 - If only a portion of the IAI GECC is completed upon transfer, NIU will evaluate on a course by course basis to see how each course fits into NIU's General Education. The IAI GECC may not be completed at NIU.

Additional Information

- Students are strongly advised to study the NIU catalog and to consult with a counselor for specific admission and course requirements within colleges and majors of their choice.
- **Application Deadlines** – Spring 2012 - December 1, 2011; Summer 2012 – May 15, 2012; Fall 2012 – August 1, 2012
- **Admission Criteria**
 - **Earned 24 – 59 semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application
 - overall C average for all hours attempted (as computed by NIU);
 - good standing at last college attended;
 - satisfy competitive transfer GPA if applicable (see NIU catalog for details), currently 2.50;
 - Students who have earned between a 2.0 and a 2.49 GPA will be wait listed. A personal statement is required.
 - **Students who have earned 60 or more college-level transferable courses** must have at least at 2.0 cumulative GPA (will not be held to the competitive 2.5 GPA.)
 - **Attempted 13 – 23 semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application
 - meet freshman admission requirements
 - overall C average for all hours attempted (as computed by NIU);
 - good standing at last college attended;
 - satisfy competitive transfer GPA if applicable (see NIU catalog for details), currently 2.50;
 - Students who have earned between a 2.0 and a 2.49 GPA will be wait listed. A personal statement is required.
 - **Attempted up to and including 12 semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application – must meet freshman admission requirements
- **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 and 4 semester hours of physical education activity credits may be applied toward a degree at NIU.
- **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.

- **Transfer students are strongly encouraged to meet NIU's core competency requirements prior to transfer.**

- **Grade requirement** - Transfer coursework with grade of D is not accepted. Following are exceptions: (Please note: Regardless of exceptions, coursework will need to be repeated if required for major.)
 - Students who are granted an AA or an AS degree from MCC and are accepted to NIU will be admitted with junior standing and with general education requirements considered complete.
 - NIU will consider general education requirements complete for students who complete the IAI GECC package at MCC. (Credits from D grade coursework will not transfer.)
- **Special Requirements for most majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**
 - **For a B.A. degree:** one foreign language met by either 4 years high school (in same language) with no grade lower than a C or 2 years college.
 - **For a B.S. degree:** Your major may dictate which of the following sequences is required. Check the NIU catalog and adviser in the major department to determine which sequence to complete. (*** also can be used for general education credit – see NIU requirements in chart below**)

1. *MAT170, *171, Statistics (at NIU), **and** CSC121+122 or CIS117+211 or another computer class at NIU
2. *MAT175, 245, **and** course/sequence chosen from MAT253 or CSC121+122 or CIS117+211 or another NIU computer class
3. *MAT170, *171, **and** one of the following laboratory sequences in other than your major department
 - *BIO157 and BIO255 or BIO263+264; **or**
 - *CHM165 and *CHM166; **or**
 - *GEOL 101 + 103 or *EAS170 and GEOL at NIU; **or**
 - *PHY 280 and *281 or *PHY 291 and *292
4. *MAT175 **and** one of the following laboratory sequences in other than your major department
 - *BIO157 and BIO255 or BIO263+264; **or**
 - *CHM165 and *CHM166; **or**
 - *EAS120 and GEOL at NIU; **or**
 - *GEOL 101 + 103 or *EAS170 and GEOL at NIU; **or**
 - *PHY280 and *PHY281 or *PHY291 and *PHY292
5. *MAT171 **and** Statistics at NIU (MAT301) **and** one of the following lab sequences in other than your department
 - *BIO157 and BIO255 or BIO263+264; **or**
 - *CHM165 and *CHM166; **or**
 - *GEOL 101 + 103 or *EAS170 and GEOL at NIU; **or**
 - *PHY 280 and *281 or *PHY 291 and *292

The following courses are recommended for students who will be entering NIU for the first time and will be transferring before earning an associate's degree or completing the IAI GECC.

NIU Curriculum	Hours Required	MCC Equivalent
Core Competencies		
Communications		
English	6 (minimum C grade)	ENG 151(C), 152(C)
Speech	3	SPE 151(C)
Mathematics	3 (minimum C grade)	MAT107 & 159 (both must be taken), * 120(M), 150(M), 165, 170(M), 171(M), **175(M), 201& 202(M) (both must be taken), * 220(M), *245(M), 255(M)
Distributive Studies (A minimum of 29 semester hours are required with no more than 3 courses from any one department)		
Science & Mathematics	7-11 (in at least 2 depts but no more than 3)	ANT 160(S) ; BIO 105(L), 110(L), 130(L), 137(L), 157(L), 158(L) ; CHM 115(P), 164(P), 165(P) , 166; CIS 110 ; EAS 120(P), 170(P), 171(P), 180(P), 185(P) ; GEG 101(P), 102(P) ; GEL 101(P), 103(P), 110 ; HRT 103(L) ; MAT* 120(M), *175(M), *220(M)), * 245(M) ; PHY 280(P) , 281, 291(P) , 292
Humanities & the Arts	9 - 12 (Must include at least one course taken in the humanities at least one course taken in the visual and performing arts, and no more than 6 semester hours in any one department).	Humanities: ENG 240(H), 251(H), 252, 253(H), 254(H), 255(H), 256(H), 260(H), 261(H), 270(H), 271(H), 272(H), 275(H), 276(H) ; HIS 130, 131(S), 132(S), 170(S) , 171, 172(S) ; HUM 150(H) ; PHI 151(H), 155(H), 160(H), 240(H), 251(H), 261(H), 262(H) ; PLT 281 ; Foreign Language: FRE252(H), GER252(H), SPA252(H) Visual and Performing Arts: ART 151(F), 155(F), 165(F), 171(F), 172(F), 173(F), 175(F) ; JRN 180(F) ; MUS 101, 151(F), 153(F), 154(F), 171(F), 172(F) ; THE 151(F)
Social Science	6-9 (No more than 6 hours in one department)	ANT 151(S), 155(S), 170(S) ; CJS 106, 120, 225 ; ECE 120 ; ECO 150(S), 251(S), 252(S) ; EDU 255 ; HIS 165(S) ; GEG 202(S), 203(S), 204(S), 220(L) ; PLT 150(S), 151(S), 155(S), 251(S), 255(S) ; PSY 151(S), *250(S), 251(S), 255(S), 260(S), 265(S) ; SOC 101(S), 151(S), 251(S), 260(S)
Interdisciplinary	3-6	HFE 150 ; HIS 141 ; JRN 165 ; GEG 123, *PSY250(S)

NOTE: Courses printed in boldface also satisfy IAI General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the following categories:

C = Communication H = Humanities F = Fine Arts L = Life Science M = Math P = Physical Science S = Social & Behavioral Sciences

**Can be used in one category only*

**** MAT175 (NIU MATH229) may be used as both a core competency math and as a science and math requirement. It is the only course that can be used in more than one category.**

Additional MCC/NIU course equivalencies can be viewed on the Internet by going to the following web page:

http://www.reg.niu.edu/regrec/Com_Coll/Handbook.htm

My MCC Education Plan

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